In 1873 Canon Thomas Smith put forward the idea of opening an Anglican College. On January 27th 1874, The Bathurst Church of England College opened its doors to seven students under the headmastership of Mr Henry Kemmis. Renamed All Saints’ College, the College officially came into being in mid-1875.

In 1878 Mr Edward Bean succeeded Henry Kemmis. He produced the badge and motto, designed the uniform, commenced The Bathurstian and introduced such things as the prefect system, cadets, debating, dancing and carpentry.

The third Headmaster was the Reverend Frederick Tracey. Under his leadership, the College became one of the ten founding members of the Athletics Association of the Greater Public Schools. In 1893 the Old Boys’ Union was started.

The fourth Headmaster, Mr Herbert Britten, was a keen sportsman and the College became very successful in rugby, football and cricket.

In 1911 Mr George Stiles was appointed Headmaster. He promoted French and German and brought boxing to significance in the College. With the coming of the war in 1914 enrolments dropped and staffing became difficult. On June 30th 1919, Mr Stiles resigned and the College closed its doors.

In 1923 the College was re-opened by the Reverend Lindsay Watson. The College grew rapidly under his leadership. Reverend Watson retired in 1946. His successor, the Reverend Alan Catley, was not strong enough to carry the load and resigned in 1948, passing the reigns over to Mr Edward Evans. He increased the student population significantly, and oversaw extensive development in facilities.

In 1963 Mr Roy Dent took over. His stay was a busy three years. He oversaw the inauguration of the Avern Award and the republication of the history of the College. In 1966 Mr Dent resigned, Mr Vic Tunbridge took over as Acting Headmaster and later in the year, the Council appointed Mr Peter Gebhardt as the tenth Headmaster. Mr Gebhardt introduced many innovative programs, which included Arts and Artists Week.

Mr Dan Massey was appointed Headmaster in 1975. He introduced co-education in 1976 and was instrumental in the College amalgamating with Marsden Girls’ School in 1977.

In 1982 the Junior School was reopened under the guidance of Mr Doug Finlay. Mr Massey resigned at the end of 1983 and Deputy Headmaster Mr Bruce Clydsdale took over until Mr Robert Bickerdike was appointed in 1985.

Mr Bickerdike led the College forward through eight years of constant development both in buildings and student numbers. This period also saw a steady growth in Outdoor Education. December 1989 saw the departure of Mr Finlay from the position of Head of the Junior School. He was succeeded by Mr Jock Bidwell.

Dr Timothy Wright started at the College in 1993 and was responsible for the development of the formal Pastoral Care structure within the House system and its implementation within the College timetable. He oversaw the development of many College facilities. In 1998 the first Transition to School class commenced.

The present Head of College, Ms Jenny Williams, joined All Saints’ in 2003. She has brought a wealth of enthusiasm and a fresh vision for the future of All Saints’. Today All Saints’ has a total enrolment of around 600 students. With its academic and co-curricular achievements among the top in country NSW, it is one of the most successful schools in the State.

The OBU are endeavouring to preserve the history of the school and invite anyone with information to contact President Ken Conway on (02) 9449 5242 or email kmcon@optusnet.com.au
Greetings to all Old Bathurstians,

This has been a relatively quieter time for your OBU since my last report in February. It seems that we are all suffering from the time pressures of modern day society (even in retirement!) and any free time that we have is quite understandably being given to our families. This situation was reflected in the cancellation of the Dubbo Dinner in March after such a wonderful occasion last year, and the postponement of the Sydney function in June.

The OBU Committee did meet in June at the School and a number of issues were reviewed and ratified.

Firstly, the Treasurer reported on the OBU’s revamped investment portfolio with approximately half of the portfolio now in blue chip equities, with the balance remaining in CMA’s and debentures. I’m pleased to report that earnings are on the improve and this will in due course lead to additional operating funds for the OBU.

Secondly, the Committee ratified the award of a second Centenary Scholarship, worth $1,000 per year in each of Years 11 and 12 to the child or grandchild of an OBU member. This means that the OBU will in future be sponsoring $2,000 per year, with one new scholarship awarded each year.

Thirdly, much discussion was had on how to improve communications with our members and at the same time to reduce the cost of mail outs and postage. Clearly, email and websites are the way ahead, and I urge all readers of this bulletin to advise the School’s receptionist, if they haven’t already done so, of their email address.

Fourthly, Life Membership Certificates will be introduced this year to all new members, and this will serve as a lasting record of their bond with the School.

Lastly, an initiative to bring the School’s History up to date was canvassed and further discussion will be held at the next meeting in September. The current School History was largely the work of notable OBU member, the late Jim Antill, and covered the period 1874 to 1963. There is thus 43 years to be covered in the new edition, a period of enormous growth and change for the School. I would love to hear from any members with their thoughts and suggestions (and support) on what will be a momentous task.

On the social side, it was disappointing that the Dubbo and Sydney functions were cancelled or postponed. But the Nyngan Dinner to be held on 5 August is still in prospect and I hope to see as many of you there as is possible.

The Annual Reunion is scheduled for the weekend of 2/3 September, so put the date in your diaries and make every effort to attend. Remember, the continuing success of your School is very much dependent on kindred school associations such as the OBU so your presence at the AGM and the Reunion Dinner is a very tangible way of showing that support.

Thank you to my fellow Committee Members for your sterling support of the OBU this year during what has been a very busy period for many of us.

Late last year a garage sale advertisement in the Western Advocate indicated the availability of one of the original cast iron fireplaces from the Sir Francis Suttor residence, Bradwardine (now known more familiarly as Britten House).

The fireplace was removed before the College used the historic home (built in 1872 and used during the 1930s and 1940s as the principal residence for the Edgells family) as a boarding facility. It is an interesting coincidence that this fireplace has “seen the light of day” at a time when the College is reviewing a change of purpose for this property. Needless to say, the fireplace, its authenticity and its value, was carefully assessed with the assistance from Mr Christopher Morgan, parent and President of Bathurst Historical Society.

The College Parents & Friends Association saw not only the value of the acquisition but also appreciated the importance of such a restoration to what is one of the most significant historic buildings in Bathurst. With thanks to Mr Christopher Morgan and the P & F the entire ornate fireplace is now ready for refurbishment and replacement. It is important that the College keeps in touch with the tradition of history of our 132 years.
As students move closer to the end of their Higher School Certificate the pressure builds on them to choose a career and, hence, a university. The choice today for students is virtually boundless.

Each year students apply for courses that were not even thought of ten years ago. It is incredibly confusing and frustrating for our children to be faced with so much variety.

We try to help our students by providing guidance from our Careers Counsellor, by holding and attending information sessions and, where possible, using ex-students to work with our children.

Recently, Edward Marsden, (ASC School Captain in 1993) flew one of the Prime Minister’s planes into Bathurst Airport on a training run. He generously offered to show students the plane and talk with them about a career in flying.

Seeing ‘life after school’ in action is a wonderful way of opening students’ eyes to possible career paths. Hearing the story of someone who has walked the same educational path that they are now on helps students to consider new options.

What path did you take? Perhaps your story would be one which some of our students would find inspirational. Please contact Bruce Clydsdale or me if you, or someone you know, could contribute in this way.

Elizabeth Dawson (1997) has completed a Bachelor of Arts (Creative Writing), 1st Class Honours and a Bachelor of Laws, 1st Class Honours, obtaining the University Medal from Southern Cross University on 21st April, 2006. She is currently working at the Centre of Workplace Services in Perth, Western Australia.

Congratulations to Sandy Tucker who married Gareth Bullock at All Saints’ Cathedral on December 23rd, 2005. The school community wishes the happy couple all the best for their new life together in the UK.
Next May it will be 30 years since Marsden closed.  
On the first Sunday in May next year it is planned to have a Marsden Reunion – a Service at Holy Trinity Church, Kelso, lunch at All Saints and a trip around Marsden. Further information will be provided at a later date, but please keep May 6th free and pass this information on to any Marsden Old Girl you know.  
Contact: Helen Baber 02 6331 7497 or Memory Sanders 02 6331 3911.

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VIM DEADLINE

Deadline for the February 2007 issue is December 30 2006

HELP US IMPROVE THE OBU

If you have any suggestions, comments or would like to become involved in the OBU let us know. Contact Memory Sanders on (02) 6331 3911.
In January 2005 I headed off to Japan on a working-holiday visa to travel, study and work in a country that I had been learning about from a textbook for many years. I wanted to get to know what life was like for the average person and immerse myself in the rich culture of Japan. It was only after I arrived at the airport to meet up with my hosts (Mr Iizuka - a long-time friend of Mrs Reekie who owns a company in Chiba prefecture) that I realised I had just jumped in the deep end.

No one at my new home-away-from-home (company boarding house), at my part time job (local restaurant), or at the language school I was attending spoke any more than a few words of English. So for the first few months of my stay I made sure I carried around my trusty Japanese-English dictionary everywhere I went.

Each weekday I commuted by train to Chiba to study Japanese in Japanese at an international language school where not only did I learn many new kanji characters and grammar structures, but I also met people from around the world - Korea, Russia, Peru, China, Africa, Thailand, Ukraine - and made friends, and learnt about their cultures and countries, and shared mine.

At work each night I learnt how to greet customers and take their orders, how to prepare traditional Japanese meals and serve sake. On the weekends and in holidays I grabbed my camera and travel guide and headed off exploring in Tokyo and Chiba, Mt Fuji and Nikko with friends, and in the summer holidays I headed down to Kyoto, Osaka, and Nara with Amy Dundon to meet up with Shiho Fujii (an assistant teacher at All Saints’ in 2004/5) and to visit sights such as the famous Golden Temple. Before I knew it, December was here, I couldn’t remember the last time I spoke English, and my dictionary was well-thumbed, torn at the corners, and under a pile of much more important books.

I was surrounded by friends from all around the world, and a huge group of Japanese people I now classed as my second family. Sometimes I even got a fright looking in the mirror wondering who that crazy Caucasian was staring back at me and even more so when I got teased for not knowing quite how to write a customer’s name because they forgot I wasn’t Japanese.

To say I had the time of my life would be an understatement, I came to know a totally different way of life and of living.

I would like to thank Mrs Reekie for organising my stay and encourage all students studying or thinking of studying Japanese to give it a try - you never know, in a few years time you might be having an overseas adventure of your own.

Jemma Ritchie (Year 12 - 2004)
Flying Marsden

In what was literally a flying visit to Bathurst on Wednesday, RAAF pilot and former All Saints’ College School Captain Edward Marsden showed staff and students one of the Federal Government’s VIP jets at Bathurst Airport.

A group of Year 9 students from the College were treated to a tour of the Challenger executive aircraft, giving them not only an understanding of the inner workings of the jet, but also a glimpse into how the Prime Minister and other members of the Government travel around Australia and overseas.

The Challenger aircraft is one of three similar planes in the Governments VIP Squadron.

Flying Officer Marsden talked to students about his career and how he went from an early interest in flying while still at All Saints’ College under the guidance of Terry Trevor-Jones of the Bathurst Aero Club to his current position with the VIP Squadron.

Sharing with the students some of his career highlights, Flying Officer Marsden included piloting the plane for the recent visit to Australia by Duke of Edinburgh and flights by Federal Cabinet Ministers to Indonesia and East Timor, and his most recent and frequent work piloting the Governor General in his movement around Australia.

Careers Advisor for the College Bruce Clydsdale said this type of visit by former students plays an important role in encouraging current senior students.

“The impact for our current students to see how successfully our former students have moved into the workforce, and in what interesting and varied capacities is extremely positive and motivating,” Mr Clydsdale said.

“We have former students living and working literally all over the world and this is very important for students to see as they approach the time when they too will leave the College.”

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FREDERICK LANGFIELD

Frederick Langfield attended All Saints’ College in the years 1939-1942. Mr Watson was headmaster for whom he had great respect. He enjoyed football and cricket while at “Saints” and many other activities. Fred is survived by his wife Betty and sons John & Murray along with 5 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Fred passed away peacefully on May 9th 2006 after a long illness.

OBU Calendar

Upcoming events and dates of the Old Bathurstians’ Union.

SATURDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER, 2006

AGM

OBU Annual General Meeting
Where: All Saints’ College Library, 3.30pm

BATHURST REUNION DINNER

There will be a special gathering of these groups at the OBU reunion dinner:

10 Year Reunion: Leavers 1996 (or Yr 10 1994)
20 Year Reunion: Leavers 1986 (or Yr 10 1984)
35 Year Reunion, All Old Bathurstians

We are looking for representatives from each year to help organise and contact people from your year.
When: OBU dinner 2nd September 2006, 7pm
Where: All Saints’ College Dining Hall
Cost: $40 (Alcohol/Bar Service only)
Dress: Neat Casual
Contact: m.sanders@saints.nsw.edu.au
RSVP: by 29th August with remittance credit card or cheque: C/All Saints College Locked Bag 9, Bathurst NSW 2795
(02) 6331 3911

We are also looking for volunteers to help organise 10,15, 20 and 35 Year Reunion Dinners.

To help or get more information contact OBU Secretary Vanessa Pitt on email vanessa@barnson.com.au

SUNDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER, 2006

SPRING FAIR

ASC Bathurst grounds. Come along and support this important Parents and Friends fundraiser for the College.

THURSDAY 9TH TO SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER, 2006

MARSDEN REUNION 1954 & 1956

A “50 and 52 years since leaving Marsden” Reunion has received enthusiastic support.

Proposed group activities are a visit to Holy Family School (formerly Marsden School), All Saints’ College visit, and a reunion dinner on Friday 10th November.

Please let Janette Parkinson or Lorraine Tiller know if you would like to attend.

The organisers are looking to contact: Patsy Foenander 1956, Marjorie Gornall 1954, Wilma Hammond 1954, Lyn Carmichael (Smith) 1954.

Attention Class of 2001!! 5 Year Reunion

The Class of 2001 will meet for their 5yr reunion later this year. Please contact Rachel McMahon at r.mcmahton@saints.nsw.edu.au with your suggestions or for further information.
It seems that the OBU database has been somewhat neglected over the past few years and is in need of desperate attention.
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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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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