

## Daina Flying High in Dream Career

**My name is Daina Borrillo and I graduated from Gleeson College in 1998.**

During my school years I was fascinated by aircraft and wished that I could become a pilot, however the idea of making a career out of it seemed beyond my reach. It was the continuous guidance and support from my parents, teachers and friends, who encouraged me to aim high and fulfil my dreams.

I was accepted into the Bachelor of Science (Civil Aviation) course at the University of South Australia and over three years, learnt not only the theory components of Aviation, but also the practical aspect of flying the aircraft at Parafield.

For the past two years I have been instructing students at the Aviation Academy at Parafield, which is helping me gain the flying hours required to progress into the airlines.

For anyone interested in pursuing a career in this industry, the excitement and freedom you experience whilst flying is definitely worth the demanding workload involved in both the study and flying training. There is nothing else I would rather be doing.

It is important to remember that anything is possible if you work hard to achieve your goals.

*Daina Borrillo, Grade 2 Flight Instructor, UniSA Aviation Academy Graduate, Bachelor of Applied Science (Civil Aviation), 2002. UniSA Deans Merit Award List, 1999, 2000*



### OUR VERY OWN DRAMA QUEEN!

**Earlier this year, Old Scholar Julia Ohannessian (2001) received the exciting news she had been accepted by Australia's most prestigious acting school, the National Institute of Dramatic Arts.**

Now 21 years old, Julia is in Sydney studying a three-year acting course at NIDA, which counts such talents as Mel Gibson, Nicole Kidman, Cate Blanchett and Toni Collette as graduates.

Growing up in Para Hills, Julia completed her Year 12 studies at Gleeson, before studying Drama at the Adelaide Centre for the Arts. She applied for the NIDA role early last year before successfully auditioning in November for a coveted spot in the program.

**Look out for Julia on the big screen!**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY OLD SCHOLAR NEWS - CONTACT THE COLLEGE!  
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## A Snapshot from Gleeson (Term 3)

Hi to all of the Old Scholars of Gleeson College. It is great that we can maintain contact with you in this way and keep you informed of some of the happenings at Gleeson. I have been in the role of Acting Principal for Term 3 this year while Phil Lewis has been on study leave. It has been a very hectic term with lots of activity happening as always and I thought you might be interested in a quick snap shot of the term that was, Term 3.

• **Liturgies.** This term we have celebrated two wonderful whole school Masses where the focus has been bringing Christ into our communities and our lives and establishing hope for a future of peace and happiness. Jason McCartney spoke to the assembled students earlier in the term, telling of his ordeals in recovering from his experience of terrorism and giving a message of hope to us all when he said "It's not what you are dealt with in life but rather how you deal with it that matters".

• **Meeting the Premier & Governor.** The Year 12 students had an opportunity to hear Premier Mike Rann when he visited the campus early in the term as he discussed current issues that would impact them as they left school and into the future and also answer some very thought provoking questions posed by students. Our school leaders, Sarah Catalano and Brett Sparnon were fortunate to join leaders from other schools in meeting with Her Excellency Mrs Marjory Jackson-Nelson at Government

House and were most impressed with the whole occasion and appreciated the experience.

• **Ski Trip.** Those of you who have been fortunate enough to take part in previous ski trips organized by Graeme Brooksby will appreciate when I say that the students had the time of their life. Graeme planned the ski trip really well but not the birth of his second daughter Molly as this coincided with the trip, which resulted in Troy McKinnon stepping in at the last minute to lead the group to Fall's Creek. The planning has already begun for next year – the ski trip now becoming an annual event.

• **The Rock Eisteddfod Challenge.** The culmination of the many months of planning and rehearsing that went into the performance of the Gleeson entry in the Rock Eisteddfod was successfully held this term. The staff and students involved can be very proud of their commitment to seeing their hard work come alive on stage in the Entertainment Centre as they competed and won the Small Schools component of the competition.

• **The Cross Campus Assemblies.** This once a year event has certainly become a tradition on the campus and provides opportunities for the students to showcase their talents by performing in front of their peers from all three schools. Quite a daunting task but one that students involved were willing to take on. All of the students represented Gleeson brilliantly, as always, as they shared their special talents with the large audience. It was a very proud occasion to be a part of.

• **Japanese Exchange program.** It has been especially satisfying to see the students and their families who hosted the visitors from Kogakuin High School, so openly accept the students into their homes and our community. This visit by the Japanese students has become a tradition for both Gleeson College and Kogakuin and hopefully one day we will be able to send some of our students to Japan. I

am really appreciative of those families who so generously welcomed the Japanese students into their lives, providing such memorable experiences and for sharing the Gleeson spirit with them.

• **Winter Sleepout.** A cold wintry evening for 35 of our students was spent sleeping out on the courtyard balconies on newspaper and in cardboard boxes in an effort to raise awareness and money for the St Vincent de Paul Society. This was only one example of the many acts of social justice that our students have worked towards led by Mary Galouzis and Eric Caprioli. It has certainly become a focus for many of our students and it is what makes us the Catholic community that we are, giving of ourselves and serving others.

• **Year 10 Dance.** Yes, the Year 10 students still have their dance lessons with Keith and continue to amaze us all on the evening of the dance to see just how much they have learnt in such a short time.

• **Outdoor Education Camp.** A small group of Year 10 students packed their bags with the essentials and headed off to the Flinders Ranges for the bushwalk, a real test of endurance and their cooking skills! This continues to be a very popular subject, being offered at Stage 1 for the first time next year.

• **Pedal Prix.** We have certainly earned a reputation for being formidable competition in the Pedal Prix events with good reason as the teams continue to be successful. Jason Lentakis and Andy Patupas along with the team of committed students and parents contribute many hours along with their talents to maintain such a high standard in terms of the development of the vehicles and the racing itself. At the recent Murray Bridge event, the Gleeson team was successful in winning the senior school division, while Year 12 student Phillip Proctor completed the fastest lap time.

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• **Knockout Sport.** With the employment this year of Nathan Durant as Coordinator of Sport at the College, Gleeson has been heavily involved in a wide range of knockout sports with teams entered in most year levels in netball, basketball, soccer and football. This has meant our students and the coaching staff have traveled around the State to compete in the various competitions with all teams achieving success at different levels. Gleeson College is certainly becoming well known as being a keen participant in a range of sports with many opportunities available for the students.

• **Charity Football.** Term 3 saw the inaugural charity football matches played between Pedare Christian College and Gleeson College, a concept initiated by the SRC from both schools as a way of raising money for World Vision, while developing spirit and tradition amongst the two schools. Both the senior boys and girls formed teams and played in front of students and staff from both schools, with Gleeson taking away the World Vision Trophy on this occasion.

• **Science & Mathematics Competitions & Book Cup.** There have been many opportunities for students to follow their individual interest in particular learning areas by taking part in the activities for Science Week, the Science Competition, the Oliphant Science Awards (a Year 9 student taking out a major award), the Maths Quiz, Westpac Maths Competition and the Cross Campus Book Cup (which Gleeson successfully won this year).

As you can see from this snapshot of Term 3, Gleeson College continues to be a busy and vibrant place with many opportunities for students to follow their individual interests and talents while also contributing to the development of community spirit and most importantly being in relation with others.

## Rebecca tames tough event

**Tenacious Old Scholar Rebecca Baylis (2004) put in a sensational performance at the Australian Pool Lifesaving Championships in Brisbane earlier this year.**



The 18-year-old was selected for the Australian Under-19 Team, the first time she had made the team after four attempts. The championships tested competitors on swimming, simulated emergency responses and CPR.

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Rebecca said the toughest event was the 100m “mannequin carry with fins”. In this event competitors swim 50m under water, collect a 80-90kg mannequin from the bottom of the pool, and then swim another 50m ensuring the mannequin’s head is above the water.

*Rebecca is pictured with her medal from the championships.*



### GLEESON'S ROCK EISTEDDFOD ENTRY - NOAH'S DINGHY

*This is Gleeson's first entry in the Challenge in ten years, with the 8-minute routine spreading the powerful message “Australia Don't Become America”.*

*As the rains approach, Noah and his family gather all things Australian, pack their esky and load up their crowded dinghy. Aussie icons Cathy Freeman, Steve Erwin, Lleyton Hewitt, Kylie Minogue and Ian Thorpe are accepted to join Noah in the dinghy, while Marilyn Manson, Miss America, Eminem and Paris Hilton try to get on the boat to avoid the flood, but are refused.*

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

## **Katherine Reynolds (1997)**

Katherine is now an Events Manager for a winery in Queensland, and is married with one child.

## **Emma Schultz (1999)**

Emma now owns her own Sports/Remedial Massage business called "Betta-Body". She was recently selected in the South Australian Youth Entrepreneur Scheme with her business specialising in corporate massage and gym programs, and also a health, exercise and well being program.

## **Colin Starr (1999 - Dux)**

Colin is leaving Adelaide this month to further his PhD. studies at Cambridge University in England, UK.

## **Steven Carter (2000)**

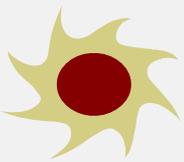
Earlier this year Steven won a Scholarship in Civil & Environmental Engineering. Good Luck Steven!

## **Simon Schultz (2000)**

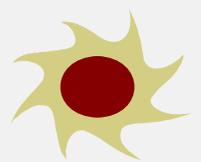
Simon has been in the Australian Army for two years and is based in Townsville. He has just returned from being in Malaya and Singapore for three months with an Engineering troupe, and completed a Radio Course at the Puckapunyal Army Base.

## **Nick Prokopec (2001)**

Nick has just finished his third season playing for West Adelaide Football Club in the SANFL.



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We would love to know what you are up to now, so if you would like to update us, give details below and return to the College marked 'Old Scholars Update'.

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## **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR GLEESON COLLEGE OLD SCHOLARS FOOTBALL TEAM**

We are calling for all past students who are interested in being involved in a Gleeson Old Scholars Footy team to phone the College to express their interest as soon as possible.

We have two parents of 2005 Year 12 students who have put their hands up to assist in getting a team up and running for the 2006 season.

Replies received back from the survey in the first Old Scholars Newsletter earlier this year also indicated several students from 2004 were interested in forming a side.

So, don't wait any longer, phone the College on 8282 6600 so we can get the ball rolling, so to speak!



**2005 CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH  
GLEESON FIRST 18 DEF PEDARE FIRST 18**

# SPORTS DESK

## OLD SCHOLARS SOCCER REACHES NEW HEIGHTS

It's season 2005, and once again we have the whole competition asking, who is Gleeson?

Formed in 2004 and competing in the collegiate league, the club came extremely close to winning a championship in its debut season.

Falling short and finishing equal top, it was a single goal that denied Gleeson FC a championship in its first year of existence. Some would argue that the 3 points earned against St Peter's Old Scholars would have sealed it, only to be stripped of those valuable points when they (St Peter's) failed to see out the entire season.

In 2005 Gleeson FC launched into the SA Amateur League, competing in the Saturday, Division 2 League. Now fielding both seniors and reserves, the club has grown from a single team to a group of about 30 quality players.

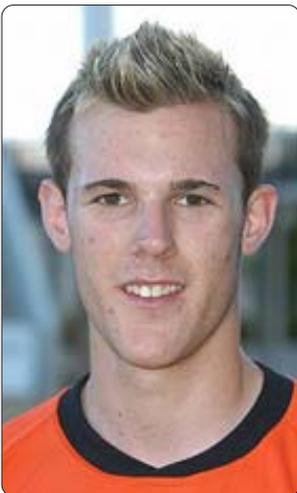
Initially a championship wasn't even thought of; our first aim being to ensure that Gleeson could field two teams and at least be competitive in every game we played. There are now only 4 games left for both seniors and reserves. After reaching the quarter final of the SA Amateur reserve cup, the reserves are currently still in the hunt for glory, sitting 4<sup>th</sup> by 7 points, with two catch up games in hand.

The seniors need to win just three of the next four matches to win the Championship regardless of opposition results. With a current record of 13 wins (10 consecutive) 2 losses and 2 draws, it's clear to say Gleeson has dominated the division all season. Only time will tell what season 2005 hold for our young, yet experienced club.

**If you would like any information about the club or will become a Gleeson College Old Scholar in 2006 and would like to join a team, please call Mick Romeo on 0408 849 391.**



### Adelaide United Snare Gleeson Soccer Star



**Old Scholar Nick Crossley (2003) has been signed by Adelaide United Football Club for a short term 4-week contract.**

Nick represented the Australian U-17 National team at the 2003 World Cup in Finland. He also played 2 games against Chile in 2004 for the Young Socceroos.

Nick will replace striker Michael Matricciani, who will go on the long term injury list. He goes into his debut clash against Central Coast Mariners as reserve goalkeeper.

*We wish Nick the best of luck!*

### CARLA DZIWOKI (Year of 2000)



Carla is currently in her second season playing netball for the Queensland Firebirds, and was recently named co-captain of the team. When she made her debut in 2003 for the AIS Canberra Darters, she was awarded Best New Talent Award.

### Some more soccer news...

Current Year 11 student Matthew Mullen (11W) was selected in the Qantas Joeys U-17 side, to represent Australia at the FIFA U-17 World Championships in Peru this month.

Unfortunately the side lost their first two games against Turkey and Mexico to be eliminated, but won their final game against Uruguay 2-1 to lift themselves from the bottom of the group ladder.