



GESTA NON VERBA

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES.

As I opened my email today I was surprised to hear the news that Michael Quinlan is retiring at the end of this year. For the past 15 years, Michael has been a wonderful ambassador for the school and a strong supporter of our union. It is largely due to Michael's personal interest and commitment to the union that we have such a large and growing membership with active contributors. He has generously given of his time and financial support to rejuvenate the union, initiating features such as a permanent secretariat to care for union matters, as well as our dynamic website to maintain school associations and keep our community growing. His continual encouragement of ex-students and former staff to participate in the union has helped see old friends reunited, as well as establishing new links with whom to share fond reminiscences.

Michael, on behalf of the JRAHS Ex-Students Union, I would like to give our sincerest thanks for all you have done to revitalise our union. Remember that membership is open to former staff (I hope Robin has you filling in the forms now!) We wish you all the best in your future plans and continuation to..

PURSUE EXCELLENCE!

Alexandra Streeter (1997)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE.

This is my last Principal's Report for GNV as I have announced my retirement to take effect from the end of this year. Of the many successes our school has achieved one goal has yet to be realised and I speak of your Union. Over the past 15 years I have tried to galvanise our ex-students into action via regular meetings and social activities with an aim to support current students and provide networking opportunities for all. This has simply not happened even though we have 1870 ex-students registered as Union members and you have a permanent school funded secretariat in Mrs Robin Legge. The new principal, yet to be appointed, may not value your association and withdraw both financial and school support, I hope not.

After 15 years at James Ruse I have had 15 years of challenges and enjoyment taking your school from strength to strength. Just remember that you have developed your school and it is **your** school!

Michael Quinlan

Class of 1973

There have been rumblings from some of the Class of 1973 for a reunion. Let's shake off the shackles of inactivity and get together.

Any interest to Neville Wyatt at Neville@wyatts.com.au

Macquarie University Student Wins BRW National Student Share Investment Award.

Division of EFS Applied Finance final year student, **Solon Brown (2001)**, has won the prestigious 2006-06 BRW National Student Share Investment Award of \$10,000. Over 6,000 portfolios were entered from 3,292 participants nationwide. The third BRW National Student Share Investment Award had portfolios 'locked in' for 12 months from August 2005. Student Services Australia, in conjunction with four national sponsors funded the award: BRW, ASX, CPA Australia and the Securities Institute, now FINSIA. Marketing was carried out in 19 Australian universities resulting in a 40% increase in student entrants. This is the third year of the award.

For more information about the BRW National Student Share Investment Award go to www.studentshares.com.au.

OBITUARY.

Barbara Steen (Deputy Principal 1988-90) passed away peacefully in Berkeley Vale Nursing Home on August 17, 2006 after a short illness.

Email from Ed Mulligan via Craig Bryant (1967)

Just a short note to my friends and acquaintances to advise the passing of my wife Pam on July 3rd. She had a year long battle with cancer following whooping cough and other health

issues. She was a marvellous lady and we had 32 wonderful years together.

We have been living near Bangalow for the past 6 years and have two macadamia farms plus web based 4WD and Real Estate businesses.

Pam was known well to Phil Black (who is now at Orange) and his wife Sue, plus Greg & Anne Richard, they lived in the same street as us at Hunter Hill in the 80's. She also knew Barry & Wendy Evans who live close by. Barry runs "The Buttery" a Drug & Alcohol Rehab at Bangalow. He and Wendy lived at Federal until he got trendy and moved into "bloody Byron"!

Any of the J/R crew are welcome to touch base if in the Byron/Bangalow/Lismore area. My contact details are (W) 02 66884141 (H) 02 6688 4084 (M) 0429 206063. Postal address is PO Box 54, Federal 2480. Web of our property "Skye Farm" is www.ruralworld.com.au/skyefarm and email address ed@wdworld.com.au.

I look forward to catching up with you at the reunion in 2007 or before this time if you are up this way.

NB Both Blackie and I ended up with farms (in my case after 25 years in retail 4WD), so not everyone who went to J/R wasted the government's money!!