



OGILVIE HIGH SCHOOL TODAY

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Alumni: keeping connection

in brief

Splash carnival of water fun

OGILVIE has many carnivals throughout the year but one of our carnivals is based purely on fun.

It's the Splash Carnival — a novelty carnival with fun races aimed at students who would not normally take part in the competitive swimming carnival. The carnival is held at the Glenorchy Pool.

Musical for grandparents

GRANDPARENTS' Day, on December 2, is an open day for grandparents and elderly friends of the school.

It is a musical performance produced by Grade 8s and it has been a tradition now for four years. This year, the event will be based around the musical *Mary Poppins*. All Grade 8 students participate in this event, making it a very memorable day.

School of rock

THE Grade 8 Rock Band has joined the Kool Skools recording program. The program is organised by the Hobart City Council.

A concert was held on October 21 with all bands who recorded on the CD taking part.

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OGILVIE High School is a school of tradition. We take pride in maintaining our standards and past students have often been keen to keep a connection with the school.

Now the connection can be even stronger with the launch of the Ogilvie Alumni.

The newly formed alumni has been built on the work of the existing Old Scholars and Old Boys Associations and aims to involve even more people.

"I think the Alumni is a brilliant idea," Old Scholars Association president Kath Venn, OAM, said.

"Although the Old Scholars and Old Boys Associations are very successful, we are keen to involve all former scholars who have more recently left the school."

All former students and staff of Ogilvie High are eligible to be members of the alumni.

Members will be kept informed about events within the school through regular updates and the alumni internet site.

The focus of the alumni is to allow people to meet with former classmates and to re-visit their connections with the school.

The alumni will be launched on November 24 at the Hotel Grand Chancellor. On this day, our 2004 Grade 10 leavers — more than 300 students — will receive their Old Scholar's badges and be invited to join the alumni.

"I'm very keen about attending the luncheon," said prominent Hobart vocalist Sharon Prero, who attended Ogilvie from 1977-1980.

"My high school peers and I

have wanted a reunion but haven't had the time to organise it. The alumni will be a great opportunity to meet with old friends."

We hope that as many former students and staff members as possible are able to attend the luncheon to help celebrate the launch of the alumni.

Special guest at the launch will be former Ogilvie head prefect and internationally acclaimed motivational speaker Robyn Moore.

The luncheon will become a new annual tradition at our school.

It is hoped that the alumni will be a huge success, giving people the opportunity to meet with old friends and to remember the many opportunities they experienced at Ogilvie High School.

"Ogilvie gave me confidence," Mrs Venn said. "I



SCHOOL TIES: Old Scholars Association president Kath Venn OAM and current head prefect Moya Richardson.

think it's a wonderful place." Chancellor from 12.30 to 2.30pm on November 24. Cost is \$25 a head. Bookings at the TSO box office, phone 1800 001 190.

Our social conscience

THIS year, Ogilvie High School along with The Friends' School and St Michael's Collegiate organised a project to maintain a school in Bangladesh.

The high schools involved needed to raise around \$6000 a year for the project.

Ogilvie High has been very enthusiastic in taking part in the fundraising process and has organised many activities.

Leading the fundraising drive are members of the Social Justice Group.

The group believes that without help, the people of Bangladesh would have fewer schools to educate their children. The school also acts as a hub for the community, bringing people together.

The school is built by all members of the community. This process does not take very long once they receive



GOOD EFFORT: Members of the Social Justice Group at work.

funds to buy the materials.

The Social Justice Group has set up an office at Ogilvie High. The office is run by students from all year groups.

It allows students to discuss different humanitarian issues and have the opportunity to become informed citizens.

School set for redevelopment

MAJOR renovations will start at Ogilvie High School next year.

The school buildings have been under the constant strain of crowded conditions and outdated facilities for 40 years.

Some renovations have occurred over that time, including the building of a Home Economics/Art block in 1969.

In addition, the hostel was converted into a teaching facility in 1997, the Science block refurbished in 1998 and a major makeover of the school grounds has been progressively implemented over recent years.

Ogilvie received \$3.12 million from the Government to

spend on the redevelopment.

This will be spent on the creation of a new Performing Arts block, a refit of the gymnasium and the refurbishment of a building to create 10 flexible General Learning Areas.

An allowance has been set aside for new furniture and equipment and for suitable technologies to be incorporated.

"The redevelopment is a good first step," said former assistant principal Mr Miller, who is co-ordinating key stakeholders in the redevelopment.

"Further redevelopment will be required, however, to complete school needs," he

said. "We are hoping to relocate Music to the Performing Arts building, to bring all aspects of Design into one area, to build a new canteen and to develop further flexible learning areas through the refurbishment of other buildings.

"We will be happy when the job is finished," he added.

The redevelopment is expected to be completed by June 2006.

Ogilvie High School staff and students will be working throughout the renovations.

The school has already started some minor renovations and is very eager to get started on some of the larger buildings of the school.

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