

# Alex & Hanna's African Odyssey

Old Scholars Alex Turner (2005) and Hanna Nanson (2005) had a big year in 2006! The pair embarked on an expedition to Kibera, on the outskirts of Nairobi (the capital of Kenya), to work as volunteer teachers in a rural school.

After finding out about volunteer organisation, Cosmic Volunteers, on the internet, the tenacious pair contacted them immediately. They also raised \$1000 before they went abroad, to support a teacher at the school to further his teaching education.

Alex and Hanna taught English, Mathematics and Creative Arts to a group of up to 25 children, all aged between 9 and 12 years.

**Below is an excerpt from an email the College was sent whilst they were on their trip:**

*"It's Hanna Nanson and Alex Turner over in Africa! So far, we have had an excellent time and seen many different things. As for our volunteering, we are working in Dorna Educational Centre in Kibera. Dorna is a private school which was set up four years ago to provide education for the children living in the slum areas. The children are aged 5 through to early teenage years and the subjects studied include: English, Maths, Social Studies, Science, Creative Arts, Religion, Kiswahili, and PE (Fridays). Alex and I teach mostly the older children who are 9 years old and above.*

*The school is very basic, with few of the necessities. We have brought some things over such as balls and colour pencils, for which they have been very grateful.*

*The kids are great. They are so enthusiastic and excited by our presence – they walk home with us everyday! Because Kibera is so poverty-stricken, it is wonderful to see these kids getting an education against the odds. The feeling is unexplainable."*

For now the pair are back in Adelaide, Hanna studying Accounting at the University of Adelaide, and Alex pursuing Network Engineering at TAFE. We congratulate Alex and Hanna for their outstanding efforts overseas.

**If you would like to see more of Alex and Hanna's adventure in Kenya, check out their website at [www.getjealous.com/africantrip](http://www.getjealous.com/africantrip) .**



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## A Word from the Principal & the Deputy



**A Happy New Year to all Old Scholars and members of the Gleeson College community. We wish everyone success and joy in 2007 – the nineteenth year of Gleeson College.**

This year we welcomed back the following staff to our community: Mrs Evelina Condo, Mrs Sally Parsons (from maternity leave), Mr Charles McPhee and Mrs Bianca Bucco. Mrs Mary Galouzis has taken Long Service Leave for Term 1.

Towards the end of last year, the College celebrated the weddings of some of our staff members: Jeff Sochacki and Kylie Martin married in October; Amanda Price married David Battams on December 23<sup>rd</sup>; Andy Patupas married Adriana Christopoulos late in the year, and Troy McKinnon and Danielle Fiedler married on New Year's Eve. In further staff news, Rachel McKay gave birth to a little girl, Dakota Morgan, earlier this month.

Our 2006 Stage 2 cohort achieved an 89.3% pass rate in terms of ABCs across all subjects. It is also pleasing to report that we had a larger percentage of students achieving TER scores of 90 or above and more 'A' results per student. The 'B' and 'C' results were well above the State average.

Congratulations to Lydia Borrillo on achieving a perfect score in Desktop Publishing, and also to Nicholas White, who was awarded the Dux of College 'Thomas Medal' with a TER of 96.35 (Five A's). Nadia Mapunda followed closely behind with a TER of 95.60, with Philip Shaw our next top performer, achieving a 95.05 TER. Well done to all students who achieved at or beyond their personal best.

Those students who received a TER of 90 or more, along with students who achieved academic excellence in individual subjects, were recognised at an Academic Assembly held at the Dame Roma Mitchell Centre on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2007. Dr Vin Thomas attended to present Nicholas White with the 'Thomas Medal'.

Our current College leaders attended the Leadership Camp on the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> February and from all accounts, the students had a memorable experience. Many thanks go to the Old Scholars who attended the camp and supported the student leaders in their formation. The College is really appreciative of the involvement of our Old Scholars in this aspect of our Retreat program.

We were absolutely delighted to receive a copy of an email sent to one of our teachers, Mr Richard Sellers, from 2005 graduate, Sean Robson, giving us an update of his achievements over the past year, and thanking the College for their support. With Sean's permission we have included the email in this edition of *The Globe*. He mentions

the passion his teachers had for their subject areas and how this led him to further build on his Year 12 scores at University College last year, which allowed him entry into the University course of his choice – Aerospace Engineering.

It is great to hear from our Old Scholars, so please let us know where you are and what you are up to! With next year being our 20<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration, a reunion is planned and we will need updated contact details, so keeping in touch is of genuine interest to us as well as being of practical use.

**Phil Lewis & Jill Conole  
Principal & Deputy Principal**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ON THE  
FIRST-EVER OLD SCHOLARS  
COMMITTEE?**

**PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST  
BY EMAILING:**

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Your involvement level is totally up to you - Lots of hands make light work!

## OLD SCHOLARS FOOTBALL



**Gleeson Old Scholars Football Club has now commenced pre-season training towards our SAASL Saturday Division 1 campaign.**

**We encourage all Gleeson College Old Scholars who are currently playing football/soccer elsewhere, or any new players interested in playing for Gleeson F.C. in 2007, to contact:**

**MICK ROMEO on 0408 849 391.**



## Congratulations...

Lydia Borrillo (2006), who was awarded a SSABSA Merit Award for her outstanding achievement in Information Processing & Publishing - Desktop Publishing. Well done Lydia!

*Photo: Lydia and Principal Phil Lewis attending a presentation ceremony at Government House on Tuesday 13th February.*



Above: Nicholas White with Dr. Vin Thomas on the day

## THOMAS MEDAL 2006 DUX

- Nicholas White

## MERIT CERTIFICATE WINNERS - TER 90+

- Nicholas White
- Nadia Mapunda
- Philip Shaw
- Gabrielle Rigney
- Stefanie Woodhams
- Caterina Feleppa
- Matthew Simmons

## Collection of 2006 Stage 2 Work

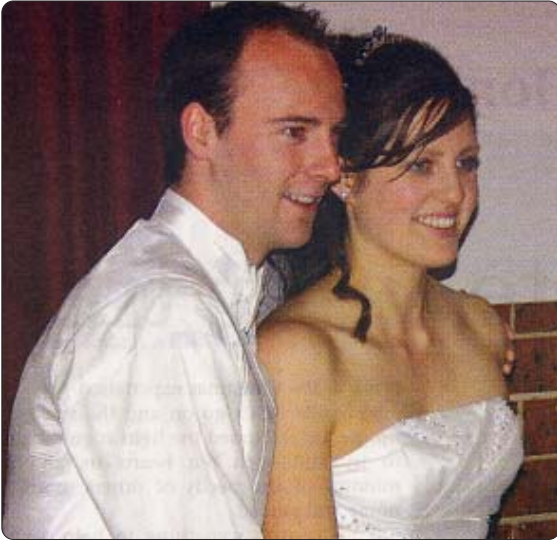
2006 Stage 2 students can collect moderated work from the College Bookroom between 8.20am - 8.50am every weekday morning.

Any work not collected during Term 1 will be deemed unwanted and will be discarded.

## 2006 DUX OF SUBJECT AWARD WINNERS

**Biology - Jessica Taylor / Business Studies - Gabrielle Rigney / Chemistry - Nicholas White / Material Products - Furniture Construction - Soraia Pereira / Material Products - Metals Engineering - Soraia Pereira / Early Childhood Studies - Gabrielle Rigney / English Communications - Nadia Mapunda / English Studies - Stefanie Woodhams / Food and Hospitality Studies - Courtney Macdonald / Information Processing & Publishing - Desktop Publishing - Lydia Borrillo / Information Processing & Publishing - Electronic Publishing - Belinda Pennington, Carly Manuel & Jarred Vermeeren / Information Technology Studies - Philip Shaw / Mathematical Applications - Matthew Simmons / Mathematical Studies - Nicholas White / Modern History - Gabrielle Rigney / Philosophy - Gabrielle Rigney / Physical Education - Dale Wheare / Physics - Nicholas White / Studies of Societies - Courtney Macdonald / Tourism - Diana Paravia / Visual Art Studies (Art Focus) - Jessica Taylor / Visual Art Studies (Design Focus) - Michael Arthur / Vocational Studies A - Hollie Raines**

# Wedding Bells are Ringing!



**Anna Crisp (2002)  
& Jordan Beinke  
(2002) married  
at St David's  
Catholic Church,  
Tea Tree Gully.**



**Craig Arthur  
(1996) & Agnes  
Stokowski (1996)  
tied the knot in  
front of 110 family  
and friends at St  
Ignatius Church  
earlier this year.**



Craig Arthur



Agnes Stokowski

## An Extract from an Email from Old Scholar Sean Robson (2005)

**Hey Mr Sellers,**

*How are you? I hope things have been peaceful in senior physics, now Alex and I aren't around to cause trouble!*

*I owe a lot to Gleeson College, so I'm just giving the small courtesy of filling you in on what I'm doing now to say thanks.*

*Last year I took Stage 2 Chemistry and IT at University Senior College. By taking just two subjects at USC, it was like a gap year, with the bonus of preparing for University lesson structure. I scored a 16 for Chemistry and a 20 for IT. I went to the recent Merit Ceremony on the grounds of Government House for my IT score and shook hands with the founder of Vlnet.*

*I applied at Adelaide University for the Mechanical, Mechatronic, Automotive and Software Engineering degrees, with a couple of IT degrees for backup. Then I waited and hoped for the best!*

*With my scores I achieved at Gleeson for Maths Studies, Specialist Maths and Physics (which I owe largely to Mrs McKay and yourself) I received a 96.35 TER. Along with the bonus points recognised at Adelaide Uni, my TER was effectively 98.05. I went straight to the SATAC website and changed my first preference to Aerospace Engineering (which I first thought had been out of reach for me). Later, I received a letter informing me I had been selected!*

*To be honest, it was you who got me interested in Aerospace, everytime you spoke about various technologies, it sparked my interest. I'm gonna be a rocket scientist because of your enthusiasm for physics!*

*Thanks for everything,*

**Sean Robson, Old Scholar 2005**



**Shannon Ryan (1998) married  
Matthew Artz at Sacred Heart  
Catholic Church, Hindmarsh.**

## Where are they now?

**Victoria Ferres (1999)**

**Currently studying Veterinary  
Science at Queensland University.  
She is living in Brisbane with fiance  
Dave and getting married on 7th  
July 2007.**

**Patricia Ferres (2002)**

**Working as an apprentice chef and  
last year became engaged to be  
married.**

**Drop us an email today to let  
us know where you are now!**