

## ALREADY AHEAD OF HER GAME!

Old Scholar, Alyce Staffin (2006), was recently named 'Apprentice of the Year' for a 1st Year Apprentice Chef with Hospitality Group Training and TAFE SA.

This was an additional bonus for Alyce, as she also won two awards, for preparation of a main meal and dessert, at the prestigious Top Hat Catering Competition last year.

Alyce's is employed at the Kensington Hotel, who are very pleased with her efforts. She credits much of her success to the skilled guidance she receives via her onsite training with Head Chef, David Pedro, and also to Mr John Smith, for all the support and assistance he gave her whilst she attended Gleeson. Thanks to training she completed prior to leaving school, Alyce is now well ahead of her required TAFE training for her apprenticeship. This allows her time to pursue other related training in the hospitality field and also more 'hands-on' time in the kitchen.

*We congratulate Alyce on these wonderful achievements and wish her the best in her career in the hospitality industry.*



*Photo: The Hon Paul Caica MP, Minister for Employment, Training & Further Education, congratulating Alyce after presenting her with the award for 'Apprentice of the Year'.*

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# WELCOME TO OUR 20TH YEAR

## Welcome to the Twentieth Year of Gleeson College!!

This year is a very significant one for our Gleeson College community. Since the College was established in 1989 it has grown in student numbers and status in our local North Eastern community. The celebrations will commemorate the Twenty Year milestone of the College and we will give thanks for all the students, staff and families who have gone before us to build such a wonderful College and community.

In 2008, we welcomed back Old Scholars, Jordan Beinke, Hannah Girke, Joshua McDermid and Rachel Staffin, who will join Christine Freeth as part of our Youth Ministry Team.

I hope and pray that all new members of our College will enjoy being a part of our nurturing, learning and caring community. I wish them God's blessings for a happy and successful year.

This year will be a year of celebrations so please keep an eye on our website for the many special events during the year, particularly during October and November where special Old Scholars functions will be held.

Preparations have commenced for Stage 1 of our Science / Home Economics / Courtyard building project. This new capital development will be a wonderful addition to the quality education at Gleeson College.

My sincere congratulations and best wishes to all of our 2007 Year 12 students. The results overall were a tribute to the students and all of their teachers. Some of the highlights included a record number of A's above the State average, record number of

students with TER scores in the 90's (Top 10%) and many students getting their first preference for University.

Another pleasing statistic, which often gets ignored, was the many pathways that have been successfully achieved for students, who chose to attend TAFE or enter the world of paid employment.

To all of our Old Scholars and their families, I extend my best wishes for a fruitful and joyous 2008. I pray that God will continue to bless us and our work together. May we continue to live out Archbishop Gleeson's vision of service and justice. I pray that God will be present in the gift that we will be to each other throughout the year.

**Phil Lewis, Principal**

**GLEESON COLLEGE  
COMMUNITY DAY**  
**SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2008**  
**'20TH YEAR CELEBRATION MASS'**  
*celebrated by Archbishop Wilson*  
**All members of the College Community  
are warmly invited to join us in  
celebrating 20 years of Gleeson history.**  
**An invitation, including finer details of the  
event, will be sent to your family later this  
year. BBQ and refreshments will be  
available in the courtyard after Mass.**

*In Loving Memory*  
**Rachel Anne Kasperski**



**"Rae"**  
**5/7/1988 – 24/11/2007**

*A very special person,  
A very special face,  
A very special someone we  
cannot replace.*

# A FATHER'S ULTIMATE GIFT

Gleeson Old Scholar, Michael Ortuso (2001), has received the ultimate gift from his father Joe - his kidney.

Since a young age, Michael has been the sufferer of the rare, inherited disease, Alport Syndrome, which leads to a build-up of toxins in the kidneys and eventually to kidney failure.

Parents Joe and Lilian were told by doctors that Michael's condition was serious and he would need either dialysis for life, or a transplant once his own kidneys stopped working for him.

In 2006, Michael's health took a bad turn and tests revealed the toxins in his body were very high, indicating the onset of kidney failure. He would have just six months to find a kidney donor or submit to starting dialysis. Dad Joe immediately put his hand up to see if he was a possible donor match, and after tireless testing, the family was overjoyed to discover he was!

The operation went ahead and was a great success. Michael felt 100% better straight away and Joe came through the life-saving operation with flying colours!

*We would like to thank Joe, Lilian, Michael and little sister Deanna (2006) for sharing this touching story with our community and send them our best wishes for a happy and healthy future.*



Above (L-R): Joe & Michael Ortuso  
Right: The Take 5 article

*\*Information and photos for this story was submitted by Deanna Ortuso, and also taken from the above Take 5 article published in 2007 (see right)*



GLEESON COLLEGE

## 20<sup>TH</sup> YEAR CELEBRATION COCKTAIL FUNCTION

SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2008  
STARLIGHT BALLROOM, SFERA'S - MODBURY

Spread the word and remind your friends to  
update their contact details at  
[www.gleeson.sa.edu.au](http://www.gleeson.sa.edu.au)

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO CATCH UP WITH  
FORMER GLEESON COLLEGE STUDENTS & STAFF!



# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Robert Lopresti (00) married Natasha Spagnuolo at St Patrick's Catholic Church, Adelaide.



Teresa Camarinha (00) and Gregory Hubbard (98) married at St Mary's Catholic Church, North Adelaide.



Bianca Papandrea (98) and Stevo Lukic married at St Peter's Cathedral, North Adelaide.

\*\*Photos courtesy of The Advertiser & Sunday Mail (2007)

## **Kylie Collins (nee Manley) 1994**

Married James Collins in 2001, and worked for RM Williams in Wholesale for 7 1/2 years until having her first child, Scott, in 2006. Currently a busy stay-at-home Mum looking forward to having more children.

## **Aldo Longobardi (1996)**

Aldo teaches Drama and Italian at Loreto College and is actively involved in the local theatre scene. He earned an Adelaide Theatre Guide "Curtain Call" Award nomination for Best Male Performance in 2006 for his role in Caryl Churchill's "Cloud Nine", and also starred in Shelagh Stephenson's play "An Experiment With An Airpump" last October.

## **Patrick Zahra (1997)**

Graduated from Carnegie Mellon University after completing an iCarnegie Software Development course. Patrick married Canadian girlfriend, Carrie, in 2006, and now works as a Computer Programmer for a software company in Canada.

## **Anna Lukasiewicz (1998)**

Anna went on to tertiary education at Flinders University, studying a Bachelor of International Studies (Honours) and Masters in Social Science. She now works for the CSIRO in Canberra. Anna also spent a year teaching English in southern China in 2005.

## **Melanie Crannaford (1999)**

Married Clint Rowntree in April 2005 and they now have a beautiful daughter, Jessica Rose, named after Angela Sylvia Rose Golotta. Jessica was born in September 2006. Melanie works for BHP Billiton in the Payroll Department.

## **Benjamin Stevens (2001)**

Ben married Vanessa van de Weyer at Hectorville Church on Saturday 2nd February 2008.

## **Will Zahra (2001)**

Started a website business after finishing Year 12 at Gleeson College in 2001. Studied Business Management at TAFE and Computer Programming through iCarnegie, and now manages all aspects of his website business. He also works part-time for Vodafone and enjoys ballroom dancing on a regular basis.

## **Luke Morris (2003)**

Luke graduated from Royal Military College Duntroon, as a Lieutenant on December 11th 2007. He also received the RSL Graduate of the Year Award for 2007. Luke married Amanda Blisset, from Canberra, on the 14th December 2007 at Duntroon Chapel (see photo at right), and they are now living in Townsville where Luke is posted.



# Running a Gift for Talented Dale

Old Scholar Dale Woodhams (05) has beaten race favourite Damian Tohl and Queenslander Brad Peters to take out the 120m Mt Gambier Gift late last year. After winning the 70m Open event earlier in the day, Dale sped home to grab the \$5000 winner's cheque, and also pushed himself into the limelight leading up to the 2007 Bay Sheffield. Dale wore a black arm-band during his race in memory of close friend Rachel Kasperski (03), who tragically died a week prior to the event. He also paid a special tribute to her in his victory speech.

Dale had a very successful season last year, including winning the City of West Torrens 120m Open Gift, a close second place in the Hallett Cove 100m Open Mayor's Gift and sensational performances in the 100m and 200m events at the 2007 Australian Under 20 & 23 Championships.

The 2008 Australian Under 20 & 23 Championships were held two weeks ago at Griffith University on the Gold Coast (QLD). Dale ran a time of 11.05sec in his Under 23 100m Sprint heat, his time just short of grabbing him a final berth. However, he ran superbly in the

200m heats to secure a place in the final, and went on to place fourth with a brilliant time of 21.87s.



*We congratulate Dale on his athletics achievements and wish him all the best in his future career.*

## ARE YOU READY TO LIFT THE BLOODS TO THE NEXT LEVEL?

DEAR OLD SCHOLAR,

My name is Nicholas van Zanten and I am a current Stage 2 student at Gleeson College. For a number of years now I have been interested in establishing a Gleeson College Old Scholar Football Club that would compete in the SAAFL competition.



However, there are many steps that must be taken before this idea can become a reality. The first step is to ensure that there is a playing list that is willing to train and to play every game. I am enquiring as to whether you would be interested in playing with the Gleeson College Old Scholar Football Club.

We are aiming for this club to be ready and established by 2009. Although in the early stages of development, with your support this football club will be a good representation of our College as well becoming a football force in the SAAFL.

If you are interested in playing please send an email the College Sports Coordinator Heath Younie:

**heath.younie@gleeson.adl.catholic.edu.au**

If we have sufficient interest, we will move forward in our efforts in establishing this club for 2009.

Regards,

**Nicholas van Zanten (2008 Stage 2 Student)**



Heart of Midlothian FC Under 19 Coach Darren Murray last week predicted that Old Scholar Ryan McGowan (06) would be the next youngster to make his mark in the first team.

Ryan is currently the Under 19 Captain, and has already made a huge impression in his first 18 months at the Edinburgh club.

Via the club's website, Coach Murray said he believes Ryan is one player who has a great future.

*"He has a superb attitude and you always find it's players with the good attitudes who break through", said Murray.*

We wish Ryan continued success with Hearts FC.

# SPORTS DESK



## ADELAIDE EAGLES

American Football Club  
- Golden Grove -

Club President and former Gleeson student, Kieran Ryan (95), is inviting all interested local teenagers to head out to pre-season training with the Eagles this season.

Already in the Junior Eagles side are Old Scholars' Stephen Goed (07), Andrew Coombe (07) and Barrett Firman (07).

If you would like to have a go, please come out to a training session at our training ground on The Golden Way, Greenwith.

### WHEN

Junior training started on Monday 17th March, however, new players are always welcome. Starting time is 6.30pm every Monday.

### WHERE:

Eagles Training Ground  
The Golden Way, Greenwith

### WHAT TO BRING:

Boots, Shorts and T-Shirt

The Junior Season gets underway on 18th May 2008.

For further information, please contact George on 0413 384 069 or go to website: [www.eagles.org.au](http://www.eagles.org.au)

Old Scholar, Candice Mitchell (98), has returned to Gleeson College as a Physical Education and Science Teacher in 2008. Candice (*pictured in photo below - bottom row at centre*) was also Captain of the Mighty Roos National Women's Ice Hockey team in 2007.

The Mighty Roos displayed great skill to go through the IIHF's Division 3 World Women's Championships undefeated to win Gold for Australia last year. The team now moves up a division (Division 2) for the 2008 Championships.

*Well done Candice!*



Formed in 2004, the Gleeson College Old Scholars World Football Club has gone from strength to strength, and now competes in the Division 1A Saturday SAASL Competition.

The side kicked off the 2008 season against St Peter's at home (Surrey Farm Drive) on Saturday 5th April.

If you are interested in joining the Gleeson College World FC, please contact Michael Romeo on 0408 849 391.

CABL Champions' North Adelaide Rockets are happy to welcome back star forward, Luke Mapunda (01), to their side for the 2008 basketball season.

Luke spent his past three seasons with the Woodville Warriors, but prior to that had a decorated junior career at the Rockets, which included many titles and state representation along the way. The Rockets will look to defend their title again with all members of last years championship winning team returning in 2008. *We wish Luke all the best at the Rockets!*

Meanwhile, Luke's little sister, Nadia Mapunda (06), is again listed in the Adelaide Thunderbirds for the 2008 season.

Talented netballer Nadia was selected in the squad in 2006, before an injury plagued season saw her dropped from the side in 2007. 2008 will see her doing everything she can to cement her place in the highly competitive Thunderbirds line-up.

We also congratulate Nadia on being named SASI Netball Athlete of the Year (2007), after spending three years in the program and also being a captain. *Well done Nadia!*

Old Scholar Dylan McGowan (07) also proved he has a bright future in World Football, with his selection as 2007 SASI Men's Football Athlete of the Year. *Congratulation Dylan!*