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HOUSE MUSIC IMPRESSES YET AGAIN

The beginning of each year at ELTHAM is always a busy time. For the Year 5 – 12 students even more so, as they plan and rehearse for the highly anticipated House Music Competition. The ELTHAM students and staff give an enormous amount of their time during term one each year to the organisation and management of this incredible event.

The House Music event enables students to develop self-confidence and independence, and allows them to showcase the remarkable talents they have. From initial inspiration on theme, right through to the final curtain call, our students produce this incredible musical spectacular themselves. Student leaders are responsible for the selection of music, choreography and orchestration and each year spend countless hours making costumes and props, as well as organising and running many weeks of rehearsals.

In the end all the hard work is worth it. A parent new to ELTHAM wrote, "Our first year at ELTHAM and we were thrilled at what everyone achieved. It's a credit to not just the students, but also to the teachers who guide and nurture them on this venture." It is truly a collaboration which encompasses most of the school, and one which the students and staff of ELTHAM can be very proud. As with all competitions, there can only be one overall winner. Congratulations to Evelyn House yet again.



Nillumbik Dance



Ross Chamber



Evelyn Choir

LEARNING IN THE CITY NOW HAS NEW LIFE

After a semester of operation, Melbourne City School was officially opened on Wednesday 23 June 2010. With over 100 guests, including parents, board members and Melbourne business leaders, the opening was a chance to reflect on the past six months, and celebrate the innovation and opportunities of the future.

We were thrilled to be joined by the Hon Bronwyn Pike, Minister for Education, who said, "It is terrific to see people, educators, families and supporters in our community wanting to grasp hold of opportunities that contemporary education brings and to express their commitment in really innovative models of teaching and learning."

Harold Mitchell, AO, Executive Chairman of Mitchell Communication Group, has been a long time supporter of ELTHAM College, and with his support of Melbourne City School was an obvious choice to officially open the school. "I am very proud to have the Mitchell name associated with Melbourne City School and its innovative and relevant approach to 21st Century schooling. It indeed will be a new icon for the City and the State," he said.

In his opening address, Mitchell went on to say, "Melbourne City School is an example of transformation in school education and a reflection on what is needed in our wonderful city."

Founding Principal, Jennifer Langmead, also addressed the audience saying, "These have been exhilarating, challenging, demanding, full days. Our campus extends beyond these four walls and includes the resources and facilities of the city. Our learning experiences, materials and opportunities ignite each of our learners' potentials, and immerse them in creative inquiry, exploration and discovery. Growing a sense of community and identity is well underway and the building is now full of the energy of learning."

As the second semester of learning at Melbourne City School has begun, we all look forward to continuing to broaden the opportunities and experiences of our students. As we move towards 2011, we are excited about the growth in our school in the coming years, and the very exciting development of our Senior School by 2013.



Connections September 2010
 bringing together the ELTHAM College of Education community



COME BACK TO SCHOOL AND SEE US IN ACTION

Each year more ExECS are coming back to ELTHAM – as parents. They're rediscovering everything they loved about ELTHAM and so much more. And if ELTHAM is a little out of the way geographically, you might like to consider Melbourne City School in the CBD. Same philosophy, different location. We'd love to help you get to know more about ELTHAM and Melbourne City School. Come and join us on an 'In Action' School tour.

★ **ELTHAM IN ACTION K-12 tours**
 9.15am Fri 15 Oct, Thurs 28 Oct, Fri 12 Nov, and Tues 30 Nov
 Visit www.elthamcollege.vic.edu.au for more info.

★ **MCS IN ACTION tours for Junior and Middle Years**
 Tues 12 Oct, Thurs 28 Oct and Fri 12 Nov.
 Visit www.mcs.vic.edu.au for more info.

2010 COMMUNITY RELATIONS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

20 Year Reunion
 Saturday 23 October
 Swipers Gully Vineyard and Restaurant

ELTHAM in Action College Tours
 Research Campus
 See www.elthamcollege.vic.edu.au for 2010 tour dates

Melbourne City School in Action Tours
 City Campus
 See www.mcs.vic.edu.au for 2010 tour dates

ECCA Pink Ribbon Day Morning Tea
 Friday 22 October
 Swipers Gully Vineyard and Restaurant

ELTHAM Community Cookbook Launch
 Sunday 14 November 2010
 Swipers Gully Vineyard and Restaurant

EJYA Twilight Movie Night
 Friday 26 November 2010

Visit www.elthamcollege.vic.edu.au for more event information

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'SAVINGS ON THE GO' WITH SCREENCOUPON

ELTHAM College students past and present continue to excel in the area of IT development. Three former ELTHAM students, Jarrad and Luke Bonney and Nat Duffell, have joined the ranks of IT entrepreneurs in developing an iPhone and iPod Touch App call Screencoupon.

The Screencoupon App is a technological advancement from the more traditional paper coupon and was released on 15 June this year. Using an iPhone or iPod Touch, the user can search for a coupon in a particular suburb or near their present location using GPS technology. Once a coupon is found, it can be redeemed simply by presenting the iPhone with the coupon on screen to the business. Businesses listed on the Screencoupon App have an added advantage as they can change their offer in real time, saving on printing costs, and giving them maximum flexibility and an edge over their competitors.

As Nat explains, "Whilst it is great for consumers to have free access to a range of discount coupons that are relevant and easy to redeem,

Screencoupon also provides businesses with a cost effective way of increasing their exposure using the latest technology."

After completing their VCE at ELTHAM, Jarrad in 1996 and Luke and Nat in 1997, these budding entrepreneurs all took very different paths. Jarrad studied Industrial Design at Swinburne and has developed his career through work in the USA. Luke completed a Commerce degree at Deakin University and found his way into sales and marketing roles, before being offered a job as Cruise Director with one of the world's biggest cruise liners, where he has been for the past six years. Nat found his path in Construction Management at RMIT, since working in various capacities for Arrow International.

Whilst this trio has such diverse backgrounds and experience, they have each been able to each bring a different strength to their new venture. Their work ethic and attention to detail, developed early on at ELTHAM, has given them the skills and tools to now be budding IT entrepreneurs.



Former ELTHAM students, now budding entrepreneurs.

DEVELOPING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ELTHAM

The College Board is very pleased to announce the formation of the new Development Office for ELTHAM College and welcomes the new Development Director, Julie Marshall, who starts in mid-September. This position, reporting to the CEO, will provide leadership in bringing together all the different groups that comprise ELTHAM College to form a community of support for the College. It also is particularly important in helping us develop a strategic plan for the implementation and funding of our Master Facilities Planning.

The Development Office and Director will work with College Executive, the Development Committee of the Board, Foundation, ExECS, ECCA, Melbourne City School, ELTHAM College Kids and current students. For ELTHAM to remain at the forefront of education and innovation it is vital to ensure that our total community of past families, students and staff are as informed as our present community and are able to feel connected and engaged. As part of this, there will be the opportunity to contribute to the future development of ELTHAM

College. Only thirty-five years old and a major leader in schooling reform and innovation since 1973, ELTHAM College and its various parts, need a strategic fund-raising culture so that it can still be a vibrant force in Victorian schooling in 100 years!

Julie is an experienced and qualified fundraiser, holding Executive Membership at the Fundraising Institute of Australia. Julie comes to us from the position of Fundraising Manager at the Mental Illness Fellowship Victoria and her experience includes Development and Management roles with Australian Bush Heritage Fund, The Brotherhood of St Laurence and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Julie looks forward to meeting you in the near future and developing strong and continuing relationships.



David Warner and Julie Marshall start planning the introduction of a Development Office at ELTHAM.

REUNITING FRIENDSHIPS

ExECS Business Breakfast Melbourne Museum, Wednesday April 21st 2010

What a great success! This was ExECS first Business Breakfast and we could not have hoped for more. A beautiful venue and inspiring speaker in Steven Bradbury OAM combined with a wonderful mix of ELTHAM Community members. There were representatives from the ExECS body from Class of 1981 right up to Class of 2009, ex staff and current Parents together with the College Founder Les Clarke and current Principal David Warner. We all listened intently to Steve Bradbury's amazing story and laughed at his very "Australian" brand of humour. It was a great occasion to launch the brand new and improved ExECS website and online Business Directory.

Here's some of the great feedback we received

"A quick note to congratulate you on the success of the breakfast yesterday. The arrangements went splendidly and I thought our speaker was both entertaining and inspiring. Well done."

"...that was awesome, one of the best speakers I've heard and I've heard a lot."

"It was great to meet several past teachers as well as business representatives. It's a great opportunity to meet these people I would not otherwise. I plan to contact some of the people sitting at my table as their organisations and education background are related to my interests. Stephen Bradbury was also a really great choice of speaker, my father has attended a conference with him before and said to me that his story is very interesting and inspiring and what I heard this morning lived up to those expectations."



Class of 1985 25 Year Reunion

On Saturday 13th March the class of 1985 held its 25 year reunion at the Geebung Polo Club and a great time was had by all. Former students and teachers spent time together reminiscing and catching up with each other over great food and drinks. A highlight of the evening was the capacity to check out every class photo taken during the school journey - those crazy '80s hairdos and the beauty of us all in our youth! As the night wore on old friendships were re-kindled and a raft of memories surfaced. The former Head Master, Dr Webb, spoke fondly of the class of 1985 and his delight in touching base again with many of his students. Helen Durham expressed the genuine nature of the relationships developed over 6 short years at school and noted the strong connection everyone felt despite not regularly catching up. As the evening ended many promised to keep in touch and looked forward to the seeing each other again in five years time!

down for any announcements throughout the night...not much had changed! As a group, we acknowledged fallen class mates, and saw their faces, along with everyone else's on that embarrassing Year 12 video that didn't fail to remind us all of our late '90s chubby adolescence. To all those who couldn't come, or chose not to, you were missed and sought after. Let's see who dares to go bush again for the 20 year get together or more centrally for the 15.

Class of 1980 30 Year Reunion

It was well worth the drive from all over Melbourne to catch up with classmates from all those years ago. The small number of people attending it meant that we could actually get around to talk to everyone. It is interesting that after so many years we can enjoy a conversation with ex students that we hardly spoke to during the entire 6 years spent at the school! It was great to see people who had not made it to either the 10 or 20 year reunion but that, through word of mouth, or circumstance, had managed to get to this reunion. It was also pleasing to see the effort made by ex teachers who attended on the night - their ability to recall details about individual students after all these years is incredible. We enjoyed reminiscing about memories from school camps, pet flies, the Bogong moth plague & the girls bottle-green PE uniform. We're glad the next reunion will be in 5 years rather than 10. (It is a scary thought that in 10 years we will be almost 60!) Quite a few people were missing from this reunion - hopefully they will be inspired to attend the next one. We're all getting older but apart from different hair-styles & maybe a couple extra kilos we haven't changed that much!

Class of 2000 10 Year Reunion

The Eltham College Class of 2000's 10 year reunion was a chance for people to catch up face-to-face rather than facebook-to-facebook. Any potential nerves upon arrival were quickly settled by a familiar face or a glass of bubbly, and the night of catch-ups ensued. People were told 'You haven't changed a bit' or 'You've changed so much' and I'm yet to decide which one, if either, is a compliment. Staff who joined us on the night to brave the task of recalling faces, reported that the 80-odd ex students in attendance was a rowdy bunch and were difficult to quieten

★ See the full gallery of reunion photos at www.execs.org.au or our facebook page.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

CLASS OF 1980

Andrew Brown

Married and working in Brisbane as the research manager for the Australasian Cooperative Research Centre for Interaction Design, and as an Academic at the Queensland University of Technology.

Matthew Potocnik

I have been enjoying working as an Advocate in the area of disability. I'm very proactive and looking forward to the great changes which are about to happen. The Human Rights Charter being passed as a bill and the implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

Robyn Wilton

Just celebrated 25 years of marriage to Rod in Paris! Have 3 great kids; Bree (22), Kimberley (18), and Sam (16). Until recently worked as an Education Advisor with DEECD visiting preschoolers with additional needs. Presently working as an Early Intervention Specialist in Millpark with my area of interest being Autism.

CLASS OF 1985

Claire Phillips

I am married to Stuart Ross. We are the proud parents of Lucy (5), James (3) and Matilda (19mo). We

live in Fitzroy North and both work part-time to share the parenting. I am a radiation oncologist and work at Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre. I treat breast cancer and brain tumours. I am also involved in medical student teaching and clinical trials.

Lucy Chesser

I'm a mother of two kids, aged 5 and 2. That takes up most of my time. I'm trying to finish a novel. Still trying to work out what to be when I grow up (if being a writer comes to nothing).

Nicola Robinson (nee Brickwell)

I am currently the Project Manager for The University of Melbourne, Diabetes, Obesity & Endocrinology Research Domain. I am also a Board member of the National Coalition on Obesity Foundation. For over a decade I have been working at the University coordinating and raising the profile of Research teams from Medicine through to Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering. I am a Professional Member of the Reflexology Association of Australia (RAA) and part of the RAA Research Board and am nearing the completion of Diplomas in Kinesiology and Nutrition. I am also the Founder of Radiant Life Natural Therapies

CLASS OF 2000

Helena Merrett

I lived in Sydney from 2001-2009 and was involved in White-water

Slalom Kayaking, competing at a National and International level. Unfortunately due to shoulder injuries I retired in 2006 and swapped my kayak for a mountain bike! I completed a Bachelor Degree in Physiotherapy in 2004 & spent 4 years working in Private Practice. In 2008, my partner and I spent 6 months travelling from Beijing to the Middle East on an overland journey through all the 'Stans' including a short visit to Afghanistan. I am currently living in Perth, WA studying Graduate Medicine at UWA

Vanessa Carnegie

After completing a BA/Bsc(Hons), I travelled in Europe for three months before landing a job as an Environmental Officer with a civil contracting company. I worked on the Calder Freeway upgrade for nearly two years, had some adventures including backpacking in South America, before moving to Adelaide in September 2008 to work as Environmental Manager on the Northern Expressway. I am not entirely sure what the future holds for me (!) but it may involve moving to either Darwin or back to Melbourne quite soon.

Alex Holkner

The year after graduation I started an engineering degree at RMIT. After a couple of years I took firm stance in something I have long since forgotten and left uni to serve popcorn at a cinema. I returned

to Uni and completed a computer science degree, got a great job in graphics programming and research then left to return to Uni and complete an Honours and half a PhD. I now work at Electronic Arts making iPhone games with my partner Amanda.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE

ExECS have a funky new website with more features and easy access to information. Check out the new photo gallery, Events and Reunions, and our great new searchable Business Directory. The directory is growing steadily with lots of different businesses and services on offer. Log in and update your details to be included in this fantastic community resource. www.execs.org.au

Don't forget to "like" the ExECS Facebook page so you can keep up to date with ExECS news and even post your own. www.facebook.com/execs



Want to let other ExECS know how you are going? You can do this in a number of ways: Send us an email with a short biography to be published in the next edition of *Connections* or on our website, or write on our facebook wall.

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

Members of Eltham Collegian Cricket Club are joining with our good neighbours Research Cricket Club to create one stronger club. This will present many benefits for both memberships. A new Committee of Management has been formed, with President Tony Jenkins leading the way. The club will open the season with a joint name, new logo and gear, and utilise both club's excellent facilities. It's the start of a new era which offers current students, ExECS and the local community with great opportunities to enjoy cricket.

New players of all ages are always welcome. The club offers Milo in2Cricket for ages 5-8, junior teams at all age and ability levels, multiple senior sides, and Vets.

- A Senior Registration and social gathering is scheduled for Sunday 18th July, 3-5pm at Carlucci's, James Street, Templestowe.
- Junior Registration is Saturday 31st July, 12-3pm at the Eltham College Clubrooms.
- Milo in2Cricket registration will be in September.

Please visit the Research Cricket Club website for further details. For senior information ring Stuart Sutcliffe 0431547976; Junior information, Nancy Cummane 9439-5855; Milo information, Geoff Crisp 0407685662.



ECCA

Parents Supporting ELTHAM

EXHIBITION BY PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD WINNERS

At the Opening Night for MASTERWORKS 2009 held last October, attendees voted for their favourite 2D and 3D artworks. The winners of the People's Choice Award, Janet Ayliffe from South Australia and local artist Paul Barton, were awarded a joint exhibition, which was held at Swipers Gully from 5 - 25 June 2010. The exhibition was officially opened by Barry Henwood, Chairman of the Hurstbridge & Diamond Creek Community Bank branches of the Bendigo Bank, sponsor of the exhibition.

Guests at the opening night were able to meet both exhibiting artists, view and purchase the amazing artwork on display, and enjoy the wonderful music accompaniment of pianists Ariani Plukaard, Elan Yang, Nina Gormley, Shane Yu and ELTHAM Piano Co-ordinator Katherine Shiell. All proceeds raised from sales at the exhibition will be used to advance the 'Greening ELTHAM' endeavours, a committed effort to increase the environmental sustainability of the College.



ECCA TENNIS NEWS

Congratulations to the ECCA Junior Tennis teams, who have just completed their Autumn season, with all three teams gaining top 3 positions.

ECCA has its own tennis club, based at the ELTHAM College Tennis Courts. We currently field junior sides in the Diamond Valley Tennis Association (DVTA) mixed competitions, singles on Friday nights and doubles on Saturday mornings. Both are mixed competitions. We are always looking for new junior players of all standards to join us.

Please call Mark Taylor, Junior Coordinator, if you are interested in what the ECCA Tennis Club has to offer you. See back page for contact details.



VALE MICHAEL JOHN VAN NUGTEREN

The following bio of Michael John van Nugteren is presented by Friends of Hockey and was compiled by: Sherryn Bevilacqua (President FOH), Lou Devine (FOH), Lis Evered (Past FOH), Greg King (ELTHAM College HR)

Michael Van Nugteren's place in the sporting history of ELTHAM College of Education has been inspirational and highly significant. Arriving at ELTHAM in 2003 he took up the Head of Hockey position providing a clear vision for the Hockey program within the school. He provided ongoing, unequivocal support for Friends of Hockey and was deeply committed to their success, including taking a lead role in the group and stepping in to do whatever needed to be done. He was responsible for seeing the planning and building of the synthetic pitch through its final construction. Mike's inclusive philosophy always ensured that all children, regardless of their ability had the privilege of receiving his extraordinarily high level of coaching, and they thrived on it. Those children who aspired to take their hockey further and achieve either State

or Australian selection knew that Mike was the man who would drive them to achieve their dreams, and that he did over and over again.

Mike oversaw the International 'Quikstix' competition in Canberra every December, which ELTHAM College has dominated for many years with Mike as coach. Every so often Mike would invite students from other schools to support ELTHAM College teams at this tournament, and without doubt, it was a positive and empowering experience for both ELTHAM and guest students.

He had played or coached hockey for nearly 40 years, firstly as a player for the Yarra Valley Hockey Club, and then when his playing career came to an end he took up coaching firstly with Yarra Valley Hockey Club and then Greensborough Hockey Club.

He held Level 2 NCAS coaching accreditation. Mike had qualifications in Accounting and a Masters Degree in Business Administration and in Manufacturing Management. He was a member of the National Institute of Accountants.

Mike showed his amazing fortitude once again in his battle with cancer. He was, and will always

remain, an inspiration to all who knew him. Mike allowed the ELTHAM College hockey community to benefit from the support and friendship of his wife Pam, and his girls Jess and Kat, and we appreciate and acknowledge sharing his wonderful family.

Mike will be greatly missed, he was much loved by all who knew him, respected and held in high esteem by those he coached. He was a very special man.

