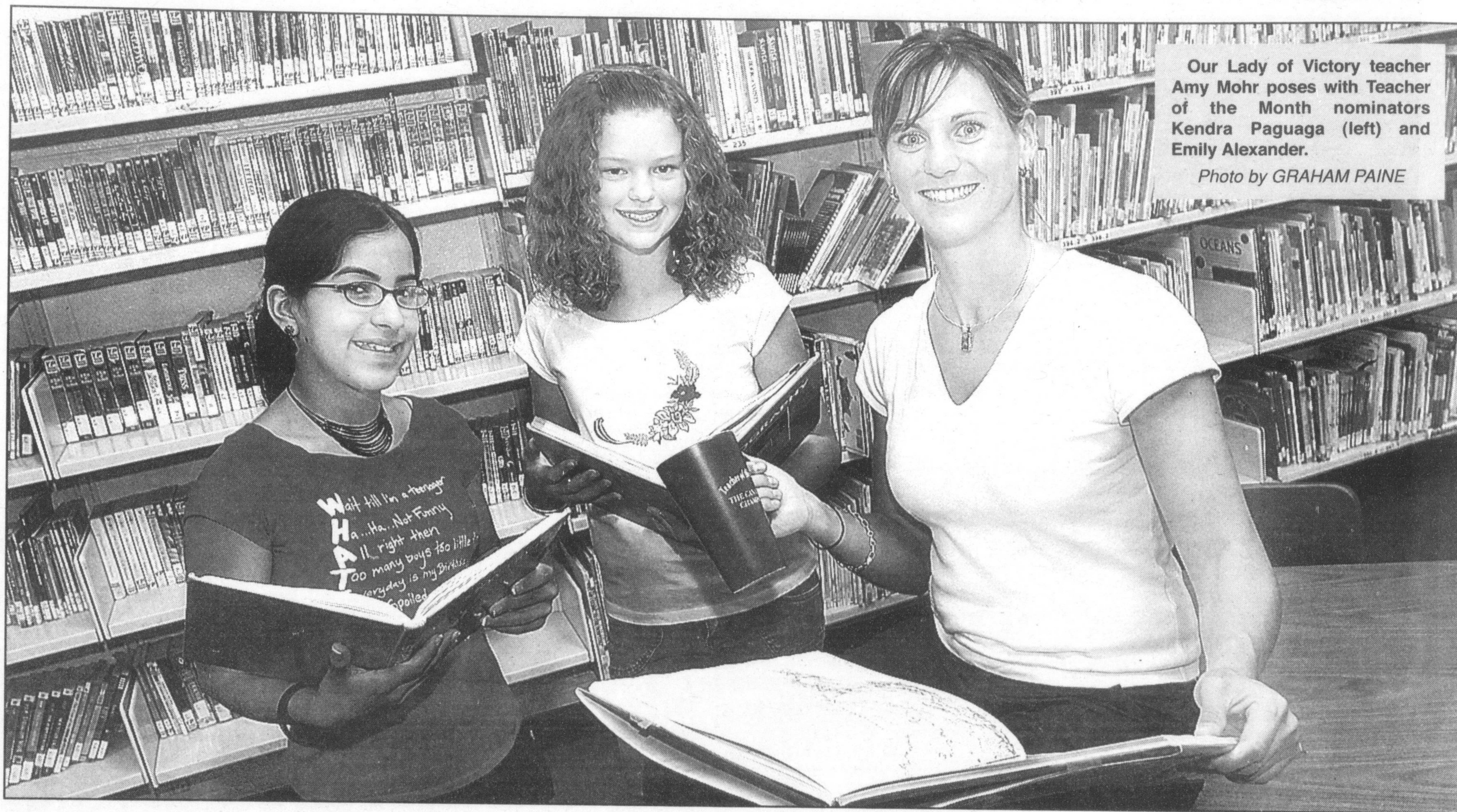


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Our Lady of Victory teacher Amy Mohr poses with Teacher of the Month nominators Kendra Paguaga (left) and Emily Alexander.

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Teacher of the Month

OLV's Mohr makes learning fun: students

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The Champion

It's the end of the school year, and Amy Mohr is finding it hard saying goodbye to the boys and girls she's spent the past two years with — grades 7 and 8.

Yesterday was her class graduation, and she said she couldn't help but shed a few tears.

Nope, she's not a student, she's the teacher. But it seems the bond between teacher and student can be just as strong as that between fellow students — maybe even stronger.

Given that she might never again see some of her students as they make their way to high school, Ms Mohr was rather emotional when she found out she'd been selected The Champion's Teacher of the Month for July.

But instead of focusing on herself, the Our Lady of Victory instructor couldn't say enough

about the 31 students she taught this year and last. "I'm extremely proud of each and every one of them. I don't want to see them go, but it's time for them to start a new chapter. I hope they'll walk away holding life lessons from this year," she said, adding she hadn't expected to become so attached to her students.

Ms Mohr said there was never any question about what she wanted to be — she always wanted to be a teacher. "Everything's been geared toward becoming a teacher. There's something incredible about knowing you can impact someone's life every day," she said.

From the sounds of things, the appreciation is mutual. Kendra Paguaga and Emily Alexander, both 13, wrote in their nomination letter: "There are no words, not enough thanks, and not enough flowers that we can give our teacher, Miss Mohr, to show our appreciation and respect... We don't know where to start to tell you about her outstanding qualities."

The girls spoke of the interest they said Ms

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Mohr took in each student and the patience she consistently showed. They also spoke of her active school involvement, whether it be with the choir, student council or field trips.

This is Ms Mohr's third year teaching.

"She is a young teacher that seems like she has been teaching for years with all the great ideas she has," they wrote.

An example of Ms Mohr's creativity is her 'Postcards From Around the World' activity for geography class, in which people living or travelling around the world mailed postcards to the

class telling them a bit about the country. The postcards were then put up on display.

Ms Mohr knows how to make learning fun, Kendra said, and is always ready to lend a listening ear to any one of her students.

"I'll miss the way she talks to you, and how she makes you feel like she's your friend," Kendra said.

Her mom, Jasmine, was equally enthusiastic about Miss Mohr being chosen July's Teacher of the Month. "This teacher is amazing and I couldn't be happier," she said.

Ms Mohr said there's a certain excitement in knowing she'll have a whole new class of students come September. And she said she hopes she feels the same way about them at the end of the next school year as she does now about her newly-graduated students.

"They've inspired me to become a better teacher."

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