

THE NEWSLETTER

Term 1 in Retrospect

Term 1 2007

From My Desk

Student leadership is an important part of a good school and Ivanhoe Girls' is no exception. As a School we have a wonderful heritage of excellent student leaders and 2007 promises to be another outstanding year.

Opportunities for student leadership and the development of leadership skills are highly valued at Ivanhoe Girls'. Throughout their school lives, our girls have many formal as well as informal instances in which to undertake leadership roles and opportunities to enhance their leadership capacities.

The Senior School year began with the induction of our School Leaders at a special Induction Service in the Centre Ivanhoe on Monday 7 February. It was lovely to be able to welcome so many of the girls' families to share the occasion with them.

The 23 member student Leadership Committee, including our School Captain, Sarah, and Vice Captain, Jane, dedicated themselves to the task of leadership within the School, before being congratulated by Mr Stan McLiesh on behalf of the School Board of Directors.

We were also delighted to welcome two members of the Old Grammarians' Committee, Mrs Heather Low (Weaven, School Captain 1939) and Ms Nicki Lees (School Captain 2004) to the Service of Induction. On behalf of the Old Grammarians' Association they presented the School Captain and Vice Captain their badges (made specially in 9ct gold).

It was particularly fitting that Heather Low was able to present the School Captain's badge as it has been named 'The Heather Low Badge for School Captain' in honour of all the service that Heather has given both the School and the Old Grammarians' Association. This was also the first time that the new badge for the School Vice Captain (also donated by the Old Grammarians) was presented at the Induction Service.

The entire Class of 2007 were presented with their Year 12 badges on the first day of the new school year to signify the important role they play as the leadership year in the School.

At the Junior School Leadership Assembly on Friday 9 February in the Performing Arts Centre both the School Ambassadors and the Leadership Team who have a range of roles, were presented with their badges. The Junior School Ambassadors play a vital role in welcoming visitors and prospective students and their families to the School and leading School tours. During this Assembly, all the Year 6 girls were also presented with a special badge to mark the important role they play as the leadership year in our Junior School.

It was a pleasure to see so many parents and friends join us for what was a wonderful start to the Junior School year.

Heather Schnagl



Senior School Leaders for 2007



Junior School Leaders for 2007



Junior School Ambassadors for 2007

We then snorkelled at Portsea Pier and Pope's Eye. It was incredible to see what was under the surface. To get so close to the sea creatures (which included a very large stingray under the pier!) in their natural habitat really put our classroom learning and biological knowledge into practice.

We would like to thank Ms Scanlon, Mrs Leather and Mrs Vassos who accompanied us on the trip and to everyone who helped make the VCE 1 and 2 Biology Camp a great success and learning experience.

Sarah and Alex, (Year 10)

Chinese New Year Assembly

Chinese New Year's Day was on Sunday 18 February this year. On Monday 19 February, the Senior School celebrated the Year of the Pig at the Assembly. International Club Prefects Rachael and Jennifer gave a brief introduction about Chinese New Year traditions and were followed by some Chinese dances performed by the dancers from Kita Performing Arts Company in Melbourne. The performances included a ribbon dance, long sleeve dance, flower-fan dance, sword dance and the lion dance. The lion dance was supported by four of our Year 8 girls: Amelia, Lauren, Rachel and Anna. The celebration brought the festival spirit to the School.

*Rong Zhang
Chinese Coordinator*

Senior School Unit 1 Biology Camp

Early on the morning of Sunday 18 February, 44 sleepy Year 10 and 11 Biology students met in Noel St and got onto the bus for what would be a jam-packed overnight biological adventure.

We arrived at the Queenscliff Marine Discovery Centre where we participated in lab activities including 'Sex in the Sea' and going behind the scenes at the Marine Biology Centre. It was great to see where the Marine Biologists worked and stored animals.

After a short ferry ride and a long drive in the bus, we arrived at Merricks Camp and Conference Centre. The accommodation basic but we wasted no time getting into the custom-built pool to cool off and to learn to snorkel! Our professional instructors made sure that we were all ready to snorkel at Portsea Pier and Pope's Eye the next day.

After a hot restless night and an early wake up call, we were packed up and on our way to Sorrento Back Beach. There, we studied living organisms in their natural environment; colourful algae, crabs, sea stars and anemones, for our fieldwork books.



The colour and spirit of the Lion Dance was performed by dancers with the support of some of our Year 8 students.

Year 8 History Day

The Year 8 History day was a day to think about and relive the medieval times. The day was filled with dressing up as medieval people, learning how to dance and learning about their music. We played games that the children and adults would play to curb their boredom and at the end of the day we watched a very entertaining movie called 'A Knights Tale'.

Dressing up in clothing from the medieval times was fun because we got to see the changes in the clothes they wore throughout the years and also the differences between the classes of people. Depending on who you were and what type of family you were born into, you got to wear a specific type of clothing made out of richer or poorer materials. We also got to put on some medieval armour and feel for ourselves how heavy it really is. We couldn't even begin to imagine how hard it must have been for them to fight in it!

Learning some dances and listening to the type of instruments that they used was interesting because we got to see how much music has developed since then. Some of the instruments were really rare and we were lucky to get to hear them. Playing the games was amazing because they made great games out of using just some sticks and bricks!

While watching 'A Knights Tale' we got to see how they fought in battle and how lifestyle in general has changed so much since then.

Year 8 History day was a great experience, on behalf of all of Year 8 we would like to thank Mrs Rosedale, for organising such a fun and educational day!

Konnie and Esther (Year 8)



All dressed up with no where to go – Year 8 experience medieval times.

Junior School

Howard Arkley Exhibition

Year 5 and 6 students recently attended the Howard Arkley exhibition at Federation Square. Before and after viewing the extensive retrospective exhibition the girls were able to spend time sketching views of our city and its river.

Year 6 students are following up this exhibition with a focus on portraits and self-portraits in particular.

*Trish Saunders
Junior Art Teacher*

Year 6 Camp

On Monday 26 February the Year 6 girls departed for camp!

We were off to Lord Somers Camp. We travelled on a bus to Queenscliff, then on a ferry to Sorrento. When we got off the ferry we went back on the bus and went to Lord Somers Camp. We did all sorts of activities including: boogie boarding, raft building and much more. Year 6 camp was really fun. Please enjoy reading some of our poems.

Elizabeth 6L

Green Cabin

"Goodnight" Mrs Langmead whispers, as she pats my head softly.

She dims the lights and walks away softly.

Sitting up, waiting for someone to talk.

No one says a word.

Sinking back into my sleeping bag.

Laying awake for a few minutes.

Can't get to sleep, my bed is so lumpy.

Starting to feel homesick.

Listening to the possums scampering outside.

Starting to drift to sleep.

Grace 6A

Snorkelling

Swimming on top of the water looking at the fish down below.

It was a terrific sight to see and an amazing place to go.

Some girls on a surfboard trying to keep up while other girls are screaming because of the seaweed on the rocks.

Other girls don't mind but are trying to find a place to stand because the water is so deep that everyone needs to lend a hand.

As our water adventure ended we left the beach with a sigh we want to do it again but there is no time.

Mollie 6A

Camp

Thrilling, terrifying, smashing
Just like a child's birthday party
Except this was camp
And ten times more magnificent.

Gabriella 6L

Year 6 PJ Day

In our role as Social Service Monitors we decided to have a 'Pyjama Day' to raise money for the Royal Children's Hospital. Last Friday, Year 6 girls spent the morning at school in their pyjamas complete with 'bed hair'. We made and sold pancakes and managed to raised \$151.30 for the Good Friday Appeal.

Thanks Year 6!

*Chandler and Elizabeth
6L Social Service Monitors*

World's Greatest Shave

4M organised a hair spraying day on Friday to support the World's Greatest Shave and raised \$500.65!

Thank you everyone for supporting this great cause.

Kerin and Milly (4M)

The ELC had a very successful fundraising day for the World's Greatest Shave last Friday. Aileen Brennan's effort to shave her head was a huge incentive for people's generosity for the cause. Jasmine's (3 year old) dad Glenn also had his head shaved on the day much to the girls' delight.

Many of the girls joined in the cause, having their hair sprayed green in addition to some face painting by Lexie's mum, Laura.

Go to: <http://www.worldsgreatestshave.com/profile.php?id=288071> to check the final tally, photos or leave a comment.

Thank you to everyone for your support.

*Carolyn Holland
ELC Teacher*



Mrs Brennan has her head shaved for a good cause.

ELC Goes Wild!

On Tuesday 13 March the Early Learning Centre was treated with a visit by Teresa from Wild Action. The girls learnt about reptiles and met a range of different animals. There was "Bouncer" the Swamp Wallaby, "Mango" the Rainbow Lorikeet, "Bumpy Stumpy" the Stumpy Tail Lizard, "Rex" the Lace Monitor Goanna, "Terence" the Short Necked Turtle, "Freddo" the Green Tree Frog, "Casper" the Black Python, "Ollie" the Olive Python and "Julius" the Salt Water Crocodile.

Much fun was had by all, especially Suzanne Thwaites who had a python draped around her neck!

*Carolyn Holland
ELC Teacher*



Wild Action in the Junior School.

Early Easter Excitement in ELC

Recently the ELC turned its attentions towards the joy and excitement of Easter. We invited Dean, our local baker from Baker's Delight, to come to Kinder to teach us to make Hot Cross Buns, a Christian symbol of Easter. It was a messy but exciting experience for the girls as our photographs depict!



Dean the Baker teaches the ELC girls about Hot Cross Buns.