Saturday 1st September saw 21 school leavers & 3 teachers get together in the All Saints College dining room for the 20 year reunion plus a handful of 50 year leavers.

It was great to see everyone again & to catch up on what had happened over the past 20 years.

I have to mention what a huge effort it was for Kim Menzies who came for Florida USA, Libby Hoskins who travelled from Qld & to Tara McFadyen who came up from Adelaide. Hope you all had a safe trip home.

Following is a list of those school leavers who attended:
Sarah Hobson (Leckie) & husband Richard Hobson (Hobbo Class of 85), Vickie Chapman (Sullivan), Graham Black (Blacky), Stuart King, Brent Meincke, Melanie Cooper (Who married Brent & is now Mrs Meincke), Richard Worsley (Ugly), Aaron Morrison, David McCauley (Fang), Robert Kauffman (Aqua), Libby Hoskins, Tara McFadyen, Fiona Robards, Sonia Adams, Simone Lanham, Amber Pascoe, Ella Shepherd, Louise Sinclair (Captain 87), Emma Neville (Cook), Kim Menzies, Rob King (Teacher), Wayne Feebrey (Teacher), Tessa Jones (nee Harmer Teacher).

More stories inside
Greetings to my fellow Bathurstians – I trust you had a wonderful holiday season and that the rains come when and where they are most needed. I hope 2008 is a prosperous one for all.

Since my last report in August, the AGM of your OBU was held in September and the Committee has met on two occasions, in September immediately following the AGM and in December. Despite my plea in the August VIM, I was again disappointed by the attendance at the AGM. Whilst we just had a quorum to transact business, the future vibrancy of the association depends on a greater cross-section of members attending at least the AGM.

Following the AGM, I was re-elected for my fourth (and final) year as your President, and David Coote as Senior Vice President, succeeding Helen Baber who has decided to return to the back benches, so to speak! Fortunately, we will continue to receive the wisdom of Helen’s advice as a stalwart Committee member. We also welcomed Lynne Seaman and Jock Langlands as new Committee members.

The History project is still in its embryonic phase, as we gather information and develop our ideas. Chris Morgan, our project coordinator, has had little time to devote to the project due to other demands on his time, but hopefully he will become freer this year.

I am pleased to report that as at end December, the net assets of the OBU exceeded the minimum corpus set out in the Constitution, although recent falls on the Australian Stock Exchange will have had a negative impact in 2008. Nevertheless, the efforts of David Provost and his Finance Committee are to be applauded.

Three OBU scholarships of $1,000 per annum have recently been awarded for 2008 to Nadia Rees (Year 10), Cameron Dean (Year 11) and Jessica Murray (Year 12). Congratulations to the recipients, whom I will be meeting at the Scholarship Assembly on 4 March.

In my absence, the OBU was represented at the 2007 leavers Val-edictory Dinner by Rachel McMahon, whom from all reports did a sterling job in seeking the support of the OBU from the younger brigade. Thank you very much, Rachel. We continued the recently established tradition of giving all leavers a gift at this occasion.

I and a number of Committee members attended the Senior School Speech Day on 4 December and were most fortunate to hear a stirring speech by the Guest-of-Honour, Hugh Evans. The staff and students are to be congratulated for the production of another fine event.

On the social side, the Nyngan Dinner ably hosted by Dawn and Barry Lamph, was held in August and again was most successful. Although I wasn’t able to attend this year, I hope we can continue the event in future years. Our thanks are due to Dawn and Barry for their unstinting efforts in arranging this Dinner.

The Bathurst Reunion Dinner was held at the College in September with David Coote speaking on my behalf. There were only 38 attendees, a disappointing number which I hope doesn’t reflect a lack of interest in the College or the OBU.

A Dinner for the early Evans era students was arranged by David Coote and held in Sydney on 3 December. Although numbers were small, greater things can be expected and my thanks to David for his initiative.

The Dubbo Dinner is due to be held on 8 March and I hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Finally, it would be remiss of me on your behalf not to wish the Head of College, Jenny Williams, all the very best as she leaves shortly to embark on the next phase of her career in Wellington, New Zealand. Jenny has been a strong supporter of the OBU and she will indeed be missed by the College.

Keep an eye on www.saints.nsw.edu.au for event information

Volume 3 of the History of All Saints College is being written in 2007-2008

Recently the OBU announced its intention to publish a new volume of the history of the school bringing the All Saints’ College story up to date. I have been invited to lead this project and I am calling for your reminiscences and anecdotes particularly, but not exclusively if you were at school, or connected in any way, in the 1960s or later. The more you write the clearer the history will be. Please write down some memories and send them to me: Christopher Morgan, President, Bathurst Historical Society, PO Box 280, Bathurst, NSW, 2795 or email obu@saints.nsw.edu.au

Editorial note: In Issue 2 2007 a picture of The Booth Sisters was published. It should be noted that their youngest sister, Mary (now Carter) was also a Marsden Girl from 1938 – 1940.
Happy New Year to everyone in our community. As All Saints’ moves into its 134th year I would like to reflect on some of the history of our school. Did you know that when the school opened in 1874, with Henry Kemmis as Headmaster, there were 7 students? Now in 2008 we have over 500 students.

The fees for a boarder were 16 guineas a term, with day boys paying 3 guineas. By 1884 the numbers had risen to 70 boys. At this time the rail journey from Sydney to Bathurst took 8 hours.

The school magazine – the Bathurstian started in 1978 and it contained the following warning: “But while we record here the more showy successes of the cricket or football player it must not be forgotten that as a school, study and the cultivation of the heart and mind are our chief work.” Today the Bathurstian is our pride and joy and successfully captures all dimensions of our College – both academic and cocurricular.

All Saints’ became the home for girls as well as boys after the closure of Marsden in 1975. Marsden School for Girls had opened 50 years earlier in 1925 with 6 students. The local press at the time stated that ‘the school had beautiful surroundings, a splendid property, and an experienced headmistress, who was also a wise and cultured woman.’

Today All Saints’ College is a strong and wonderful school, which has retained the strengths and spirit of Marsden in our girls. The study and cultivation of the heart and mind are still our chief concerns, but we also recognise that this process happens both inside and outside the classroom as our students achieve across a plethora of cocurricular pursuits.

As I leave the College to take up my new position as a Principal in Wellington, New Zealand, I feel that I have been privileged to have had the opportunity to lead such a unique school. (Coincidently the name of my new school is ‘Marsden’!)

I would like to thank all members of our community – past and present students, parents, staff and friends, for supporting both the College and myself in the past five years.

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CATHERINE MACLEAN (NEE GREGSON) 1914-2007

Descended from an old pioneering family, whose records are held in Alice Springs and the New South Wales’ Mitchell Library,

Catherine Gregson was born in Sydney, but spent many years living in the Nicholson area, before moving to Stratford and later to Townsville.

Educated at Marsden Girls School in Bathurst NSW, Catherine was, in 1937, the first woman to drive around Australia by car - a Chevrolet utility.

Her achievement is on record in the Transport Hall of Fame, Alice Springs, where she is also recognised in the Pioneer Women’s Hall of Fame.

The trip was undertaken before her marriage to Donald Ian MacLean, and she travelled with her 60 year-old mother, who did the cooking along the way. Catherine had herself completed a mechanics course prior to the trip.

Catherine travelled extensively throughout Australia and overseas and was well known as a Field Naturalist.

Catherine died at the age of 93 and was cremated at the Townsville Crematorium.

She is survived by her four children, Euan MacLean (Perry Bridge); Margaret (Meg) MacLean (Townsville); Lochiel (lockie) MacLean (Canberra); Sally Gable (Townsville); her eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

(Material supplied by Catherine’s son Euan MacLean from Perry Bridge.)
A WEDDING AND A BABY

Tamara Boland (1991 -1996) married David Harris on the 5th of May 2007 at Langdons on Peabody, Molong. Included in the wedding party was Annie Hook (nee Birch).

David, a Scots School Bathurst old boy, and Tamara met at Uni in Armidale and have made QLD their home for the past 5 years.

David manages a feedlot near Proston and Tamara is an Agricultural Consultant.

Tamara and David also welcomed to the family Hugh Alfred Harris on the 7th of June 2007, born in nearby Kingaroy.

WILLIAM RIKARD-BELL (HSC 1998)

The OBU would like to extend our thoughts and prayers to William Rikard-Bell and his family following the recent accident at Drayton’s Family Wines in the Hunter Valley on 17 January 2008. William suffered severe burns following an explosion at the winery. We wish William a speedy recovery.

GRADUATION

Married

Megan Sinclair (ASC 1995-2000), married David Hitchick (ASC 1997-2000) on 18th January 2003, at All Saints’ Cathedral in Bathurst. Megan graduated from Macquarie University 2003, with a BSc (Geology), David graduated from Youthworks College (Loftus) in 2003, with a Dip. Ministry (Youth Work). They currently live in Sydney, David is the Senior Case-Worker at a training centre for young men dealing with addictions, and Megan is on maternity leave from her teaching position at St. Pauls Grammar School, having nearly completed a Postgraduate Dip. Ed (Secondary). Their first child, a son named Finn, was born on March 5th, 2007.

Garth Harriman (MC), Andrew Cairns (MC) Dale Watkins, Brett Swords.

MARRIED

Antonia Jones (nee Nash) ASC 1993 and Brett Jones were married at Wandin Valley Estate, Lovedale, Hunter Valley on March 3, 2007.

Antonia and Brett were expecting their first child in September last year.

OBITUARY

NANCY EVELYN JEAN HODGKINSON
(NEE MACKINNON)

A former student of Marsden from the early 1930s (dates unknown) Nancy Evelyn Jean Hodgkinson née Mackinnon died on July 25, 2007 aged 88. Nancy hailed from Trangie, and was preceded at Marsden by her two sisters Lucy (deceased) and Barbara (still alive and aged 90).

Nancy or Bib as she was known married Peter Hodgkinson on January 20, 1943, and they had three children, Sally, Barbara and Stephen.

Bib was very involved in charity work for which she was awarded an OAM in the 2004 Australia Day Honours List. She had been involved with Torchbearers for Legacy for over 50 years.

Vanessa Hallaj (nee Brown) announces the arrival of my beautiful twin girls, Renee Isabel and Rachel Mary, born on 26 July 2007, both 2.7kg and 48cm.

Little sisters to Jasmine who has just turned 2.
Jock and Sue Bidwell arrived at All Saints’ College with two small boys at the start of 1990. Jock was to be the second Head of the Junior School and served in that capacity for 18 years. Sam and Henry Bidwell attended All Saints’ and they also contributed to the life of the College with Sam being appointed as Captain (Senior School) in 1998.

Jock arrived to a thriving Junior School, though its expansion was limited by its accommodation. It was not long before a building programme was encouraged and the facilities and rooms were designed by staff and well supported by the parent body. Jock was impressed by the Senior School opportunities for Outdoor Education which were not available at that time for Junior School students. He set about changing that and has continued to encourage Outdoor Education opportunities which have included regular camps as well as optional bushwalks near Khancoban and the Warumbungles.

Jock saw real value in Bathurst Eisteddfod participation to the point that he set an example and entered himself in many sections over the years. Committed to the life of the College he has been a Vice-President of the P&F Association and has always been involved with the organisation of the Festival of Art. He also served the College Foundation as its secretary for five years and maintains his trustee membership.

Jock has accepted an invitation to mentor Tanzanian teachers at The School of St Jude. This is an amazing school for the very poorest of African children set up five years ago by the daughter of an Armidale grazier.

Jock’s Junior School colleagues have jotted down a few comments about what they will remember him for:

* Jock is wasted in the classroom - he should be on the stage! Jock and Sue have a true gift for hospitality and make a great effort to make staff feel important, valued and welcome. We have enjoyed some wonderful evenings at their home for the traditional beginning-of-term barbecue. Jock and Sue ‘live’ their Christian faith - a rare gift - Liz Rolfe

* I have many fond memories of Jock dressed as the ‘Mad Hatter’ serving make-believe tea to a young audience; giving the All Saints’ Cathedral band some ‘oomph’ with his drumming skills; sitting on a tiny chair in Transition with his knees around his ears correctly articulating the Jolly Phonics phonemes and having a wonderful ability to say the ‘right thing’ to a child at the the most opportune time. Thanks Jock for being a patient, positive, supportive and very dynamic role model for All Saints’ College - Deb Porter

* I will always remember Jock’s theatrical voice and seeing this TALL man leaving the playground with 16 LITTLE Transition children trailing along behind him. I will also remember his rainbow shoelaces and cartooned socks and ties that he would wear when teaching Transition. Most importantly, I will remember his leadership, enthusiasm, compassion and dedication that he showed towards All Saints’ Junior School students, parents and staff - Sally Gosper

* At various times, over the years I’ve worked with Jock I’ve felt that the stage has missed out on a great comic actor - who could forget his role in staff melodramas! However, they say that the whole world’s a stage and we but players on it. Jock’s role in, and contribution to the College, has been far more than entertainment value. He has been a wonderful friend and supportive leader whose Christian faith has been a golden thread running through all he has done. Sue, too, has been a great friend. Her gracious hosting of beginning-of-year barbecues has been one of many highlights. I’ll miss you both! - Ruth Clements

* Unflappable, generous and a man of true faith are ways that I will always remember Jock. His faith is gently and happily ever present in all aspects of the Junior School. He appears to effortlessly maintain calm, and one of the many ways in which his generosity is evident is his ability to always make time for anyone to talk things through or have a chat - Gabrielle Darlington

* Jock is a man for all occasions. A man who leads from the front and who is willing to get alongside his colleagues and get his hands dirty. Some leaders are all style and no substance. Others are full of substance and have no style. Jock is a leader who has both of these qualities in abundance and he will be sorely missed at All Saints’ College - Phillip Cant

* I have many fond memories of Jock, especially in regard to Outdoor Education camps. The one that stands out and which epitomises Jock concerns the disaster which befell the Years 5 and 6 Camp at Lake Lyell. A sudden storm on the afternoon of the first day devastated the Years 5 and 6 camp site, spoiling food, destroying tents and saturating our belongings. Jock came to the rescue later that evening, emerging from the swirling mist and fog in the school bus. In a scene reminiscent of the cavalry saving the besieged settlers, we welcomed him with hearty cheers of “Bravo!!” - Mark Hines

* What do I remember about Jock? That he walks very fast. That when we go on the Years 5 and 6 camp he never tires and is constantly on the go, while the rest of us are always looking for a seat or that life-saving cup of coffee. He sleeps in the ‘White Ant’ for the two nights - I’m not sure
Vale - Olga McKinnon

Since joining All Saints’ College in 1991 Olga has displayed her talent and versatility by teaching a wide variety of subjects across the curriculum and across departments including French, Food Technology, Design & Technology, Geography, Australian Studies and Civics and Citizenship. However, it will be as a highly respected History teacher that Olga will be best remembered by the past and present student body.

During her 17 years at the College, Olga has guided her History students towards consistently excellent results in Australian History and Modern History at both the School Certificate and Higher School Certificate levels. Her passion for her subject and her dedication towards the students under her care have been the hallmarks of Olga’s approach to her teaching. She is widely recognised as a gifted classroom practitioner who is always willing to give freely of her time to assist students in need of extra tuition. Olga’s experience, commitment and skill will be very much missed by our History students, their parents and her colleagues in the HSIE staffroom.

Outside of the classroom Olga has contributed significantly to the College in a myriad of areas. As Head of Rutherford House from 1995 until 2002 Olga proved to be a wise and much loved House ‘mother’ whose guidance, direction and pastoral skill were much appreciated by the day girls and their families. For two years Olga co-ordinated students studying for the Open High School. In sport she introduced the school, and ran for many years, the very popular girls’ aerobics programme. For a short time Olga was also the Head of Bean House, a job that she carried out with her usual flair and distinction.

Olga’s love of travel came to the fore as a key staff member on the 2004 All Saints’ Europe Tour and as a participant on the 2006 Japan Tour. She was also lucky enough to be one of the very few staff to participate in the Desert Discovery Adventure to Central Australia in 2000.

Olga has been a great supporter of the staff as a trusted counsellor and confidante. She has always had the staff’s best interest at heart with several long stints as IEU secretary and executive member. These positions can be stressful, time Over the years Olga has been involved in many of the Years 7 to 10 Outdoor Education camps. One of my fondest memories of Olga will be the 1996 Eastern-Western Week bike ride to Hill End and back along the Bridle Track. That year Olga led a small group of Year 9 boys and myself on push bikes to Hill End, camping out along the Macquarie River along the way. At Hill End, Olga’s husband, David, joined us to give the group a fantastic talk on the southern constellations under one of the most brilliant starry night skies that any of us had ever seen. This trip required a great deal of organisation, co-ordination and risk management skill which, as always, Olga provided in her usual unflappable style. I know that the boys who attended that camp had a memorable week and a great life experience to look back on. It is one of my favourite All Saints’ memories.

Down the track, it is these sorts of experiences and memories that our students are likely to treasure as the individual lessons, the ‘facts and figures’ fade away into insignificance. What our students will remember about us, their teachers, is the sort of people that we were and the shared experiences that we had together. These are the things that are reminisced over at school reunions. In the years to come Olga’s students will have many happy and positive memories of a caring, compassionate and energetic educator who always gave of her best for the benefit of her students, both in and out of the classroom.

Teaching has been described as the ‘noblest of professions’, Olga McKinnon personifies this ideal. The College and its students have been fortunate indeed to have a teacher of Olga’s calibre on our staff for so many years.

On behalf of the All Saints’ family I wish to thank Olga for all that she has contributed to the College and congratulate her on her many achievements and accomplishments over 17 very full and productive years. We wish her a long and happy retirement from teaching as she plans to pursue other interests in her life and spend more time with her family. All the very best Olga and thanks for the memories. You will be missed far more than you realise by your many friends and admirers at All Saints’

Wayne Feebrey
In looking over Mrs Jennifer Crofts’ record of service at All Saints’ there seem to be very few positions that she has not actually held at the College, except perhaps the Head of College!

Jenny first came to All Saints’ under the headmastership of Mr Bob Bickerdike in 1986 as a teacher in the PD/H/PE Department. At that time there were very few facilities and resources for PE in particular and there are stories of Jenny being out on the oval running a lawn mower along the athletics track before the carnival. Athletics was always Jenny’s favourite sport as she was a leading hurdler in her ‘youth’.

In 1987 she was the head of the PE Department and the Sportsmaster until 1992. It was a very busy time for Jenny as by this time she had three school-age girls who attended All Saints’. Every Saturday she had to leave home early to get to all the different sporting venues and take her own children to their own sporting fixtures, as well as pick up the odd student who had no way of getting to a game. Nothing seemed too much for Jenny though and she could always diffuse complaints and arguments with her gentle, winning smile or positive words.

Over the 22 years that Jenny has been at All Saints’ she has coached nearly every sport at some time or another. She has coached softball, diving, swimming, cross-country, netball, hockey and tennis, and even looked after a few rugby teams at various times.

She decided to change direction in 1992 and became the Year 7 Co-ordinator and then the Years 7/8 Dean. The Dean’s position was a newly created position and it involved pastoral care and academic supervision for all of the Years 7 and 8 students.

In 1995 Jenny became the Head of Glover House and there she remained until her retirement this year. She has always had a great rapport with all of her charges and she was always able to show understanding and give advice to students at all levels. Her PD/H/PE senior classes were often counselling sessions and occasionally times when she was “the first to know” about groups or individuals. Jenny is supportive of other staff as well as the students in her care. Glover House girls looked on her as someone they could rely on in times of need as she was ever ready to offer a friendly word of advice.

Jenny served on many committees such as Uniform, Colours, Work Experience, Arts and Artists Week and co-ordinated Year 7 Orientation Outdoor Education camps at different times. She has also taught a variety of subjects as well as being the senior PD/H/PE teacher. PE, Art, Australian Studies, Science, Health and French all appear on her curriculum vitae and this reflects a master of many trades.

Jenny will be greatly missed by both students and staff and we wish her all the very best in her retirement. Thanks Jenny for everything you have given to All Saints’ over the last two decades.

Memory Sanders

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Vale - Yasuyo Narushima

After 20 years at All Saints College, Mrs Yasuyo Narushima has decided to retire to spend more time with her family - her husband (Toshi), daughters (Terumi, Keiko and Yako), son (Hiroshi) and her two grandsons.

Yasuyo is one of the few teachers to have taught throughout the whole school, from as young as Transition right through to HSC level. She has been inspiring students with an interest in and awareness of Japanese language and culture with tremendous success.

Yasuyo has a broad history of education which she has been able to bring to her classes. She studied American and English literature at Waseda University in Tokyo and she was the first Japanese girl to get a working visa in a tourist industry in Victoria in the early 70s. She taught at TAFE, Charles Sturt University and Wollongong University, before coming to All Saints’.

In 1988 she began teaching at All Saints’ with the Year 11 Beginners Japanese Course and in the Junior School. Shortly after this she won the Foundation Grant for a training programme for leading teachers in the Japanese language for two months in Japan. It was in 2006 that she became the Western Region representative of the Japanese Teachers’ Association of NSW and then had eight years of HSC marking experience.

Yasuyo is a true professional. She is efficient, organised and enthusiastic in everything she does. All her lessons are prepared with the interest of the classes in mind and she is always open to new ideas and methods of teaching. To watch her teach a Junior School class a Japanese song is a delightful experience. She is always smiling, and full of fun. Every year Yasuyo has been involved in demonstration lessons for Open Day, Orientation Day and Japanese Children’s Day.

Yasuyo has had a long and close association with All Saints’ as her three daughters all were educated here. She says that she wants to have the time now to “make her grandsons bilingual” like her daughters!

We will miss Yasuyo’s expert Japanese teaching and her positive approach to all things, but more importantly we will miss her wicked sense of humour, her laughter and her irresistible sense of fun!

Sayonara Yasuyo!

Tessa Jones
IAN McKIBBIN (1911-2007)

IAN McKIBBIN had a hard enough war. Captured by the Japanese at the fall of Singapore, he was imprisoned in Changi and then sent to work on the infamous Burma-Thailand railway. Yet fortune smiled when he missed the massacre at Parit Sulong.

McKibbin and his friend Ben Hackney headed off to World War II not knowing where they were going to. McKibbin thought the Middle East. They landed in Singapore to be transported to Malaya to fight the Japanese. After some pleasant days in Singapore, they headed north, with the Japanese heading south rapidly down the Malay Peninsula.

In their retreat south, up to 300 Australians and Indians were shot or beheaded at Bakri in January 1942, after which the Australians withdrew to Parit Sulong, where British forces held the bridge. The men fought with bayonets through road blocks, singing Waltzing Matilda, only to find the Japanese had taken the bridge.

After several suicidal attempts to retake it, the Australian order was, “every man for himself – leaving 110 Australian and 35 Indian wounded. Instead of allowing the Red Cross to care for the wounded, the Japanese machine-gunned and bayonetted them and set the bodies alight Hackney, with multiple wounds, feigned death. He survived the Japanese bayonets and six weeks in the jungle, with one leg broken and the other mangled. The Japanese finally picked him up, jailed him in Changi, and sent him to the railway. He survived again.

McKibbin survived, too. He had given his mate Hackney a pineapple, the historian Iynnette Silver wrote in like Bridge at Parit Sulong (2004), before evacuating the more seriously wounded from Bakri. Then he drove through enemy lines with some of the wounded.

Hackney, one of only three left at Parit Sulong to survive, died in 1984. McKibbin died last month, at 96.

Ian James McKibbin was born in Bathurst, the second son of Samuel and Elizabeth McKibbin. His childhood with his brothers Watson and Colin and his sister, Betty, was carefree and spirited. His primary education was at the tiny O'Connell Public School, before he went in 1923 to All Saints College, Bathurst. He was good academically and at sport, later playing rugby for NSW as fly half. After school he followed family tradition as a grazier and undertook a wool-classing course in Sydney.

McKibbin was 30 when he enlisted in a Victorian battalion camped outside Bathurst. He became a first lieutenant in the 2/29th Division, 10th Battalion. He always said he survived the war due to good fortune, strict hygiene and the belief he would come home. He did not appear to hold grudges, visiting Japan and Changi after the war

He resembled a walking skeleton on his return to Australia but recovered to marry Janet Eileen Terrey in Bathurst in 1946. They lived on his parents' property outside Bathurst before moving to Kildrummie, Rockley, in 1949. He set about improving pastures and fencing paddocks. He first identified serrated tussock in the region and was meticulous in keeping it under control. He bred fat lambs and cattle, ran merino wethers for wool, grew oats, lucerne and experimented with other crops.

He was an avid reader who loved history biographies and books on travel. He was interested in the environment and the business world, and was a member of Legacy, the Returned and Services League and several clubs.

In 2002 Ian and Janet moved to Bathurst to live due to her ill health. He still drove out to the property until his licence no longer allowed it. He had his fifth hip replacement last year, at 94, waking up to say; “They haven’t been able to get rid of me yet.” The doctor said he had more metal in him than a scrapmetal yard.

Janet died three years ago. Ian McKibbin is survived by his children, Marion, Alison and Andrew and four grandchildren. Tony Stephens

Published in Sydney Morning Herald, November 11, 2007
The 2007 HSC results were outstanding and are a reflection of the outstanding effort and commitment invested by our students with the caring and professional teaching, support and guidance provided by our staff. Once again students from All Saints’ College exceeded expectations and achieved extraordinarily well in the 2007 Higher School Certificate.

There were 78 students in the class of 2007. The following summarises some of their achievements:

- 26% of students achieved a UAI of 90 or more.
- over 50% of students achieved a UAI of 80 or more.
- Sara Alamyar from Oberon was Dux of All Saints’ College with a UAI of 99.75.
- Sara Alamyar, Alexandra Horan, Susannah Payne and Joshua Watt had the distinction of being placed on the Premier’s All-Rounders List, with a Band 6 result (90% or more) in 10 units (5 courses).
- Students achieved 64 (67 if you count 3 notional Band 6s in Ext2 Maths) Merit Listings across a wide range of courses. All Saints’ College consistently achieves one of the highest proportions of Merit Listings amongst country schools and the highest in the Bathurst. Approximately one-third of our students received a merit listing.
- All Saints’ College presented students in 32 courses and, of these, an outstanding 28 were above the state mean, some by astonishing margins. For example, the mean mark in Ancient History was 86.76 (14.5 above the state mean), with eight Band 6 (90% or over) and six Band 5 results. The number of Band 6 results represents over four times the state pattern. There were also eight Band 6 results in Advanced English, which represents over three times the state pattern. Legal Studies achieved four Band 6 results, which is over five times the state pattern and Visual Arts achieved six Band 6 results which was also over three times

the state pattern.
- Because Band 6 results (Merit Listings) concentrate on the top students, some consider that a more meaningful statistic is the proportion of students in the top 2 bands (a mark of 80 or more in a 2 Unit course). The following courses all had at least half (and in some cases all) of the All Saints’ candidature in the top 2 bands: Agriculture, Ancient History, Biology, Chemistry, Drama, Economics, English (Advanced), Geography, Legal Studies, Mathematics, Modern History, Music 1, Music 2, PD/Health/PE and Visual Arts.
- Our students also performed well in Extension subjects, with at least half of our students in the top 2 bands in the following courses: English Extension 1, English Extension 2, History Extension, Japanese Extension, Mathematics Extension and Music Extension.
- The above results are testimony to the dedication of the staff at All Saints’ and the commitment to excellence fostered amongst the College community. Attention to individual students and the encouragement of students to take responsibility for their own learning through a collaborative approach lies at the heart and soul of this success. We are particularly proud of our ‘average’ is the a better way of saying average students who have achieved results that are well beyond average. We wish all our students continuing success in the future.

UAI above 90: Sara Alamyar (99.75), Alexandra Horan (99.70), Joshua Watt (99.25), Susannah Payne (98.80), Nathan Koenig (98.70), Victoria Jordan-Jones (96.8), Emma Doolan (96.75), Hannah Jang (94.5), Esther Rolfe (95.05), James Clohesy (93.75), Phillip Beames (93.40), Sarah McDonald (93.40), Lily Ward (92.90), Rebecca Barlow (92.75), Kiara Crofts (92.75), Ella Sharp (92.70), Elizabeth McDonald (92.05), Felicity MacDougall (92.9), Renee Griffin (92.9), Belinda Moore-Gilbert (92.9), Simon Wright (90.65).

Merit Listings: Sara Alamyar (Ancient History, English Advanced, English Extension 1, English Extension 2, Legal Studies, Visual Arts), Rebecca Barlow (Ancient History, Mathematics, PD, Health, PE), Phillip Beames (Chemistry), James Clohesy (Mathematics), Kiara Crofts (Visual Arts), Emma Doolan (English Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Music 1), Renee Griffin (English Advanced, Legal Studies), Alexandra Horan (Ancient History, English Advanced, English Extension 1, French Continuers, History Extension, Modern History), Aimee Jackson (Ancient History), Eun-Jin Jang (Mathematics Extension 1), Victoria Jordan-Jones (Bioly), Katherine Kennett (Ancient History, PD, Health, PE), Alexandra King (Hospitality, PD Health PE, Visual Arts), Nathan Koenig (Ancient History, English Advanced, History Extension, Mathematics, Physics), Felicity MacDougall (Legal Studies), Elizabeth McDonald (Hospitality, Mathematics), Sarah McDonald (Agriculture, Chemistry, PD Health PE), Belinda Moore-Gilbert (English Advanced, Legal Studies), Kimberly Noonan (PD Health PE), Susannah Payne (Ancient History, Chemistry, English Advanced, English Extension 1, Geography, Mathematics), Rebecca Picker (Mathematics General), Esther Rolfe (Mathematics General, Geography, Visual Arts), Jakoby Rosewarne (Ancient History), Ella Sharp (PD Health PE), Joshua Watt (Chemistry, English Advanced, Mathematics, Music 1, Physics), Juliette Webber (Visual Arts), Simon Wright (Visual Arts).
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“For those of you who don’t understand this, let me suggest you spend some time in other schools, any other school – and compare. How often will you see students or staff greet each other in a friendly fashion - or even at all? How often, elsewhere, will you find staff members sitting clustered in a group at morning tea, or lunch time, or after school, trying to figure out a solution (particularly a pastoral solution) to a problem that some student may have? Here you will find this happens frequently.

“In most other schools, how often will you find honest, gutsy laughter coming out of a classroom? Laughter shared equally between student and teacher? No, not in every class – but many times a day, in many classrooms at ASC. In today’s world and today’s schools this is often a rare commodity – and it is part of the foundation of what makes this school exceptional.

“We’ve all heard the horror stories from other schools about student–teacher conflicts, but in my time here, these issues have been extremely rare. Yes they occur, because we are human beings, but they are very, very infrequent. Why is that? What has All Saints’ got that other schools haven’t?

“I don’t know precisely, but if it could be bottled it would certainly sell well on the open educational market. Is it the type of student we have? Yes, partly. Because parents like yourselves are not necessarily wealthy, many of you rely on two jobs and significant financial sacrifice to send your children to this school. Somehow, perhaps, that transmits to your children and makes a difference to their attitude.

“Is it partly the family values? Yes, I believe so. Because you don’t necessarily hold with the transient shallowness of big city life - your values are, perhaps, firmly grounded in more solid foundations than those in from the big cities”.

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“The population in Bathurst and the region continues to grow and we wanted to be well positioned to cater for that growth.

“The major ticket item in the refurbishment programme is $500,000 being spent to lift our Music Centre to the most modern facility imaginable” he said. “Music is one of our college’s strengths and the major works now happening reflect our belief in that area.

“The main entrance to the college is also getting a $135,000 facelift with new front gates and a roundabout at the entrance.

“To maintain our position as a major boarding school facility, the historic Britten House will have major renovations completed for returning students and a new-look Dining Room, costing $50,000, will be ready to serve meals on day one of the new term”.

Other works being completed include the Esrom House Administration building renovations, Junior School playground improvements, computer lab renovations, Year 1 and 2 classroom renovations, and improvements to the horse shelters.
It is with great pleasure that I stand before you tonight in a role that most of you would be unaware that I hold. Tonight I represent the Old Bathurstians’ Union (otherwise known as the ‘OBU’) as Secretary, in the absence of Ken Conway, the OBU President.

Year 12, You may not yet be aware of what the OBU means, and you will not realise what the OBU will mean to you until you have completely left All Saints’ College but most of you have recently become members of a school association which is the second oldest of its kind in Australia. The OBU is the link between you and All Saints’ College, a link which will remain with you for the rest of your lives.

At this point in time this connection may not be clear or important to you, but I assure you that in years to come when your peers are revelling and reminiscing at 5, 10, 20 or even 50 year Reunions – you will definitely want to be involved, because it will be at that point in your lives where you will realise that ASC was not only a place where you received your education, but a place where you met many friends and acquaintances that will remain with you forever. You will also want to follow the lives of your peers, to know who got married, who had children, who has done what with their careers and you will be informed all of this through the OBU.

As a fellow ‘Old Bathurstan’ of yours and especially as a young adult who is not too many years older than you, I’d like to offer some advice, believe it or not, but after your exams finish, and after you attend your final Speech Day, you are out in the big bad world. It is a concept that won’t become clear until you realise that there isn’t someone nagging at you to get your assessments in, there isn’t a note being sent home to advise you when your lessons are on, for most of you, you will now need to arrange your own travel, your own meals and most importantly, you will all have to clean up after yourselves. For those of you who will go on to university, a gap year, travel or employment, whatever you do, you most of you, you will now need to become responsible young adults and fortunately for you, All Saints’ College has led you to the completion of your education. You will shortly realise, that you were the ones who came first, because without students, a school doesn’t exist, and your school is here for you alone. I know for some of you, now would be the point where you have had enough of school, you are nervous about the upcoming exams and you are itching to get your results so that you can make a zealous leap into the real world and become the person you wanted to be when you grew up.

So in a few months, when you receive your UAI and your HSC results, remember that those numbers are not necessarily a true depiction of your 13 years at school. Yes, your UAI is a number which allows you to get into the course that you desire, but it is only a number. What will become important for you is the approach you took in getting those results and you will decide whether that approach was effective, and what needs to be tightened up as you approach your future. Don’t be too hard on yourselves, but do try your best – Life is a learning experience and you will continue to learn forever. I wish you well in your exams and for the future.

See you on the other side of ASC in the OBU!

Congratulations Year 12, and on behalf of the OBU I would like to present you with a small gift on your graduation.

Rachel McMahon, OBU Secretary

The Year 12 students were presented with an OBU key ring

VET Western NSW Teacher of the Year

The winner of the VET Western NSW Teacher of the Year was our very own Mr John Hughes - undoubtedly one of the most energetic, enthusiastic and talented teachers that the Western Region has witnessed this year. He is a teacher whose focus remains on teaching excellence and creating the best possible experiences for his students in the hospitality industry.

It should also be noted that Hospitality students over the last few years have enjoyed incredible success in this subject. This includes:

- 1st place in the HSC – Melissa Grinter.
- Gold Medals at World Skills over three consecutive years.
- Bronze Medals at World Skills in NSW Finals 2007.
- Bronze Medals in Commercial Cookery and in Food & Beverage.
- Students have won cash prizes worth $8000.
- The development of educational links with the Blue Mountains Hotel School and Ryde TAFE Hotel Management School.
- The ‘Adopt-a-School’ programme with Cobblestone Lane Restaurant, Steve’s Butchery and the Bathurst Convention & Function Centre which gives our students greater insight and experience in the hospitality industry.

Congratulations to John and all of his students.
A huge thankyou to Blacky for doing most of the ringing around. When the school contacted me I thought I would have no hope in locating many ex students. If anyone knows of the whereabouts of Simon Berryman please let me know. I think Blacky and I have called at least 20 WRONG Simon Berrymans.

To anyone else out there that hears about the reunion but didn’t know it was on PLEASE update your details with the school as it makes life soooo much easier!!!

Talking with a few people at the Oxford later in the evening we were discussing the possibility of getting together perhaps in Sydney in about a years time. Please those that are interested lets keep in touch every few months via email and lets make this happen. Dinner at a restaurant somewhere would be fantastic.

For Kim Talbot, Tom Riley, Simon Farrow and anyone else out there who wanted to hear a little spiel on what we have done with ourselves here is my very brief one:

After leaving school I went on to Charles Sturt University Bathurst to study Bachelor of Business major in Marketing. After graduation headed for Sydney living at Manly and working as a buyer for David Jones in the city.

Moved a few times.. Harbord, French’s Forest and Manly Vale and especially loved the lifestyle of the Northern Beaches.

Richard otherwise known as Hobbo had moved to Sydney before I graduated but was nice to hook up again when I made the move. At the end of 1993 Richard moved back to Bathurst to work in the family business and at the end of 1994 I moved back also and we wed on 3rd Dec 1994.

I then worked as Branch coordinator for Skilled Engineering before heading off to Europe with Richard for some R and R.

Along the way we have produced 4 gorgeous daughters... Lucy Mattilda 10, Sophie Nicola 8, Jemima Molly 5 and Poppy Arabella 2.

Richard now runs his own plumbing and roofing company and I take care of the books, the kids, the house etc.

That’s it.... Sorry for those that we missed in the photos like Sonia, Simone and Aaron. But if anyone else has any pics I would love to see them.Take care all and once again thanks for a great evenig!!!

Sarah Hobson

FIONA ROBARDS

My main passion is photography – I did exhibit quite a lot and then decided to give it up a few years ago (exciting stuff but too much effort) – having said that I did put a piece in the Glebe Art Show this year and luckily won the photography prize!!!

When I finished undergrad I travelled for a year solo and I have managed to continue travelling – probably due to not having kids. I used to travel mainly to developing countries but these days its more conferences and visiting friends (In the next few months going to NZ, Fiji and Japan).

My job is Coordinator of the Centre for the Advancement of Adolescent Health based at the Children’s Hospital, Westmead. We do NSW youth health policy, research, training and resource development. It’s big picture, rewarding, flexible, meaningful, great learning opportunities and I love it (but it has taken 20 years to get there, including the last 5 years managing multidisciplinary teams doing crisis driven work with at-risk and homeless young people).

And yes I am still studying: finishing off my 4th Masters – this one in Public Health (previously Psychology, Art Therapy, and Health Administration). Crazy I know. It doesn’t seem like I have spent that much time studying but when I count it’s been 9 out of the last 20 years!

I live with partner David Musgrave at Glebe Point – we have been married for about 7 years (Actually Jane Castle and Rob Stevenson were living around the corner from us until they recently moved to Tassie – I have lost touch with them now). David is a poet, publisher and academic. He did a PhD in English Literature (a more sensible option than 4 Masters!). He has an article in the SMH today, Spectrum “review of the week” if you are interested in poetry. David and I have been working on a book of photography and poetry around the theme of water.

Amber Pascoe

After school Amber attended ANU in Canberra and completed a BA majoring in Japanese, taking a year off in the middle of her studies to travel to Japan and again on following completion of her degree for a few years teaching English in junior high schools. Amber has worked at Qantas since 1999 (International Airport). Amber has 2 sons, Ben 3 and Tom 3 months. (Tom arrived on 6th November 2007)

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Farewell Jock & Sue Bidwell

On Saturday 24th November, the All Saints’ College Council and the Junior School P&F formally farewelled Jock and Sue Bidwell at a special function at Tully’s On The Green (Bathurst Golf Club). Over 90 guests attended and included close family members, staff (both past and present), members of the College Council, parents and former students.

MC for the night was Mr Mark Hines and throughout the evening speeches were made by Mrs Carol Goddard, Mrs Vickie Osborne, Dr Ian Elbourne, Mrs Ruth Clements and Ms Jenny Williams. The theme introduced by the MC was “Myths and Legends” and each of the speakers embellished on this by referring to the many fine attributes that both Jock and Sue have brought to the College over their 18 years here. At the end of the speeches Jock and Sue gave heartfelt sentiments about the significance of All Saints’ College to their lives and then cut a farewell cake.

Thank you Jock and Sue for your contributions that have enriched the life of All Saints’ College and the broader Bathurst community. It is an exciting and very worthwhile venture that you are undertaking as you head towards another chapter in your life in Africa. We will all miss you but look forward to hearing about your work at the School of St Jude.

Bob Poole

News & Notes

FRIENDS CATCH UP IN LONDON

Six All Saints’ College school friends recently caught up to celebrate the coming birth of a new baby. They were all 1994 school leavers and now currently live in and around London, UK. From L-R; Melanie Batt, Sam Wallace, Rhian Pearce, Katie Oliver with son Sullivan, Alexandra Jarratt and Rebecca Crean (nee Batt) 37 weeks pregnant.

OBU CRICKET GAME

OBU players travelled back to play with ASC in ideal weather conditions. ASC won the day on 117 to 109.
OBU Contact Details

Could all OBU members please complete the form below and return to the address below. If you know of OBU members who have not been receiving their OBU VIM or reunion information please have them contact the OBU.

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Year and level completed ASC or Marsden:

Married:

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Career achievements:

Other achievements:

Help to update OBU Database  
The OBU along with the school are trying to update the OBU database. If you have moved or changed your personal details in any way please fill out & return the OBU Contact form to:

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