Congratulations to all the musicians who contributed to last Thursday evening’s Music Night it really was outstanding. I thoroughly enjoyed my last music night and reflected that over the years the standard of performance has greatly improved none more so, I thought, than the guitarists – well done – though I was very impressed with all groups and individuals. Saturday’s fine weather saw sport on and I really enjoyed my teams efforts at Blayney before returning to Bathurst to enjoy the River Dreaming Festival which welcomed both junior and senior school students into the celebrations.

This week started with a most successful Remembrance Day Service and news of Ms Williams’ appointment to Marsden College in New Zealand. We congratulate her on this appointment, we acknowledge all that she has done to support and encourage the Junior School and we wish the Council all the best as they appoint a new leader for our special school.

Tomorrow is a most important occasion in the life of a Year 6 student. Marking a milestone, acknowledging a transition are particularly important processes. They really do help in the maturing of youth. This year, the students, with their parents start in the chapel.

This valedictory service is one of fellowship, worship, performance, recognition and reward. Following the chapel service a very pleasant meal is shared in the Dining Room with appropriate speeches, toasts and presentations. I always look forward to this special occasion – well done Year Six!

We are thrilled that a Junior School Carol Service is being prepared for this year. This will take place in All Saints Cathedral on Sunday 2 December commencing at 7pm and should finish by 8pm. The whole school Carol Service will still be held on the chapel lawn on the Monday evening and featuring senior school students will be well worth attending. This is a more relaxed, picnic style occasion and we are praying for fine weather.

Mr Richard Hobson has accepted our invitation to present the prizes at our Speech Day. Mr Hobson completed his education here at All Saints College in 1986 and went on to manage the successful family plumbing and roofing business.

He also challenged himself in the sport of triathlon reaching elite national level. Not just satisfied with his own achievements he is now, as president of the Bathurst Triathlon Club, encouraging others especially the young to get fit, healthy and participate in triathlon.

Mr Hobson has also accepted the invitation to be the starter of the 15th Cox Plate for Triathlon to be held on Monday 26th November.

What a busy week we have had! Practicing our concert, going to the city library and preparing our rooms for Christmas.

It is with great sadness that we farewell Mrs Tracey Lickess. Tracey has done a wonderful job in Transition and introduced the children to so many wonderful books and activities.

We wish her all the best for the future ahead and thank her very much for all her hard work with us.

Please visit us soon and see all the exciting things we are doing.

Regards Jock, Deb & Liz

Mr Bidwell’s farewell

Quick reminder to everyone regarding Mr Bidwell’s farewell:

It’s on Saturday 24th November 2007 at Bathurst Golf Club starting from 7pm. Tickets are $45 each. (This includes a $15 donation to the school of St Jude)

You will need to purchase your tickets from Miss Rachael McMahon in Reception. Please note there are a limited amount of tickets so get in as soon as you can.

Medical Alert

There has been another two confirmed cases of chicken pox in the school. Chicken pox is a contagious infection. There is usually a long period (10-21 days) from being in contact with the chicken pox until a child becomes sick. Usually the child has high temperatures, headache, tired and might have runny nose and cough for 2-3 days. As this settles the rash appears. The rash can be the typical blisters all over the body or might be just a few spots on tummy, back face or arms and legs. Children are contagious from the time they become unwell until ALL the spots have crusted over. There is a vaccine to prevent chicken pox. All 18 month olds are now being vaccinated but school age children have not been vaccinated unless you requested it and bought the vaccine. All children can be vaccinated at any time. Please discuss this with your doctor.

CHANGE OF DATE

School Performance Tours will present their show “Keep It Clean?” on Tuesday 20 Nov and not on Mon 12 as noted in the calendar. This is to fit in with other local performances. The show demonstrates what can be done to help our fragile environment.
School of St Jude

There has been considerable interest in my new venture for next year and for those parents who are interested I have received some new brochures which are available from Mrs Keogh in the Junior School Office. The school website is of particular interest and well worth a visit at www.schoolofstjude.co.tz

I also have copies of the book titled “St Judes” – A Girl from Guyra, a school in Africa and the patron saint of hopeless causes! This book, a great read, retails at $32.95 but is available from the office for only $25, please call in and pick up your copy. The Assistant Head of College – Senior School, Mr Stewart Ross has made available, through a mutual friend at Qantas, over 200 blankets for the new boarding houses being built at the school.

These blankets are being delivered, to a shipping container leaving Brisbane, by the kind assistance of Mr Hall. This wonderful container is being delivered, to a shipping container leaving Brisbane, by the kind assistance of Mr Charlie Hall. This wonderful container leaving Brisbane, by the kind assistance of Mr Charlie Hall. These blankets are being delivered, to a shipping container leaving Brisbane, by the kind assistance of Mr Charlie Hall. These blankets are being delivered, to a shipping container leaving Brisbane, by the kind assistance of Mr Charlie Hall. These blankets are being delivered, to a shipping container leaving Brisbane, by the kind assistance of Mr Charlie Hall.

I am also aware that the farewell function for Mr Bidwell and myself is planned as a significant fundraiser for the school for which we are both extremely grateful, as will be the School of St Jude. Thank you.

JR Bidwell

Junior School Carol Service

The students have started preparing for this special service. Sunday 2nd December, 7pm at All Saints Cathedral. School uniform will be worn (except Kindergarten who will present the nativity tableau in costume). This is a compulsory school activity and I would appreciate a note regarding a students inability to attend. Transition students are welcome with their families.

CRICKET DRAW 17.11.07

The cricket draw for this Saturday is:

- 7 Years Kanga Express
  - ASC Pups v St Pats Blue at St Pats
  - ASC Joeys v St Pats Red at All Saints Edgells (near tennis courts)
- 9 Years Kanga Max
  - ASC v Rugby Union Katch at All Saints (Junior School Oval)
- 10 Years Twenty 20 Hardball
  - ASC v Blayney at Blayney High School

In the event of wet weather please listen to 2BS from 7:30 am to hear of any cancellations. Good luck and good cricket!

Scholarship Fund official launch

The College will be holding the official launch of the Scholarship Fund on Friday 23rd November at 8.00pm on the front lawn of the College. Wine and finger food will be served. The cost of the evening is $15 per head. Scholarship wine will be available for purchase via order forms available on the night or on the website.

Please register your interest by 5.00pm Friday 16th November with Rachel McMahon at reception.

MOVEMBER UPDATE

All Saints’ College is really contributing to Movember with 14 Mo Bros. Can you identify all 14? They are growing moustaches to help raise awareness and money towards men’s health.

10 Years Twenty 20 Hardball Cricket

Last Saturday the ASC 10 Years team enjoyed an exciting morning of cricket on Stiles Oval. The boys were playing against St Pats Blue and looked a sharp and focused unit from the first ball of the match. Skipper Blake Sanders selected a powerful batting line up and the team did not disappoint with a dominant display against the opposition.

It was delightful to see the excellent technique from the openers, David Cant and Gyan De Silva, who got the team off to an excellent start. This momentum was maintained by Christopher Blattman and Hugh Elbourne who stroked the ball thoughtfully to all parts of the outfield. Ben Griffin completed the innings with some lusty hitting which included successive boundaries. At the conclusion of the innings ASC had scored 78 runs and had only been dismissed twice. The boys then applied the pressure in the field with Roan Van Heekeren, Blake Sanders and Lachlan McAloney all taking vital wickets.

Travis Cartwright thrilled the appreciative crowd with a skilful display of wicket keeping which included a catch and a stumping. Vicky Chua and Will Armstrong continued their outstanding bowling improvement and kept the opposition batsmen guessing. At the conclusion of the game St Pats had scored 46 runs for 13 outs which gave our side a convincing victory.

Once the kit had been packed up, the players gathered excitedly and waited to hear who was the first recipient of the Player of the Match Award. It was awarded to Gyan De Silva who had batted and bowled well, but had also fielded brilliantly taking three excellent catches. Well done Gyan. This week we play at Blayney and I look forward to another exciting game of cricket.

Mr Cant

The Joeys travelled to Brook Moore Oval to take on Rugby Union McGrath. Despite having only 5 players the Joeys put up a brave fight. Batting first we set a competitive total of 54 runs for the loss of 5 wickets, with all players contributing on a lively run affected pitch. It was then our turn to field. Thankfully Rugby volunteered 2 substitute fielders to fill in some of the gaps. Everyone bowled well, with Tim Crowe and Ben Cant taking wickets. Rugby finished 2 runs short of our total on 52, but for the loss of only 3 wickets, giving them the win on average runs per wicket. Ben Cant was named player of the day with some magnificent leg spin bowling. Overall it was a good morning of cricket and we look forward to next weekend’s game. Mr Gavin

Year 7 Kanga Express Joeys

The Joeys played their first game of the season against All Saints. It was a windy and cool morning, but we still managed to put up a good score of 64. We bowled out the opposition for only 22 runs with me taking 4 wickets. We then put on a great batting performance, scoring 64 for 2 wickets. It was a good game and we are hoping for more of the same.

Mr Pickard

Under 9 Kanga Cricket Max

Blayney turned on an excellent day for cricket, captain Tom Geyer won the toss and decided to bat. Henry Marson gave us some great support with 17 not out and Henry Morgan was as usual very consistent with 15 not out. Blayney went into bat after drinks and were quick to get to as many runs as possible. We did, however, capture 5 of their wickets with our improving game. Hannah Armstrong, in her first season was responsible for two of those wickets – well done. We play here at school this Saturday.

JR Bidwell

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