Educational Leaders
Two new senior educators have joined the School

Nepal Adventure Tour
Students, Staff and Parents have an adventure of a lifetime

Swim Coach Success
Expertise and experience receives professional recognition

Chess Champions
Junior School students top performers
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To this end we at Toowoomba Grammar School have engaged in a thorough survey of Year 6 and Year 12 parents in an attempt to obtain constructive feedback on the performance of the School and to identify any areas of perceived deficiency requiring our attention. This survey was conducted in November of last year by a Sydney-based consultancy, MMG Education. The parent surveys were extensive and covered in excess of 300 aspects in relation to education at our School. We were extremely pleased with the response rate which included a total of 106 Year 12 parents and a further 50 parents of sons who were in Year 6 in 2015. The major findings from both the Year 12 and Year 6 cohorts will now be considered.

In Year 12 the following charts reveal the percentage of parents who noted their expectations had been met or exceeded across thirty key areas. These areas had been ranked in order of the importance the parents placed on these same areas when choosing a school.

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The Director of MMG Education, Mr Nicholas Guyatt, summarised his findings relating to the parent survey as follows: “In the view of MMG Education, the responses of parents indicate that Toowoomba Grammar School is in exceptionally robust good health. This is indicated by the very high levels of satisfaction with the experiences and opportunities that the School has provided its students and very high scores for indicators of parents’ loyalty (affinity) and advocacy.

Whilst appreciating the extremely positive independent report from MMG Education, we will be seeking to improve in all areas of the School’s operation consistent with the title of Jim Collins’ best-selling management strategy book ‘From Good to Great’.

The parents of our Year 6 boys in the Junior School last year were also most complimentary of the School’s performance. As with the Year 12 parents from last year, the Year 6 parents also ranked those areas in which their expectations had been met or exceeded across key areas, also ranked in order of the importance they placed on these same areas when choosing a school. The results were as follows:

We thank those parents who completed the survey to enable us to obtain meaningful and helpful feedback regarding our operations.

We also encourage all parents to give us feedback, as appropriate, regarding areas in which we are exceeding expectations or performing at a less than optimal level.

With best wishes,

Peter B. Hauser
Headmaster

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Dear Mr. Hauser,

Just as we were saying our final goodbyes to Grammar, I promised I would provide an update on happenings during my ‘gap year’ and life post grammar. I am afraid I have been less than organised in maintaining this promise and have suddenly realised six months has passed me by already. It still seems incredible that just last year I was studying for exams, rehearsing for the musical and generally enjoying life as a student. Now, having already finished the ‘spring term’ and approaching the centre of the ‘summer term’ as ‘Gap Assistant’ at Hazlegrove Prep School in England, a position that currently lacks both a definable timetable and a job description, I can safely say I have come over to the ‘other side’. Obviously in saying that, I am not a teacher in my own right but I am constantly involved in almost all aspects of the students’ lives. Indeed, from 7 o’clock in the morning ‘til 9 at night I am in the boarding house, covering lessons, out on duty, running sports teams and even taking excursions – it never stops. I think perhaps the greatest learning curve is actually discovering just how hard a teacher works; I mean I knew it was tough but now I have a new level of respect for the hours that must go into lesson plans, assessment schedules and extra-curricular activities! That isn’t to say I haven’t been enjoying myself. In fact, I have been loving it and every week there is something new to be a part of, be it history week, concerts, sports carnivals or musicals. Lessons in particular have been a great joy.

Although many still can’t fathom why someone from ‘down under’ has any use for French they have nonetheless found a place for my oddity and I have been snatched up by the Head of French to improve the students’ French speaking for years 5 to 8 – a position which unfortunately didn’t guarantee a spot on the annual trip to ‘Chateau de la Baudonnierre’. Alongside French lessons I am assisting with drama, maths and extra-curricular activities! That isn’t to say I haven’t been enjoying reading of Oliver’s exploits and experiences. Mr. Hauser shared this email with you with the consent of Oliver, a young man who the Headmaster thinks is indicative of the quality of the TGS young men who graduate from the School with a sense of maturity, balance, compassion, work ethic, ambition and adventurous spirit. Oliver’s email to the Headmaster follows:

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(though given my level of numeracy it is more often me learning than helping teach) and sports from kayaking to cricket. Despite the fun of it all holidays are a welcome relief.

With lessons from 8:30 to 4:00 each day and the most annoying habit of holding Saturday school, holidays are a life sustaining necessity. Exeats are among the favourites, occurring twice a term in the periods between the start of term and the beginning of the half term break. Although they last only two days they generate as much excitement as the summer holidays do back home. I have tried explaining that in Australia we simply call this the weekend and it typically occurs on weekly basis (the clue being in the title) but so far the idea hasn’t caught on, largely thanks to that damned Saturday school!

Once the holidays do come around though the ease of travel with continental Europe so close has meant I have had some wonderful opportunities to travel. In fact, in spring break I found myself on a flight to Pisa (incidentally it was shorter than typically a connection from Brisbane to Canberra) and ended up spending two and a half weeks travelling across the north of Italy from La Spezia and ‘The Cinque Terre five’ to Venice. It was an incredible experience and very humbling as I passed by churches, gazed at artworks and hiked trails older than the modern history of Australia. The food was equally as incredible despite the fact it had probably been made with recipes of the same vintage.

Now, as summer rapidly approaches, future plans have to be made and Iceland is next on the agenda, then Scandinavia. I think it will only be a short matter of time before I find myself bound for Brisbane and home once more – my how time flies!

Anyway, that just about sums up my gap year so far and even if I have bored you immensely, it has satisfied my promise to keep in touch! I look forward to your reply,

Regards,

Oliver Lilford
Senior Educational Leaders

Two new senior educators have joined the teaching staff of the School this year as members of the senior leadership team known as the School Executive. This is a nine-person team comprising the Headmaster, Deputy Headmaster, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Senior School, Head of Junior School, Director of Studies, Director of Sport and Activities, Director of Boarding and Director of Enrolments.

Toowoomba Grammar School welcomes its new Director of Studies, Dr Alison Young, and Director of Sport and Activities, Mr David Bell, both of whom have come to us from the Anglican Church Grammar School (Churchie), one of our fellow schools in the GPS Association of Queensland. Their professional backgrounds follow.

Dr Alison Young has spent the last thirteen years specialising in boys’ education teaching at both ‘Churchie’ and Brisbane Grammar School. Prior to transferring to Toowoomba Grammar School, Dr Young was the Head of the Science Faculty at ‘Churchie’. Before her work in GPS boys’ schools, Dr Young was an Associate Lecturer in Anatomy and Physiology at the Queensland University of Technology (QUT). Dr Young has a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Biology from the University of Queensland and also two Masters degrees – a Master of Teaching and a Master of Learning Innovation (Leadership), both degrees conferred by QUT. She is thoroughly enjoying the challenge of the new appointment and living in Toowoomba. Dr Young’s work demands are extremely intense at present with the introduction of the Australian Curriculum, online assessment of NAPLAN, and the impending introduction of an element of external assessment (examination) post 2018.

Mr David Bell has one of the most thorough understandings of the GPS Association schools of any educator in Queensland having been educated or having taught at four of the nine member schools. Mr Bell was educated at Brisbane Grammar School. Earlier in his teaching career Mr Bell taught at Ipswich Grammar School as a Senior English teacher and was promoted to the position of Head of Year 12. He transferred to ‘Churchie’ in 2006 and held various promotional positions, including Deputy Head of the Middle School and more recently Director of Staff Development.

We are delighted to be able to attract an educator with the experience of David Bell. Mr Bell holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Diploma of Education from the University of Queensland. Subsequent to this study he has completed two Masters degrees – a Master of Education and a Master of Business Administration (MBA).

In terms of specialist sports coaching and administration, Mr Bell holds a Level 3 Rugby Union (ARFU) qualification, has been an Assistant Coach of the Australia A Schoolboys’ Rugby Union team and the coach of fifteen different Queensland Rugby teams from 1991-2008. He has also coached 1st XV teams at both IGS and ‘Churchie’. At Ipswich Grammar School Mr Bell also coached Long Jump and Triple Jump including to national competition and underage teams in Basketball, Cricket, Cross-Country and Swimming.

Mr Bell is also a former Australian Army Reservist promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He has said that he is greatly impressed with the quality of the Toowoomba Grammar School boys and their commitment both to academic study, sport and the wider co-curricular program. He is enthusiastically embracing being the Director of Sport and Activities at TGS.
To further promote the academic culture within our School and to publicly commend those boys who are working to their fullest capacity, we hold several special Assemblies throughout the year.

The first Scholars’ Assembly of 2016 was conducted in February and the Guest Speaker was TGS Old Boy, Dr Dayton McCarthy (TGS 1984-88). Dr McCarthy holds a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Military History from the University of New South Wales. He is now the Founder and Director of his own company, Ad Signa Consulting, which is a strategy, analysis and mentoring consultancy firm. This management consultancy serves the government, not-for-profit, education and media sectors. Prior to this, Dr McCarthy was a Company Commander with the Australian Regular Army and was also a former Professional Learning Officer and Lecturer in Leadership and Ethics at The Royal Military College (RMC), Duntroon for two years. A further area of interest for Dr McCarthy is as an Academic Fellow of Emmanuel College, one of the residential colleges associated with The University of Queensland. In this capacity he has provided leadership and ethical decision making workshops to equip young Emmanuelians with skills to navigate life’s obstacles.

One feature of Dr McCarthy’s address to the boys was to recount his work as the historical consultant and military advisor to the seven-part television mini-series on the Gallipoli campaign screened nationally in 2015. The boys were intrigued to hear of Dr McCarthy’s work in training the actors to be credible in their roles. This included running a week-long “boot camp” to impart basic infantry skills, as well as one-on-one mentoring for actors playing historical figures, providing them insight on military/historical context and motivation.

This was a 12 month engagement. The School is extremely fortunate to have access to so many inspiring Old Boys such as Dr McCarthy who are enthusiastic in returning to their Old School to support and assist current students.
Having been recommended by the organisation Independent Schools Queensland (ISQ) to ACARA, this project has involved three of our teachers (Head of Department, Mr Roger Harris; Mrs Catherine Millar and Mr Ashley Henderson) to be trained by Professor Peter Sullivan (the lead writer of Mathematics in the Australian Curriculum). Lessons were then professionally filmed at the School, illustrating various problem solving and key teaching strategies to involve students. These lessons will now appear on the ACARA website as reference for all teachers of Mathematics throughout the nation.

Toowoomba Grammar School is the only school in Queensland to be selected by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) to prepare and present exemplar lessons in Mathematics for the Australian Curriculum.

Bond University Scholarship Award

Toowoomba Grammar School is a partner school with Bond University and regularly some of our TGS school leavers are recipients of generous scholarships to the University. In late November 2015 Bond University presented various Scholarships at an Awards Ceremony and at the presentation were four Toowoomba Grammar School students receiving major scholarships. Photographed is Jacob Kratzmann (TGS 2011 – 15) left, with his brother, Luke (Year 11, 2016), and proud mother and father.
Arriving in Kathmandu the boys were already excited because they had seen the mighty peak of Mt Everest (8848m) from the aircraft prior to landing. The entire group was immediately immersed into the culture, vitality and spirit of this sometimes chaotic but always exciting place, and quickly assimilated into a way of life much different from our own. The Nepalese capital, still recovering from the devastating earthquake of 2015, delivered impressive sights including the medieval city squares of Kathmandu, Patan and Bhaktapur, the massive Buddhist stupas of Bodhnath and Swayambunath as well as the holy Hindu pilgrimage site of Pashupatinath. Other activities while in the Kathmandu valley included the Everest Mountain Flight (a definite highlight) and a rehearsal trek on the valley rim.

Following this we departed the valley to see the rest of the country, first taking a very important stop to visit our sponsor school in the Dhading District, Belbhenjyang Primary School. The school was victim to extensive damage by the earthquake and we were able to see this, the temporary classrooms and, on a brighter note, the plans for redevelopment and building made possible by the funds raised by the TGS community. This is always a highlight of our tour as the Belbhenjyang students are so welcoming, a special day indeed for our students.

The main part of the tour occurred next and that was our seven-day trek in the Annapurna mountains, a section of the Himalayas in central Nepal which includes several of the highest mountains in the world, including Dhaulagiri (8167m), Manaslu (8156m) and Annapurna I (8091m). Staying in villages, walking by day, sharing the trek with other trekkers from around the world and the beautiful local people, as well as the ever-changing views of stunning mountains, blossoming rhododendrons and rice fields and valleys made for sensory overload. Once again, Nepal delivered the goods for an appreciative group and we look forward to continuing to take TGS students to this amazing part of the world, hopefully in 2018.

Neil Roche-Kelly
Tour Leader
RUGBY TOUR to New Zealand

Forty-one of the School’s rugby players, accompanied by six staff members, toured New Zealand to play rugby fixtures against schools in Christchurch, Westport, Blenheim and Wellington, as well as to enjoy adventure activities such as rafting and jet-boating.

The boys toured for two weeks, from 27 March to 9 April and were amazed at the competitiveness of the New Zealand rugby players and the beauty of the country. We effectively toured with two teams, a number 1 and number 2 team. The results are shown in the table below.

Particular highlights of the tour were the exceptional standard of sportsmanship displayed throughout all of the games, facing the hakas against Marlborough Boys’ College and Rongotai College, training sessions with professional coaches from the Crusaders and the New Zealand Under 20 team and the underwater rafting and caving experience in Westport. The post-match function following the Rongotai College game will also live long in the memory with both schools singing war cries and school songs throughout the course of the evening.

The School’s Director of Rugby, Mr Jono Farrell, reflected on the value of the tour by commenting on how well the boys bonded and how their rugby skills developed throughout the course of the tour. He also complimented the boys on their fine behaviour and how well they represented our school, their families and our country.

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### Basketball Success

The School’s 1st Basketball team won the McDonalds Cup in late May with a Grand Final victory over Centenary Heights State High School. We participate in this competition in a lead-up to the GPS competition held in Term Three. The game was won in the last minute of the competition with the final result 51-50. The School congratulates our 1st V team being undefeated in all of their games in this competition.

### Workshop

Head of Industrial Design and Technology, Mr Andrew Kirby, has been proud of his Year 8 students work in creating a design folio involving steady-hand game projects with consideration of the placement of electronic components. The boys also had to design the toy so that the user would be excited by its aesthetics. Photographed are Fraser Tennent who designed the car and Thumula Rashmika who designed and constructed the aeroplane steady-hand game.

### Adventure Club Excitement

Pictured are Hamish Williams (Year 11 boarder) and Jacob Thamm (Year 9) exploring the local granite formations during an Adventure Club trip to Girraween National Park in May. Former TGS staff member, Mr Bob Harvey, together with teacher Mrs Emma Melton and two parents accompanied a number of boys on an exciting weekend of adventure and hiking.

### New Boys Lunch with the Headmaster

Pictured is the Headmaster, Mr Peter Hauser, with seven new boys who joined the School in Year 10 this year. During lunch in Old Hall, Mr Hauser spoke to the boys about the School, its values and its history.
Junior School boys and staff have been involved in a great many educational, sporting and cultural endeavours during the first half of the year.

Some of the highlights have included our annual reading and writing competitions, success with music at the Queensland Eisteddod and in a number of sports. Master classes have been conducted for our musicians, with Mr David Lawrence, an international renowned conductor and choral clinician, working with every child in the Junior School (P-6). Members of the Queensland Symphony Orchestra (QSO) visited the School and conducted workshops with our instrumentalists in July.

Junior School staff have been involved in ongoing professional development as part of a funded programme from Independent Schools Queensland (ISQ), titled Self Improving Schools. This has challenged our thinking about what is on offer in the Junior School and developed greater rigour in a range of areas. The Junior School is educationally rich, diverse and rewarding for students and staff.

Above: The Regional Readers’ Cup with their second place medallions. (L - R) Jamie Watson, Zane Tosh, Robbie Crooke and Harry Gallagher, all from Year 6.

Above: Part of the Prep and Year 1 playground was redeveloped during the mid-year break. This now features an old fashioned water pump, creek bed and creative landscaping. In the photo on the top right, James Dixon is pumping water onto Zac Tucker’s hand.

Above: Musicians’ Cup award recipients. (L-R) Gabriel Schubert (second), Izaak Schefe (first) and Ryan Murphy (third) with their prizes.

Above: Three Junior School boys competed at the State Cross Country Championship in July. (L-R) Charlie Randall finished second in the State and Archer Black was third in the State in the 10 years. Judd Rei finished in 24th place in the 11 years.

Above: Queensland Symphony Orchestra musician, Dale Truscott was one of three QSO members who visited the School and conducted master classes. Dale is pictured with Junior School Brass Trio (L-R) John Ridgway, Judd Rei and Sam Freer.
This year the School once again had success in this competition with a fine win: Downlands College batting first were all out for 82 and TGS followed with 2 for 84. This represented 11 wins for TGS from 12 encounters since 2005.

TGS Old Boy Mr Mick Storrs (1959-62) has reflected on some past games and writes: “The 1959 TGS First XI team captained by the late Hot Rod McLennan which won the Tom Allen trophy for the first time is photographed. This was Ian Moore’s second year in the 1sts and I imagine the last cricketer to play four years in the 1st XI from Sub Junior. The Captain of the 1st XV that year and Senior Prefect was Fatty Forster and he had a similar record having played in the last rugby premiership side in ‘56 and the ensuing three years.”

Mr Tom Allen’s son, Ross Allen, also attended our School (1954-55) and represented Queensland in cricket. He continues to display a very keen interest in his old school.

Conor McLoughlin is the School’s 2016 nominee for the Pierre de Coubertin Award. This Award, under the auspices of the Australian Olympic Education and in honour of the modern-day founder of the Olympic Games, is given in recognition of secondary school students who demonstrate values which are consistent with the Olympic Movement through participation in sporting activities.

Conor is the current Australian Champion in the Under 17 Discus, Hammer Throw and Shot Put events. Conor’s personal best in each of the throws events include Discus (64.40 metres with a 1.5 weight); Hammer (62.60 metres with a 5kg weight); and Shot Put (17.10 metres with a 5kg shot). Conor has had a great year so far having also been the recipient of the “Junior Sport Start of the Year Award” at the Sports Darling Downs’ annual presentation evening on Saturday, 13 February. Also, at the “Down Under” competition held at the Gold Coast in the Term Two holidays, Conor competed against some of the world’s best young throwers. He was delighted to throw distances of an internationally competitive standard.

Conor is trained by Mr Grahame Pitt, Head Throws Coach of the TGS Athletics team (and a national throws coach). Grahame is also the coach of a TGS young Old Boy, Matthew Denny (TGS 2011-2013). Our school community is delighted to see Matt’s success in his selection in the Australian Olympic team to compete in the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games. At the time of writing, the Olympic Games are only days away and the entire school and Matt’s 2013 contemporaries will be eagerly following his performances with great pride.
As a tribute to this inspirational man, Swimming Queensland has created the Paulus Wildeboer Coaching Scholarship to give Queensland coaches the opportunity to enrich their contribution to swimming through exposure to contemporary thinking on swim coaching at an international forum. Toowoomba Grammar School’s Head Swim Coach has been selected to be the recipient of an educational package including all-expenses paid attendance at the 2016 American Swimming Coaches Association World Clinic in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, from 6-11 September. Mr McLean will also benefit through his visit to observe a program of an internationally successful U.S.A. coach. The School congratulates Mr McLean on the professional recognition of his expertise and experience and is certain that the TGS swimmers will benefit from this opportunity. 

Mr McLean has had a professionally rewarding year so far through the School’s fourth placing in the GPS Swimming Championships and also with our School being named the number one country Swim Club in Australia based on our swimmers success at the Australian Swimming Championships held in Adelaide during the Easter holiday period. Of interest, Richard McLean’s son, Evan, who is in Year 9 at our School, has also undertaken international travel this year. Evan was selected in the Australian Schoolboys’ Water Polo team which competed in Hungary and Croatia in July/August of this year.
ANZAC Day Service & Grandparents' Day

Thank you to all who attended the School’s ANZAC Day service and Grandparents’ Day.

We hope you enjoyed the morning at the School which included an ANZAC commemorative service conducted by the Headmaster, Mr Peter Hauser, and Prefects from the School. Following the ceremony a morning tea was held for the attending Grandparents which included a popular performance by the School’s string ensemble. This is always a special day for the boys and we hope you enjoyed your visit.

Yalari Indigenous Education Scholarship

In April the School hosted a celebration that marked the 10th anniversary of the Yalari Indigenous Education Scholarship programme.

Toowoomba Grammar School and The Glennie School were the two original partner schools involved in the introduction of this programme. Yalari is the product of the vision of TGS Old Boy Mr Waverley Stanley (TGS 1980-84) who has sought to create a scholarship programme that would offer children of Indigenous heritage the same education and social opportunities as those presented to him at TGS whilst he was on a scholarship. Yalari has now expanded nationally to include 168 Yalari scholars attending 30 partner boarding schools across Australia. 137 students have completed Year 12 under this programme and are now engaged in tertiary education, vocational training or employment. You are invited to read more about the inspirational work of Waverley Stanley and the Yalari programme by visiting the Yalari website www.yalari.org.
Of the 300 children who competed in these Championships, two of our students came first and second. Oliver Clifford (Year 4) pictured right, was awarded first place and Paul Jacob (Year 6) second place. The School was also very proud of Will Davidson who was named ‘Top Year 2 Performer’ in this competition.

Chess is one of the activities within the Great Public Schools (GPS) competition in the Senior School. Our School shared the GPS Chess Championship with Brisbane Grammar School in 2006 and every year fields a very competitive and talented team. Readers may not be aware that Chess has its own Honour Board in the School’s Old Hall, proudly displaying the name of the School’s Captain of Chess over the years. This year’s Captain of Chess is Year 12 student, Thomas Sedl, pictured above with Oliver Clifford (Year 4).
**Drama**

To coincide with ANZAC Day, the Year 10 Drama class performed scenes from the award-winning play, The Long Way Home, on Thursday evening, 21 April. A contemporary play developed in 2014 by the Sydney Theatre Company, The Long Way Home deals with the effect of PTSD on returning soldiers. This play was commissioned by the Australian Defence Force after returned soldiers experienced success dealing with symptoms of PTSD after attending drama therapy sessions with the Sydney Theatre Company.

**Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) Education Award**

Two Year 12 students, Guido Zuccoli and Sam Penhaligon, have received an Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) Education Award. Only 50 Awards are presented nationally each year and they are awarded to Year 12 students in recognition of their leadership potential and sporting achievements exhibited in their previous year. They will receive a free computer and the School receives two most impressive ADFA plaques recognising the boys’ achievements.

**Artist in Residence**

Throughout Term Two the School’s Art Department conducted an Artist-in-Residence programme. The artist, Ms Sally Fairweather, is a sculptor who works with clay and she facilitated workshops for boys in lunchtime and after-school sessions to further their exploration of sculpting and sculpture. These hands-on sessions were welcomed by the boys. Part of the programme was dedicated to the creation of a number of ceramic ‘poppies’, each one to represent a TGS Old Boy who lost his life in WWI. Ms Fairweather’s sessional employment at the School has been financed through funds raised via the School’s Art Show.
The School’s guest was Mr David Lawrence, one of the UK’s most versatile conductors. Interestingly, he currently holds the Guinness World Record for conducting the UK’s largest choir – 6,846 singers! In 2013 he was appointed to the artistic staff of the London Symphony Orchestra as its Community Choir Director. Mr Lawrence’s professional experience is hugely impressive and includes his direction of large-scale education projects with the Orchestra of Welsh National Opera, the English Symphony Orchestra, the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra and the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra.

In the first week of Term 3 our music students derived great benefit from having an internationally respected music conductor stay at the School for four days and present numerous workshops.

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First Place in Queensland

Year 12 student, Rupert Bevan, has been named the top student in Queensland (boys and girls) for his Grade 6 Australian Music Examinations Board (AMEB) Speech and Drama examination. Rupert has won the “Barbara Sisley Award” for the best in the State in each grade level of Speech and Drama.

Remarkably this is the third time Rupert has received this award as top in the State over the past years. The Award was presented to Rupert at Parliament House by the Governor, His Excellency Paul de Jersey AC, in June of this year.

Rupert commenced his love of Drama whilst in the Junior School at Toowoomba Grammar. One memorable role was as Zazu (pictured) in the Lion King whilst Rupert was in Year 7 in 2011. From there he has performed in lead roles in South Pacific and Titanic as part of TGS productions performed at Toowoomba’s Empire Theatre.

Outside of school, Rupert has been extremely busy with Empire Theatre productions including Mary Poppins, Legally Blond and The Wizard of Oz. His drama tutor is Ms Allana Noyes and his voice tutor is a member of the TGS teaching staff, Ms Mary Lou Fraser. Currently Rupert is preparing for his AMEB Grade 7 in Speech and Drama.

Rupert is keen to pursue a career in public relations once he concludes his Year 12 studies this year. At the same time, he will definitely retain his passion in theatre.

From ‘The Lion King’ 2011

From ‘Titanic The Musical’ 2015
The Queensland Legal Profession and the Great War

In February the Headmaster, Mr Peter Hauser, attended the book launch of In Freedom’s Cause: The Queensland Legal Profession and the Great War (Supreme Court Library, Queensland).

The book pays tribute to Queensland’s lawyers who served in World War One. An Old Boy of Toowoomba Grammar School is featured in this publication, Mr Ernest Henry Hutcheon (TGS 1902-07). In 1908 Hutcheon travelled to London to study law. He was admitted to the Supreme Court of Judicature and practised as a barrister in London for five years. Ernest Hutcheon was also a very talented athlete and competed in the standing high jump at the 1908 London Olympics. In 1912 he returned to Australia and was admitted as a barrister of the Supreme Court of Queensland. Later he launched his own practice, first in Toowoomba and then in Townsville.

Ernest Hutcheon enlisted in Brisbane on 14 December 1916. He embarked from Sydney on 8 May 1918 aboard the RMS Osterley. He was invalided to England in December 1918, returned to Australia on 11 March 1919 and received a British War Medal for his service.

Following the war, Hutcheon continued to work as a barrister while pursuing his other passion of cricket. He was a well-known player and represented Queensland in seven Sheffield Shield matches, debuting against New South Wales at the Sydney Cricket Ground in April 1920. Later, he was also a member of the Queensland Cricket Association’s Executive Committee and acted as a State selector. Hutcheon’s book A History of Queensland Cricket was released posthumously in 1946 (he died after a short illness on 9 June 1937, at the age of 48 years).

Community Service

A key part of the School’s Key Focus Areas for our young men is to attempt to instil a commitment to assist others in the broader community through displays of service, empathy, tolerance, compassion and kindness.

Many boys are actively involved in various community service projects and often these are encouraged through the work of the Housemasters. One such example is the work of nine Year 11 boys who have been going to Darling Heights State School each week to assist with CentaCare, Toowoomba’s newly formed homework club, organised by the staff from the Toowoomba Refugee and Migrant Support (TRAMS). The homework club is aimed at students from non-English speaking backgrounds who may have difficulty completing homework tasks in their own home due to parental language barriers. Each week our boys read with the students, guide them through Mathematics, spelling and other homework tasks, and work on their vocabulary through various activities and games. One student involved in this project is Andrew Waite in Year 11.

He summarised his involvement by saying: “I find this activity personally rewarding. I feel I am contributing to other people’s welfare and I enjoy my time with the refugees. I have also learnt about their background and personal circumstances. This reinforces to me how lucky I am to be in Australia and attending Toowoomba Grammar School.”
Matthew Willshire has been selected for the Australian Schoolboys’ Rugby Union team and one of his colleagues, Matthew Faessler has been selected for the Australian ‘Barbarians’ team. Another Year 12 student, Kye Oates, has been selected for the Australian Indigenous Under 18 Schoolboy team and has the honour of being named Captain of this national team. A number of other boys have been selected for various Queensland teams and also the combined GPS squads. We congratulate all associated with the extremely comprehensive rugby programme that has been developed over recent years, particularly Mr Jono Farrell as Director of Rugby; Mr David Enfantie as Coach of the 1st XV and all other rugby coaches who put so much extra time and effort into supporting the development of our boys.
To defend one is even harder. So many things need to go your way; weather, injuries, referee’s calls and player fitness to name a few. The initial training program for the 1st XI team was extremely productive. An intensive three-day training camp under the guidance of Brazilian Botafogo Head Coach Mr Thiago Kosloski at the Rale Rasic Camp was held in the second week of the Easter school holiday period. A total of 80 boys from Year 7 to the First XI attended this camp. The camp included some national and international coaches including Rale Rasic, Thiago Kosloski (Botafogo FC, Brazil), Kit Carson and Neville Proctor (UK), Sam Saif (Sunshine Coast Fire), and Chris McLeod (TGS teacher and coach of the South West Queensland Thunder).

The team commenced with a win in Round One against TSS at home (2-1). We then dropped the next two games against NC (2-3) and BSHS (1-2) in games that should have been won. In the game against Nudgee we witnessed what many would argue as the best sixty minutes of football played by any TGS 1st XI team in our short history of GPS Football. After these successive losses the prospect of a premiership seemed extremely remote. The team held strong and maintained their structures and were never again beaten in their fixtures which saw us account for BBC (2-1), ACGS (1-0), GT (3-0) and BGS (2-0). These solid performances as well as some results in other games favouring us brought us to the premiership decider against IGS at the picturesque Brassall fields. A nervous start soon settled into a very determined performance which saw us prevail 6-0 and receive the Premiership Cup from a very proud Headmaster in front of a huge crowd of supporters.

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Coach Matt Proctor and the School’s Director of Football, Peter Broadfoot, deserve credit for bringing their expertise to bear and guiding the team and the Football program to the successes it has enjoyed this year. The School also congratulates St Joseph’s Nudgee College on sharing the premiership with us for 2016. The School congratulates all players in the team and in the squad on their success. The team was led by Year 12 student Joshua Fanning who, of interest, followed his Premiership-winning form to back this up in Term Three by representing the School in the Open First XV Rugby team; quite a rare achievement. Joshua Fanning was named the Jake Jones Award recipient for the most inspirational player with Chris McCarthy receiving the Golden Boot Award. Bailey Salisbury was the deserved recipient of the prestigious Rale Rasic Medallion for the player of the year. The most attacking player of the season went to Jackson Courtney and Joshua Frost was awarded the best defensive player.

The final word goes to long-time Toowoomba Grammar School Master-in-Charge of Football, Paul Kalinowski, who said: “To fight back and win the premiership after a less than ideal start is testament to the skill, determination and resilience of this remarkable football team.”
Nykodah arrived at TGS in 2014 and completed his Year 12 studies in 2015. Nykodah is one of four boys in the Smith family, three of whom have had a connection to our school. His elder brother Phoyx was a resident boarding assistant in 2015 and his younger brother, Mannyx, is a current student with us.

Nykodah came to our School with a reputation of being one of the best strikers in the country and was recommended to study at Toowoomba Grammar School by our School’s Patron of Football, Mr Rale Rasic OAM, a Sport Australia Hall of Fame recipient. Rale Rasic was appointed the Football coach of Australia in 1970 at just 26 years of age. He coached Australia in 58 international matches from 1970 to 1974 including being the first coach to take Australia to the finals of the World Cup in West Germany in 1974.

After two exceptional years of playing Football at Toowoomba Grammar School and the South-West Queensland Thunder team in the NPL Queensland competition, Nykodah was introduced by Rale Rasic to various clubs both in Queensland and overseas. A deal to join German giants Kaiserslautern fell through when their coach was relieved of his duties. Mr Rasic then introduced Nykodah to the Botafogo Football Club in Brazil. After a successful extensive trial Nykodah is now the first Australian to sign a professional playing contract with a Brazilian club.

Contractual agreements between Botafogo Football Club and Nykodah have now been reached and finalisation of his Brazilian Visa is close to being realised. This should see Nykodah on the training fields of Botafogo and living at the famed Santa Cruz Stadium in the very near future.

Our young TGS footballers now realise that an international football career is possible.

The students at Toowoomba Grammar School who love playing football (soccer) are looking at the success of a young Old Boy, Nykodah Smith, for inspiration.

It’s like a dream come true. There are no words to explain how happy I am.
Nykodah Smith

I believe he is the next Mark Viduka.
Rale Rasic
From the President

Brett Priebe (1978-82)

It was a great honour to again attend the School’s ANZAC Day service which was held on Friday, 22 April 2016. The service was conducted on a beautiful, warm autumn day in front of a large crowd, given it was also Grandparents’ Day.

The Headmaster, Mr Peter Hauser, gave the welcome and the major address was delivered by Flt Lt Allan Smiddy, a current teacher and Head of History. The Senior Prefect, Dan Cover, Senior Dayboy Prefect, Justin Weier, and the Senior Boarder Prefect, Nicholas Lahey, read the list of TGS Old Boys and Trustees who gave their lives in World War II. An aircraft flying over the parade added to the morning. The Cadets and the Drum Corp acquitted themselves admirably in the march. The School has a proud military record and it was with great pride that I laid a wreath for those who paid the supreme sacrifice in the Second World War.

Congratulations to the School on a wonderful event and thanks again to the Headmaster for allowing me to lay the wreath on behalf of the Old Boys.
In other ANZAC Day news I must thank Captain Malcolm Woodside, who currently serves on the TGS OBA Committee, for representing the TGSOBA at the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Mothers’ Memorial.

The First XI Football team secured the GPS Premiership for a second year in a row defeating Ipswich Grammar in their last game 6-0. To celebrate and recognise the win the OBA recently hosted a dinner for the First XI Football team and the coaching staff. The Old Boys’ Association passes on their congratulations to the School, the Firsts squad and the staff involved. The win reflects the vision, dedication, support and structure that the School has shown over recent years with Football. The School’s strength in this sport continues to impress and in further recognition of this achievement the OBA will be presenting GPS premier caps to the team.

The next couple of months will be a busy time for the Old Boys. Our chip cooking gathers momentum through the rugby season and I ask Old Boys to consider helping out with what is a major fundraiser for us. If you are able to help during the year, please call our Chip Convenor, Adrian Paton (0409 615 624). Thank you again to Adrian for his organisation of the chip cooking.

As I write plans for the Reunion weekend from 2 – 4 September are beginning to take shape. This year targets the “Year of the 6s” and we are expecting another good roll up for the weekend. Please note that although specific year groups are targeted, any Old Boy is welcome to attend any reunion. I will report on the reunion in my next Balliwanga report.

Please keep in mind our Business Breakfast on Friday, 14 October 2016. This event is becoming more and more popular to the point where we now have to hold this function at the Pavilion.

I look forward to seeing and meeting with Old Boys over the next few months. If you have any queries about the TGS OBA, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Brett Priebe (1978-82)
President TGS OBA

Above: President of the OBA, Mr Brett Priebe, laying a wreath at the ANZAC Day Service, Old Boys’ Memorial Oval.
Births

Scott SCHEID (2000-02) and Jemma, a son, Lachlan Donald in September 2015
Adam HATTON (1997-98) and Emma, a daughter, Polly Marigold in June 2016
Andrew MILLER (1987-91) and Rebecca, a daughter, Clara Mae in June 2016
Campbell ALLEN (1992-96) and Shelly Lachish, a daughter, Nina in July 2016 (Oxford UK)
Justin TURNER (1986-88) and Kyleigh, twin daughters, Poppy Mae and Margot Elanor in July 2016

Deaths

Brian KELLY (1951-54) in May 2015
Raymond PARKER (1951-52) in August 2015
Graham CATON (1942-43) in September 2015
Ian COOK (1960-64) in April 2016
Leslie WEINERT (1940-44) in May 2016
Rev Dr Des NEIL (1946-47) in June 2016
Duncan HAY (1944-46) in June 2016
Edward (Ted) Hughes (1954-60) in June 2016
John WIPPELL (1946-48) in July 2016
Brian DODD (1941-44) in July 2016
John WITTIKOPP (1956-59) in July 2016
John GILMOUR (1941-43) in July 2016

Marriages

Jeremy Coates (1995-99) to Cristina Thomas Buiza in June 2015 in Toledo, Spain

Engagements

Blake ALTHAUS (2000-04) to Caprice Chaplain in March 2016
Matthew CHAMBERS (2002-06) to Harriet Benham in April 2016
Marc BARKER (2002-06) to Josephine Walsh

David Littleproud (1992-93) was selected as the Liberal National Party candidate for Maranoa and despite a slight swing against the party, he comfortably won the seat in the July federal election. He is following in his father’s political footsteps – Brian Littleproud was elected as a State MP in the Bjelke-Petersen National Party government and during this time he served as Minister for Education, Youth and Sport and Minister for Environment. David will represent the people of Maranoa in Canberra after Bruce Scott’s 26-year tenure.

The St George cotton industry celebrated its annual grower awards in March 2016 with Old Boys Glenn Ragan (1978-82) and John Travers (1974-78) both in attendance.

Jack Williamson (1993-97) is an agricultural consultant who helps to run a family broadacre farm near Goondiwindi. He was recently on the panel of the Grains Research and Development Corporation which has invested heavily in water use efficiency research.

Do you have a story to share?
We are always looking for articles to publish about our Old Boys. For more information please contact Jennifer Fordyce in the School Associations’ Office.
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Jeremy Slaughter (1989-93) and his wife Sarah opened the Quilpie Hardware in 2015 after moving from a cattle property in Mungindi, NSW. They were pleased to move to a town that had a stable base rather than a boom town controlled by coal seam gas mining.

Leaving the business that he helped establish, Luke Westaway (1994-98) is building a new independent livestock agency business in north-west Queensland. He continued trading as TopX until the end of May 2016 before transitioning to his new business in Richmond and Cloncurry.

Shane Hatton (1992-94) and his family fared well at the Eidsvold Show. They won prizes for Best Heifers, Best Steers and Champion Pen.

Nykodah Smith (2014-15) has followed his football dreams and has been rewarded with a professional deal to play with Botafogo Football Club in Brazil. He has been mentored by Rale Rasic, Australian coaching legend, who believes that Nykodah is the next Mark Viduka.

Neil Geddes (1951-53) recently celebrated his 80th birthday. He has had a stellar career as an amateur boxer and has a trophy cabinet to reflect his many successes. Because of an unfortunate accident in 1955, he did not realise his dream of competing in the 1956 Olympic Games. Recently Neil was honoured to be inducted into the Queensland Boxing Hall of Fame. Neil also dedicated many years to coaching boxing at Toowoomba Grammar School and has more recently been a committee member of the Toowoomba Branch of the Old Boys’ Association.

Retired doctor Westy Smout (1938-41) was pictured in a newspaper in April showing his father’s World War I medals to his great-grandson. Westy was just out of school when he was a bomber navigator in Britain during World War II. His father, Ted Smout, was Queensland’s last surviving World War I veteran who received the Medal of the Order of Australia before he died aged 106.

Trevor Bourne (1978-82) is the CEO of Exergen and he spoke at a Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise meeting in Chinchilla last September. He advised the meeting that Sekitan Resources, a wholly-owned Japanese subsidiary of Exergen, had entered into conditional agreement with Peabody to acquire Wilkie Creek coal mine. If the mine is reopened, it would provide work for 120 new workers.

Zach Drew (2008-09) has completed his medical degree at the University of Queensland and is doing his year’s internship at The Royal Brisbane Hospital. During his studies he completed an elective in England.

Cory Salmond (1999-2003) had a piece shortlisted and selected to exhibit in the David Shepherd “Wildlife Artist of the Year” 2016 Exhibition at The Mall Galleries London, from 27 June to 2 July 2016. Although he didn’t win, this is the third time that Cory’s work has been shortlisted and exhibited at the gallery in London.


Four Old Boys from Headmaster Pud Heenan’s era played a round of golf at the beautiful Pines Course at Sanctuary Cove in early May. Peter “KP” Hauritz and Ian Moore had not seen each other in 57 years so it was a great catch-up all round. Pictured below are: (L-R) Peter “KP” Hauritz (1956-59), Ian Moore (1958-61), Grigor McPhie (1961-64) and Ivan Board (1961-64).

Ron Scheuerle (1942-43) is very community minded at the age of 87. After dairy farming all his life, he and his wife Val retired to Oakey where he is president of the TOMnet Branch. He has also been a member of the Show Society and Neighbourhood Watch. A keen dancer, Ron was a member of the Kulpi hall committee for 18 years and was MC of dances and events around Cooyar, Bell, Peranga and Oakey. Ron has also been honoured for fifteen years of service as a volunteer firefighter and recently received two bravery awards for the part he played in alerting a young mother and her child to a fire in their house.

Andrew Smith (1980-84) has recently been voted deputy mayor of the Western Downs Regional Council. Ray Brown (1975-77) is also a Councillor who was sworn in at a ceremony on 5 April.

Glynn Knights (1962-65) played the Last Post at Clifton’s ANZAC Day Parade.

Three past members of the Ten Tenors have reunited to form the group Tenori. Craig Atkinson (1989-93) is one of these performers who will entertain throughout Queensland with their shows including repertoire from Puccini to Elvis.

At the 2016 Toowoomba Royal Show, Peter Hood (1971-75) of Plainview Texel took home the Alex McPhie Memorial Cup for his champion pen of fat lambs.
Blue Label Beef is the flagship brand for Australian Grassfed Meats’ Karl Harms (1987-90). The company started two years ago and most beef has been exported to the US, China, Canada and Japan. Cattle come from Karl’s property at Texas and his business partner’s property at Guyra, NSW.

During a recent trip to SE Queensland, Geoff Robertson (1961-62) paid a visit to old friends Bill Walsh (1961-62) at Caloundra, and Bryan Lynn (1961-64) who lives in Deception Bay. Bill is nearly fully recovered from a 3-year battle with a serious respiratory illness and is looking just like he did at school – only taller. Bryan and wife Sue joined Geoff and wife Judith for coffee at Deception Bay to catch up. Geoff’s memory was proved sound when he recalled that Bryan’s father was the architect who designed the resort on Green Island off Cairns. Bryan followed in his father’s footsteps as an architect after TGS and recently has had a struggle with cancer, but he is very positive and active.

Rainer Pollard (2001-05) is a freelance musician and since moving to Melbourne, he has been highly sought after as a musical director (for both musical theatre and cabaret), an accompanist, vocal coach, performer and arranger. He currently works as a lecturer, vocal coach and musical director at the Ballarat Arts Academy, Federation University. He also creates music with one of Melbourne’s most highly regarded improvisational groups ‘Impromptunes’ who play at the Melbourne International Cabaret Festival, and Melbourne and Perth Fringe Festivals. Rainer has also played at the Short & Sweet Cabaret Festival and the Ballarat Cabaret Festival.

Old Boy Bill Taylor (1953-56) visits the School, April 2016

Farmscans Ag director and USQ alumni Jason Stone (1984-88) recently spoke at the 400M AgInnovate Investment Forum which was an Australian first, connecting innovative agriculture technology projects with the investment community.

Mitchell Show president Steve Hancock (1970-74) recently celebrated the 100th Mitchell show. Queensland’s Governor, His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey, was the guest of honour at the show.

Enjoying their civic duties are brothers James McDonald (1980-84) on the Lockyer Valley Council and Geoff McDonald (1984-88) on the Toowoomba Regional Council. They are following in their father’s footsteps by serving the community. John McDonald (1958-60) announced his retirement as President of the Royal Agriculture Society of Queensland in June after twenty years of building the society into the most successful in Australia.

Attending the Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise Thought Leadership Lunch at Wellcamp Airport in June were Aaron Scheid (1999-2003) from Merivale Farms, Allora and Mac Stirling (1970-73) from Launder.

Warwick Walsh (1992-96) founded Lawcadia in September 2015. Warwick has worked for over 15 years as a corporate lawyer and has considerable experience in the Asian legal market. Lawcadia provides access to new clients for law firms and fees are only applicable when work is won through their procurement tool. Clients then give feedback so that those users who provide excellent service and transparent pricing can be recognised. Driven, a company run by Ben Mauder (1989-93), supports Lawcadia as their technology partner.

Bill Taylor (1953-56), Naval Officer from 1957 to 1988, Liberal Member of the House of Representatives in Canberra for the Federal seat of Groom, Qld from 1988 to 1998 and former Administrator for the Australian Government on Christmas Island in the Indian Ocean, visited the School in April. He kindly donated his Speech Day Prize book for the Toowoomba Regional Council. They are following in their father’s footsteps by serving the community. John McDonald (1958-60) announced his retirement as President of the Royal Agriculture Society of Queensland in June after twenty years of building the society into the most successful in Australia.

Tourism and Events Queensland director Matt Bron (1993-97) toured south-west Queensland recently. He said that experiences on holidays were what people went home and talked about and outback Queensland had plenty to offer. Social media was being used to show how far off the beaten track some people travel and this was a great advertising tool.

The details of JBS Australia’s partnership with Shorthorn Beef were announced at the Thousand Guineas information dinner in Condamine. Old Boys Spencer Morgan (1982-86), Damian Gould (1989-90), Guy Campbell (1998-02), Stuart Brownlie (1993-95) and Godfrey Morgan (1979-83) were in attendance.

Old Boys Col Blackley (1979-83) from Wainui Feedlot, Bowenville; Lindsay Krieg (1993-97), Bostocks, Brookstead and Kris Black (1992-96) from B&B Machinery attended CRT Farmfest at Kingsthorpe in June.

Will Brown (2011-15) is doing well in the Australian Formula 4 Championship. He won the round at Brisbane Raceway at the end of July and is sitting at the top of the points table.

Waverley Stanley (1980-84) and Brad Horn (1979-83) have forged a beneficial business partnership since meeting at an Old Boys’ breakfast in the early 2000s. They knew each other at school but had followed different pathways until meeting again and discussing Yalari scholarships for indigenous
children. Waverley, the Founding Director of Yalari, and Brad, the founder of Epic Private Journeys, have worked together ever since as Brad, having been raised on a cattle property in Central Queensland, understood the disadvantages faced by traditional cultures. Epic has donated some amazing prizes for auction at Yalari's fundraising dinners.

Ricky Dumigan (1990-94) and Karl Sams (1981-85) played in the annual Army Old Boys (Leopards) match against Navy Old Salts in May at Ballymore. Ricky received the Governor General’s medal for Player of the Match which was presented at the match and later he received the Players’ Player Award.

Longreach grazier and Nuffield scholar, James Walker (1993-98) has been working on developing his digitised real time benchmarking tool since destocking his property, Camden Park because of severe drought. James and his partners have invested $500,000 in the program’s development in the hope of creating resilient farming businesses as the end result.

Allan Pettigrew (1947-50) lives with his wife Jane at a property on the banks of the Logan River. He is President of the Logan Village Community Centre where an extension has just been completed to house their historical museum. Allan is also a director of his local Bendigo Bank, putting his many years of business experience to good use. His brother Keith (1944-47) and sister Janice still live in Toowoomba and Allan’s nephews, Janice’s sons, are also Old Boys, Grant Smallhorn (1976-80) and Christopher Smallhorn (1982-86). Allan will attend a reunion at TGS early next year, along with Syd Gardner and friends, celebrating seventy years since they began at the School.

Jack Devine (2009-13) returned to Toowoomba recently from the Australian Defence Force Academy in Canberra where he is training to be an aerospace engineering officer in electronics. He will graduate at the end of 2016 as a pilot officer. In the future, Jack would like to work overseas and maintain a role with the air force.

In July the Headmaster met up with the Trembath brothers whilst he was involved in a boarder marketing promotion for the School at the Katherine Show. Both Old Boys are originally from Katherine in the Northern Territory. Gary Trembath (2008-10) is now completing his Economics and Engineering degree at UQ and his brother Rupert (2010-12) is progressing well with his studies of Veterinary Practice. They were visiting their parents who reside in Katherine and were enjoying a game of polocrosse when the Headmaster caught up with them.

The School heard from John Iko (1993-95) who in 2013 founded the Giluwe Institute of Christian Education (GICE) at his village under the foot of Mt Giluwe, the second highest mountain in Papua New Guinea. John’s wife Nomah is administering GICE with the assistance of five trained teachers with 87 students enrolled to date using the ACE/Phonics elementary curriculum.

Old Boy Michael Boyce (1981-85) was appointed as a full-time teacher at TGS in July. Michael is a former Agronomist and following his tertiary education studies he is now teaching Agricultural Science at TGS.

TGS PAST MOTHERS’ GROUP

The Past Mothers’ Group meets each term for morning tea or lunch and these events are always enjoyed and well patronized by people who are available to attend a daytime function. In an effort to include those who are unable to attend daytime events, our Committee would like to invite Past Mothers to an evening function so they can reconnect with others with whom they have shared the education of their sons.

Wine & Nibbles at the School Pavilion - Friday, 21 October 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Cost: $20

To obtain more information please phone Barb MacDiarmid 46325054 or Joanna Brealey 46321622.

RSVP to Jennifer Fordyce at the School Office on 4687 2579 or j.fordyce@twgs.qld.edu.au by 14/10/2016.
Mrs Marjorie Neil recently advised us of the passing of her husband, Rev Dr Desmond John Neil at home on 11 June 2016, aged 83 years. He attended Toowoomba Grammar School in 1946 and 1947 and his sons Stephen (1979-81) and Philip (1981) also attended the School.

Rev Dr Neil served the Presbyterian Church of Australia in South Korea and after church union, as a minister of the Uniting Church. On return to Australia he was minister at the West End Uniting Church and then Morningside Uniting Church. He was subsequently ordained as an Anglican priest and served the Anglican Church in Roma.

Des spoke fluent Korean and he wrote two books in Korean: “A Guide to the Psalms” and “The Gospel for our Day”, bible studies in Mark’s gospel. He had also studied theology in the UK and worked extensively in Korea.
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Matt Denny has followed his dream of throwing discus at the Olympic Games at Rio de Janeiro, even though he didn’t qualify in the initial rounds. After winning the national discus title in April 2016 with a throw of 60.47m, he went to California to see if he could obtain a berth to Rio. In three consecutive competitions he threw 64 metres or over, but still remained an agonising 27 centimetres short of the required 65 metres. He returned to California a month later and threw a personal best of 65.37m, making him fifth on the all-time list in Australia.

Last summer when Matt was still a teenager he won the open discus and hammer throw national titles and is only the second athlete to achieve this after a gap of 63 years. He is one of the best junior throwers in Australian history and his achievements dominate the record books and national title listings.

Matt has been coached by Grahame Pitt since 2009 and he lists his coach and his parents as his inspiration. He trains on a home-made discus circle at his family’s Allora property and regularly makes the 350km round trip to Brisbane and the Gold Coast for competition. Matt is studying a Bachelor of Sports Management at Griffith University and his career highlight is throwing a massive 66.81m to rank sixth best discus thrower in world history.

On 12 August Matt Denny threw 61.16m in the Olympics qualifying round, coming 12th. As a School we are proud of his achievements and look forward to seeing how this young athlete will use his abundant skills in the future.

Above: TGS Old Boy, Matthew Denny (2011-13) and Coach Grahame Pitt.