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Grace, dignity and a good heart are what really matter

At the end of this term we formally farewell our current Year 12 students. This is always an important process and it is the beginning of the end of their time at All Saints’ College. It is, I hope, a time of reflection, of thanks and of excitement and as they prepare for the challenges and opportunities which await them beyond the college.

At a recent chapel service for our boarders, the girls from Marsden House farewelled the Year 12s with themes around grace and vision. It was a great service and I thank the young women for their thought and care in preparing and presenting it. After the service I spoke briefly of the importance and relevance of both grace and vision. I encouraged our Year 12 students to approach their last days at Saints’ with grace – with genuine gratitude for the opportunities and support which has been afforded them and with dignity. Grace is characterised by both thanks and dignity in how one expresses themselves and I know that our Year 12 students will display this grace as they end their classes and prepare for the HSC exams in Term 4. I also encouraged our students to be mindful of the vision they have for themselves into the future; to have dreams and to chase these and work hard towards achieving them. The scriptures tell us that without vision, the people will perish; so, it is vital that we all have dreams and develop a vision.

I often refer to a quote which suggests that “The heart of education is the education of the heart.” I absolutely agree with this!

What a person is in love with is what drives them, what sustains them and helps them endure. It is the heart that must hang in at times of endurance when reason might be suggesting we give in. The heart is the symbol for a person of their character, the cluster of values that constitutes the individuality of the person. At Saints’, we are privileged to be called to share with parents in this area of formation. The heart is the place that is fed by wonder, the inner place where faith grows. It is a wellspring from which we draw either our ability to love or sadly to hate. The heart is the energy source for our willingness to respond to a challenge, to commit, to sacrifice, to experience delight and joy in living.

Remember that as you journey beyond Saints’, you will need a compass to guide you; make honesty a compass point. Honesty is often hard and you will be tempted to the easier path, but really there is no other way. There will be times of hurt and anger, disappointment and betrayal even with those who you love, but never close the door of your home nor your heart; it is never too late to forgive. In all that you do, be gentle with yourself; the hardest journey is the journey inward and the hardest hurdle is to forgive yourself. But both the hurdle and the journey are worth it!

And in all of this, as you journey, always remember that you never walk alone. No matter what you do, God is always walking beside you and will always love and support you!

Congratulations to all of our Year 12s – we are very proud of you and wish you every blessing. Go confidently in the direction of your dreams and live the life you have imagined! Stay well and keep in touch with Saints’. And as Confucius says “Wherever you go, go with all your heart”!

UNusually good speaking

Voice NSW

All Saints’ College hosted the regional round of Voice NSW on Friday 2 September. Run by United Nations Youth, Voice is the flagship public speaking event for students in Years 7-10. Adjudicators Danielle and Karen from UN Youth travelled to Bathurst to judge the event and were very impressed with the quality of our contestants.

Unlike any other public speaking competition, UN Youth Voice asks contestants to present their innovative solutions to some of the world’s most prominent and pressing issues. The competition encourages initiative and sustainability, rewarding substance in speeches as well as speaking manner and structure.

Students are invited to select the issue about which they are most passionate from four provided topics. The aim is to suggest tangible and achievable solutions to the complications surrounding their given topic.

This is presented through a prepared speech, followed by a judge’s question time component. Congratulations to all our competitors; Chloe Petersen and Digby Sharpesham from Year 7, and Ella Lewis, Georgia Poole and Charles O’Neill from Year 10.
The school community gathered at All Saints’ Cathedral on Thursday, 22nd September, to induct our 2017 prefects, give thanks for our benefactors, and farewell the Year 12 class of 2016.

The incoming prefects, Year 12 and the official party entered the Cathedral to a stirring rendition of the College hymn, ‘For all the Saints.’

Jacque Terry began proceedings with the Acknowledgement of Country and Dean of All Saints’ Cathedral, The Very Rev’d Anne Wentzel welcomed the gathering.

Head of College, Mr Steven O’Connor, the Bishop of Bathurst, The Right Reverend Ian Palmer, and Dean Anne inducted the prefects for 2017, praying that they may diligently and faithfully exercise their responsibilities over the coming year.

Prayers were led by Jessica Settree (Year 7), Dougal Murphy (Year 10), Brodie Gay (Year 9), Sunday Wolters-Wood (Year 9), Junior School Captain Hamish Siegert and Senior School Captain Lily McClelland.

Year 12 students Alexandra Corbett-Jones and James Baker gave an address ‘What I am Thankful For’ reflecting on their time at All Saints’ College.

Mrs Sue King gave thanks for Year 12 and the Infants choir finished off the service beautifully with their blessing of Year 12 in song.
Weather fails to stop visitors flocking to fair

Spring Fair

The ground may have been a little boggy in patches thanks to recent wet weather, but that did not stop hundreds of families from flocking to the All Saints’ College Spring Fair on Sunday, 11th September.

The annual event always draws a large crowd, and Head of College Mr Steven O’Connor was pleased that many people from the wider community also came along.

“I’d say 50 percent of people here have no connection with the college other than the Spring Fair,” he said.

While some fairgoers were tempted with wild rides or the dunking machine (students donated handsomely to dunk college liaison officer Warren Stocks), others headed for the plant, cake and market stalls.

Stephanie Cupples was among the parents working at the cake stall and she said hundreds of sweet treats had been made by parents and donated by local bakeries.

“Cupcakes have sold like hot cakes,” she said. “We’ve also had gluten free cakes, toffees and honey joys.”

For the first time the college’s Festival of Art was run in conjunction with the fair under the banner of the ‘Spring Spectacular’, and Mr O’Connor said it was open across the weekend with a good number of people stopping in to see the works on show.

Students from the All Saints’ class of 1996 were in Bathurst for their 20th reunion on the weekend and were among the fair’s many visitors.

Garth Wade, who travelled from Hervey Bay to attend, said: “it’s so fantastic coming back here”.

*Story courtesy of the Western Advocate*
Festival of Art

The 2016 All Saints’ College Festival of Art was held over our Spring Fair Spectacular weekend which brought a special energy to an already grand occasion.

This year’s exhibition featured multi-award winning local Wiradjuri artist Nyree Reynolds and her hauntingly beautiful paintings of the stolen generation.

Nyree’s works were among more than 120 hung in the Kemmis building.

Entries came from far and wide with talented locals displaying alongside artists from areas stretching east to Sydney.

The exhibition, wonderfully curated by Penny May from Arts Out West, was officially opened on Saturday 10 September.

The evening was a great success with Aunty Gloria giving the welcome to country and Mayor of Bathurst Mr Gary Rush formally opening the event.

Artists mingled with guests under the fairy lights on the Kemmis lawn while enjoying music by the ASC Jazz Quartet.
Semester 2 GAP Students

Sophie Finch
Hi, my name is Sophie Finch. I’m 18 years old and I live in Somerset, England.
I attended King’s School in Bruton which is a small town where I studied English, French and History.
I am really looking forward to travelling in and around Australia over the next year, as well as taking advantage of everything going on at All Saints’ College.
My hobbies are mainly singing, netball and tennis.
After my gap, year I hope to study Italian, French and Politics at university, although that will depend on my exam results in August!

Florence Atherton
My name is Florence Atherton and I am from Kent in England. I am 18 years old and have just finished my A-Level exams where I studied fine art, photography and sport.
I love all sports but mainly hockey, netball and swimming.
This year I would like to travel the east coast and other parts of Australia before returning to study photography or design and architecture at university.
I would also like to coach a sports team so this year will help me improve in that aspect as I am working with different age groups.

Patrick Ankjaer
My name is Patrick Ankjaer and I have just finished studying my A-levels at Bede’s Senior School near Eastbourne. I studied a BTEC in sport and an A-Level in philosophy and ethics.
I was born and raised in England moving from London to the Kentish countryside at a fairly young age. This gap year at All Saints’ has provided me with the perfect opportunity to see and experience Australia and also get some work experience in a teaching/coaching role.
My main sport is rugby having represented my school, club and county. I look forward to the upcoming year and getting to know all of you!

The only way is up in the fight against MND

Firefighters Climb For MND
All Saints’ College Alliance Catering Manager and firefighter Matthew Hitchens will be going to the top of the Sydney Tower Eye to raise funds for Motor Neurone Disease (MND) in October.
The only catch is he’ll be taking the stairs, all 1,504 of them!
Matt will join Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) firies from across the state to race to the top of the tower on October 23 in support of research into this tragic condition.
MND is a progressive, terminal condition that can occur in anyone and directly affects thousands of Australians every year.
There is no known cure or effective treatment at this stage, but a team of researchers at Macquarie University hope to change that using funds raised by the Centrepoint event.
“It’s often called ALS, or Lou Gehrig’s Disease but it doesn’t matter what you call it you don’t want it,” Matt explains.
“Perfectly healthy people like you and me can get MND - it strikes indiscriminately, at any time with no proven explanation.”
MND affects the nerve cells (neurones) controlling the muscles that enable us to move, speak, breathe and swallow, causing them the degenerate and die.
A person’s senses and intellect are not affected leaving them trapped inside a dying body they have no control over.
Matt is currently in training for the race where the firefighters will lug gear weighing 20kg up 98 floors to the top of the tower.
“It’s going to be a tough, gruelling, painful slog for all, but not nearly as tough as being diagnosed with a terminal illness,” he said.
“Focusing on the reason we are doing this will help get us through the tough times.”
Matt hopes to raise $1,504 to help Macquarie University continue their important work, and would appreciate any support no matter how small your contribution.
To support him in his quest please visit https://firefightersclimbformnd.everydayhero.com/au/matthew-8
Mr-Scott Anderson
ASC saw off the second term with a laugh with staff participating in a costume day. There were all kinds of characters on display from the Wiggles to dinosaurs, Elsa to the Teletubbies and everything in between!

Organiser Rob McLean came as Marty McFly from Back To The Future but much to his frustration was most commonly identified as Tony Hawk, probably due to his skate (aka hover) board!

The Alliance kitchen crew also got into the spirit with their costumes including, a Mexican, a ketchup and mustard bottle and The Punisher!

Prizes were awarded at the end of the day with categories including, Most Effort, Least Effort, Most Boring, Ugliest Costume, Best Kids Show Costume and Best Group Effort to name but a few.

Staff were issued with fines depending on their costume or non-costume infringements with the money going towards a Staff Association charity.
Next Coona Can’t Come Sooner!

Equestrian

The All Saints’ Equestrian team delivered another great performance at the North West Equestrian Expo in Coonabarabran.

It was a rain-interrupted start with all of Saturday’s events cancelled after more than three inches fell on Friday night.

But our riders didn’t let it deter them with 9 out of 11 placing in the top ten in eventing on Sunday.

Megan Redpath led the charge, placing 4th in B grade with Georgia Butt close behind in 7th and Victoria Hoy in 14th.

Teagan Miller was our best in C grade placing 4th with Tabitha Snell and Indiana in 7th and 8th respectively.

Charlotte Trounson finished a close second in D grade followed by Jazmin Johnston in 6th and Caitlin Shirlaw in 8th.

Victoria Hoy was our top performer in the sporting horse challenge with a 1st and a 2nd making her 15 years sporting reserve champion.

Jessica Settree bounced back from a spill in the D grade cross country to receive a 5th in the 12 years sporting while Teagan placed seventh in the 16 years working horse challenge.

A packed Sunday programme concluded with Polocrosse where ASC No 1, consisting of Teagan, Jazmin, and Georgia, played a great game to win 2-0.

They qualified for the finals on Monday night where they were just edged out 1-0.

ASC No 2, consisting of Victoria, Holly Stokes, and Caitlin also played well in their 0-0 draw.

Monday was another big day with ASC competing in the showjumping, dressage and team barrel events.

Megan was crowned reserve champion in the 13 years showjumping after a 1st and 3rd place while India picked up a fourth place.

Victoria backed up Megan’s achievement in the 15 years showjumping with a 1st and 5th place earning her the reserve champion title.

Teagan was our best performer in the restricted height showjumping with a second in the 16 years event at 80cms.

Jazmin finished fifth in the same event at 60cms while Holly received a 5th in the 12 years event.

Later that night, all the girls had great fun competing in the team barrels competition before getting some rest for the final event of the expo on Tuesday – team penning.

Equestrian Captain Elizabeth Crampton said it had been a great privilege to lead the team.

“I was very fortunate in being able to travel to Coonabarabran to support my amazing equestrian riders and loved every minute of it,” she said.

“I would like to thank our team manager - his team meetings, communication and the leadership he demonstrated are something to aspire to.

“I would also like to thank Mr Ross for taking time out of his busy schedule to join us, all the parents for their support and hard work and last but definitely not least all the equestrian girls for making my last year at Coona such a memorable one.”
The New HSC ... AGAIN!

The HSC has commenced and predictably there has been a call once again for changes to be made. This time it is not that it should be ‘on-line’; something suggested more than half a dozen years ago but that it solely focuses on memorisation.

Recently, Mohan Dhal, a textbook author, experienced teacher and representative of the Australian Tutoring Association, criticised the HSC as predictable and is pushing for ‘open book’ examinations as part of a radical overhaul. Students, according to Dhal, are simply regurgitating answers and this is not a proper preparation for the real world. The new focus should be on critical and creative thinking and would lead to a redesign of the examination.

Chris Presland from the NSW Secondary Principals’ Council supports Dhal if questions are changed to promote problem-solving.

This sounds an interesting proposal. For many parents, this would be very different to their experiences. Open book examinations can be similar to traditional examinations but the major difference is that in open book examinations, students are allowed to bring their textbooks, notes or other reference materials into the examination situation. Here at All Saints’ we do use research notes and resources for some assessable tasks in Years 11 and 12.

At first glance this may seem like an easier type of examination for students, but they are designed to carefully test a student’s ability to apply their knowledge in a practical way. This is advantageous for most students because it takes away the worry about memorisation and instead allows them to focus on demonstrating their engagement with the course. This style provides a chance for students to acquire the knowledge during the preparation process of gathering suitable learning materials rather than simply recalling or rewriting it. However, much of a student’s success can depend on the accuracy of their notes, or their ability to read the course text quickly.

I can forecast some issues with this approach. Some students may spend too much time on finding out which parts of the books to look for answers instead of applying the knowledge, practical skills and reasoning ability. Also, students are unfamiliar with open-book examinations. They must be provided with clear procedures and rules. Practically, more desk space is needed for students during the examination because students must have room for their textbooks, notes and other reference materials. How does one feel about their surgeon who turns the pages of the book while performing surgery on his patients?

Nevertheless, it is important that we question what we do. We should be looking at what can be improved (if necessary). I note that a spokeswoman for the Board of Studies Teaching and Educational Standards has stated that there are no plans to implement open book examinations for HSC students... (at this stage).

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Adelaide and Megan jumping for joy...and NSW!

ASC riders Adelaide Cunningham and Megan Redpath have been selected to represent NSW at the Godolphin 2016 Australian Interschool Championships at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre from 25th-29th September 2016.

Megan (Year 7) has made the eventing team and the dressage team and will ride in the EvA80 and Intermediate Preliminary Dressage events while Adelaide (Year 6) was chosen for the combined training team and will compete at 60 cms.

This is a massive achievement by the girls with selection based on a combination of results at the recent NSW State Interschool Championships, other recent external competitions and supporting information provided by the competitors.

NSW officials said the calibre of riders was particularly high this year making the ASC girls’ achievement all the more significant.

Congratulations Adelaide and Megan!
The Year 12 Valedictory Dinner was held on Thursday, 22nd September in the Skyline Room at Bathurst Panthers and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Mr Rob King was Master of Ceremonies with the farewell to Year 12 speech was given by Mr Mark Whitfeld and the toast to Year 12 by Mr Stewart Ross. Throughout the night speeches were made by Mrs Anne Llewellyn (Old Bathurstians’ Union), Thomas Craft and Lily McClelland (Senior School Captains) and Matthew Jackman and Hannah Armstrong (Barton House Captains).

All Year 12 students were presented with a Certificate to welcome them into the Old Bathurstians’ Union.

Veterans’ Certificates were awarded to five students who had attended All Saints’ College from Kindergarten (2003) to Year 12 (2016) – Katie Horne, Alexandra Corbett-Jones, Lachlan Wilkinson, David Cant and Lily McClelland.

A superb three-course meal was served with live music for students, staff, parents and friends to listen and dance to.

A big thank you must go to Mrs Elizabeth Moller for all the time and effort she put into making it such a superb night.
Year 12 Disco

On Friday, 2nd of September Year 12 held a “Squad Goals” disco in the Kemmis building.
Students were invited to dress up as groups or individuals from groups with no shortage of creative and colourful costumes on display.
A big group of groovers ate, drank, sang and danced the evening away to the stylings of DJ Steven Nadj.
Year 12 was able to raise approximately $670 which will go towards a present for the school as a token of our appreciation for all the support, nurturing and encouragement we have received over our years at All Saints’.
Year 12 would like to thank the lighting crew, Mr Feebrey, Mrs King, the boarding staff, and all other teachers who supervised the night.
We would also like to commend and thank Steven Nadj for his fantastic DJ work. It would not have been as successful or enjoyable without him.

Neive Roebuck
The 2016 Senior Music Night was an outstanding display of musical excellence with over 100 senior school students participating in a great All Saints’ community event. Each of the 9 ensembles played their best work to over 250 guests seated at tables enjoying delicious cheese platters and sweet items purchased from the Friends of Music Cafe.

Congratulations to the Most Valuable and Improved Players for 2016 and the recipients of the special awards.

Thanks to Dr Jason Thornton, our guest, Mr Paul Smith, Mrs Frances McLeod and Elizabeth Sargeant for their work in directing and accompanying ensembles throughout 2016.

Thanks also to the Friends of Music and in particular Claire Russell and Donna Siemsen for their efforts to coordinate the Cafe and to all the parents who contributed to the Cafe.

Thanks also to the Tech Team for their provision of lights and sounds and packing up.

Here are the award winners from the evening:

- The All Rounder Award – Johanna Krebs (12)
- Music Spirit Award – Isabella Jacobson (12)
- Musician of the Year – Emma Russell (9)
- List of Most Improved (MIP) and Valuable Players (MVP)
  - Jazz Collective
    - MVP – Jack Dunn
    - MIP – Daniel Frost
  - Senior Choir
    - MVP – Angela Phillips
    - MIP – Kimaya Kapuwatte
  - A cappella Choir
    - MVP – Jemma Munro

MIP – Lachlan Phillips
Senior Concert Band
MVP – Charlie Dunn
MIP – Rhys Cutts
Stage Band
MVP – Fergus Thompson
MIP – Noah Baldwin
Jazz Band
MVP – Anthony Tran
MIP – Cal Sutton
Chamber Orchestra
MVP – Lucy Corbett-Jones
MIP – Darcie Campbell
Senior Strings
MVP – Amber Stockman
MIP – Christopher Lo
Lower Strings
MVP – Madeline Siemsen & Charlotte Russell
MIP – Jade Newham
Senior Music Night will be back bigger than ever in 2017!

Mr Jonathan Clipsham,
Coordinator of Senior School Music
Brain Bee State Finals

They mightn’t have made it to the national level but All Saints’ Australian Brain Bee state finalists Victoria Westenfelder, Rose Denovan and Charles O’Neill gained plenty of inspiration from their time in the competition.

The trio was part of a 109 strong contingent that descended on the Campbelltown campus of Western Sydney University on August 22 for a day of friendly competition, learning and fun.

Victoria said it was an enormously worthwhile experience.

“While neither I nor my fellow students from All Saints’ College will go on to compete at the next round of the Australian Brain Bee Challenge, I still consider the day to have been a valuable and interesting learning experience,” she said.

“It was fascinating to hear about the latest developments in neuroscience from scientists who are directly involved and it was an equally great opportunity to be allowed to use some of the equipment to examine the effects of electrical stimulation of the nerves.”

The quiz for individual competitors lasted only half an hour, with the rest of the morning set aside for interactive workshops and presentations by Western Sydney University scientists and advanced science students.

In a workshop the ASC students had the opportunity to electrically stimulate the nerve in their wrists, which, when done right, resulted in twitching fingers!

Afterwards, they watched presentations on the research currently being done by neuroscientists at Western Sydney University, something the ASC students found particularly interesting.

“One scientist spoke about his work on a device that might one day be able to restore sight to visually impaired people everywhere,” Victoria said.

“Another told us about the possibility of electrical brain stimulation one day being used all around the world to help people learn more quickly.”

ASC didn’t have enough students to qualify for the team competition after lunch but Victoria said it was still interesting to hear the questions being posed and play along in the audience.

“I do not doubt that many future neuroscientists were sitting with me in that audience, inspired by all that they heard that day,” she said.

Edited by Scott Anderson with thanks to Victoria Westenfelder

Brain Bee final touches a nerve for ASC students

Acting no mystery to these students

Year 12 HSC Drama

Our HSC students completed their practical examinations on the first of September, and all students produced outstanding performances. Hannah Armstrong, Tom Craft, Katie Horne, Roan Van Heekeren and Annie Windsor are all to be congratulated on their efforts.

Their group devised a performance titled “Cluedo” took the audience on a whirlwind of a journey, where just as in the board game, they had to solve a murder mystery.

Hannah Armstrong performed “Let Them Eat Cake” for her individual project and explored issues of self-objectification and confidence.

In his Individual project, Tom Craft manipulated humour, irony and shadow puppetry to bring to life a Seinfeld type comedy, leaving the audience in hysterics. Roan Van Heekeren performed a poignant piece titled “Homefires”, which explored the continued impact of the war on returned soldiers.

Annie Windsor chose a different medium, “Program and Promotion”, for her Individual Project. For this Annie composed promotional materials for Michael Gow’s “Summer of the Aliens”.

Mrs Kristine Christian
ASC secure justice for murdered Clara

Mock Trial

All Saints’ College cruised into the quarterfinals of the Law Society of NSW Mock Trial Competition with a resounding win over Montgrove College on Tuesday 20th September in Katoomba.

We acted as the prosecution in a criminal case where the defendant had been charged with Murder under section 18 (1) (a) of the Crimes Act 1900.

Our team for the third round elimination consisted of Sophie Cant and Hannah Nobes as barristers, Clare Carter as solicitor, Charles O’Neill and Paxton Hewitt as witnesses and Rose Denovan as magistrate’s clerk.

Charles played the role of David Wayne, a man whose wife, Clara had been shot and killed by the defendant when she went to collect a debt.

The defendant, Tanya Rogers claimed that she had been threatened by Clara and had just wanted to warn her off in self-defence.

She used an antique shotgun that she had recently purchased, believing that it was not loaded.

We argued that the gun had been prepared in a premeditated plan and that, if the defendant had been afraid, she could have called the police, kept the door closed or left the house when she knew that Clara was coming.

Paxton played the role of a neighbour whose efforts to listen to her favourite TV show, Play School, had been interrupted by shouting between the defendant and Clara.

She had witnessed the gun pointed directly at the victim’s head and the defendant pulling the trigger.

The magistrate complimented the team on their confidence, composure and preparation.

We won both the case and the trial very convincingly, 251-222 and now look forward to our quarterfinal battle with Liverpool Girls High.

Mrs Catherine Dundon, Mock Trial Coach and Co-ordinator

Resistance is futile, unless you’re working out!

PDPHE Sport Studies

Year 9 and 10 Physical Activity and Sports Studies (PASS) class have been visiting D2F Gym in Bathurst to experience the practical application of the theory they learn in class.

Students have been studying units on Improving Performance and Coaching and Resistance Training and they participated in these activities and more under the expert guidance of D2F staff.

Some of the things they participated in included:

• Using cardio machines including treadmills, rowers, exercise bikes and cross ski trainers
• A group tuition session with a trainer learning about proper techniques and performance
• An RPM cycling class to work on heart rate, anaerobic and aerobic endurance and strength
• Body Weight Resistance Training and Core Strength Session - THT (Tummy, Hips & Thighs)
• Bar Bell and Weight Plate use for light and endurance resistance workouts.

The students learned a huge amount from the sessions including the location of muscles they didn’t know they had!

This experience was a great foundation for the students and will serve them well whether they wish to train for a specific sport or just health, happiness and enjoyment.

Hopefully, this will be the start of many healthy habits for life.

Thank you to Mark and Raewyn at www.dedicatedtofitness.com.au for looking after us!
The annual Careers Market in Week five was a real family affair with a wide cross section of the All Saints’ and Bathurst Community coming together to showcase a huge range of occupations.

Parents, ex-students, friends and Bathurst businesses representing careers from Police to Podiatrists, Counselling to Communications and Agriculture to Army were on hand to give our Year 10 and 11 students an insight into their working lives.

With more than 40 exhibitors there was no shortage of information to be gleaned but it wasn’t all theoretical either with students participating in some fun practical exercises like suturing pork belly, reading blood pressure and piloting a wheelchair around an obstacle course!

The school cannot thank the presenters enough for giving up their time to help the students plan their futures.

Careers Market

The road to a career is paved with good research

Canberra Excursion

Year 10 visited Canberra on Thursday the 25th and Friday the 26th of August to see the High Court of Australia, the Australian War Memorial, Parliament House, and the National Museum of Australia.

These visits and their facilitated programs related directly to class work themes taught over the past year and a half in Australian History, Geography and Civics & Citizenship.

This excursion addressed specific aspects of ‘Civics and Citizenship’ and ‘Discovering Democracy’ in the History and Geography syllabus.

Students also enjoyed some free time in Civic and Ice skating on the Thursday evening.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Spencer Goddard, Mrs Lynne Woodlock and our Gappies Paddy and Flo for their help and assistance on the trip.

The students are also to be commended for their exemplary behaviour.

We trust that Year 10 gained a great deal from this interesting enrichment opportunity.

Mr Wayne Feehren
Head of HSIE

This excursion was a capital idea!
Looking after the environment should be everyone’s business

Year 12 Geography World Heritage Excursion

Striking a balance between enjoying and protecting the natural environment was a major theme of Year 12 Geography’s visit to the Blue Mountains World Heritage Area on Sunday 17th and Monday 18th July.

As part of their studies of ‘Ecosystems at Risk’ students are preparing a case study of the Blue Mountains Temperate Forest Ecosystem and this was a vital opportunity to conduct important fieldwork.

Discovery Rangers from the National Parks and Wildlife Service, led students on a three-hour bushwalk down the scenically beautiful Furber Steps pointing out features of the Eucalypt Forest and Temperate Rainforest Ecosystems.

During this fieldwork, students stayed overnight at the multi-award winning Jemby Rinjah Ecotourism Lodge in Blackheath. This was also beneficial as they will be studying ‘Ecotourism’ for the ‘People and Productive Activity’ topic area.

Here they are required to conduct a case study of an economic enterprise such as a hotel, tourist or heritage site. The Jemby Rinjah facility aims for minimal impact on the nearby World Heritage environment, as well as being a comfortable and scenic place to stay.

Whilst in the mountains students had the opportunity to visit well-known tourist attractions such as Evans Lookout, Govett’s Leap, Scenic World and Leura Village. We also had time to take in a movie at the Edge Cinema.

This fieldwork trip proved to be both an extremely valuable and enjoyable exercise for all involved with favourable weather the icing on the cake.

Many thanks to Mrs Lynne Woodlock for accompanying us on our trip. The Year 12s are also to be congratulated for their exemplary behaviour and enthusiasm during the excursion. Well done!

Mr Wayne Feebrey, Head HSIE, Year 12 Geography Teacher
Under 15s weather Redlands Storm to take ISA title

ASC became the ISA Division 2 Under 15s champions with a strong 25-10 win over Redlands in the grand final at Oakhill on Saturday 20 August.

The victory capped a dream year for the team who were unbeaten in the regular season but the scoreline didn’t really reflect the closeness of the match with Redlands really putting it to our boys early in the second half.

Both teams traded field position with accurate kicking, hard running and vigorous defence.

A very determined ASC team worked hard to gain the ascendancy in the first 20 minutes of the game.

Great support play and determined ruck work helped them to a convincing 15-nil lead but Redlands gave a glimpse of what was to come as they threw themselves into the contest testing the ASC defence in the last five minutes of the half.

Redlands stormed into the second half with a new found enthusiasm for straight running and aggressive defence and 10 minutes in had narrowed the margin to 15-10.

ASC realised they were in a dogfight and dug deep in a nail-biting period of the game.

It wasn’t until the backline exploded and produced one of the team’s best tries all year that they were finally able to breathe a little easier.

A penalty late in the game sealed a memorable result for this group of boys who also defeated Redlands in the Under 14s grand final last year.

Through persistence and application at training, the boys have developed a great bond and belief in their ability.

They would not have won the grand final without this and their ability to work as a team.

The team would like to thank the College community for their support and enthusiasm during the finals.

Chevalier win but gallant Saints earn the respect of all

The ASC First XV can hold their heads high following their gallant 36-24 loss to Chevalier in the ISA Division 2 Grand Final at Oakhill on Saturday 20 August.

In a stirring assembly speech captain Matthew Jackman said he could not have been more pleased with his team.

“We may not have gotten the result we hoped for but we did ourselves and the school proud,” he said.

“For the Year 12s in the team this was their final game in the blue and red and the memories we have created will be remembered forever.”

Just as they did in last week’s semi-final ASC got off to a slow start with Chevalier crossing for a couple of early tries.

But Matthew said this didn’t rock the team’s confidence at all.

“We were not concerned as we knew that they were going to come out strong and through great discipline and smart football we managed to play our way back into the game with our first try,” he said.

“The belief within the boys was showing, all we needed was the ball in hand and we could take it right to Chevalier College.”

And take the game to them they did marching up the field on the back of some rampaging runs.

But Chevalier had the lion share of possession and more often than not ASC found themselves defending their own try line.

An enormous defensive effort held Chevalier at bay and ASC managed to sneak in for another try of their own giving them an unlikely 14-12 lead at halftime.

ASC were looking to go on with the job in the second half but Chevalier kept possession brilliantly preventing ASC from using its potent attacking arsenal.

Matthew said the match looked beyond reach when Chevalier added another two tries but no one was giving up.

“The All Saints’ boys showed that never say die attitude that this school is known for and kept playing their hearts out until the final buzzer,” he said.

“We scored a well-deserved try as the final whistle sounded to end our 2016 season making the final score 36-24.”

Well done boys!
Speaking up for the little guys

ASC Year 11 students Nicholas Brouggy and Patrick Harrison experienced what it was like to represent a small nation in a big, complex world in the semi-finals of the Evatt NSW competition in Sydney recently.

Evatt NSW is a Model United Nations Security Council diplomacy competition for students in Years 9 to 12.

It takes the form of a mock session of the UN Security Council where teams of two students debate, amend, and vote on prepared and impromptu resolutions from the perspective of their assigned nation.

The ASC boys had the task of representing the small West African nation of Senegal and despite having some heavyweight allies in France and the United States of America it was always going to be a tough task to make a big impression.

They had two weeks to prepare for the first two resolutions and went into the first, on fissile materials (materials capable of sustaining a nuclear fission chain reaction) feeling reasonably confident.

“The first resolution really worked in our favour as Senegal has very little to do with fissile materials,” Patrick said.

“It gave us a good chance to form alliances and scout out the opposition.”

The second resolution, on the question of Libya, was a very different story with Patrick and Nicholas right in the thick of the debate.

“As an African nation concerned about our border security we were strongly in favour of this resolution,” Nicholas said.

“But we were unable to pass some key amendments and it failed.”

The impromptu resolution was on the question of foreign military bases. While there are currently no foreign military bases in Senegal it has only recently signed a defence accord with the U.S. allowing “the permanent presence” of American soldiers in the country, especially to help fight against the terrorist threat.

“After intense debate and many amendments we thought maybe it might pass,” Patrick said.

“Unfortunately, though the whole resolution was vetoed by the U.S. to no one’s surprise!”

Newcomers to Evatt, Patrick and Nicholas said they gave it their best shot and took a lot away from the experience.

“Altogether it was a very enjoyable experience to be in a room full of extremely intelligent people with amazing public speaking and debating skills,” Patrick said.

Teagan shows off rugby 7s skills in front of 80,000!

Women’s Rugby 7s

There wouldn’t be too many students out there who could say they have played in front of 80,000 people but All Saints’ Teagan Miller can do just that after the Bledisloe Cup clash between Australia and New Zealand at ANZ Stadium on August 20.

Teagan played in an exhibition Rugby 7s match at halftime with and against other members of the NSW Women’s Youth Development Squad.

It has been a whirlwind rise into the NSW ranks for Teagan who only started playing Rugby 7s two years ago and admits to not even liking it at first!

“But now, she says she hardly has time for anything else!

“Sevens is pretty much my main thing now, my only thing.”

“If I’m not off playing somewhere I’m training so it’s pretty full on – I even have a special app on my phone that keeps me advised of all the upcoming tournaments and training sessions I need to be at.”

The Bledisloe appearance kicked off a busy end to the year for Teagan who will play for Central West in the NSW Women’s Youth 7s Championships at Coffs Harbour in October.

A good performance there should see her back in blue for the National Women’s Youth 7s Championships in Perth in December.

Scott Anderson
Four Year 8 students from ASC delved into the murky world of gangland crime during the holidays at the 2016 TAS Forensic Science Camp.

Held at the Armidale School in New England, the camp is the pre-eminent activity of its type on the Eastern Seaboard attracting budding detectives from across Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria.

Students form teams of four and are given a case to investigate with the aim of making an arrest and bringing the accused to trial by the end of the five-day camp.

It is incredibly realistic with participants able to interview witnesses, order medical and scientific tests, search criminal databases, test physical evidence in the laboratory and request search warrants.

Our detectives, Samantha Porter, Matilda Whittaker, Jade Newham and Abby Dinger worked a case that initially looked like a kidnapping but spiralled into something far worse as they pieced together the facts.

“We were looking into the kidnapping of Emma Martin,” Samantha said.

“But then Claire Hall was reported missing, and considering that she and Emma were best friends we thought the disappearances had to be linked.”

The team didn’t have a lot of evidence to go on at the time, although a lamp shard covered in blood and a newspaper article was found at Emma’s home.

The girls were running forensic tests on the evidence and searching the police criminal database when another report came in of an assault on Maggie Johnson.

At the crime scene, there was a cricket bat covered in Maggie’s blood, tyre tracks and a set of footprints.

Kidnapping turned into murder the next day when Emma Martin’s body was found in a barn on the outskirts of Armidale that had been the scene of a shootout between two rival biker gangs.

Samantha said this was a major development in the case.

“Emma had been shot three times and through a ballistic investigation, we could trace the bullets that killed her back to a gun registered under the name Ron Evans.

“We had our suspect and on Thursday afternoon we submitted a warrant to search Ron Evans’ house.”

The search bore fruit straight away with Claire Hall found alive on the premises and the tread pattern on Ron’s shoes and tyres exactly matching those found at the scene of Maggie Johnson’s assault.

The team arrested Ron on the morning of the second last day of the camp and spent the afternoon preparing for the committal hearing.

They put forward their case explaining the evidence against Ron Evans with the Judge concluding that he should be sent to trial on one count of murder, one count of kidnapping and two counts of assault.

All four girls agreed the camp was something for this year’s Year 7 class to really watch out for in 2017.

Would you know what to do in a fire?

Fire Safety Seminar

Would you know what to do if a fire broke out in your home, classroom or boarding house?

Do you have a bushfire plan?

These were two of the questions being asked by ASC student Rural Fire Service volunteers Cameron Redpath (Year 11) and Dylan Boyd (Year 12) at a special fire safety seminar for Long House at the Library.

During the seminar, the students were shown videos of how quickly a fire can spread.

One caused by a tiny spark from the lights on a plastic Christmas tree engulfed an entire lounge room in less than two minutes while another, a simple frying pan oil fire exploded like a ‘hydrogen bomb’ when a cup of water was thrown on it.

Assisted by ASC staff RFS member Patrick Sinclair, the boys showed the students through the various types of extinguishers, how to use them and importantly what types of fire to use them on.

They also demonstrated the correct way to place a fire blanket on top of a blaze.

Cameron has been with the RFS at Eglinton for just over a year now while Dylan has been a member at Oberon for several years.

Both are the youngest members of their brigades.

They also presented seminars for Bean and Barton Houses.

Mr Scott Anderson
Engineering the Future

UNSW High School Engineering Information Day

It looked like a straightforward careers day but All Saints’ Year 11 students Matthew McCumstie and Nicholas Brouggy came away from the UNSW High School Engineering Information Day with a whole new appreciation of the profession.

“The experience was immensely informative, for both university attendance in general and engineering as a future path of study,” Matthew said.

Nicholas agreed adding that the chance to talk with current students and view their projects was most enlightening.

“It has given us clarity as to the specific branches of engineering we could embark upon, and really brought home how much the earth’s future will be shaped by and dependent upon careers like engineering.”

During the day the students were able to explore three different branches of engineering, electrical engineering and telecommunications, mechanical and manufacturing, and chemical engineering.

The mechanical engineering component was particularly interesting with Nicholas and Matthew being introduced to several student-led engineering societies responsible for some remarkable innovations.

One of these, “Sunswift”, had broken the world record for the fastest solar car and the design of the vehicle allowed it to travel more than 500km on battery and solar power alone.

Another, “Red Back”, engineer formula one race cars and the materials used to build them.

Their design featured aluminium utilising a unique honeycomb-like structure making it very light but immensely strong.

The clubs feature a mix of students from first-year to post-graduates, all coming together to share ideas, knowledge and creativity.

Mechanical Engineering concluded with a tour of the manufacturing shop, where a two million dollar machine produces a range of carbon fibre composites to be tested by various rigs.

“Chemical engineering” followed and centred on using hydrogen as a fuel. Electrolysis was used to separate water into hydrogen and oxygen with the hydrogen to be used to power a small car.

Various calculations were needed to determine the right amount of fuel to power the car for a set distance, with multiple tests carried out to achieve this.

This led the students to investigate a much larger scale device, a hydrogen-powered electric bike, where a clever method of absorbing hydrogen gas into a solid compound increased storage capacity and allowed the bike to be ridden for 120km.

Aggies sink their teeth into meaty subjects!

Agriculture News

It has been a bumper term for All Saints’ Agriculture students with a mix of activities involving the meat and dairy industries.

Students in Year 9 and 10 have been focusing on Prime Lamb production which included a field trip to the Reynolds’ new butcher shop in West Bathurst.

There they learnt how to break down a lamb carcass and received some great insights into running a butcher shop.

We were very appreciative of the opportunity and recommend you visit too!

The ‘Cows Create Careers’ programme has just begun again and local dairy farmer Kevin Sheehan has loaned us three Jersey Heifers which we are hand raising at the farm.

Sponsored by Dairy Australia, the programme involves both theoretical and practical activities.

Students also make a movie in support of their learning experience.
Rebecca’s back with a new outlook

UN Youth Pacific Project

Life-changing is how All Saints’ Year 11 student Rebecca Vann describes her two-week UN Youth Pacific Project in East Timor during the Winter school holidays.

Rebecca went away expecting to learn about another culture, sustainable development, and international aid but came back with a whole new outlook on life.

“As delegates, we were warned about culture shock,” she said.

“We were warned that the poverty would be confronting and their attitudes and values would be different.

“But it’s impossible to be able to fully prepare yourself for what you’re going to experience and the confronting nature of the difference between East Timor and Australia opened up our constricted ways of thinking and developed us in terms of character.

“The hardest thing I found was realising that I’d been misplacing my time and energy and getting caught up in the little things.

“A lot of the time, we present ourselves in a certain way so that we can fit into other people’s images of ourselves and so we can feel like we belong but to be thrown into an environment where the only thing that really matters is who you are as a person and how you connect with people, was something that I’d never experienced before.”

But despite the poverty and challenges Rebecca said she found the East Timorese truly inspiring.

“They’re positive, un-shakeable outlook on life was one of the most enriching things I gained from this trip.

“While over there, I didn’t meet a single person that had a negative outlook on life, or that approached us with anything but open arms and acceptance.

“This is especially incredible as East Timor has such a dark history, being controlled by foreign countries for hundreds of years and enduring many atrocities.”

During the two weeks, Rebecca was able to speak with grassroots organisations, micro-finance and the Australian Ambassador and experience first-hand the challenges faced by them.

In Maliana, she and her fellow delegates were welcomed into the programme’s partner school, Encouragement House, as part of the cultural immersion program.

“The Pacific Project isn’t just a 2-week tour of East Timor,” Rebecca said.

“The beauty of the program is that each year, the current delegates deliver a donation from the previous year as a result of their experience.

“So now, we have to turn our experience into something the East Timorese can benefit from and continue the cycle for next year’s delegation.”

Rebecca said the delegates were particularly affected by the plight of Halecou, a rural orphanage in desperate need of assistance.

“We don’t have a specific plan yet but we were all really touched by a place we visited called Halecou, which is a rural orphanage that’s really struggling to progress.

“This is for a number of reasons, mainly including a lack of government support and the fact that they’re so hard to reach because of the poor quality of the roads.”

Rebecca said she would be trying to hold more fundraising events and hopes to also establish a website where people can donate online.

Rebecca said she hoped others would follow in her footsteps.

“Timor was a life changing experience for me,” she said

“It has empowered me, taught me the importance of kindness and has opened my eyes to the world around me.

“I’d strongly recommend looking into UN Youth – check out their website (https://unyouth.org.au) or come and talk to me or Mrs (Sarah) O’Neill, who has been a huge help throughout this entire process.”

Edited by Mr Scott Anderson with thanks to Rebecca Vann
Our juniors feel the need to succeed

There are so many different opportunities available to students at All Saints’ College that I am flat out keeping up with the successes and achievements of all of our wonderful students. Whether it is sport, music, creative arts, academia or cultural pursuits, our students are continually striving to achieve personal bests. This year has been no different and I am proud to have the opportunity to congratulate both individuals and groups on their great efforts.

There has been a number of standout individual achievements that I would like to make special mention of as they are all great examples of students putting in their best efforts.

Todd Nelson (Year 5) is an enthusiastic runner who, through his excellent performance at the NSW PSSA Championships, gained selection in the NSW team to compete at the National Cross Country Championship in Canberra. Todd came fifth at the National Championships and did a personal best time. A terrific achievement!

Adelaide Cunningham (Year 6) loves horses and is passionate about competing in equestrian events. Adelaide was recently selected in the New South Wales Equestrian team to compete against other states at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre. This is an outstanding achievement as there were only 4 children selected in each age group from New South Wales.

Noah Siede (Year 5) is a member of our Year 5 and 6 debating team who performed extremely well in the Heads of Independent Co-Educational Schools (HICES) debating competition this year. Noah was presented with the award of best overall debater in the entire HICES Junior competition.

Vidu Liyanapathirana is a quiet achiever and very talented scientist. Vidu was awarded a High Distinction in the University of New South Wales ICAS Science Competition this term. A student needs to be in the top 5% to receive a High Distinction and Vidu deserves congratulations for such a great result.

Our music programme offers a wide variety of opportunities where children can display their talents and newly acquired skills. Recently in the Australian Music Examination Board exams, Charlie Croaker (Year 1) was awarded an A in piano as was Jemima McLeod (Year 4).

We have also had many great achievements by teams and groups. Being part of a team gives children the opportunity to develop the many skills needed to work collaboratively with others which are essential life skills.

Our Year 5 and 6 debating team have been competing in the Heads of Independent Co-Educational Schools (HICES) debating competition this year. Their performance has been outstanding and, by winning their regional round robin competition, they managed to make it through to the quarter-finals. This is the furthest a Junior School debating team has gone in this competition and was a significant achievement for all students involved.

Students in our swimming team competed at the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre (SOPAC) at the HICES Swimming Carnival in Term 1. In Term 2 our cross country team travelled to the Bong Bong Racetrack in Bowral for the HICES Cross Country Carnival. At both of these events, the teams won the Points Averages Shield demonstrating their wonderful performances as a group.

We have had much success on the sporting field with our two senior teams, Under 12 football and Under 12 netball making it to their respective grand finals.

The football team lost to Eglinton in a penalty shootout but the netball team took the trophy. Both of these teams have displayed a great deal of spirit and sportsmanship throughout the season.

Playing and performing music is just as much about being in a team as sport. Our Intermediate Concert Band have been working very hard in practice and were rewarded for their efforts with first place in the Cowra Eisteddfod. As I write there are many music ensembles, bands and choirs preparing for performances at the Bathurst Eisteddfod. No doubt they will be fantastic ambassadors for the College whilst participating in this event.

I could go on and on but the list would be far too long for this article. I congratulate all of the Junior School students for their successes so far this year and encourage them to keep putting in their best efforts for Term 4.
The Junior School debating team competed in the HICES debating Quarter Finals on Wednesday 24th August against Macarthur Grammar. The team performed extremely well but unfortunately, they were defeated. Congratulations to all members for reaching this level as this made history in the Junior School!

Mrs Kay Murray

On Wednesday, 31st August the Year 6 class held a cake stall for all of the students in the Junior School. The stall was organised to raise funds for the upcoming Year 6 Valedictory Dinner. The stall was a huge success. Well done to the Year 6 students for running the stall so well. Thank you to all of the parents who donated goodies for the stall and to all of the Junior School students who contributed to the fundraising.

Ms Jodie Shurmer
RFS Visit

Years 5 and 6 have been studying bushfires as part of the new Geography curriculum.
To emphasise the importance of this subject the Rural Fire Service visited us.
The students were divided into two groups with one exploring the fire truck and the other answering questions in the classroom.
Thank you to Mr Gary Hansen for bringing the team to the school and talking to the students.

Mrs Kay Murray and Ms Jodie Shurmer
Term 3 was all about Book Week in the Junior Library.

In the lead up to Book Week (August 22nd-26th), lessons had been focused on the Children’s Book Council of Australia (CBCA) shortlisted books for the Book of the Year awards. Kindergarten – Year 2 had activities based on books from the Early Childhood category; culminating in a vote for the book they deemed to be Book of the Year.

On Tuesday 23rd August the library hosted the Pyjama and Pizza night, where the infants students could make their Book Fair purchases, answer book trivia questions and of course eat pizza in their pyjamas! The winner of the Early Childhood Book of the Year (‘Mr Huff’ by Anna Walker) was announced and Sian Campbell (Year 1) was the winner of a $20 Book Fair voucher for her vote. Evie Brown also won a $10 voucher for choosing the All Saints’ Book of the Year – ‘Piranhas Don’t Eat Bananas’ by Aaron Blabey.

Students from Years 3 – 6 made book trailers using the iMovie app and on the Thursday we had a special Book Trailer Premiere. Parents and friends were invited to come and enjoy a sausage sizzle, purchase from the Book Fair and watch the magic on the big screen!

Book week is a big week of celebrating children’s books in the library and the library staff would like to extend a big thank you to all who participated.

Ms Giselle Williams
Records fall as Esrom claim athletics crown

Junior School Athletics Carnival

All Saints’ College Junior School students put their speed, endurance, strength and power to the test in barely suitable conditions at the Inter-House athletics carnival.

While some heats had already been run, all students had the opportunity to compete in the 100m, 800m and turbo javelin on the day. Many students also competed in the 200m, shot put, discus and long jump events.

Pleasingly all students were able to dig deep and find the energy to perform at their best and we saw some terrific results on the day.

Special mention must go to the 5 students who broke individual records:
- Lauren Cant 12 Yrs Girls Turbo Javelin (24.29m)
- Charles Rendall 10 Yrs Boys Turbo Javelin (28.45m)
- William Stanmore 12/13 Yrs Boys Turbo Javelin (29.94m)
- Jemima McLeod Junior Girls Discus (16.1m)
- William Purvis 12/13 Boys Yrs Discus (23.7m)

Our infants students delighted their fans with some exciting 100m sprints and while they were all smiles down the track, it was nothing compared to the joy on their faces as they received their participation ribbon at the finish line. We look forward to watching these champions progress through the age groups in years to come.

Congratulations to the age champion and runner-up recipients and to Esrom House, reigning athletics champions for 2016.

Mrs Kay Nelson

2016 Junior School Inter-House Athletics Champions

Back Row: Mia Reynolds, Lauren Cant, William Stanmore, James Burgess, Hannah Stanmore.

Years 5 and 6

This July Years 5 and 6 had the opportunity to learn about State Government from the best possible source, State Member for Bathurst, and Minister for Local Government The Hon Paul Toole MP.

Mr Toole spoke to Years 5 and 6 explaining his role as a representative of the Bathurst electorate.

At the end of his talk, the students asked some extremely well-informed questions that demonstrated their depth of understanding and a keen interest in State Government.

Thank you to Mr Toole for taking the time to speak to the students - it was very much appreciated.

Mrs Kay Murray and Ms Jodie Shurmer

Are you ministerial material?

A new tub of worms!

Year 2

Year 2 welcomed some wiggly guests into their classroom this term with the arrival of a tub full of mealworms!

The students studied the development of the mealworms and the effect of different temperatures on their maturation into darkling beetles.

Mrs Johanne Nicholls
Girls glitter at awards dinner

Marsden House Dinner

Saturday 27th August saw all of the Marsden House girls, 19 parents and friends and 10 staff gather at The Carrington for a wonderful formal dinner.

The setting was truly lovely and the girls were resplendent in all their finery for the occasion!

The Year 11 girls gave farewell speeches to the Year 12 girls who were then presented with a red rose and a photo album of “memories” of their time at All Saints’ and Marsden House. We also presented certificates and Honour Boards to celebrate the girls’ achievements throughout the year.

Thank you to the Headmaster Mr Steven O’Connor, his wife Trudy and daughter Hilary for being our guests for the evening and to Mr O’Connor for presenting the following awards:

- Marsden House Captain 2016 – Jacque Terry
- ‘All Rounder’ awards – Clare Carter, Tasha Hurley, Chlorissa Bowman-Clift
- ‘Quiet Achiever’ awards – Jemma Emery, Lauren Selmes, Hannah Nobes
- ‘Sincerity’ awards – Anna Single, Ellena Shearing
- ‘Sports Star’ award – Lillie Emery
- ‘Most Improved Behaviour and Attitude’ awards – Sharmeakah Riley, Megan Davis

- ‘The Best Room’ award – Jessica McCarthy
- ‘Cleanest Room’ – Megan Davis
- ‘Most Improved Rooms’ – Holly Stokes, Sharmeakah Riley
- ‘The Best Room’ award – Jessica McCarthy
- ‘Cleanest Room’ – Megan Davis
- ‘Most Improved Rooms’ – Holly Stokes, Sharmeakah Riley

Our final two special awards with Honour Boards went to –

- Lauren Selmes – ‘Certificate of Appreciation’ for showing leadership in the house and being helpful to staff and students.
- Heidi Stokes – the ‘Spirit of Marsden’ award for being the ultimate role model, displaying thoughtful and mature behaviour, making positive choices and self-motivation and dedication towards study.

The Honour Boards are on the wall in the duty office for all visitors to see! Congratulations to the girls for their achievements and to all Marsden House girls for a great year so far!

A special thank you to the parents, some of whom travelled quite long distances, and to the staff for supporting the girls and coming along to the dinner. We had a really lovely night. The girls are indeed a credit to the school.

Mrs Gillian McAllister, Head of Marsden House/Girls’ Boarding
Abercrombie House hosted the annual Watson Dinner on Saturday 6 August. A special night for boarders, families and staff of Watson House, the dinner celebrates what makes Watson House as special as it is - the mutual contributions and individual successes of the boarders.

Shields were awarded to boarders for improvement, spirit and service.

Award winner were:
- James Baker and Benson Saap for Improvement in Boarding.
- Claude Beitz for Service to Boarding.
- McLangton Mbakada for Spirit in Boarding.

Headmaster Mr Steven O’Connor attended the evening as did Head of Senior School Mr Stewart Ross making it all the more special for the boarders and their families.

Representatives from Year 11 and 12 spoke at the evening wishing our senior students well for the HSC and life after school. They also thanked significant supporters of the boarders in particular cleaner extraordinaire Mrs Di Coopes for her continuous efforts within Watson House.

Mr Brad Allen, Head of Boys Boarding and Watson House
The Olympics came to All Saints’ on Thursday, 4th August as the dining room became a sea of Australian flags and icons.

Boarders and staff came dressed up either in their country’s colours or as an athlete with costumes from athletics, fencing, equestrian, boxing, and cycling.

There were many painted faces with colours representing different countries, the Olympic rings, the British flag, the green and gold of Australia and the black fern of New Zealand.

We enjoyed a great internationally flavoured meal with Spanish paella, Chinese spring rolls, Asian chicken wings, German sausages, Italian frittata and Aussie jelly cups in green and gold!

Thank you to Matt Hitchens and his team of Margo, Kristy and Chris for the wonderful food!

During the course of the evening Mr Brad Allen organised a couple of fun activities and presented gold, silver and bronze medals for “Heads and Tails” and “thumb wrestling” – see photos of our winners on the podium.

A great night was had by all.

Mrs Gillian McAllister – Head of Marsden House/Girls’ Boarding
Marsden girls run into fun at Athletics Carnival

Marsden

We finally managed to score a fine day for the annual Athletics Carnival on Friday, 5th August after it had postponed on several occasions due to inclement weather.

The Marsden girls had a great day dressing up in their house colours, donning face and body paint, cheering on their fellow house members and, of course, competing in events!

I was unable to attend this year as Lynne Woodlock and I were travelling to represent the school at the Nyngan Ag Expo.

Thank you to Allison Welsh (Assistant Head of Marsden House) who took lots of photos on the day.

Thank you also to the boarders’ parents who travelled down for the day.

Mrs Gillian McAllister - Head of Marsden House/Girls’ Boarding
Boarding Community

The ASC boarding community bid farewell to two gappies and a popular member of the residential staff on Tuesday, 21st June.

Peter Clackson and Alice Gray were returning to the UK while Nathaniel Osborne, who has been a Residential Assistant in Watson House for the past four years, was moving on with his wife to follow his career.

Nathaniel or ‘Nate’ as he is known will most definitely be missed for his time with the boys and we all wish him and his wife Grace all the very best in Newcastle where Nate will start his career as a paramedic and Grace will continue her nursing career.

A lovely meal was provided (chosen by Alice and Peter) with biscuits and cheese on the table as a starter, chicken parmigiana, and vegetables for main and individual Pavlovas for dessert.

Thank you to Catering Manager Matt Hitchens and his team for all the work they put into this.

Invited guests for the evening were ASC Headmaster Mr Steven O’Connor, his wife Trudy, and daughter Hilary.

Mr O’Connor said a few words thanking the Gappies for everything they have done for All Saints’ in their time here, both in boarding and in the day school, and then said Grace.

After the meal, the festivities moved to the Kemmis Building where House-Captains Claude Beitz and Jacque Terry MC’d a special tribute.

Claude and Jacque both spoke about the gappies as did Josh Willcox (Watson House Vice-Captain) and Lauren Selmes (Year 12 Marsden House).

Tasha Hurley (Year 11) showed an amusing video clip she had put together of Alice’s time at ASC and then the house leaders held an entertaining quiz segment where they asked Nate, Alice and Peter questions about boarding life, the students, the staff and some of the residents’ favourite sayings!

All the students and staff in attendance had a great time with much laughter throughout the evening!

Thank you to the O’Connor family for coming along and also to former Chaplain Paul Woodhart, who came along to the Kemmis festivities.

“THANK YOU, GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK” Alice, Peter, and Nate!

Mrs Gillian McAllister
(Head of Marsden House/Girls’ Boarding)
Not just a name on the wall

In Memory of Lieutenant Alan Russell Blacket. 2nd Division, 19th Battalion,
All Saints’ College 1905 – 1912. Wounded in action at the battle of Poziers July 20, 1916 and
died in the Bologne Field Hospital 16th August 2016.

There is a Plaque in our Chapel in memory of Alan Blacket. It was placed on the wall of the first Chapel and when the College re-opened in 1923 and the Chapel moved to its present site, Alan’s plaque was removed and replaced on the southern wall.

Thousands of students have sat near the plaque and it has ‘heard’ countless addresses over the years.

It is only fitting that our attention should be directed to Alan this year as it is the Centenary of his death on the battlefields. While this piece is about Alan it should be noted that he is one of 13 fallen All Saints’ students having a 100 year anniversary this year.

Alan was Dux of the College in 1912 and captained both the First XV Football and First XI Cricket Teams.

In the cricket photo, he has the bat at his feet and he holds the ball in the rugby photo. He captained the football team which famously defeated Stannies.

Alan was in his third year of Law at Sydney University when he signed up. Our tour of the now peaceful green fields of the WW1 battlefields in September / October will offer us a deeper understanding of the carnage, horror, and grief of war.

The centenary of Alan Blacket’s tragic death is a chance for our College community to reflect on this and the heroism of all the young men who died.

Our College contributed much to that heroic memory.

Another son of the College, Charles Bean, was to become the historian of excellence for this War. A Post War Bathurstian carried the following anonymous words of deep, sad insight and cloying honour which, I think, could be pinned to any of the young men who went from All Saints’ College:

“Popularity carries with it serious responsibilities, and frequently proves a dangerous possession; and more particularly does this hold in the case of a boy, just because he is a boy and lacks the discretion and sense of proportion that should come with more mature years.

“Seldom perhaps has a boy come through this ordeal more unspoiled that did Alan Blacket.

“It is difficult to write down one’s estimate of his character, because it is so easy to let one’s appreciation of his lead beyond the severe limit that his own modesty would have set.

“As we knew him at school, he was no Sir Galahad, but a vigorous, human boy, with a disposition saturated with sunshine, with a high sense of humour, a perfect straightforwardness, a keen appreciation of manly pleasures – in fact, just such a boy-ish boy as one would like one’s own son to be.

“In school he found his difficulties, and overcame them by application and sound common sense rather than by marled ability; he passed his various examinations satisfactorily, and was going through University in the same solid fashion.

“Out of school he was keen and capable in his games; in football his pluck and skill made him prominent, even though he lacked the accidental aid of weight; in cricket he was conspicuous in every department, and his consistent batting – frequently in rough wickets, and against men well seasoned in the bowler’s art – gained him his place in the district team.

“He enlisted last year, and he had not been long at the front when his call came to make the one supreme sacrifice; and we who knew him best need no testimony to convince us that he faced death with all the old pluck, and even with that half smile which he used to wear when fighting desperately for victory for A.S.C. on the cricket or football field.

“And now, sadly, but very proudly, we see his name written in our Roll of Honour, and on the lengthening list of those who have died gloriously for King and Country – one whose memory the College delights to remember and the heroism of all the young men who have died for King and Country – one whose name will be read out as we stand in silence at Villers Bretonneux.

Our European Tour will include our own service of honour and remembrance at Villers Bretonneux.

The names of our All Saints’ boys will be read out as we stand in silence beside the white grave tablets.

I conclude with these words written in 1624 by a former dean of St Paul’s Cathedral London, John Donne:

“No man is an island, intire of itselfe; every man is a piece of the Continent, a part of the maine; if a clod bee washed away by the Sea, Europe is the lesse, as well as if a Promontorie were, as well as if a Mannon of thy friends or of thine owne were; any mans death diminishes me, because I am involved in Mankinde; therefore send not to know for whom the bell tolls. It tolls for thee.”

The Rev’d Paul Woodhart, ASC
Chaplain 2003-2012
Sources: Photos from the Blacket family, Bathurstian quote from Tony Cable’s extensive notes of each serving Old Boy.
OBU member Sam Coote from Bathurst has some OBU lapel pins that he’s happy to GIVE away. You can contact him direct at wjcoote@bigpond.com and add “lapel pin” to the title.

CONGRATULATIONS to OBU members Richard Crossing, Lou Shehade and Tim Sargeant who were all recognised as ‘living legends’ in Bathurst’s recent 200 celebrations. Well done gentlemen!