

# 2008

## Smiles spell success at KSC celebrations

The smiles on the faces of former students and teachers was enough to show that the Korumburra Secondary College 50th anniversary celebrations were a success.

Every corner provided another memory or another old friend to catch up with...

At 11am the quadrangle was a sea of



Principal Peter Biggins and the official party.

faces as Assistant Principal Marty Box welcomed guests before they heard from current Principal Peter Biggins, former School Captain Cameron Woods, Gippsland Education Regional Director Michonne van Rees, local MP Russell Broadbent, current School Captains Matilda Sommers and Ben Farbus. The celebrations were opened by Gippsland Education Assistant Regional Director Don Paproth.

The afternoon saw a trip back to the school days with ... school photos....

On Saturday night it was time to celebrate as a huge crowd filled the



Korumburra Recreation Centre for the cabaret....

There were a few bleary eyes on Sunday morning as the school held its community church service in the new Performing Arts Centre.

Special guest David Toovey, director of the Oaktree Foundation and Australia's youngest CEO at 18 impressed the congregation with his speech about the future of the worlds youth and of education being the key in



Part of the growing crowd at the Opening.

transforming the lives of young people in the developing world.

As the reunion drew to a close, a barbeque lunch followed by the closing ceremony and goodbyes from all with many already looking ahead to the next reunion, whenever that shall be.

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## Anniversary Program

Preparation:

Promotion included -

Special supplements in The Sentinel



Exterior and interior view of the new PAC, which, along with the refurbished Don Hislop Gymnasium, was officially opened at the Anniversary.

Times and The Star newspapers.

Four Coming Events noticeboards at the roadside entries to Korumburra.

Details on the KSC website.

Mail out of over 4000 invitations.

50 Ideas for 50 Years classroom activities booklet.

The Weekend:

Friday— Decade Room displays, School Tours.

Saturday— Registration, Sale of souvenirs, Tours, Official Opening, Decade Photos, Room Displays,

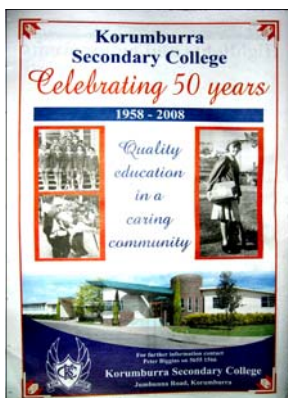


## Principal Quote

*"What has made this school is a combination of the journeys of over 5000 students, over 500 staff and several thousand parents and friends over the past 54 years. All of these people in some way have made a contribution to the story that is Korumburra Secondary College today."*  
- P. Biggins

## In Australia

Zimbabwe in crisis, 2020 Summit, and the credit crisis in America affects Australia.



Sentinel Times lift-out

## At a Glance

January – April

- Senior Outdoor Ed. Excursions
- Year 7 Camp
- Year 8 Coal Creek/Mt. Worth excursion
- Teacher stoppages over unresolved pay claim.
- Shire Council draft Plan for Korumburra.
- 'Drumbeat' - cultural performance
- 3500 attend the 50th Anniversary, 550 attend the Cabaret & the town's restaurants and cafes are full.

## Facts and Figures

- Principal: Peter Biggins
- Students: 500
- Staff - Teachers: 52
- Canteen: C. Routley
- Office: M. Brophy, L. McLean, G. Patterson, L. Boromeo, M. Mellings

Grounds: M. Suckling  
School Captains: M. Summers, B. Farbus

House Athletics/Swimming/Cross country: McMillan, Whitelaw, ....  
Interschool Swimming 2nd Athletics ....



Lynn Elzinga-Henry & Sally Henry Ceremony.

Children's activities, Band performances Anniversary Cabaret. Sunday — Registration, Combined Church Service, Farewell B B Q, Closing

Association are to:

To promote the welfare of the College and the community.

To facilitate and promote the continuity of friendships between



Past and present teachers: K. Leitch, D. Chalmers, L. (McKenzie) Chalmers, G. McGrath, A. Hobson, R. Crawford



### Odd Spot:

In 1958 a School chaplain was proposed; in 1959 a school song and a pavilion on the oval were suggested. In 2008 all these were achieved as well as a Past Students, Teachers & Friends Association.

The school song "Aim High" by the Concert Band and Vocal Group;

The Concert Band performing during the ceremony and, along with the Rock Band, performing a medley on songs from the 50s & 60s at the ceremony's close.

### Anniversary Dedications

The following dedications were announced at the Opening Ceremony.

The stain glass window of the



College logo set in the entrance foyer of the college was made by local artisan, Bruce Hutton and donated by the Korumburra Koringal Women's Service, Lions and Rotary Clubs.

The book, *Korumburra Secondary College 1954 – 2008 'A Chronicle'* by Richard Collyer.

The KSC sculpture by Vince Green who worked with students to produce the sculpture installed on the back wall of the PAC. The work was supported by the Government's Artist In Schools program.

The KSC School Song "Aim High" with words by Richard Collyer and Petrea Savige and music by Scott Stickland, the Music Coordinator for the SGSMP.



The launch of the KSC Past Students, Teachers and Friends Association. The aims of the



Past and Present students (L-R): B. Bowman, J. Unthank, S. Bateman, K. McKinnon, R. Hughes, K. Rodda

our members with one another, with the College and its current students and staff and with the wider community.

To provide and/or facilitate social gatherings amongst past students and staff.

To give financial assistance to the College and support college projects.

To provide a source of mentoring and career advice for current students.

To keep members informed about what is happening at the school.

### Reflections

Korumburra High School had none of the extra-curricula facilities then that it may have today, but it was a lovely place to live and to teach. As a city boy, I had never travelled much to the country ( except for the odd holiday) and had certainly not lived there, but there was a warmth and generosity in Korumburra in the town and surrounding areas that I found so compelling. I count myself lucky to have drawn Korumburra in the great lottery of the Education Department appointments of 1962. - Jim Pope



At the Church Service: I. Wilkinson, D. Toovey, P. Biggins

### Opening Ceremony Items

The crowd was entertained by Matilda Sommers singing "When You Say Nothing at All" accompanied by Ben Farbus and Marty Box;



1958 students and staff.

### Principal says thanks

On April 18-20, Korumburra Secondary College celebrated its 50th Anniversary on its Jumbunna Road site.

Planning for this major milestone has been going on for the last two years.

It was difficult to rebuild our database of past students and staff since the major fire of 1993.

However, with a lot of work from Gail Patterson, we were able to contact most people.

The three days of celebrations were extremely successful with an estimated 3500 in attendance...

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped in some way...

It was terrific the way so many people volunteered their assistance.

I especially want to thank our wonderful staff and Parents and Friends Association for the major roles that they played throughout the weekend.

It was a privilege to a part of this historic event.

- Peter Biggins, Principal  
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