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Corridor Chat

What is the worst kind of bullying and what should schools do about it?



Mrs Jan Komaromy: Mental bullying and name calling.



Clarice Baker: Punishment should go by stages: warnings; suspension; expulsion.



George Henry-White: Name calling. There's nothing they can do.



Nick Standen-Trueman: Bullying? Suspension.



Mrs Dawn Palmer: Girl bullying, leaving girls out. Offer sanctuary at breaks.

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A LESSON IN HISTORY

HILARY BAKER

IT is 50 years since Clarence High was established as the first comprehensive high school on Hobart's Eastern Shore.

Eddie Smith, the founding headmaster, recently returned to open the new Principals' Gallery.

Before drawing the curtain to reveal the five portraits, Mr Smith, now in his 96th year, noted that in this collection of photographs, he was "in more distinguished company than in the rogues' gallery of fishing mates" in which he had previously featured.

Master of ceremonies Nicole Hodges began the proceeding by welcoming the former principals, past and present staff members, friends of the school and students.

Rebecca Smith and Hilary Baker then outlined the unfolding of the Principals' Gallery project.

In early April, school chaplain Kerry Lee gathered a group of students who started their research by interviewing former principals.

The school's 50th year was the perfect time to reflect on its history.

Over several months, the past principals reminisced about their eras.

The students wrote short biographies of each principal, and these now accompany a photograph of them all.

In March, the first anniversary



BRIDGING THE GENERATION GAP: Clarence High School's founding principal Eddie Smith, centre, with 2009 prefects, from left, Sophie Briggs, Liam Hall, Alex Hinds and Laura Robinson.

event for the year was an open day for the school's former students. Current students led guided tours, and many old scholars commented on how different the buildings looked.

As part of the entertainment senior drama students showed off their performance skills, and the "French Mistress" recreated an old-style lesson for a class of silver-haired students, who

enjoyed reliving the days of verb drills, the cane and desks in rigid rows. Catering students provided a delectable morning tea.

The other major celebratory event was the 50th anniversary dinner at the Wrest Point Casino on August 6. This was the exact date that Clarence High School was officially opened by education minister Bill Nielson in 1959. The

Giant Hamsters, the band of former Clarence teacher David Minchin, entertained the crowd.

The skilled swing-dancing of the "pioneers" — the first intake of students from the era of the mini-skirt, the Morris Mini-Minor and the Barbie doll — put younger ex-pupils to shame with their spectacular turns on the dance floor.



PROUD: Clarene High's school badge.

Students diagnosed with finals fever

Football

CLARENCE High School's senior football Team travelled to Aurora Stadium to play off in the tri-series of the Tassie Hawks Cup.

Clarence was defeated by St Patrick's College in the second game by 40 points.

It then went on to play Ulverstone in game three and lost by only nine points. Best players for Clarence were Simon Preshaw,

Jarrold Whittle, Damien Paul and Sam Williams.

Netball

SPECTATORS were on the edge of their seats at the southern Tasmanian high school netball Division Two grand final between Clarence High and Cosgrove High.

The warm-ups began, the coin was tossed and Cosgrove had the advantage, but that didn't stop Clarence. After the first few min-

utes the scores were 2-2. At the break Clarence led 10-2.

Back on and ready for action, Celia Rice received a pass from Pamela Mace. Celia passed to Alice Webb, who passed to shooter Hilary Baker for a score.

In the final minutes, the score was 25-16 with Clarence still in the lead. One more goal sealed a decisive victory.

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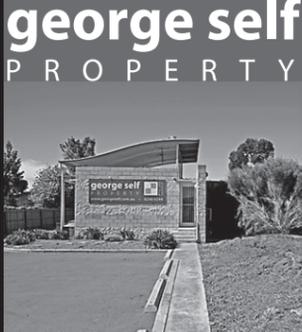
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