

School of Philosophy

Good Company

Proceeds Raised from activities held in 2005

- Pearl Necklace Raffle: Raised \$3,045.00 for a new oven at the School's premises in Burswood.
- 'Walk for Love' raised \$370.00 for Channel 7's Telethon plus another \$117.15 in coin from collection tins.
- The 'David Ward Concert' raised \$1,090.00 for the Building Fund
- The 'Auction of Promises' raised \$9,200.00 for the Building Fund
- The 'Cultural Day 2005' raised \$3000.00
- Sattva Wardrobe Exchange raised \$180.00.

Suggested Fund raising events for 2006

Fruit Basket Raffles

Quiz Night

Telethon 'Walk for Love'

Cultural Day 2006
Sunday November 19Sattva Wardrobe Exchange
Saturday November 26

Mozart Concert

Annual Cultural Day

The School's 3rd Annual Cultural Day was held on Sunday November 20 and was very well attend by students of the school and the general public. Some wonderful talks were presented from enthusiastic students, well versed in their chosen subject matter.

Dr Grohmann, guest presenter from Canberra, was a great hit with his very interesting talks on Patience and another on Love & Friendship. A number of students spoke on their favourite philosophers from history including Clive Lamond on Voltaire, Kerry House and Kaye Bond on Gandhi and Glen McLeod on Winston Churchill.

Old favourites were again well attended including:

Vedic Mathematics
Why Study Sanskrit
Nutrition - Timeless Wisdom for Modern Living
The Bhagavad Gita
Health & Happiness
In Search of Eloquence
Spirituality and the Environment

Sanskrit Residential - Sydney 2006

Sanskrit is offered by the School of Philosophy to students who have completed the Foundation Year of Philosophy.

Students are introduced to the topic over a Sanskrit weekend held once each term. They are then invited to join a group to continue with the study.

Other events are also held in Australia and around the world. In August 2005, three Perth students went to England to attend the annual Sanskrit Week at Waterperry organised by the London School. The event is open to all School of Philosophy Sanskrit students from Schools around the world. A total of 270 students attended last year's event. All agree it is a major event and a must for every Sanskrit student

to attend at least once in their lifetime.

In January 2006, ten Perth students attended the annual Sanskrit event in Sydney hosted by the Sydney School. This event is a miniature version of the England event. This year Mr Richard Elias, head of the Sanskrit Faculty in London, attended the event and took the evening meetings. Much knowledge was exchanged and much learned.

A series of talks was given each day on a topic of interest related to the Sanskrit study. The program included talks on the lives of Vivekananda, Adi Sri Sankaracharya, Gandhi and F. Max Muller; also the relationship of Sanskrit to Aboriginal Languages and the History of Sanskrit as well as talks



New topics included 'The Wonder of Words' by Steve Mitcham 'The Screwtape Letters' by Veronica Maguire and 'Numbers and the Creation' by Phil Avard.

The whole day ran very smoothly thanks to a large team of volunteers from the senior students of the School who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to provide morning and afternoon tea as well as a scrumptious and healthy lunch.

The list of topics which were presented on the day can be viewed at

www.philosophywa.com.au/CulturalDay2006

Registrations of interest for the 2006 Cultural Day event can be made on line at:

www.philosophywa.com.au/registration.php

Your support is greatly appreciated.

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on the Sanskrit texts The Bhagavad Gita and the Mahabharata. Other topics included Vedic Maths and Panini's Grammar.

A total of 60 students attended the event from around Australia and New Zealand.

The next Sanskrit Weekend will be held on February 25 & 26, 2006.



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The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you informed of fund raising and social events within the school and also to keep you informed of the progress at Teague Street. As students of the School you are the school and without the support and generosity of your time, effort and money the school could not exist.

This then is your newsletter. It is hoped that it can be published both on the web and in print for the beginning of each term. The events of the previous term will be reported and up coming events advertised, both social and fund raising.

We look forward to receiving your suggestions and support.

Burswood Premises

With the funds raised throughout 2005 much work at the Teague Street property has been accomplished. All the classrooms have now been painted and curtaining installed in all but one. The wooden floor boards have all been stripped down, sanded and waxed to show off their natural hue. New rugs have been



purchased for the floors (to keep out winter breezes). The new stove has been installed for the baking team and is working like a dream. The bore and reticulation have undergone extensive works and the garden too has been transformed with the removal of some trees and the planting of others.

Major works on the front of the building are now in the

planning stages awaiting council approval. These works include major repairs to the driveway, parking bays for 7 vehicles, the removal and renovation of the front verandah and new guttering all round. As a heritage listed property, strict guidelines have to be followed and council must approve all proposals put forward to improve the property.

Various donations of furniture, rugs, office furniture and a computer have all helped to make the house functional and homely.



While the fund raising has enabled much to be done, your ongoing support in the form of regular donations will ensure that the restoration of the property can continue. If you don't have a regular donation in place, please consider doing so. Donations can be made at the bookshop on group nights or by direct deposit into the bank account. Ask your tutor to give you the details.

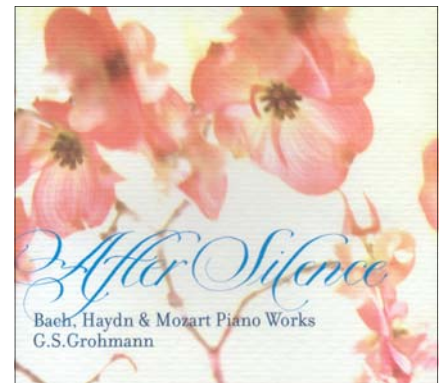
New CD for Sale

Dr Gerhard Grohmann (Canberra School) released his 6th CD of piano works titled 'After Silence' just before Christmas. The CD includes works by Bach, Haydn and Mozart.

The inside cover of the CD states that *"Mystics have declared it; saints have aspired to it; philosophers have pondered over it; scientists have stood in awe of it - the Divine, the inexpressible essence of Being. We cannot touch it, see it, or truly express it in words, and yet it is there. When all is silent, there it is - the sacred stillness, the great mystery, unfolded before us, yet utterly intangible. After silence, music most powerfully brings us face to face with the inexpressible. Be still, listen, and between each note you will find it; follow the music, beyond thought, beyond emotion, deep into*

Silence, and you will come to it in full. Great musical works, like Bach, Haydn and Mozart, are especially suited to revealing the inner peace, to expressing the inexpressible."

The Perth School has a limited number of CDs available for purchase at only \$20.00 each. All proceeds go to the John Colet School (Primary Day School) in Sydney. Throughout its life John Colet School has sought to integrate the best practices of education in one harmonious system, where children achieve high academic success, are physically fit and well trained, and are exposed to a rich, beautiful and nourishing cultural world of Shakespeare, Mozart and Leonardo Di Vinci. They study Philosophy, Sanskrit and Ancient Civilisations, as well as the times tables, basic grammar and Australian History. For twenty years this bold educational experiment has produced fine



young men and women of good character and social conscience.

Other CD's by Dr Grohmann are titled: *Consider the Lilies, Consider the Unity, A Movement and a Rest, Rejoice in the Present,* and *By the Light* which raised funds for the Perth School.

Summer Talks

At the 2005 Cultural Day held in November last year, many of the senior students who willingly gave of their time to assist on the day were not able to attend some of the talks given. In order to give these students, and others, an opportunity to hear some of them, a series of talks were given during the summer break. All the talks were very well attended and included Dr Clive Lamond on Voltaire, Mr Philip Avard on Numbers, Dr Smith on Health and Happiness and Kerry House and Kaye Bond on Gandhi. A big **Thank You** to all the speakers.