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Cover photo: William Siegert and Elizabeth Crampton dancing at the Presentation Ball. In the background are Joel Lo Ribeiro (obscured) and Sarah Driver

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All Saints’ College has recently received an audit report on its IT infrastructure and strategies conducted by the Association of Independent Schools of NSW in conjunction with Combined Management Consultants. As a result of the report’s recommendations, All Saints’ has decided to modify its information technology platform operating in the Senior School to enrich the classroom experience for all students in Years 7-12 from 2017.

The platform involves a departure from the iPad programme towards a Bring Your Own Designated Device (BYODD) programme and further utilisation of the Edumate School Management System. Under the BYODD programme, students in Years 7-12 will be required to bring their own laptop for use in all classes as an aid to their learning. In time, students will be able to access class resources, assignments, discussions, marks and teacher feedback for each of their subjects via their laptops and Edumate.

This decision is integral to the College’s philosophy of maximising the teaching and learning experience by taking advantage of relevant technology.

The changes will take effect for all Year 7 students in 2017. Existing Senior School students will be able to continue to use their iPads in 2017 should they wish. However, we expect that all Senior School students from Year 7 through to Year 12 will have made the change to the new BYODD platform before the commencement of the 2018 school year.

Studies on BYODD programmes have shown that students are more engaged and motivated to complete tasks using technology. We anticipate the programme will not only provide students with access to expanded global resources and content, but allow students to take ownership of their learning by providing them with a range of options to suit their learning style.

It has been shown the benefits of a BYODD programme include:

- Increased digital literacy
- Greater student engagement
- Improved problem solving and critical thinking skills
- Increased comprehension of new technologies and applications

The report from the AIS also affirmed our belief that the use of laptops in the Senior School will lead to increased productivity, efficiency and organisation for students.

Students’ use of IT devices has become normalised to the extent that many already have, and are extremely comfortable using, multiple devices available to them at home and on the move. The expansion of the College’s information technology offering to encompass BYODD will build on the natural affinity today’s students enjoy with technology. Additionally, the College environment should replicate the post-secondary experience with technology and lead to a smoother transition to further study or the workplace.

The designated device recommended by the College is a laptop with a screen size of at least 13 inches (33cm). The laptop should be Wi-Fi enabled, so that students can connect to the school network, and have a substantial battery life to last the full school day without re-charging. We strongly recommend you purchase Accidental Damage Insurance and install some level of anti-virus software on your child’s device.

Should you have any further questions please contact the College via it@saints.nsw.edu.au or visit the College website for more information.

Steven J O’Connor, Head of College

**ASC girls engineered for success**

**Careers News**

Engineering has traditionally been a male-dominated area but a group of ASC Year 10 girls is hoping to change that after attending a ‘Power Of Engineering’ Day at CSU on Friday 6th May.

Held at the CSU Engineering Faculty, the event aims to encourage more women into the world of engineering.

The day was made up of a series of interactive and hands-on workshops, inspirational industry speakers and a chance to see local engineering projects.

One of the speakers was an ex-All Saints’ student, Jenny Ratsep, who gave a brief presentation on the work she does in the world of engineering.

In the final workshop, groups had to work against the clock to design a model of the Opera House using everyday materials.

One of the All Saints’ groups created the winning design out of plastic spoons and Blu Tack!
With God there is always hope

But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. (Lamentations 3:21-23, NRSV).

We live in troubled times. All around us we see the impact of sin on our world; massacres, drug overdoses, war, refugees, tragic accidents, severe weather events, and the list goes on. In our times of trouble and despair it can seem that all hope is lost. But for those that have faith in God, hope is never far away. As the prophet Jeremiah wrote, we see God’s faithfulness every morning. We have a god of hope.

I spent the long weekend with my family at our favourite seaside holiday spot. It was the weekend after the severe storms that had lashed the coast. Arriving after dark on Friday meant I couldn’t see the impact of the storm until the morning, but it was immediately apparent as I went for a walk. The grass from our caravan site down to the beach was covered in shells, pebbles and sand. The park managers told me that the waves came up across where our caravan now was - this was at least three metres above the normal high tide! The force was so strong it carried a block of stone into the park that took two men to lift! Walking around the point which was now rock where it had been sand I looked down the beach and could immediately see the impact of the waves. Sand dunes had disappeared. There was a pile of seaweed about two metres high and three across that stretched for 100 metres or more. The beach was littered with plastic, cans and clothing that had been lost last summer. Even an earthmover tyre had found its way up on to the sand. It was a mess.

But looking beyond the mess at the high tide mark was a different sight. The sand was flat and clean, the water pristine. Small waves rolled in. The sea was like glass, flattened out by a gentle south-west wind. It was then that I was reminded of God’s steadfast love. He had made it all new again. He had restored balance to this part of his creation. I could see that not everything would be the same again - it would take a big effort to clean up the mess and the sand dunes could take years to reform, but I was comforted knowing that there were many aspects that were just as they should be. There was hope that everything would return to normal.

We all have storms in our life - those events that shake us, those changes that we are fearful of. But as followers of God we are people of hope - for we know that whatever might change, God’s love is with us always. His mercies never end. They are new every morning.

Ginger finds winning combination

Equestrian

A strong team of riders attended the Scots School Show Jumping Day on Sunday May 22.

It was great to see so many of our riders participating at all levels and contributing to a great team result.

Ginger Wolters-Wood participated in her first competition on Renata and was very successful winning Champion in the 45cm and 65cm classes.

Charlotte Trounson was back competing for the school as well and ended the day successfully with Reserve Champion 65cm and 1st and 3rd places in her rounds.

Georgia Butt continued the success with a Reserve Champion 85cm and 2nd in A2 105cm.

Other riders collecting ribbons were: Tabitha Snell 5th 85cm, Indiana Whitfield 2 x 4th in 85cm classes, Megan Redpath 2 x 3rd and 2 x 5th place in 85cm and 105cm rounds, Jessica Settree 4th 85cm and our youngest ASC rider Justin Settree 2nd 45cm round.

Congratulations to all the riders.

Mrs Kerrie Redpath
The All Saints’ College Community donated $1,832.20 to the Cancer Council after running the Biggest Morning Tea on Tuesday 14th June in the Kemmis Building. This wonderful event was enthusiastically supported by the students, staff, parents, grandparents and friends of the College.

The Year 11 PDHPE students from Mr Allen’s class took on various roles including marketing and managing the involvement of the Junior School, the event proving an ideal opportunity to put their preliminary Health Promotion and Community Health studies into practice.

Many local businesses donated prizes and must, of course, be acknowledged for their generosity and kindness. These included: Books Plus, Rydges, Tru Bliss, Kerrie Redpath, and Bake Table & Tea.

Acknowledgement must also be extended to the catering staff, grounds staff, teaching and administration staff, everyone who cooked such delicious treats and the parents who assisted on the morning!

Two representatives from the Cancer Council attended the Morning Tea along with media from the Western Advocate.

Congratulations to Anna (Kinder) & Imogen (Year 3), who won the Word Search competition and also to Mrs King who won the Lucky Door prize.

Plans are underway for next year’s Biggest Morning Tea! Your amazing contribution will help the Cancer Council fund vital research, prevention and support programs.

Thank you all and we’ll see you next year!!

Mrs Trudy O’Connor

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Farewell To Mr Hissey

All Saints’ bid a fond farewell to Registrar Michael Hissey on Friday, 24th June.

Mr Hissey has decided that it is time to retire and pursue his many musical and family interests outside of work. He has been with All Saints since February 2012 and at the time of his employment was the College’s third Registrar in 5 years.

He bought much needed stability to this important role and always maintained his professional and pleasant demeanour no matter what the situation.

Mr Hissey has given the College countless hours beyond the regular 9 to 5, representing the school with distinction at functions across the state and clocking up thousands of miles on the road.

For the past four and a half years he has been the face of the College for new parents and students and would have no doubt lost count of the amount he has had through his office doors.

Mr Hissey will be remembered not only for the quality of his work but his calibre as a person, always ready to share a smile and a joke if you needed cheering up.

Mr Hissey said he would miss the ASC community and the daily hustle and bustle of a unique and lively school but that he was looking forward to commencing a new chapter in his life.

One thing he probably won’t miss is having to duck every time he goes through a door in Esrom House.

While the administration staff would say it was his fault for being so tall he always maintained the doors were too short or that the floor had been raised!! The staff, students and families of All Saints’ thank Mr Hissey for everything he has done and hope that he maintains an association with school in some shape or form.

Farewell Mr H!
WHOLE SCHOOL

When the good word went viral

Pentecost Service

The day the Church went 'viral'. That was the message from Rev Tony to the ASC Community as we gathered to celebrate Pentecost.

In the absence of social media the good news of Jesus Christ spread around the known world (aka 'went viral') through the words and deeds of the ever expanding band of believers encouraged by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Students from across the College participated in the celebration which included an interpretation of the events the day the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples of Jesus after his Ascension. The interpretation was ably led by ASC Captain Thomas Craft and supported by senior students planted in the audience.

Mr Clipsham organised a talented group of musicians and vocalists to lead the singing while students from Years 1 to 4 led the prayers.

A special and moving part of the service was the anointing with oil that is a tradition of the Church.

This year Rev Tony anointed twelve Year 12 students who then anointed students and staff who wanted to participate.

It was particularly encouraging to see so many come forward to signify acceptance of their role in letting others know about Jesus.

May the Holy Spirit continue to dwell in the hearts of us all.

Reverend Tony Card
New era dawns as head commissioned

Head of College Commissioning

Notable school communities like that of All Saints’ College gather at significant times in their history to mark their milestones. And so it was, on the evening of Sunday, 1st May 2016 when the College community gathered at All Saints’ Cathedral for a special Service of Commissioning of incoming Head of College, Mr Steven O’Connor.

Mr O’Connor was supported at the Service by his wife Trudy, son Patrick and daughter Hilary. The theme of the Service was “The Lord Bless You and Keep You”.

The worship was led by the Bishop of Bathurst and Chair of the All Saints’ College Council, the Right Reverend Ian Palmer with Cathedral Dean the Very Reverend Anne Wentzel and College Chaplain the Reverend Tony Card.

In attendance were the Local Member for Bathurst, the Hon Paul Toole MP, the Mayor of Bathurst, Councillor Gary Rush as well as a number of members of the All Saints’ College Council.

During the liturgy, a packed Cathedral gave witness to support for Mr O’Connor and heard a number of significant addresses of welcome.

The music for the Service was led by the All Saints’ Cathedral Choir and the 50-strong All Saints’ College A Capella vocal ensemble.

Mr Michael Hissey
Current Children’s Laureate Leigh Hobbs headlined a stellar line-up of authors and illustrators at the All Saints’ Literature Festival from Monday, 4 to Wednesday 6 April.

Head of Library and Information Services Cate Mitchell, in her first year at the helm, said the event was a great success.

“The 10th anniversary of the All Saints’ Literature Festival was a wonderful three-day celebration of Australian authors and illustrators,” she said.

“This year’s theme was ‘It’s Your Story, So Tell It!’ and we were very privileged to host current Children’s Laureate Leigh Hobbs, award-winning young adult author J. C. Burke, award-winning picture book illustrator David Legge and critically acclaimed children’s and young adult author James Roy.”

Creator of the popular ‘Old Tom’ and ‘Mr Chicken’ characters, Leigh Hobbs delighted students from Years 2 to 11 with his humorous anecdotes.

Some of his more interesting revelations were that he actually doesn’t like cats and that Old Tom was based on a cat owned by a friend.

Leigh also gave some wonderful ‘hands on’ illustration lessons where every student drew their very own ‘Old Tom’ and other imaginative characters.

Interaction is a key part of the festival with all students from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 12 having the opportunity to meet the authors / illustrators appropriate to their age group and attend workshops for tips on writing or illustrating.

This was particularly valuable to Year 12 who are currently studying J. C. Burke’s HSC listed ‘Story of Tom Brennan’ and didn’t let the chance to quiz the author go by.

Jane spoke to students from Years 7 to 12 about a number of her popular titles and conducted two writing workshops where she spoke about the writing process and elaborated on techniques to help the students with their creative writing.

Award-winning illustrator David Legge shared much of his original artwork with students from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 4 and read his award-winning ‘Bamboozled’ to spellbound audiences.

Year 12 art students were also very excited to participate in an illustration workshop where he demonstrated a number of his techniques.

James Roy, author of popular titles such as ‘Billy Mack’, ‘A Boat for Bridget’, ‘Town’ and ‘City’ presented sessions to students from Years 5 to 10.

The students were enthralled with James’ childhood stories and how they have provided inspiration for his novels.

As a special bonus James spoke about his brand new title – ‘One Thousand Hills’, which is based on the true story of a Rwandan friend’s experiences during the Rwandan crisis and his subsequent years in refugee camps.

Mrs Cate Mitchell
Improving boys results may just be a lot of fun and games

As I write this, I have just finished reading the final Semester 1 school report in the Senior School. A colleague remarked that it was his perception that in a certain year, on average, the boys had not achieved as high results as the girls. This was the impetus for my article.

Early in my teaching, there was a strong push on Girls’ education. HSC results in the mathematics and sciences were not as good as boys, many female students had low self-esteem, girls underachieved in certain areas and traditional subjects and traditional careers were pushed. Strategies were discussed and put in place to change this. Now-a-days, the classroom gender gap might not be what you expect. It’s more likely to be male students that just can’t seem to keep up with their female counterparts.

Ask 10 people why boys lag behind girls in school and you’ll likely get 10 different answers, ranging from brain-based biological differences to the increased focus on academics in primary school, the decline of play at recess and lunch, and a lack of male teachers as role models. The truth is that all of the above influence boys’ achievement at school. Many lay the blame on the very early years of their education. Biologically, boys mature less quickly than girls. An academic environment that focuses on quiet, sit-down learning can be off-putting for many boys. Policies that prohibit students from playing with toy weapons and “hands-off” rules that ban any and all physical contact between students can exacerbate boys’ perception that school is simply not for them.

Richard Whitmire, author of Why Boys Fail: Saving our Sons from an Educational System That’s Leaving Them Behind, says that the problem starts early. Reading and writing have always been important for learning. However, an extra emphasis on literacy in the early years sets many male learners back from the get-go. Boys are at a developmental disadvantage when it comes to early literacy challenges - girls tend to pick up reading earlier, boys typically need more time. Perhaps we need to start at what boys are reading at a young age. We need to make reading and writing more ‘boy friendly’. There is nothing wrong with sports magazines, sci-fi adventures, cars and mega-structures. Have dads come into the classroom to read books or talk about how they use reading and writing in their daily work; those kinds of real-world connections can help boys understand why reading and writing matters.

Most boys aren’t interested in learning something unless they believe it’s relevant to their lives. Boys are much less likely than girls to read for pleasure but often very willingly read things that will help them achieve their needs and wants.

Mr Stewart Ross

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Reds’ NSW Schools Cup Success

Netball

Congratulations to the ASC 14 Red netball team who have qualified for the regional finals of the Netball NSW Schools Cup Competition.

They progressed to the next level after finishing second at a carnival in Bathurst on Friday 20th May.

The girls played in the Year 7/8 division with seven other teams from Bathurst, Orange, Cowra, and Oberon.

The Schools Cup is a Netball NSW initiative providing New South Wales primary and secondary students with the opportunity to enjoy netball in a fun and safe environment.

If the girls are successful in the regional finals they will advance to the Netball NSW Schools Cup State Final to be held at Netball Central, Sydney Olympic Park in September. This is an exciting opportunity for this group of girls and we look forward to the regional finals in Orange in August.

Congratulations to: Holly Stokes, Sara Reynolds, Megan Redpath, Zoe Lewis, Sophie Hillson, Kate McEwen, Natalie Mawhood, Scarlett Mitchell, Hilary O’Connor.

Mrs Kay Nelson
Students amp up the talent

Big Night Out
Big Night Out 2016 was LOUD.
With an amazing sound and light
display, coordinated by our Tech Team, the
performers were nervous but ready to rock.
And rock they did!
Lochlan from Year 11 was MC for the
night with help from Jemma, Norah and
Isabella.
They led the night with energy
coordinating over 35 performances from
Year 7 groups though to solo acts from Year
12.
146 students attended the evening and
over 58 of them performed.
Check out the photo gallery on the school
website for more of the fun had by all.
Thanks to Cherylene Anderson and
Joshua (Year 11) for standing in front of the
600w speakers all night taking shots for us!
Thanks also to the many staff that came
and helped supervise including Mrs Sutton,
Mr Whitfeld, Mr O’Connor, Mr Allen and
boarding staff.

Mr Jonathan Clipsham

Our Campbell can’t fail
showing off Corriedale

Agriculture News
All Saints’ Year 7 student Campbell
Roweth looks to have a big future
in the Corriedale world if his
performance at the Dubbo Show is
anything to go by.
Campbell, a relative newcomer to
these events, beat more than fifty other
children aged between 10 and 15 years
to win the prestigious Junior Handler
title.
One expert observer commented
that it was an ‘amazing achievement’
for someone ‘who has only just
started in the game’.
Campbell’s victory capped off
a very successful weekend for the
ASC team which also included
Samantha Mitchell (Year 7) and
Ellen Morris (Year 9).
Eight animals were taken to
Dubbo with the team winning eight
ribbons in a variety of classes.
The team would like to thank
the parents who also attended and
provided invaluable assistance with
transport and supervision.
House Music Festival

The much anticipated 37th Inter-House Music Festival was held on Friday, 17th June, in the Bickerdike Centre - and what an excellent night of music and fun it was.

The evening’s programme was as follows:

**Section 1: Large Ensemble**
- Long House: *Jurassic Park* composed by J. Williams (conducted by Lily McClelland Year 12)
- Barton House: *YMCA* composed by J. Moralli (conducted by Cameron Redpath Year 12)
- Bean House: *Livin’ La Vida Loca* composed by D. Childs (conducted by Joseph Hoskins Year 12)

**Winner: Barton House**

**Section 2: Six people and under**
- Barton House: *Crazy* by Gnarles Barkley (performed by Will Armstrong, Isabella Jacobson, Hannah Armstrong, Cameron Redpath, Dougal Murphy and Joseph Hodges)
- Bean House: *Fader* by the Temper Trap (performed by Lily Fischer-Brown, Rebecca Vann, Lachlan Wilkinson, Thomas Card, Joseph Hoskins and Matthew Vance)
- Long House: *Seven Nation Army* by the White Stripes (performed by Norah Wells, Jemma Munro, Charles O’Neill, Fergus Thompson, Daniel Frost and Emma Russell)

**Winner: Long House**

**Section 3: Choirs**
- Bean House: *Footloose* by Tom Snow (conducted by Thomas Card and Joseph Hoskins Year 12)
- Barton House: *Somebody to Love* by Queen (conducted by Isabella Jacobson, Cameron Redpath and Will Armstrong Year 12)
- Long House: *Pompeii* by Bastille (conducted by Neive Roebuck and William Trounson Year 12)

**Winner: Barton House**

The adjudicator for the evening was Mrs Tory Roth. In her comments before announcing Barton as the winning House, Mrs Roth praised the students in each of the Houses for the effort they put into making the evening so enjoyable with such a high standard of performances in every category.

Thanks must go to the Heads of House, the House Captains and Senior School Music Coordinator Mr Jonathan Clipsham, whose efforts made this the successful evening that it was.

Barton on song at House Music Festival
Year 8 Camp

Year 8 learned that on the river, as in life, it’s much better to ‘go with the flow’ on their adventure camp as in week two of the term.

A big group of 55 staff and students attended the annual canoeing expedition on the Hawkesbury River which always provides a good test of endurance, strength and team work.

Unlike some recent camps, the weather was outstanding – a big plus when you’re spending five days on a river and wet most of the time!

The campers set off on May 1, splitting into three groups with one dropped off at Windsor and the other two at Wisemans Ferry.

The students were keen to try out their canoes when they arrived but soon learned it wasn’t all fun and games as they had to pack their craft with their tents and all the supplies they would need for the coming week.

As the canoes set off it wasn’t hard to tell the novice paddlers with the seasoned canoeists having to ‘raft up’ and wait for them to complete some crafty circle work!

Having arrived at the first camping ground and unloaded their gear the students thought the main challenge of the day was over, at least that was until it came to putting up the tents!

An extended battle with shelters meant dinner had to be cooked in the dark by torch light which was a little difficult to say the least.

Day two started with what looked like a pretty straightforward 9 kilometre paddle to the next camp site but by 7.00am the tide was against the group and it took no less than five hours to complete the journey!

It was very hard work with most of the canoes hardly moving forward even though everyone was paddling like their lives depended on it!

Not wanting to be caught out again the group arose at 4.00am on Day 3 to catch the tide and while there were plenty of bleary eyes it was a beautiful time to be in the canoe with the rising sun glittering on the water.

The early start paid huge dividends with a trip that was twice as long taking about the same amount of time!

As a special reward for their hard work camp coordinator Mr Whitfield treated the children to make your own burgers for dinner and supplied some soft drink as well.

He also made sure the children were ready for day 4 with a hearty breakfast of Bacon and Eggs cooked on the barbecue, a far cry from the corn flakes and powdered milk of previous days.

The final two days concluded without incident or injury and the children can now look forward to their next adventure with Landsedge in Year 9 on the south coast.

The children would like to thank Mr Whitfield and the staff that volunteered to supervise and assist.

It is a huge commitment that takes them away from their homes and work for an entire week and Mr Whitfield, Ms Moppett, Mr Fahey, Jonathan Hosking, Alice Gray and Joel Lo Ribeiro are all to be congratulated for their efforts.

Compiled by Scott Anderson from information supplied by Mr Whitfield and Grace Milton
Presentation a night in white satin

Presentation Ball

All Saints’ lit up Bathurst Panthers Skyline Room on Saturday night, 21st May with the annual Presentation Ball.

No less than 24 couples were presented to All Saints’ College Head Mr Steven O’Connor and his wife Trudy who were the Guests of Honour for the glittering black tie affair.

Senior School Captains, Thomas Craft and Lily McClelland, themselves participants last year, did a magnificent job as masters of ceremonies.

The stunning girls and handsome boys put their best feet forward in the Presentation Waltz and later let loose on the dance floor to the band ‘Nuthin 2 Serious’.

A wonderful night was had by all. Year 11 students, their parents and friends, would like to thank:

* Mrs Memory Sanders and Mrs Elizabeth Moller for their tireless efforts to organise the ball;
* Mrs Toni Thompson for teaching presentees how to dance;
* Vanessa Pringle Florist for the beautiful bouquets of flowers;
* Carillon Clothing for the suit hire;
* Mr Frank Colzato for taking photos of the couples;
* Bathurst Panthers for the catering; and
* ‘Nuthin 2 Serious’ for the excellent music.
Pizzey Cup Tennis

Grace Schumacher further enhanced her reputation as one of the State’s brightest young tennis prospects by helping New South Wales claim the Pizzey Cup in Albury recently.

Even better, the All Saints’ College student did so in her first appearance at the annual tournament.

The Pizzey Cup is the Under 18s School Sports Australian National Championships which brings together the top 16 boys and girls from each state.

At just 15 years of age, the Year Nine student was one of the youngest competitors in the NSW team.

While there was 18 points available from every rubber, NSW never allowed their opponents more than five in a dominant display.

It was appropriate that the last match in the round robin was to be against Victoria – the only other undefeated side in the competition at that point.

A close rubber was expected, but that was not what unfolded. Grace and her NSW side romped to a Pizzey Cup success thanks to a 13-5 result.

“It came down to Victoria and New South Wales and Victoria had bigger wins than New South Wales had got against the other teams. We ended up winning mostly thanks to the doubles where New South Wales won five to one. I think the best that they were hoping for was maybe four out of that,” Grace’s father Rod said.

“Grace loved it. She got some great experience there playing in an under 18s competition. It was such a well-managed event and probably one of the best weeks that she’s enjoyed in sports.

“They had to play a qualifying tournament at Bathurst to get there. As one of the managers said to the team there, they had to play through 900 other players to make that final team of eight.”

ASC parent Andrew Mitton from Bathurst Tennis Club is the NSW state convenor and oversaw selection for the team.

“It was a pretty clear-cut result. Our girls were very dominant. They probably only lost one or two matches across the whole tournament. I think they made up four of the top five seeded players there,” he said.

“Victoria had dominated more than us, but we did very well in the doubles against them. They were probably expecting to win at least four matches in that section and that put them on the back foot.

“Very few Year Nine players have made this team and this year we had three, including Grace. Our three lowest seeded players were still ranked inside the top 300 in Australia and that shows the depth we’ve got in New South Wales.”

The Pizzey Cup was run in tandem with the Tennis Australia Cup Singles Championships where Grace made it through to the third round.

Unseeded she caused one of the upsets of the competition by blitzing eighth seed Leah Williamson 6-2, 6-2.

Grace just missed a quarter-final spot as she went down 7-5, 7-6 (6) to 11th seed Alexandra Weir.

Grace is now ranked 261st in Australia.

*Story by Alexander Grant, Western Advocate*
PDHPE News

Year 11 Preliminary PDHPE students have been looking into both Human Anatomy and Physiology and how it is related to performance. The class has dissected synovial joints exploring their complexity with much interest.

With the assistance of Kerryl Tobin in the clinic, we have learnt how to take blood pressure and the effects that differing blood pressure can have on an individual.

Mr Brad Allen, PDHPE Teacher

A ‘Tealightful’ Experience

Year 8 D&T

If you can’t buy the perfect gift, why not make it!

That’s what Year 8 Technology students did in their recently completed first unit of work.

Based on gift products, the unit involved the design of a tea light holder and food product suitable for a present.

It focused on introducing students to the techniques of constructing with a range of materials and processes.

This also incorporated Computer Aided Design (CAD) and Computer Aided Manufacture (CAM) through the use of the 3D Printers.

Mrs Natalle Sutton
When I first heard the lyric ‘and Frankie kicked a mine the day that mankind kicked the moon’ in the 1983 Redgum hit ‘I Was Only 19’, I made two assumptions.

The first was that Frankie was a fictional character made up for the purposes of the song and the second was that after ‘kicking a mine’ he probably died.

After all, the last we hear of him in the song is that he is ‘lying screaming in the jungle Till the morphine came and killed his bloody row.’

But it turns out I was wrong on both counts.

Frankie was real and he survived, albeit terribly wounded, his life inspiring his son to tell his story through a unique piece of one man musical theatre that ASC Year 10 students were lucky enough to experience on Friday 6th May.

In his play Vietnam: “Dusted Off” Brett Hunt, an accomplished actor and guitarist, shares the story of Connie his mother and of Frank, his father; who joined the army at 17 and after training at Kokoda Barracks Canungra became a forward scout in the Vietnamese jungle.

After stepping on a mine Frank was ‘dusted off’ (airlifted) to Vung Tau and repatriated home where he and Connie are confronted with indifference and contempt from both Government and society and a debilitating injury that was to worsen each year.

Brett grew up in a house often filled with Vietnam Vets and listening to these men he developed an understanding of the war and its impact on them.

He observed, firsthand, their intense feelings of alienation, the destructive effects of PTSD, the breakdown in family relationships and the impact on wives and children.

But he also witnessed the camaraderie and brotherhood these men had forged and their ability to support each other with humility, strength and a sense of humour.

Brett’s journey as the son of a Vietnam Vet reached an emotional climax in 1987 when, during the welcome home parade, he and his siblings found themselves on stage next to their father and Redgum’s John Schumann singing “I Was Only Nineteen” along with 25000 veterans and their families in the Sydney Domain.

Vietnam: “Dusted Off” was the second of two performances by Brett on the day with the first, for Year 9 students, a slightly more light-hearted but equally powerful look at World War I called ‘Fightin’ the Kaiser’.

In this production Brett played ‘Gassy’, a wounded vet eternally inhabiting the no man’s land of a veteran’s hospital.

He talks, sings, jokes and rails at ‘YoungTippen’, his best mate; “...long dead on Anzac...” and now forever young in a portrait on his bureau.

Through caricature, larrikin humour and great WWI songs Gassy reflects upon the great war.

He jokes with Tippen about their recruitment in Sydney, teases him over their hi-jinks in Egypt, roars about the trials and tribulations of the Dardanelle’s and reflects on the great tragedy of the Western Front.

Everyone who witnessed Brett’s performances was transfixed and more than a little moved and we would like to thank him for performing for us.

We all left the Kemmis building a little sadder but much wiser for the experience.

Story by Scott Anderson from information supplied by Mr Wayne Feebrey (Head HSIE)
Congratulations to all students who participated in the 2016 Senior School Inter-House Cross Country Carnival.

It was a cloudy day with a cool breeze and it gave the runners the chance to display their stamina and talent. Once again the course took the students around Edgell Oval, past Britten House, through the back paddocks and then down to Watson Oval. It was an afternoon of strong competition and House spirit.

The students should be commended on their enthusiasm and effort and thanks must go to the staff who had various roles to play around the course.

Cross Country

2016 Senior School Cross Country Champions

Back Row: Henry Palmer, Dougal Murphy, Elizabeth Crampton, Thomas Craft, Kirrily Edwards, Neive Roebuck.

Front Row: Hugh Parsons, Lauren Lyons, Harold Humphries, Amber Stockman, Cameron Redpath, Indiana Whitfeld, Katherine Dowd.
Schoolwork took a backseat to international diplomacy as All Saints’ College hosted the regional round of the Evatt NSW competition on Wednesday 4th May.

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 a prepared resolution from the perspective of their assigned nation. The students judged the most effective diplomats proceed to the next round.

ASC boasted no less than ten teams in the regional round representing countries from around the globe including a few of the superpowers.

Our diplomats included:
- Phoebe Reynolds and Rebecca Vann, representing Senegal
- Charles O’Neill and Declan Duncan-Keen, representing Egypt
- Patrick Harrison and Nicholas Brouggy, representing France
- Ann-Marie Irvine and Angela Phillips, representing China
- Clare Carter and Hannah Nobes, representing New Zealand
- Noah Baldwin and Scott Mawood, representing Angola
- Georgia Poole and Amber Stockman, representing Japan
- Patrick Mitchell and Ryan Clyne, representing the USA
- Ellena Shearing and Chlorissa Bowman-Clift, representing Ukraine
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Our teams debated on two prepared resolutions; the question of the South China Sea and the question of children in armed conflict. They also faced one impromptu resolution; the question of the diamond trade.

They enjoyed a day filled with lively debate, dealings in the negotiation chamber, forming allies and forcing enemies.

Congratulations to all the students who represented themselves, their member nation and the college with pride.

More than 2,000 students compete in Evatt each year.

Each state and territory holds its own Evatt Competition throughout the school year, with the top students in each state going to the six-day residential National Finals in December.

The competition is named after Herbert “Doc” Evatt, an Australian High Court Justice and leading Federal politician who played a significant role in the founding of the United Nations.

He also became President of the UN General Assembly and helped draft the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Evatt aims to educate young people about Australia’s place in the world and empower them as active citizens by developing public speaking, negotiation, teamwork, research, and diplomatic skills.

*Story edited by Scott Anderson from information supplied by Mrs Sarah O’Neill, (Independent Learning Centre)*
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Although the defendant was accused of riding recklessly down a steep hill, the ASC team managed to cast some doubt over the prosecution’s version of events by suggesting that Ms Lawson had been unsteady on her feet and had, in fact, leapt in front of the defendant’s horse.

The acting volunteer magistrate, Dr Hal Ginges from Katoomba, found the defendant not guilty.

ASC also won the important skills side of the competition 266 points to 228, sealing an impressive victory in Round 2 of the Law Society of New South Wales Mock Trial competition.

The team would like to thank Sahar Orya from Kenny Spring Solicitors for her assistance in preparing its case.

Mrs Catherine Dundon, Mock Trial Coach and Coordinator

‘Woman from Snowy River’ free to ride again

Mock Trial

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Biology on the right pathology

Year 12 Biology Excursion

On Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th April, Year 12 Biology students attended a two day overnight excursion to Sydney. They participated in a number of workshops and lectures at various venues.

The program included visiting the pathology centre at the University of Sydney, a tour around the Botanical Gardens and an overnight stay at Taronga Zoo. The zoo stay featured night walks, behind the scenes encounters and workshops. The excursion concluded with a visit to The Museum of Human Disease at the University of NSW.

It was a highly engaging and interactive program and we believe that it will greatly benefit the students in their HSC preparations.

Mrs Liz Casey
The annual Twilight Sheep and Cattle Parade took place at the college Ag Farm on Monday 4th April.

Students had spent a term working with their designated animals with particular focus on their handling skills.

The Parade allowed the team to put those skills on show in front of parents and friends and get a sense of what they could expect on the Show circuit.

The night consisted of a variety of events that involved leading cattle and sheep around the arena.

To finish off the events, students participated in a fancy dress competition where each group dressed themselves and their animals up!

Mr Ben Connor led a trusty team of judges including Thomas and Isabelle Card who were the guest judges for the sheep categories while Miss Moppett, Mrs Casey and Mr Connor were the guest cattle judges.

The team would like to thank them all. We would also like to thank Mrs Cherylene Anderson for giving up her own time to photograph the evening and of course Mr Whitfeld for facilitating the Cattle team and in particular the twilight parade.

In conjunction with the evening a sausage sizzle was also held with all funds raised going back into the development of our Cattle equipment and facilities. The beautiful sunset and wonderful aroma of the barbecue certainly made for a pleasant end to the evening!

The preparation of these animals has been ongoing since the start of Term 1 and it has been great to see the development not only in the animals but also in the confidence of each student. All involved in the Cattle Team should be commended for their commitment to the team and the dedication they have shown towards their animals.

Liberty Smith, Cattle Team Captain
Laura top of the Young Rural Achievers crop

Agriculture News

All Saints’ Year 12 student Laura Van Uum has qualified to represent the Bathurst Region in the Zone Finals of the Young Rural Achievers Competition at the Sydney Royal Easter Show next year.

Laura, a member of the ASC Cattle Team, won the honour with an outstanding performance in the Young Rural Achievers Competition at the Royal Bathurst Show.

Young Rural Achievers is a competition based on a written application and interview process in which the candidates are judged on their agricultural skills and knowledge of the industry as well as their contributions to the Bathurst region and show.

Laura came away with first place in the Young Rural Literature competition, second place in the Senior Young Rural Achiever class and overall Senior Grand Champion.

This was a great honour for Laura, now in her 5th year of involvement in this competition.

Well done Laura!

ASC abuzz as top trio chase the brain bee

Australian Brain Bee Challenge

Most of us here at Saints’ know what goes on at a spelling bee but what about a brain bee?

Well all that is about to change with three of our Year 10 students qualifying for the NSW State Finals of the Australian Brain Bee Challenge (ABBC) at the School Of Medicine, Western Sydney University in August.

Rose Denovan, Charles O’Neill and Victoria Westenfelder progressed to the finals after achieving high scores in the regional round of the competition.

The ABBC is a competition for high school students in Year 10 to investigate the brain and its functions, learn about neuroscience research, find out about careers in neuroscience and to dispel misconceptions about neurological and mental illnesses.

Rose, Charles and Victoria will participate in two rounds of live questioning to determine who will become the State champion.

But once the stressful part is over they will be able to relax and enjoy a day filled with activities to educate them about neuroscience research. This includes lab tours, demonstrations, lectures, the opportunity to speak to researchers, experiments and an interactive neurophysiology workshop.

The ABBC was started in Australia in 2006 to address a number of deficiencies in the public’s perception of neuroscience and science in general.

It concludes with National Finals, held annually at the Australian Neuroscience Society (ANS) Conference.

If our students can make it to the Nationals they can expect to compete in 4 events over 2 days including an anatomy challenge, a written short answer challenge, a patient diagnosis challenge and a live question and answer challenge.

They will also have the opportunity to attend ANS scientific sessions and meet with scientists, researchers and students involved in neuroscience.

Story by Scott Anderson from information supplied by Mrs Sarah O’Neill, Independent Learning Centre
Keeping up with the latest technology is as easy as ICT

The current generation of children in Australia is growing up in a world where they expect to gain information instantly and be able to communicate with others, sometimes on the other side of the planet, from their electronic device immediately. Such an environment provides challenges and implications for the way these children’s educational programmes are designed and delivered both in schools and online. This is not implying that many traditional approaches to teaching are obsolete, rather it suggests that there should be a blended approach where technology is integrated into the curriculum as another tool for teaching and learning.

Information and Communication Technology (ICT) is now an inherent and integral part of Infants and Primary School education in New South Wales. All Saints’ College Junior School, guided by the ICT Capabilities Scope and Sequence mandated by the NSW Board of Studies, is constantly experimenting with ways of integrating ICT initiatives into the teaching and learning programmes across all classes. Such initiatives increase student engagement, enhance learning experiences and provide opportunities for extension and enrichment.

The integration of ICT starts with the youngest members of our school. These young children are already coming to school with the knowledge of using computers and can intuitively adapt to using new programs very quickly. Pre-Kindergarten students are introduced to basic applications such as ‘Cookie Doodle’ and ‘Splashtop Classroom’ which are highly interactive and hands-on.

Students in the Junior School have ready access to a class set of iPads, laptops in the Library and desktop computers both in the classroom and in computer labs. Our Infants students have been experimenting with Quick Response (QR) codes using the app QR Creator. They make QR codes that are linked to their work and then scan the codes on iPads to see information about their work. Some of our Infants classes are using ICT devices to create movies and photographs to be used to showcase their achievements. Such opportunities encourage the students to take ownership of their learning.

Primary students have been involved in a wide variety of initiatives integrating ICT. They have been using an application that translates English into Arabic. One class has made a fantastic movie for ‘Behind the News’ and have also used ‘Comic Strip Design’ to record their experiences from camp. Students have also started their own Blog which is a forum they have used to discuss the class novel they are studying. Some Primary students have been busy designing houses on a computer-aided design (CAD) program called ‘SketchUp’.

Technology is developing at an exponential rate and schools need to keep up or else they will be left behind.

It’s class project time again ... aw rats!

Year Three

Year Three has gained three new members but not of the human kind!
They are three white rats the children have named Jesse, Snowy and Biscuits.
Contrary to popular belief Rats make great pets because they are clean, do not carry disease and very affectionate.
The students will be designing rat houses for a class project and making these out of recycled materials.
They will also be making iMovies about a ‘day in the life of a rat at school’.
A big thanks to PETBARN for supplying food and toys for our new class members.

Mrs Jodie Allen

“Technology is developing at an exponential rate and schools need to keep up or else they will be left behind.”

Mr Christopher Jackman
A factory run by a dodgy overseer, an honest chimney sweep with a shifty boss, a wealthy man with a crooked assistant and a secret Christmas pudding recipe were the ingredients for a great night of entertainment at the Bickerdike Thursday, 9th June.

Years 5 and 6 did a magnificent job of bringing the children’s musical ‘A Pudding for the Chimney Sweep’ to life as a part of the Junior School Choral Night.

Dressed in wonderful period costumes the students delivered a great portrayal of life in Victorian England through the story of a poor chimney sweep who gets embroiled in the mischief of some villainous characters when he is forced to steal a secret Christmas pudding recipe.

The audience were thoroughly entertained and the teachers could not have been more proud of the wonderful acting and singing of the Stage 3 students.

A big thank you to the extraordinarily talented Mrs Frances McLeod for her tireless work in putting the performance together. Thank you also to the Stage 3 staff, the prop and costume designers and the technical crew for all of their hard work in making the performance a huge success!

Proof is in the pudding

Mrs Jodie Shurmer
Mini Olympics

On Tuesday, 17 May, Years 5 & 6 held a Mini Olympics event. The event was open to all students of the Junior School and included a range of fun activities like sack races, hula hooping, ring toss and obstacle courses. The successful “Olympians” in each class were awarded with a medal. Thank you to all of the students who supported the Mini Olympics. We raised over $500 to go towards equipment for our musical which is being performed later this term. Congratulations to the Year 5 & 6 students for doing a wonderful job in organising and running the event.

Mrs Jodie Shurmer
Junior School students danced the night away at the annual disco in the dining hall on Friday May 6.

The theme, “Favourite Movie Character”, saw many children come in fantastic costumes making for a wonderful atmosphere.

The teachers didn’t do so badly either!

As in past years, the spread of yummy food was huge so no one went hungry after all that dancing.

I never cease to be amazed by the children’s energy and endurance on the dance floor.

Mr Chris Jackman
Year 6 Mother’s Day Stall

Year 6 held their annual Mother’s Day Stall on Wednesday, 4th May to raise money for the Valedictory Dinner and a present for the school.

The stall was well organised by the Year 6 students and proved to be very successful. Thank you to all of the students in the Junior School who supported Year 6 with their fundraising.

Thank you to all of the Year 6 parents who donated items to sell and gave much of their time to make and wrap some beautiful gifts.

We really hope all of the wonderful mothers, grandmothers and other special mother figures enjoyed their goodies!

Mrs Jodie Shurmer

All smiles at Pre-K Mother’s Day Morning Tea
The Junior School Cross Country carnival was held on a beautiful Autumn day with conditions near perfect for long distance running.

The morning began with the enthusiastic Pre-Kindergarten students running the 400 metre track with blistering speed, all while impressing their parents who had just stepped out of the Mother’s Day morning tea. The infants students powered through their well rehearsed track and were welcomed with cheers from their passionate supporters as they re-entered the arena towards the finish line.

The 8/9 and 10 years students displayed an equal amount of effort and enthusiasm on the 2 kilometre track. Not all students are high-end cross-country athletes yet they were all prepared to put their best foot forward and score points for their House.

The 11 and 12/13 years age groups endured the longer 3 kilometre track. The extension of the track takes them deep into the gully where they can really find their rhythm. This is also a great place to target runners ahead and make a run for it, so to speak. Spectators are always surprised by how quickly some of these students make it back into the finish arena.

The carnival was a great display of athleticism, spirit and courage. Many thanks must be extended to the workmen, staff, parents and Year 9 PASS students who assisted with the setting up and running of the carnival. Congratulations to the age Champions and Runner-Up recipients and of course to ESROM HOUSE, the champion House on the day.

2016 Junior School Cross Country Champions

Back Row: Noah Siede, Kate Edwards, William Purvis, Millicent Cupples.

Front Row: Banjo Goodlet, Ava Purvis, Mia Reynolds, Connor Stahl.

Mrs Kay Nelson
The dining room was transformed into the wild west on Thursday 16th June when the boarders dressed up as cowboys and cowgirls for the final theme dinner of the term.

It was the girls’ turn to choose the meal and we enjoyed ribs, chicken wing-dings, bubble chicken, frankfurters, grilled corn cobs and potato wedges, followed by jelly cups for dessert.

The tone for the evening was set with country music being played over the speaker system throughout the meal and a quick spot of Karaoke at the end! The music was organised and supplied by Tasha Hurley.

Everyone enjoyed the night – especially the two Marsden Gappies (Alice and Skye) who dressed up as gun-toting Mexican Cowboys complete with sombreros and painted on moustaches!!

Thank you to everyone who participated in dressing up.

Mrs Gillian McAllister – Head of Marsden House/Girls Boarding
Fish and trips for Marsden juniors

Sydney Excursion

On Sunday 15th May, Allison Welsh (Assistant Head of House) and Naomi Atkinson (Residential Assistant) took a group of junior boarders comprising all of our Year 7, 8 and 9 students plus three Year 10 students to Sydney for the day.

They left Marsden House at 7am to catch the bullet train, however because of trackwork, Countrylink had to supply a bus for the journey to Sydney and back.

On arrival in Sydney, they visited the Aquarium and spent a great time there before heading off to Chinatown for yum cha and other delicious Chinese delicacies for lunch.

After lunch, the girls and staff had a shopping trip to Paddy’s Market. They returned ‘home’ at around 9.30pm – a tired but happy group!

Many thanks to Allison and Naomi for giving up their day to take the girls to Sydney – they all had a wonderful time.

Mrs Gillian McAllister – Head of Marsden House/Girls’ Boarding
Even superheroes need to eat

Superheroes Theme Dinner
On Thursday, 19th May we had a theme dinner in the dining room. The Watson House boys chose the theme of the night which was Superheroes!

Everyone made a fantastic effort to dress up for the evening and we had Superman, Superwoman, Catwoman, Pussy Cat Dolls, Batman, The Flash, Clark Kent and a Minion.

Thank you to Matt Hitchens (Catering Manager) and his team for the meal – we had ‘make your own burgers’ with ALL the trimmings, followed by jelly for dessert.

Everyone got into the spirit of the night and all had a great time.

Mrs Gillian McAllister – Head of Marsden House/Girls’ Boarding

The Truth Bites
Boarding & PDHPE
On Tuesday, 31st May Nutritionist Alex Parker visited All Saints’ College to speak with HSC PDHPE students and Boarders about health and nutrition for improving athletic performance and establishing healthy eating habits for life.

Alex spoke to the students about the danger and risks involved with excess sugar and how to manage your health in relation to nutrition.

She also covered special diets and the risks associated with these.

Each session was very valuable for the students involved.

You can find more of Alex’s information at the links below:
www.thebitingtruth.com
www.facebook.com/thebitingtruth
http://instagram.com/thebitingtruth

Thanks to Alliance catering for their assistance in organising these sessions.

Mr Brad Allen
Boarding Community Weekend

A lot of fun and friendship mixed in with a bit of hard work was a pretty apt way to describe the ASC Boarding Community weekend on 5 & 6 March.

Saturday saw a good roll up for the parent / child tennis matches with players braving unseasonably hot conditions in the name of fun.

We had a good line up of parents and children along with quite a few boarders and staff who also turned up for a casual hit.

In fact there were so many that there were sometimes queues at the courts!

Thanks must go to ASC for catering with a delicious spread of wraps, rolls and fruit platters for lunch that was enjoyed by all.

Perhaps the only thing more popular than the food was water with everyone taking plenty on board to keep hydrated!

The tennis was followed by a Boarding P & F Sub Committee meeting held at Britten House which was very well attended and what better way to finish off the day than a BBQ and get together in the outdoor area at Britten House.

Mrs Gillian McAllister – Head of Marsden House/Girls’ Boarding

Marsden News

Marsden was a hive of activity after dinner on Wednesday, 23rd March as students scoured the area in search of chocolate.

The staff had hidden mini Easter eggs and a special Easter message throughout the house and garden and the girls were determined to find as many as they could.

It was ‘finders keepers’, so they ate what they collected!

There were prizes for the first three girls who found the hidden message with 1st going to Tabitha Snell, 2nd to Stella Sciberras and 3rd to Victoria Hoy. They all received Easter Bunnies for their efforts.

Everyone had a fun time and thank you to organiser Allison Welsh and the other staff who took part.

Mrs Gillian McAllister – Head of Marsden House/Girls’ Boarding

‘Finders eaters’ at egg hunt

Heat fails to frazzle boarding families

It was a great chance for boarding families to get to know each other and was enjoyed by all.

After bacon and egg rolls for breakfast on Sunday morning it was on to the working bee where we tidied up the area around Britten House doing a range of jobs including weeding and pruning.

A BIG thank you to those boarding families and staff that attended and participated in one way or another to make it a great weekend!

ASC Boarding P&F Sub Committee
Marsden girls wondrous in white

Presentation Ball

The Marsden girls shone like diamonds at the Presentation Ball on Saturday, 21st May.
This year the prestigious event was held at Bathurst Panthers Skyline Room. The night began at 6.30pm with a formal photo of the whole Year 11 group, followed by a formal photo of the Marsden girls. They also all had individual photos taken with partners and families.

The girls were then presented by their partners to Guests of Honour Mr Steven O’Connor and his wife Mrs Trudy O’Connor, followed by the Presentation Waltz and the Pride of Erin.

A wonderful meal followed with speeches and finally lots of dancing. The girls looked stunning in their beautiful dresses, hairstyles, makeup and jewellery.

It was a wonderful night.

Mrs Gillian McAllister – Head of Marsden House/Girls’ Boarding
Congratulations in order as Judy joins The Order

Marsden old girl and prominent OBU member Judith (Judy) Jakins received an Order of Australia in the recent Queens Birthday Honours.

A student of Marsden in the early 1950s, Judy also sent her sons to All Saints’ in the 1980s.

She has remained a big supporter of the school ever since and still runs the ever popular OBU Dubbo Reunion dinner each year.

Judy was recognised for her contribution to NSW through politics, aero-medical organisations and the education of isolated children.

She was the first woman elected to represent The Nationals in NSW as well as being a member of the Legislative Council from 1984 to 1991 and a Dubbo City Councillor from 1991 to 1995.

The former Marsden girl was also a driving force behind the formation of the Isolated Children’s Parents’ Association (ICPA) and the founding chair of the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) in Dubbo.

Judy grew up 50 km from Enngonia in the far north of the state, attending Marsden as a boarder and later working as a nurse and grazier before taking over ‘Eureka’, a property that had been in her family since the 1920s.

Judy served as secretary of the Bourke branch of The Nationals from 1976 to 1982 and was chairwoman of the state electoral council for the seat of Broken Hill from 1980 to 1982.

She was on the Central Council of The Nationals from 1980 to 1984.

Judy sold her property during the severe drought in the early 1980s and moved to Dubbo in 1982.

“I stood for the Legislative Council when I was still living at Enngonia but had no chance of getting in,” she said.

“In 1984 I decided to have another go and was successful. A lot of people say I was the first woman in the Legislative Council in NSW. I wasn’t - I was the first National Party woman in NSW altogether, federal or state, upper or lower house.

“I can’t say that I ever set the world on fire as a politician but when I was so involved in the formation of ICPA I thought more could be done if I was in parliament.”

Judy said ICPA was established to help remote families struggling to educate their children.

“I knew all about it because I taught my sons by correspondence,” she said.

“ICPA began as a state group in Bourke in the early 1970s. Wally Mitchell was president and Pat Edgley was secretary. I took on the role of treasurer.

“We later formed a federal council with the same three office bearers.

“ICPA sparked an interest in politics. After I left the Legislative Council I was elected to Dubbo City Council. I didn’t stand for local government a second time because I realised I could achieve more with voluntary work.

“I was on a lot of boards and committees and when the RFDS wanted to put a base in Dubbo I was elected chairman at a public meeting.

“It took six years to get the base established.”

Sadly, Judy appreciated more than most the necessity of an aero-medical service to assist people in rural and remote locations.

“When I was living at Enngonia the RFDS had clinics at Louth and Tilpa but didn’t come as far as Bourke,” she said.

“I lost my third son out there as a newborn. The matron of the Bourke hospital was going to fly out with him on the next commercial flight but he died before the plane got there.”

Judy now concentrates on the RFDS and Dubbo Macquarie Rotary of which she has been a member since 1995 including president from 2003 to 2004.

Story from the Dubbo Daily Liberal with editing and additional information by Scott Anderson
Former captain’s wedding ceremony
a real ASC affair

OBU News

2009 ASC Captain Samantha Burbidge married Russell Hamstead in a beautiful ceremony at the Burbidge homestead Wilunga, Binda on Saturday April 16 2016.

The homestead had witnessed a lot of activity in the lead up with Sam’s parents Jenny and Geoff working hard on the garden to make it a lush green contrast to the pastures on the other side of the fence.

Nature also provided some confetti with a daily ration of golden autumn leaves scattered on the grass as the ceremony drew closer.

The shed had seen the last of the shearing only 3 weeks prior but by the wedding day every gap in the floorboards had been vacuumed-twice.

Gossamer curtains with fairy lights had been hung to hide the bare corrugated iron walls.

Sam chose Danaya Fitzsimmons (ASC 2004-2009) and her younger sister Amanda (ASC 2007-2011) to be her key assistants.

There were also several members of Sam’s graduating year among the guests including Briana Chellew, Nadine Groat, Heidi Beames, Ruth Watt, Emily Anderson, Lucy Bremner, and Jonathan Hosking while 2008 graduate Luke Mulligan was also on hand.

It was a real ASC affair with Sam’s older brother Michael also having attended the school from 2001 to 2006.

Russell’s parents Denise and Mark journeyed from Blaxland for the joyful occasion and a wonderful time was had by all.

Sam and Russell are both Paramedics and are now working in Port Vila, Vanuatu.

We wish them every blessing as they set out on this double adventure of a new career and married life together.

Father Paul Woodhart,
former Chaplain to ASC

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Back to Saints’ Weekend

We would like to invite you and your peers back to Saints’ for the weekend of the 10th and 11th September 2016

We especially invite those who left in the sixes, being 1956 1966, 1976, 1986, 1996, 2006 or the years’ before or between

Events over the weekend are the Old Bathurstians’ Annual General Meeting, the Old Bathurstians’ dinner and the Spring Fair. There is also time to wander around the school, reminisce and inspect the new buildings.

If you are able to come back for this weekend and wish to attend the dinner please make a booking with reception here at school. The dinner will be held in the school dining room and catered for by Alliance Catering.

Old Bathurstians’ Annual General Meeting is on at 3.30pm on Saturday, 10th September in the School Library.

All Old Bathurstians are most welcome to attend as we would like to see some new faces on the committee.

Spring Fair is on Sunday, 11th September from 10am to 3pm. This is a family fun day with lots of activities.

If you know of anyone from your cohort who has been lost from our database please let them know about this invitation.

Looking forward to seeing you here on the Back to Saints’ Weekend!!

If you have any questions or would like to get in touch please email: obu@saints.nsw.edu.au
Tom Galvin announced 2016 Bradman Scholar

OBU News

2015 All Saints’ College Captain and Dux Tom Galvin has been named the 2016 Bradman Scholar.

Tom is pursuing an advanced science degree at Sydney University where he is playing cricket and was a member of their third grade premiership team.

There were a record 51 applicants from all mainland states and territories for the prestigious three-year $15,000 scholarship first awarded in 1990.

“There was an outstanding quality and record field of candidates, making the scholarship keenly contested,” said Rina Hore, the executive director of the Bradman Foundation at Bowral.

“Tom is a very mature young man with exceptional qualities and achievements and the Bradman Foundation are very proud to be aligned with such an impressive young Australian.”

Tom’s family are over the moon as are the residents of his home town of Tullamore and his “extended family” at All Saints’ where he starred both on and off the cricket pitch.

Ms Hore said the application entailed a four-stage selection process culminating in a personal interview conducted by Bradman Foundation chairman Maurice Newman, patron John Howard and 2008 Bradman Scholar David Miller.

To celebrate his achievement Tom attended a boardroom luncheon in Sydney.

There he had the opportunity to not only meet but also be seated next to former Prime Minister John Howard. He was also interviewed by world renowned cricket journalist and historian Mike Coward and met up with several Bradman scholars of the past.

Following this Tom travelled to Bowral to play in the Chairman’s XI team at Bradman Oval.

Tom is the 10th of 21 awardees to have come from outside a capital or provincial city.

He hopes to balance his ambition of seeking selection in the NSW Blues with his pursuit of a science degree with a double major in physics and nanoscience.

“It is a great honour to be awarded the Bradman Scholarship,” he said.

“I have always believed that teamwork, attitude and sportsmanship are as important as any win or personal achievement and I know this was also reflected in Sir Donald Bradman’s career and personal life.”

Previous scholarship recipients include Australian vice captain Alex Blackwell and Queensland’s Martin Love.

Applications for the Bradman Foundation Scholarship close on February 28 each year.

July 18
Boarders return
Staff Day
Year 10 Parent Teacher Interviews
Year 11 2017 Subject Selection evening

July 19
Classes commence
College Council Meeting

July 22
Year 8 & 9 Subject Information meeting with Mr Jones

July 26
Meet and Greet Mudgee

July 28
Year 12 Music Soiree

July 29
Boarding Expo Narrabri
JS Inter-House Athletics
HICES Debating Elimination

August 1
JS Parent Teacher Interviews

August 2
JS Parent Teacher Interviews
SS Inter-House Athletics Carnival
ICAS English Competition
Drama @ BMEC “The Marriage of Figaro” 7.30pm

August 3
JS Parent Teacher Interviews
Year 8, 9, 10 Shakespeare Incursion
HSC Drama Trial Practical Exam (evening)

August 4
Year 3 Performance Evening 2
JS Beginner Ensemble Concert

August 6
Nyngan Ag Expo

August 8
Year 12 Assessment and Excursion Free Period until August 12

August 10
Finance Committee Meeting

August 11
P&F Executive Meeting

August 12
Year 9 Parent Teacher Interviews
HICES Debating Preliminary Final

August 13
Watson Dinner (TBC)

August 14
HICES Music Festival Years 7-12 until Aug 17
Yachiyo Shoin Visit (TBC) until August 19

August 15
Year 12 Teacher Consultation and Study Day
P&F Meeting
IPSHEA Music Festival Years 5 & 6 until Aug 16

August 16
Year 12 Trial HSC until August 26
College Council Meeting
ICAS Maths Competition

August 18
Careers Market (Years 10 & 11)
JS WAS Athletics (ASC)
Years 9/10 Vlogging Demonstration (lunch)

August 20
Book Week until August 26
Drama @ BMEC “Countermove” 8pm

August 24
Development Committee Meeting
HICES Debating Quarter Final

August 25
Year 10 Canberra Excursion

August 26
Year 10 Canberra Excursion
Years 7-9 Brainstorm Production

August 27
Marsden House Dinner
Boarding P&F Meeting 3:30pm

August 29
Year 12 Excursion Free Period until Sept 2
Brainstorm Production Years 7-10

August 31
HICES Debating Semi Final
Big Band Night

September 1
Pre-Kindergarten 2 Day Father’s Day Breakfast

September 2
Pre-Kindergarten 3 & 5 Day Father’s Day Breakfast
JS HICES Athletics
Evatt NSW at ASC

September 4
Confirmations (TBC)
Father’s Day

September 5
Bathurst Eisteddfod until September 23

September 6
SS ISA Athletics

September 8
Netball Dinner (TBC)
HICES Debating Grand Final

September 9
Year 8 Parent Teacher Interviews
Rugby Dinner
Festival of Art Opening Night

September 10
Back to Saints OBU AGM/Dinner
Festival of Art

September 11
Spring Fair
Festival of Art

September 12
Year 11 Preliminary Exams commence
Music HSC Week (TBC) until August 16

September 13
Year 11 Preliminary Exams until September 19

September 14
Finance Committee Meeting
JS & SS CIS Athletics

September 15
P&F Executive Meeting

September 19
Hockey Presentation
P&F Meeting

September 20
Colours Assembly
College Council Meeting

September 21
Years 9/10 Digital Drama (evening)

September 22
Term 3 ends
Benefactors’ Service, Prefects Induction and Farewell to Year 12 9.30am-11.00am
Valedictory Dinner

September 23
Boarders Depart
Staff Day
Long Planning Meeting
Europe Tour Departs