BGS Rowers Rock Carrum!

On Saturday November 28th a large group of BGS Middle School boys (including a few Year 7s) plus their coaches descended on the National Water Sports Centre at Carrum for a Rowing Victoria Regatta (hosted by Carey Grammar).

More than 40 boys have been training this term. This was their first ‘hit-out’ in interschool competition. The beginning of their journey as Brighton Grammar rowers. The boys gained much experience and had fun, as the pictures show.

It was the first regatta, too, for many of the parents, and they certainly showed they were capable of ‘making their own fun’ in the best traditions of the Boaterie (the BGS Rowing Parents’ group).

Coaches Will Simon and Scott Collie looking cool.

‘One Durkin, one gherkin’: Charlie Durkin and Ethan Lovett
Having fun: Deb Rattray (Charlie’s mum), Linda Lovett, Elliot (and Lachie) Lewis

Tough day at the office: Aleks Kulesza, Melissa Hernadi, Emma Buscombe and Megan Hanna
Oscar Lewis, Max Hanna, Martin Kulesza, Harry Matthews, Mitch Augustini (cox) and coach Oscar!

Three wise coxswains: Mitch, Charlie and Ethan at last Monday’s training at Albert Park Lake

Speaking of which, late last Sunday afternoon the entire cohort of BGS rowers and parents met on Boathouse Drive on the beautiful Yarra (Senior School boys row from a Boat House shared with the historic Mercantile Rowing Club [est. 1880]) to celebrate the annual ‘Sunset at the Sheds’ officially opening the season. A boat was christened named the Andrew and Robyn Biggin, Andrew having rowed in the 1st VIII in 1968, ‘69 and ‘70 and being Captain of Boats in his final two years. He is now the Alumni Relations Manager in the Development office and has probably helped raised millions of dollars for the school over the years. He couldn’t have done it without Robyn of course! Please permit me to add that it has been my privilege over 11 years to be involved with the wonderful group of parents and boys of the BGS Boat Club. I wish you well.
A few ‘old’ BGS rowers: All members of the 1968 1st VIII left to right – Peter Reith, Peter Thornborrow, Andrew Biggin and Peter Wilson AM.

Naming the boat .......with champagne of course!

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