During 2007, Arts and Artists Week moved from the end of Term 2 to the end of Term 4. This brought about many changes and challenges. The students chose their activities as in past years and undertook a new area of interest to investigate and to learn new skills.

This year we introduced Bicycle Maintenance. This proved to be very popular and the boys learnt a lot about how to maintain their bikes, to perform routine maintenance and to overcome issues when out riding.

Circus Skills and Drama combined this year to make a very interesting group. Their performance on the last day was well polished and very entertaining. The Dance group also put on a wonderful display, emphasising the skills learnt and practised during the week.

Dyeing returned after a number of years during which time new methods have been revised. The students produced some very creative garments.

The ever popular Leather Work returned with two groups. The students and staff on these groups made some excellent belts, bags and pouches.

Mrs Heather Dunn introduced the students to Felting. With wool and wax, and pressing and squeezing, the felt was made. The students then improvised and used their product to produce bags, shoes, leaves, necklaces - the possibilities seemed endless. Thank you Mrs Dunn for a very entertaining, enjoyable and informative week.

Silver Jewellery and Mosaic Tiles were conducted in the Science Labs. Our new Mosaic tutor, Selena, made the week very enjoyable with her expertise in this very challenging field. It all came together on the last day when the works of art were grouted. Our Silver Jewellery tutor, Margaret, returned for another year. Her expert skills were put to the test with a large group of keen students. They made some amazing pieces of jewellery.

Blacksmithing was held at the Bathurst Gadflies under the excellent tutelage of Mike Cuts. The students worked hard under very hot conditions at times to make some useful tools for their homes.

The Scrapbooking group was busy setting their photos into real masterpieces. Many inventive Christmas presents were created during the week. Christmas presents were also made in Leadlighting. The students and Mr Feeherry cut intricate patterns from glass to create some intricate designs with the expert help of Father Paul.

Our two computer based groups, Computer Game Design and Digital Photography enjoyed the air-conditioned comfort of the computer labs and made some great games and photographic effects. At the final display, the pictures were played and photographs admired by all students.

Bridge was another new addition to the groups this year. The students travelled to the Bridge Club in Murringo. This gave them an opportunity to see how the club works and how a tournament is run. All students participating had acquired very good playing skills and were in exciting matches by the end of the week.

Cartooning returned after a one year break. This is a very specialised field. The students applied their creative efforts to the challenge and came up with some very good results.

Our thanks go to all the tutors and staff who participated. We very much enjoyed the week and we look forward to Arts and Artists Week again this year.

My special thanks go to Mrs Memorie Sanders and Mr Geoff Wainwright of the Arts and Artists Week Committee, for their help and encouragement during the week run smoothly and efficiently.

Mrs Lesley Tinker

On Friday, 14th March, the All Saints’ College community gathered to farewell our Head of College, Ms Jenny Williams. It was lovely to see such a diverse gathering of people from right across our school family: teachers (past and present), support staff, parents - both day and boarding, students, Council and other Committee members, and even some ex-parents and students who have maintained a close association with Jenny and All Saints’ College.

Bishop Richard Hurford OAM presided at the official part of the evening, thanking Jenny for her service and acknowledging her many achievements on behalf of the gathering and the College in general. Presentations from Anne Clifton (President of the P&F) and Russell Symonds (President of the Boarding P&F) followed.

Thank you to all who were able to attend. Thanks also to Mark Sutton and the staff at The Carrington who provided a wonderful setting and fabulous service throughout the cocktail evening. It was a fitting farewell for Jenny who leaves with our sincerest best wishes for a successful and rewarding time at the Samuel Marsden College in Wellington, New Zealand.

Mrs Michele Thornton

On Wednesday, 19th March, the students of All Saints’ held a farewell assembly for Ms Williams before she headed off to have a brief holiday prior to taking up her appointment in New Zealand. This was the first time in many years all students of the College, from Transition to Year 12, assembled for a special occasion.

Tawanda Bizi, the boys’ Senior School Captain, welcomed the gathering and spoke briefly about Ms Williams and her time here at school. Following this, Mr Buckley’s Jazz Band played “Lady Marmalade”, a tune made famous recently by the movie “Moulin Rouge”.

It was then time to have a little fun at Ms Williams’ expense. I conducted a game show entitled “Who wants to be a New Zealand Head of College” based on the show “Who wants to be a Millionaire”. Ms Williams was asked 15 questions about New Zealand. Questions included the name of the capital city, the number of sheep in New Zealand, the name of their netball team, and identifying famous New Zealanders. The highlight was when a sheep was coaxed into and Ms Williams had to identify the breed - something a Head of College should know.

Our Bishop, The Right Reverend Richard Hurford, gave the farewell speech before the Junior School Captains, Eliza Crozier and Angus McClelland, presented our guest of honour with some mementos of the Bathurst region. Elizabeth Sinclair, the girls’ Senior School Captain, gave a speech about recollections of the Head to whom she presented a Wallaby’s jersey and a large scrapbook decorated and signed by all the students in the school.

The assembly finished with the school hymn, which made Ms Williams rather emotional as she left the assembly for the last time.

Mr Stewart Ross

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Farewell Ms Williams

Special assembly for departing Head of College
Head Lines
with Ms Jenny Williams

Some things change, some stay the same - despite our best intentions, or because of them.

I was interested to read of ‘silence times’ – in the "Story of Marsden School". Silence times in the Houses 80 years ago were: before 7.00am on week days and before 8.00am on Sundays, after lights out, between 2.00 and 3.30pm on Sundays, when lining up for inspection and assemblies, during prep, in washrooms and lavatories, on stairs and on entrance to the Dining Hall. I think that in 2008 things have changed just a little bit!

Did you know that on opening the College 134 years ago, there were 8 students? When Marsden opened in 1926 there were 6 students. Today with over 500 students we are a thriving and happy community.

As the College has grown our use of the buildings has also changed across the years. With the Music Centre renovation nearing completion, I have been reminded of the many functions that building has fulfilled, including being a boarding house and a primary school. Our Infants’ classes are now educated in what once was the seniors’ dorm in the old Marsden boarding house. Our Dining Room is still the centre of our College – although now it is sporting an exciting new look. The one thing that never changes is the strength of sporting and the special inclusive feeling our College has. On leaving the College to take up my new position as Principal at Marsden in Wellington, New Zealand, I felt that I was privileged to have had the opportunity to lead such a unique school.

I would like to thank all members of the All Saints’ community - past and present students, parents, staff and friends, for supporting both the College and myself in the past 5 years.

Students and staff donate blood

On Wednesday, 14th February the Blood Bank visited All Saints’ College where approximately 50 students and staff kindly donated much-needed blood. The donor mobile was booked out and the quota of blood needed for the day was reached – a fantastic effort.

We have entered into the ‘Vampire Competition’ for schools, which means whenever a student gives blood they should mention they are from All Saints’ College. They can then be entered into the competition. Last year we came second behind Redbend College (Forbes) but this year we want to win.

I have the dates that the donor mobile is in the College and can arrange times for you to attend. A big thank you to all staff and students who did donate as they have helped save many lives.

Ms Michele Fulton

Captains’ Corner
with Tawanda Biti and Elizabeth Sinclair

Hello all. We have had a great start to the year with a very busy and productive Term 1. It has been an emotional time in which we have seen many successes and joys, yet also a sad farewell to Ms Jenny Williams who will be sorely missed. We wish her all the best in her new position in New Zealand. We do however look forward to Mr Peter Miller joining us in early July.

The College has been involved in many activities over the past term. Year 7 had an enjoyable Orientation Week, including a day trip to Western Plains Zoo. They have all settled in well.

The efforts of the staff and students in charity and community work have been commendable. Mr Wayne Feehery was awarded the Award for the ‘Citizen of the Month’ for his work with Greening Bankhurst. The College’s collective efforts in blood donations for Red Cross, ‘Wear Red’ day to raise AIDS awareness and “Shave for a Cure” (which raised over $500 to see Mr Patrick Sinclair have his head shaved) were also fantastic.

Congratulations must go to the boys’ 1st cricket team for reaching their competition grand final (only losing narrowly). The girls 1st basketball team won their grand final – a great effort by all of them. Training for winter sport began near the end of the term and we would like to wish the best of luck to the netball, soccer, and rugby teams - especially the two boys’ rugby teams that will tour New Zealand during the holidays. We hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe break and we will see you again soon for what we hope will be an even more successful term.

Commencement Service

This year the Commencement Service was within 10 days of the beginning of term. It gave us enough time to prepare the readings and practise the singing. I was most pleased that the Cathedral Precinct, The Reverend Michael Draysey OAM, was able to speak. After 25 years as conductor and leader of the St Andrew’s Cathedral School Choir in Sydney Michael had sat through many commencement services. He drew from those times and produced a fine and varied address which contained different nuggets of thought for different ages and interests.

As I stood near the Cathedral altar it was a great privilege to see the gathered school community, with its scattered red and black coats and to be part of the enthusiastic singing and pageantry. There seemed to be many more parents present than I remember from past years. Thank you for such a positive and prayerful start to the year; it was an event of which we can be proud.

It was the last such gathering in the Cathedral for our Head of College and we wished her well as she took her final steps through the small and the grand College occasions.

Father Paul

VIM ON THE WEB

From Term 2 the VIM will not be produced in its current hard copy format. Instead it is anticipated that stories will be placed on a special VIM section on the College’s website as they happen. Parents, students and staff will need to log in and have a password to access this section (owing to privacy considerations). A letter will be sent out explaining this in more detail soon.

Congratulations to this group of Year 10 students who gained Band 6 results in the 2007 School Certificate.

Second Row: Hugh McCarthy, Emma Nicholls, Marc Laroupiere, Ros White, Morgan Barnes, Chloe Sharp, Patrick Leal, Cameron Picker.
Front Row: Jessica Akimyar, Ashlie Coates, Camille Akon, Briana Chelivo, Ruth Watt, Rachael McKenzie, April McGovern, Samantha Burbridge.

Absent: Eoin Cloherty, David Lewis, Pei Shen (Neil) Ni.
Outstanding HSC Results

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 all expectations and achieved outstanding results 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, Band 6 result (90% or more) in 10 units (5 courses).

• Students achieved 64 (if you count 3 optional Band 6 in Extension 2 Mathematics) 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 Bathurst. Approximately one-third of our students received a Merit Listing.

• All Students’ College presented students in 32 subjects, these include Band 6 (above the state mean), some by astonishing courses and, of these, an outstanding 28 were country schools and the highest in Bathurst.

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School Certificate Results Well above state average

Our School Certificate results were excellent with all courses achieving results well above the state average. Science produced very good results at the ‘top end’ with almost double the expected number of Band 6 (90%) results in comparison with the state pattern. Australian History Band 6 results were outstanding at approximately three times the state pattern. Overall there were 48 Band 6 results from a class of 71.

Congratulations to Samantha Bartridge and Patrick Leal who both achieved five out of a possible six Band 6 results and Rachael McKenzie who achieved four Band 6 results.

Band 6 (90 and above) results were achieved by the following students: Camille Alton (Australian History), Jessica Alamyar (Australian History, Australian Geography), Emily Anderson (Australian History, Australian Geography, Geography), Morgan Burtenshaw (Computing), Heath Beames (Australian History, Computing), Samantha Bartridge (English, Science, Australian History, Australian Geography), Computin

The InterHouse Debating and Public Speaking competition was held on Thursday, 3rd April. The results of this go towards the Walker Cup for House Supremacy at the end of the year. The participants were Years 7-11 and the adjudicators were teaching staff from all different disciplines.

Once again the standard was high, despite the busyness of school life, many teams had taken time to prepare their debates and follow through a team line. For many this was their first experience of speaking in front of a group of people or working together to argue a debate. Amongst the topics for debate were “That last food should be banned”, “That life was better in our parents’ day” and “That it is better to plant a cabbage than a rose”.

The adjudicators were particularly impressed with the professional manner in which all these debates took place and the House spirit that was evident. Year 7 deserve special mention for their willingness to be involved in this for the first time. Public Speaking saw topics such as “Expect the Unexpected”, “Mentors” and “We are a selfish society”, and again many of the speakers entertained their audiences with well written and delivered speeches of 3-4 minutes.

Best Speakers were

Year 7: Alice Woodlock/Maddison Jones

Year 8: Katherine sempell/Akuna D’Adam

Year 9: Samuel George

Year 10: John thornton, Rowena Crogan/Stephanie King

The adjudicators would like to thank the staff who adjudicated and the House Captains Jane Want and Alex McFeters (Beau House), Melanie Jones and Angus McDowell (Long House) and James McDonald and Alicia Jooste (Barren House) for their organisation. Most of all well done to all those who were involved and Congratulations to Long House who was this year’s winner.

Mr Renee Royce

Quarry Dust

Quarry Dust: I have chosen this title for my column as it reflects the way we see the Bible as a quarry and not as a crust or wailing wall. It has been a full term and as it included Lent and Easter four Chapels have reflected these themes.

If I were to select one special occasion this term, it would have to be the visit of Orange Anglican Grammar on Wednesday, 9th April. History was taught as this was the first visit from our sister school, which began last year in Holy Trinity Church Hall with two students. Over 50 students came to join us with our a Chapel Service and run with our Junior School in their cross-country run.

Our Junior School students, I am told, happily ran with these ‘sister’ guests. Mrs Ann Brown, the Foundation Principal, has done a marvellous job and at last the school has a permanent site. This is on the left quadrant as you go through Orange to the Moklang Road and round about. If all going well, the students will move there for Term 4.

Back at our College, I may thank the staff who have worked so hard this term and offered so many interesting extras for our students.

Finally, on a personal note, having lead a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land last January I am now in the process of organising another one for January next year.

Father Paul

Mr Greg Jones

Mr Greg Jones
Junior School News with Mr Chris Jackman
Assistant Head of College (Junior School)

It is a pleasure to have the opportunity to report on Term 1 of the 2008 school year in the Junior School. There has been a great deal of work done both in the classroom and in the playground to make it a more attractive, safe and engaging place for the students.

The new outdoor assembly and play area is proving to be a great addition, being used for our Friday Junior School assemblies as well as for playing at recess and lunch times. The younger students thoroughly enjoy the new sandpit and the acquisition of a hard surface is great for games such as handball. We have had a review of the outdoor play areas and have removed and renovated some of the play equipment. Plans are underway looking at new equipment for the children to use in play times.

We have had a major focus on upgrading the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) hardware in the Junior School. We now have five new digital cameras for use by the students in the Junior School. These have many uses in the classroom; students can use them to take pictures of their work where it can be displayed on their class website and they can use them to take photos for presentations. We also have 14 new desktop computers in the Infants department. It is essential that even from a very young age, the students are exposed to ICTs and taught their uses and benefits. We have also purchased two interactive whiteboards - one in the Year 3 room and the other in the Kindergarten Red room.

The children and teachers are very pleased with the renovations that have been done on the Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 rooms. They offer a bright and colourful learning environment and are very practical teaching spaces. I encourage all parents to visit their child’s classroom and view the children’s work on display in the rooms.

We look forward to reporting on further initiatives in the Junior School in the next VIM. It is a privilege to be part of such a fantastic learning community.

Year 6 Macaw Visit

Year 6 have been studying rainforests for HSIE this term. Alex Coates organised a blue and yellow Macaw to visit our classroom, this being one of the many exotic birds that lives in the rainforest. The Macaw was incredible, not only being a very attractive bird but intelligent as well. “Allie” spoke to the students and performed her repertoire of tricks. A big thank you to Jeff for sharing his knowledge with us - it was fascinating.

Mrs Kay Murray

Junior School Prefects presented with badges

Junior School Captains and Sporting House Captains were commissioned during a Chapel service on Friday, 15th February. The newly-appointed Assistant Head of College (Junior School), Mr Chris Jackman, welcomed students and guests.

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National Apology to the Stolen Generation

All Saints’ marked the National Apology to the Stolen Generation with two simple ceremonies held at the College. On Tuesday, 12th February two of our Year 11 students, Richard McKenzie and Jessica Alamay, read out at assembly the moving story of ‘Greg’ who was taken from his family as a schoolboy at the age of 12.

On Wednesday, 13th February, the Senior and Junior School Captains joined Aboriginal student Walter Leonard (Year 12) to raise the Aboriginal flag as the Prime Minister stood in Parliament to deliver his apology. A transcript of the apology was read out to the senior students and staff who had gathered around the flagpole for the ceremony.

The following quotes from prominent Australians on the day capture the spirit in which the apology was offered:

“Today we honour the Indigenous peoples of this land, the oldest continuing cultures in human history. We reflect on their past mistreatment. We reflect in particular on the mistreatment of those who were Stolen Generations - this blighted chapter in our nation's history. The time has now come for the nation to turn a new page in Australia’s history by righting wrongs of the past and moving forward with confidence to the future.”

Casey Donovan, Australian of the Year 2007 from Kokorika, notes “The most important part of saying sorry is that this apology be received in the spirit in which it is offered as a beginning, not an end, so moving forward with confidence to the future.”

Text of the speech given by the Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd

On Friday, 28th March, the Cricket Presentation Dinner was held in the All Saints’ College Dining Room.

Those attending were entertained by an excellent Powerpoint presentation put together by the Schwab family, showing highs and lowsights of the season. This was followed by Mr Phillip Cans’s very enlightening speech about his cricketing experiences and what can be gained by participation in the game.

The following awards were made:
- Under 14s – Luke Ryan (Best Bowler) and William Harlby (Best Batsman)
- 1st XI – Cameron Pickler (Best Fielder), Joseph Cooghan (Best Batsman), David Schwah (Best Batsman), Ryan Smiles (Coach’s Award) and Shane Roes (Dedication and Enthusiasm).

Special thanks must go to the Schwab and Dean families for the work they did to make the evening such a success.

Mr Ray Woods

Scholarship Assembly

Twenty-eight scholarships for academic and music study were awarded at a special Senior School Assembly.

Friends, parents and grandparents joined the Senior School students for this occasion.

“You’re good. All of you are very good, as you have to be to win a scholarship.” Head of College, Ms Jenny Williams, told the successful students before she presented the scholarship certificates.

Crossword

[Redacted]
Students have great fun on tour

On the 13th of March the Jolly Jazz Band, Chirpy Chamber Choir, Chirpy Chamber Orchestra and Fantastic Pause Choir boarded a big bus to Warren for a concert at Warren Central School. When we arrived we quickly set up and delivered our music with a much wider audience. It was also great to be able to catch up with past student, Sandy Taylor (Year 12 - 2001) who has returned to her home town to teach at the primary school. A late lunch was enjoyed by all before making our way down the road to Nyngan. At Nyngan we went first of all to the Riverside Caravan Park where the Carter family, (parents of Emily Year 12, and Jessica Year 9) had prepared accommodation and an evening barbecue. The swimming and canoeing in the river was a pleasant break from the heat. Our second concert was held that evening at St Marks Anglican Church. We were able to entertain quite a crowd, which included a number of parents from the district. After the concert we were treated to a fabulous supper, courtesy of the local AWG group. Next morning we were up and on the road for concert number three at Nyngan Public School followed by morning tea and concert number four at the Catholic Primary school.

Once again we loaded the gear on the bus for another journey down the western road, this time stopping at Cobar. We were met by Mrs Jo Marlan (mother of Zaarkacha, Year 8) who had some ice blocks for us as a treat. Then we presented our fifth and final concert for the tour. Following afternoon tea we packed the bus for the final time and headed back to Bathurst. It was hot and it was tiring, but the looks on the faces of our audiences made it all worthwhile.

Margaret takes a break

Best wishes go to our Student Liaison Officer, Mrs Margaret Simmons, who is taking a well-earned 12 month break from her duties here at All Saints’ College. Margaret intends to enjoy her time being a grandmother to her first grandchild before heading off overseas to the UK and Europe. On her return to Australia, Margaret intends to travel around Australia with her husband, Michael. Have a great time Margaret! – Bob Poole

Wedding bells

Congratulations to English department staff member Mr Jo-Anne Pickford who married Darren Sturgiss on Saturday 12th April. A beautiful autumn day greeted the happy couple when they were married at the All Saints’ College Chapel by Father Paul Poole Woodhart. Also making it a school affair was the fact that three of Jo-Anne’s attendances were staff members - Mrs Catherine Dunford, Mrs Fiona Hayward and Miss Laura Humphrys. Congratulations and best wishes for the future. – Bob Poole

Katherine off to NIDA

Congratulations to Katherine Johnston (Year 11) who has gained selection into the National Institute of Dramatic Arts (NIDA) Singing and Acting Intensive Course. This requires Katherine to attend NIDA at the University of NSW (Kensington) from 10.00am-5.00pm every Sunday throughout the year. In the singing aspect all styles - contemporary, classical, opera, operetta, jazz and musical theatre are covered. Katherine is involved in both private and group teaching, as well as singing solo or as a member of a choral group. Acting-wise the group of which she is a member is working towards both a solo and a group performance of a scene in a musical - namely “Les Miserables”. – Mrs Bobyn Crowley

Move over Russell Crowe!

Congratulations to Tobias Bland (Year 11) on some of his recent achievements in Drama. Tobias has been accepted to NIDA for the Drama Studio, which involves attendance every Sunday this year. In this workshop, students work on Voice, Movement, Improvisation and Acting for Stage and Screen. During December last year, Tobias spent three weeks of intensive training with the New York Film Academy. Whilst there he also performed in a film landing role called “W8”, which was entered into Tropfest, the Sundance Cannes Film Festival and the Cannes Film Festival. After New York, Tobias spent some time in Los Angeles.

As well, Tobias recently won the Bathurst Youth Arts Prize for drama. – Mr Bob Poole

Grandparents’ and Special Friends’ Day

Grandparents’ & Special Friends’ Day dawned fine and clear this year. With perfect weather, good food and lots of activities it proved to be a wonderful occasion for the grandparents and special friends of our Years 5 and 8 students to share a day with their grandchild or young friend. The day began with a tour of the College for the Year 8s and their guests by the Year 12 Prefects. Meanwhile Mr Mark Hines kept the Year 5s on their toes with a lesson and Maths Quiz. Both groups then had the opportunity to visit our Library and to enjoy a musical performance or rehearsal class with the students.

The Year 8s’ classroom experience consisted of some tasty treats served in Hospitality; some metalwork in Design & Technology and some Year 12 music. The day finished with a wonderful service by our very own Father Paul in the cool and quiet of the College Chapel, followed by lunch on the lawn.

We trust that all our guests enjoyed their day as much as we enjoyed hosting them.

Mrs Michele Thornton
**Senior News**

with Mr Stewart Ross
Assistant Head of College/Senior School

- If alcohol is available to your guests, ensure that the supply ceases at least 45 minutes before finishing time.
- Supervise the departure to avoid guests congregating in the street. Guests should leave only when transport is available.

**Mobile Phones**

- These are useful for personal security, but be aware they are a very effective means for young people to communicate to others as to "where the action is".
- If your child is attending a party, you should telephone the host parents to discuss such issues as: whether parents will be present, precise start and finish times, whether alcohol is being served on any other concerns.

You should also discuss with your child strategies to manage social pressures and potential problems. They should feel confident to contact you at any time, know the dangers of joining carloads of young people and tell you of any changes to plans.

Although 'after parties' are not endorsed, encouraged or organised by this school, they have become popular events. Parents should realise that 'after parties' are not an excuse to play by a different set of rules and, above all, that guidelines still exist. The comments above are not exhaustive and more information can be found on the website Mynite.com.au. It is important that young people are provided with supervised occasions in which to enjoy, their social interactions. We, like you, want them to enjoy themselves, but feel and be safe in doing so.

All Saints’ College does not accept responsibility for any injury, loss or damage suffered by a person arising out of, or as a result of the use of the guidelines, or any error in or omission from them.

**Years 3 & 4 Camp**

On Thursday, 27th March, 42 excited children boarded a bus and travelled to Lake Canobolas, just outside Orange, for the annual bushcraft camp.

We were blessed with beautiful weather and the children made the most of the conditions by enjoying a range of challenging activities which included canoeing, compass skills, first aid and cooking damper.

The evening programme was also enjoyable, especially the concert which attracted many entertaining and talented performances from the children. After the concert we sat around the campfire singing songs and toasting marshmallows.

Despite a cool evening the children slept well in their cabins and woke the next morning, eager to continue the fun. A pre-breakfast bushwalk was very worthwhile as we spotted a kangaroo with a joey in its pouch and then had to cross a suspension bridge along the track. Another highlight of the day was playing on the fantastic playground which included an amazing flying fox!

It was a wonderful camp and I would like to thank Mr Chris Jackson, Miss Alisa Thompson, Mrs Leonie Keogh, Mrs Lisa Anlezark, and our Gappies, Rachael John and Tristen Chidlow, for their help in ensuring the camp was a success. I would also like to congratulate the children on their behaviour during the two days. Well done.

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**Valentine’s Day**

On Valentine’s Day, Rutherford Year 11 girls once again sold brightly coloured carnations for what has become a familiar and eagerly anticipated fundraiser. Many girls invested considerable time and effort to ensure that the day was a success.

Rutherford House made a donation to Annabelle Kemmett to assist in her efforts to raise money for youth poverty in Tanzania. The girls appreciated the huge support that they received from the school community. It was a fantastic day.

Ashlie Coates and Anna Febbery

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**Drama students experience weekend of live theatre**

On February 2nd and 3rd, Years 11 and 12 Drama students travelled to Sydney for a weekend of live theatre.

Upon arriving in Sydney we made our way to the Capitol Theatre to watch the sensational stage adaptation of the film "Billy Elliot", a funny, feel-good celebration of a young boy’s dreams to be a dancer in a man’s world of hand hunks, football boots and boxing gloves. This heart-warming musical has broken box-office records in Australia, and has critics raving! Both the teachers and students found this to be a truly inspiring piece of theatre.

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“Deo Auctore Vim Promovemus Insitam” - “With God as our guide we develop the inner strength”.

During the first week at All Saints’ College, Year 7 students took part in Orientation Week. Year 7 completed many activities on and off the school grounds. These activities included a luncheon, swimming trials, a trip to the Western Plains Zoo and an Outdoor Education day - all whilst trying to become familiar with All Saints’ and its routines.

Our first day began on Tuesday, 29th January. It started with a luncheon, which consisted of yummy chicken tortillas, salads and cold meats. We then walked around the College and had either boarding house meetings or Clinic interviews or both. After that we all proceeded into the Bickerdike Centre for a slideshow and an assembly. Once there we were informed about teachers, staff, Head of Departments, sport, music, the College’s curriculum and much more. It was very interesting and informative to learn about the school, its facilities and resources.

Wednesday was a very busy day. It was our first day at school, or at least the closest thing to it. It began at 9.00am, with our Year 7 swimming trials being the first cab off the rank. First up was freestyle, followed by breaststroke. We also participated in backstroke and finally butterfly. Everybody had a go and showed great sportsmanship. We then went to the Art rooms to collect our timetables and see if we had any classes with our new friends. After a quick recess, textbooks (very heavy!) and workbooks were given to us. By the end of the day we each had our own lockers and were prepared to begin our journey at All Saints’ College.

We had a bright and early (7.00am) start to Thursday for a trip to the Western Plains Zoo in Dubbo. On arrival we were divided into groups with different Prefects as our leaders. This gave us a chance to get to know each other a little more. As we made our way around the zoo we saw many amazing animals, like meerkats, otters, echidnas, elephants, tigers, lions, birds and apes. This was a new and exciting experience for everyone involved. Everyone was very tired by the time we returned to All Saints’ at 6.00pm.

To end our busy and exciting week, Friday was an Outdoor Education day. For some of us this day proved quite challenging and for others it was as easy as a walk in the park. There were many activities planned such as: spider web, low ropes and abseiling off a tree. Everyone benefited from this day as we all worked together to encourage and support each other through our struggles and triumphs. The day ended with a Chapel service led by Father Paul, which our parents also attended. We all then joined together for a meet-and-greet over pizza and soda.

The entire week was an enjoyable and worthwhile one. All of Year 7 would like to thank everyone who organised and participated in the experience, especially Ms Jo-Anne Bickford. Year 7 is prepared and ready for our times at All Saints’. We all now feel at home when we walk through the gates of the College.

All Saints’ College: ‘Educating the whole person for the challenges of a changing world’.

Fiona Alamyar and Olivia Fischer

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Dining Room Renovations

By now I hope that all connections to All Saints' College have made a visit to the renovated dining room - now tastefully redecorated with a stunning result. A partnership between the All Saints' P&F and the School Council supplied the funding and a small dedicated band of workers supplied the enthusiasm.

It is a tribute to all those who have worked tirelessly over recent years at the two major P&F fundraisers – the Festival of Art and the Spring Fair. The money raised is used on many smaller projects around the College, but every now and then we try to use it for something substantial that can be used by the whole school community. We couldn’t think of a better project than the central point of the College – the dining room. This is now a wonderful nucleus to the whole school - a welcome and cheerful place to meet, greet and eat. It is planned to hire this centre out for conventions, weddings etc.

Special mention must be made of the core workers - Gavan Carter and his team, Bennachie team, David Blackshaw, Vicki Hart, Jenny Williams, Carol Goddard, Ros Rees, Brian Anderson, Bob Foxie and Michele Thornton.

It is especially nice that this project, being such a large one, was seen to completion before our Head of College, Mrs Jenny Williams left for her new position in New Zealand.

Mrs Kay Crawford

Mock Trial Round 2

On Thursday, 27th March, All Saints' College competed against James Sheahan Catholic High School in Round 2 of the Mock Trial Competition. The trial was a criminal one in which we acted on behalf of the defendant, Joan Quirk (Rachael McKenzie) who was charged that on the 11th day of April at Sydney in the state of New South Wales, she did steal one the value of $80, the property of Farmers Pty Ltd. With the assistance of Katie Menzies played.

Rachael claimed that she had picked up items on different levels of the store, but always intended paying for them before exiting. The prosecution alleged that she had to be stopped as she was heading directly for an exit. We claimed that Rachael was merely seeking directions from a shop assistant near the exit.

Chloe Sharp made an impressive debut as first barrister, ably supported by Samantha Burridge as second barrister and Camille Akor as instructing solicitor. Heidi Wake was a very efficient magistrate’s clerk. We won both the legal argument and the important skills side of the trial 214-211 points.

Mrs Catherine Dundon

Canadian Rugby Match

On Sunday, 30th March, the wonderful hospitality of the All Saints’ College family was again evident as 40 students from St Michael’s University School (Canada) were billeted during their stay in Barossa. SMUS’ hockey and rugby teams toured from Brisbane to Newcastle and then on to the glorious Central West. All Saints’ College hosted fixtures on Monday, 31st March. The hockey was a fun affair. All Saints’ was defeated comprehensively, missing the services of a number of experienced players who were unable to play.

However, the girls thoroughly enjoyed the experience and will certainly benefit from competing against a skilled team so early in the season. Ruth Watt, on behalf of the hockey players, congratulated the Canadian team on their agility, speed and flair.

The rugby game was a tough encounter under a hot and blistering sun. Both teams exhibited some excellent end-to-end counter attack making it difficult for the forwards to keep up. While it was obvious that there is plenty of training to be done before All Saints’ is ready for their ISA season, the scoring potential of the 1st XV this year was clearly evident when the ball was sent wide. The blistering speed, deception and flair of the wingers, David Schwab and Tim Symonds, will give the opposition something to chase throughout the season while Campbell Wilson and Tawanda Biti will keep the forwards punching forward around the rack. Fitness, discipline and a commitment to each other will be important factors for this team’s success in 2008. I would like to wish the 1st XV and the Under15s the very best for their 11 day rugby tour to New Zealand.

May I take this opportunity to sincerely thank the generous families who billeted our Canadian friends, again graciously supporting the sporting programmes on offer at this College. May I also thank the Year 10 students and Mr John Hughes who cooked up a wonderful barbecue for all who played.

Mr Greg Thornton

Rugby Tour Disco

On Friday, 4th April, the New Zealand Squad held a most successful disco in the Performing Arts Centre. I should say Tristan Tesoriero (Year 10) hosted a most successful disco - Tristan, an enthusiastic member of the tour party approached the Acting Head of College, Mr Stewart Ross, for permission to hold a disco to raise money for the touring squad.

Inspired by Mr Ross’ direction and encouragement, Tristan began to plan for this fundraising evening only weeks before. He organised the musical equipment, arranged music mixes, organised drinks, completed the administration paper work, set up the room and he even played disc jockey for the night! Tristan motivated and co-opted other members of the touring squad to assist him in the many and varied tasks. His efforts raised over $600 for the touring party.

Who said one person couldn’t make a difference? Tristan’s enthusiasm and determination has role-modelled what one person can do when they set their heart, mind and soul on to one goal. I would like to thank Tristan for showing the College that one person can make a difference.

Mr Greg Thornton
There was plenty of cool jazz and refreshments for the 130 people who gathered at the All Saints’ College display stand at the Royal Bathurst Show on the afternoon of Saturday, 1st March.

The All Saints’ Jazz Band provided the music for the crowd who called by the function, as many do each year. It was hosted by our Head of College, Ms Jenny Williams, and was supported by staff, parents and students.

All Saints’ College Agriculture students were celebrating recently at the Royal Bathurst Show. They took out four awards at the cattle judging. In the Led Steer 300 to 400kg Section, ‘Frank’ took out Second Place, ‘Chance’ came Third and ‘Rage’ was Fourth. In the Led Steer 401kg and Over Section ‘Turbo’ took Third Place honours.

“All Saints’ College Year 11 production of Louis Nowra’s popular play ‘Cosi’ was presented to full houses and enthusiastic audiences on Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd April. The venue, the Ponton Theatre at Charles Sturt University, was an excellent intimate theatre in which to stage the performances. ‘Cosi’ was first staged in 1992 and since that time has become one of Australia’s most successful plays. Set against the era of the Vietnam War, the play follows the adventures of Lewis, a young university graduate who is employed to do a play with the inmates of an asylum. ‘something to take them out of themselves’ the social worker tells him. The job proves to be a lot more than he had bargained for as one of the inmates persuades him to direct Mozart’s opera ‘Cosi Fan Tutte’.

Full of both humour and poignancy, the play requires a strong ensemble cast to make it a successful one – and this cast certainly rose to the occasion. This was one of the most convincing and strongest productions from a school group - indeed it was hard at times to remember that these were school students and not professional actors.

Standout performances came from Tobias Bland as the manic-depressive Mozart-obsessed patient Roy, who convinces Lewis to take on the role of directing the opera. Tobias’ wide acting experience and current NIDA course have given him the strong on-stage presence needed for such a pivotal role. He was joined by Drama teacher, Sarah Parsons, who had an incredible amount of fun with her character, the loudmouthed Cherry. Sarah’s great comic timing delighted audiences time after time. Bravo!

A strong performance also came from Charlie Clifton as the psycho-pyromaniac Doug. Crude, rude and vulgar – Charlie had it all. Well done!! Music teacher, Jason Buckley, in his first acting role played Henry - an older failed lawyer with a nervous stutter, - with the expertise of a seasoned actor.

Dan Crawford-Smith as Lewis the director, April McAloney as his girlfriend Lucy, Indriana Cole as the drug-addict Julie, Kailyn Porter as the obsessive Ruth, Emma O’Brien as the social worker Justine and Jonathan Hocking in the dual roles of Nick (activist/Zac (musician), all played their parts with maturity and sensitivity.

Congratulations to the lighting operator Suzi Mackay, stage managers Emily Brouggy and Stacey Tomlinson, and the Year 9 girls who looked after props and front of house (Rosie Barnett, Holly Berryman, Amanda Barbidge, Hannah Doolan, Arianne Gilary, Chantal Hodson, Ga Lee, Esther Patrick and Emily Whyte) on a job well done. Most of all congratulations to director Naomie Fitzgerald and her co-director Sarah Parsons for a play well chosen and a cast well directed. Everyone involved thoroughly deserved the hearty extended applause at the end of each performance.

Mr Bob Poole and Mrs Tessa Jones
New student’s first impressions of All Saints’

A new student’s first impression of the College is always important to us, but when Olivia Fisher started in Year 7 early this year she penned these words in her English lessons:

My First Few Days at All Saints’

I was scared and excited
About my first day at High School,
The thought of being all grown up
Made me feel really cool.
The first day was a lunchbox
And meeting my new peers,
The people I would be spending a lot of time with
Over the next six years.

We had our swimming heats Day Two
And in my two heats I came dead last.
Well, what can I say? Swimming is not my thing.
I don’t do it very fast.

Day Three was a trip to Dubbo Zoo
An early start for all,
But we enjoyed ourselves in our groups.
I think everyone had a ball.
On Friday we had Outdoor Ed
And I even climbed a ladder up a tree.
We ended the day with Chapel
And Father Paul joined us in prayer.
We then enjoyed some pizza
And it was great to see so many parents there.
I’m really enjoying All Saints’.
Even now the hard work has begun.
And I’m looking forward to the opportunities
That I know this school gives everyone.

My First Few Days at All Saints’ - Olivia Fisher

MBF sponsor New Zealand Rugby Tour

All Saints’ College rugby will depart for the North Island of New Zealand with two rugby teams, in preparation for the 2008 season. Whilst the 1st XV and the Under16s teams prepared themselves during Term 1, fundraising on a scale never seen before was taking place behind the scenes.

We are sincerely grateful for the support of the Friends of Rugby who have initiated many fundraising activities. These have included, raffles, barbecues, catering services, auctions and one well attended Premiere Movie Night. The energetic and hard working parents, under the direction and enthusiasm of Matt White Cloud and Anne Clifton, have been an inspiration to the players, coaches and the College.

The support of the Friends of Rugby as well as the dedication and tenacity to secure such wonderful support is truly appreciated.

With four competition games ahead of them, the College and the Friends of Rugby would like to wish the All Saints’ College teams every success as they explore the northern boundaries of the land of the ‘Long White Cloud’.

One particular parent, Mrs Tina Webber, boldly and successfully secured a corporate sponsorship with MBF for $2300. This was a time-consuming yet exciting venture. The College would sincerely like to thank MBF for their generous sponsorship and Tina for her determination and tenacity to secure such wonderful support.

Over Easter, 14 students headed off to the Royal Easter Show with seven steers. We had a fantastic time and achieved some excellent results.

The 14 students led steers including Angus, Squaremater, Poll Hereford, Red Angus and Shorthorn breeds from the school farm to win medals, First Place ribbons and the coveted tricolour for the Champion Virtual Taste Test Carcass.

The All Saints’ team, led by Agriculture teacher, Mrs Leanne Ferguson, entered the fiercely contested ‘hoof and hook’ section for schools, with 216 steers overall up for judging live before slaughter and judging on the hook, as well as a taste test.

Alan and Nancy Boyd of Kilmarnock Angus supplied the steer, Kilmarnock Expo, which Mrs Ferguson and the students prepared to win the Champion Virtual Taste Test Carcass of the show. Following are the results from the show:

- Champion Virtual Taste Test Carcass: ‘Jaffa’ and Danielle Plummer, Flyona Morgan-Thomas, Highly Commended.
- 1st Open Steer Virtual Taste Test - Kilmarnock Expo (students call him ‘Inman’) and Champion Steer Carcass Virtual Taste Test. He also won the RAS Perpetual Consumer Trophy (NSW Meat Authority) for the Champion Taste Test Carcase and a medallion.

The Virtual Taste Test score is based on the predicted eating quality grade of a range of cuts from the carcass and is calculated using the carcass grading assessments.

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In the juniors, Nick made it to the final of the Cup event losing very narrowly to The Scots School in a disputed result 6-4. 1 lost my first round but went on to win the semi-final of the Plate event against St Stanislaus 6-2 and final of the Plate event against St Stanislaus 6-1.

Singles Junior and Intermediate Tennis Championships

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In the Intermediate event both Tom and Lucy lost their first rounds which meant they had to play each other in the semi-final of the Plate event. Lucy won this and went on to win the final of the Plate event against St Stanislaus convincingly 6-2.

Overall it was a very successful day for both teams. The Doubles Competition took place the following weekend.

Harry Bland

Harry Bland
Molly has a bright future in hockey

On Easter Sunday there was no chocolate for me. Instead I got to travel to Melbourne with the NSW Under 18s women’s hockey team to compete in the National Championships, along with fellow Bathurst team mate, Claire McGarity.

We opened the tournament with a 3-nil win in a gridge match against ACT. We proceeded through the tournament with convincing wins over Tasmania, South Australia and Victoria. While I was a bit slow to start in the first couple of games, I was starting to find some form at Inside Forward and managed to score a goal against South Australia.

In the next game against Queensland, however, we capped a bit of a boggling going down 3-nil. We picked up our structure again though, with big wins over Northern Territory and Western Australia in the final round games to finish on top of the table. We smashed ACT in our semi-final and made it through to grand final day in which we were set to play Tasmania.

We fought a tough match. I played my best game of the tournament and we came up with a 1-nil win, scoring off our one and only short corner in the match. It was a great feeling to win and we also took out the award for fair play given by the tournament officials which shows that our team was successful in all aspects of the game.

Overall it was an awesome two weeks, a lot of fun and an experience which I will always remember.

Molly Bright

On Friday, 8th February, All Saints’ College held the Senior School annual Inter-House Swimming Carnival. The day was a great success with beautiful weather and plenty of enthusiasm from the students. All three of the Houses managed to put on a great display of House spirit and came up with some colourful banners and interesting costumes.

The running points tally showed the Houses neck and neck throughout the day. All swimmers put in everything they had and came out with some outstanding performances.

At the end of the day it was Bean House that ended up on the top of the points score, closely followed by Long House (second) and Barton (third). Congratulations to Bean House and all the Year 12 students who led their Houses in their last school swimming carnival.

Angus McDowell (Swimming Captain)

WASS

Friday 15th February brought a rare sunny day for the WASS Carnival. A squad of 40 All Saints’ swimmers headed to St Stanislaus’ to compete against the top swimmers from rival schools in the region. As always the day was full of fierce competition and very vocal support from the crowds. The swimmers from All Saints’ put on a fantastic show for their supporters and showed some of the larger schools just what we are made of.

ISA

The annual ISA Swimming Carnival is always a great success with a large number of schools from all over NSW coming together to see just how far each person can go against some of the best swimmers in the state. The day began at 9.30am with a bus trip to Sydney and then a leisurely shop at DFOs for a few hours prior to the commencement of the carnival. At 3:00pm all the staff and swimmers put away their shopping and headed over to the Sydney Olympic Aquatic Centre where we remained until late in the evening.

For the vast variety of swimmers who attend this carnival, All Saints’ does very well. Special mention of Esther Patrick who dominated every time she dived into the pool, and to Freya Roebuck, Aya Miura and Scott Thornton who all displayed their swimming prowess on the night.

Overall the boys finished third in the Senior Division and Fifth in the All Ages Points Tally.

The girls had a fantastic outcome with the junior and senior girls finishing third and the Intermediate Girls finishing second with an overall third out of all the schools in their Division.

Angus McDowell

2008 Senior School Swimming Champions


Winning House: BEAN

Molly has a bright future in hockey

First XI Cricket win Minor Premiership

On our way home we did a bit of shopping and then a leisurely trip to DFO for a few hours. After that it was a quick trip to the beach before the final stretch in which we were set to play Tasmania.

The 1st XI is developing into a disciplined, focussed unit and all players understand the importance of goal setting, hard work and perseverance to achieve success at this level.

The skills of Ray Woods (coach/manager) and Damien Hanrahan (fielding coach) played a huge role in the season’s success. The coaches and players would like to thank Ms Jenny Williams, Mr Scott Gardiner, Mr Don Wiburd (manager) and Damian Hanrahan (fielding coach) played a huge role in the season’s success.

Mr Garth Dean (Coach)

Performance from an incredibly small selection pool highlights the valued contributions from all players either with bat, ball, or in the field.

Vim Term 1 2008
Junior School Swimming Carnival

The Junior School Swimming Carnival proved to be an action packed and enjoyable day for all of the participants. There was lots of colour in the supporters’ stands and the students enthusiastically encouraged the swimmers from their House all day. One of the highlights was seeing the Kindergarten students swimming with their Year 6 ‘Buddies’ assisting them. Congratulations also to Bradwardine for competing in such fine spirits on the day. The standard of the competition was very high with six records being broken on the day. Esrom - 461 points; Bradwardine - 382 points.

Keely has success at Castle Hill Dance Festival

I went to the Castle Hill Dance Festival in the Christmas holidays. I had a great time and placed very well in the competition - better than I have done before. In this competition the adjudicator would only give First or Second Place in every section. I am also looking forward to going to the Fifth Avenue Dance Festival in Riverton in April. My results are below:

- 1st Restricted Classical Ballet - 10 Years and Under
- 1st Restricted Jazz - 10 Years and Under
- 1st Jazz Improvisation - 10 Years and Under
- 2nd Open National Character (Irish) - 12 Years and Under
- Highly Commended Modern - 10 Years and Under
- Highly Commended Modern Student Choreography - 8/10 Years
- Highly Commended Restricted Song and Dance
- Highly Commended Highly Commended

I am really looking forward to going to the Fifth Avenue Dance Festival in April. My results are below:

- 1st Tap Improvisation - 10 Years and Under
- 2nd Restricted Speed Tap - 10 Years and Under
- 2nd Open National Character (Irish) - 12 Years and Under
- Highly Commended Modern - 10 Years and Under
- Highly Commended Modern Student Choreography - 8/10 Years
- Highly Commended Restricted Song and Dance
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Grand Champion Parader

On Sunday, 2nd March, I attended the Royal Bathurst Show and competed in the Junior Poll Hereford Muster Parader’s Competition. I was in the Intermediate Section, along with about 25 other hopeful competitors. I won my heat and then had to enter the ring for the second time. This time it was for the Intermediate Champion. I won!!

After this victory I was then onto the Third Class to compete for the Grand Champion Parader. My competition included the two Junior Champions and the Senior Champions. I went on to win the Grand Champion Parader, receiving a shield, a broad ribbon and a garland. I had a great day leading ‘Jaffa’. Emma Keech

Pee-Wee Parader

On Sunday, 2nd March, our Agriculture students were lucky enough to be involved in the Central Tablelands Poll Hereford Association Junior Muster at the Royal Bathurst Show. This is an event which is not only educational but also a lot of fun.

Our students spent the first part of the day learning from a team of experts about the breeding, feeding and preparation of show cattle. This was followed by the actual competition where our students excelled and paraded our own steers that they had prepared. Nadia Rees came 4th, Patrick Webber - 2nd and Emma Keech - 1st. Emma went on to win Grand Champion Parader.
Valete - Bronwyn Blattman

"Mrs B - I'm hungry. Have you got any food?" A regular occurrence in the Blattman household over the past five years. On several occasions I have witnessed this for myself, knowing it to happen much more frequently. I have also witnessed the same occurrence demonstrated in a non-verbal way - students (who should remain nameless, but it could be any one of the Marsden girls) walking in and opening the fridge so as not to interrupt the conversation that was taking place between Bron and myself. Very polite of them really!

The Blattmans not only made sure there was plenty to eat, but provided help for the girls in any area that they could. Help with organisation, prep, leave, etc. were all part of the norm in the Blattman household. House outings, shopping or camping trips, in-house meals, you name it, nothing was out of the ordinary. Bron and Gerard and the kids opened up their home, unselfishly. They did this not for the students completely unselfishly. They did this not only with their own house, but many of the boys found themselves heading towards the Blattmans' when they were feeling a little undernourished or just in need of a chat.

Bronwyn (and her family) joined the boarding community at All Saints' at the beginning of 2003 as the assistant in Lyon House. She did such a good job that in 2005 she was asked to take over the running of Marsden House. In recent years I had to work closely with Bronwyn with the implementation of Senior Houses. Through this and with all of the leave and other paperwork that I require in my position I have always found that Bron has been accurate and on time. Any exception to this was inevitably not Bron's fault, it was probably because Gerard was busy stressing, everyone out with his heart. In spite of family trauma and other issues Bron maintained her professionalism throughout her time in boarding and I appreciate the help and support that she and Gerard have given me over the years.

Not being satisfied with the older trouble makers of the school, Bron more recently found herself working with the opposite end chronologically of the school helping out in Transition. Personally I believe that this is where one truly deserves a medal or to be certified. I know that Bron has been greatly appreciated by the kids in Transition because they told me so.

In every area where the Blattmans have been involved in the College, be that boarding, Transition, Prep or as parents, they have applied themselves with the best interest of the students at heart and their efforts will be missed. However, we do wish them well in Tarden, which is near Geraldton.... which is near Perth..... which is somewhere near Margaret River (I think??). In other words they are going to somewhere near nowhere.

Unselfishly they are going to work with boarders in a school with a significant indigenous population in an isolated area which has a landscape which makes Bathurst look lush even at its driest times. I hope you enjoy the challenges ahead of you and wish you and your family all the best for your new adventure.

Ian Jones

Valete - Marty Robson

Martin (Marty) joined the staff of All Saints’ College in September 2003. As an ex-student he brought with him an excellent insight as to the needs of the College from the students’ perspective. In the first few months he worked with the Information Technology Committee to analyse our resources and then help develop a plan, which we now see brought to fruition. Marty has been in great demand from all staff and students constantly and he has worked hard to balance everyone’s needs. Due to his work, we can easily say that our network and hardware are far superior to many other larger Sydney schools.

Marty’s love of cars has been evident through his care of the black Bema. His quiet humour has been appreciated by many as has his enthusiasm for technology.

Marty will be greatly missed and we wish both him and Danielle well as they begin the next phase of their lives in Sydney.

Jenny Williams

Year 10 excursion to Cabramatta

On Tuesday, 1st April, Year 10 travelled to the Sydney suburb of Cabramatta as part of their studies of “Changing Australian Communities” in Australian Geography and “Migration History” in Australian History. The fieldwork trip enabled students to experience Australia’s multiculturalism and, in particular, Cabramatta’s dynamic Vietnamese business community first hand.

Students were given specific worksheets to complete in relation to a 10% assessment task on “Changing Australian Communities”. The Cabramatta case study will also be used as a site study for the School Certificate Australian History examination.

The Year 10s have benefited greatly from this enrichment opportunity. I would like to congratulate them all for their good behaviour and enthusiasm on the day. The lunch in a Vietnamese restaurant and the visit to the Tien Hau Buddhist Temple were particular highlights of the excursion.

I would like to thank Mrs Lesley Tinker and Mr Spencer Goddard for their help and support on what was a very enjoyable and successful day.

Mr Wayne Ffeby

Students show off their Easter hats

All Saints' College Infants and Transition students showed off their finest Easter hats for an audience of Senior School students, parents and teachers during the Easter Parade held before the Easter weekend.
Year 9 Camp to Mt Kosciuszko

Miss Turnbull's Girls Group

Ten excited girls, six long days, hiking, extreme terrain with many memorable moments. We took every day as it came, we struggled but prevailed. With the help of our leaders, Jimmy, Leisel and Miss Turnbull, we were able to overcome the challenges.

There were many laughs, falls and fun times shared. As a team we managed to:
- turn ‘potato madness’ into ‘potato sadness’;
- cover 40 kms of mountainous country;
- reach the highest point in Australia; and
- make use of ‘Dong’ (the toilet);
- laugh uncontrollably for at least an hour a day.

After all the hardships, laughs, fun times and the experience of it all, we would never be able to explain the amazing sense of achievement we all felt at the end.

And now we can say we have been there, done that!


Mrs Croft's Girls Group

For the last week of Term 1 some excited and apprehensive Year 9 girls led by Mrs Croft set out for what is known in the rest of the school as the hardest camp, the highest points in Australia, Mt Kosciuszko, Mt Twynam and so on. Some of us cried, most of us laughed, but we all got to the top and can now say, ‘We did it!’

We had mornings that were so cold that our tents were frozen and we often beat Prime Possum to bed! We all admit it was a challenge, in more ways than one, but every step was rewarded with a view so beautiful it was hardly imaginable.

We ended with a steep trek down the pipeline of the Power Station with bruises and blisters but they were hardly noticeable when contrasted with the feeling of accomplishment in our hearts that we had actually done it! We left with smiles bigger than what we had begun!

Emma Keech, Lauren Kelly, Ga Yoan Lee, Kate Lonergan, Esther Patrick, Shelby Roberts, Jessica Symonds, Celeste Webster-Hall & Emily White

Mr Foskett's Boys Group

Day 1: Started at Dead Horse Gap at an elevation of 1650m. After a few detours over the top of some mountains we ended up at Cooparamba Hut. We prepared our meals in the tiny hut with bodies everywhere.

Day 2: We summited Mt Kosciuszko and walked 14 kms.

Day 3: After a cold night we summited both Mt Twynam and Mt Anton and reached our destination of Consett Stephens Pass at lunch. We had a rest and enjoyed the snow, throwing snowballs.

Day 4: Another easy day hiking, we reached Whits River Hut.

Day 5: Our last day. This was a gentle hike to our pick-up point at the G));he Power Station. We would like to thank Joch, our leader, for a wonderful week of hiking.

Mr Chidlow's Boys Group

The views were fantastic and it was a great challenge, with a variety of wildlife. It was such an achievement to climb Mt Kosciuszko. We had plenty of laughs during the week, especially during dinner. Everyone was exhausted at the end but it was worth it. It was a great week and a memory that will last a lifetime.

Linden Wiss, Austin Meulman, Joshua Portic, Will McMahon, Blair Hooper, Mark Russell & Liam Vieg

Greetings from Tanzania

Like All Saints’ we are now approaching the end of Term 1, 2008. It is hard to believe that the first third of our year is almost over. So much has happened, so much that is very different, so much that has been a challenge and so much that has not only been satisfying but most enjoyable. Sue and I extend to the entire St Jude’s community greetings and best wishes from the School of St Jude here in Tanzania.

We arrived on the 1st January with 52 boxes of books and supplies and over $4,000 contributed by the school and general community. The school here is most grateful and is careful to acknowledge and allocate funds prudently.

Sue and I were busy from Day 1, mainly in the Library which was the distribution point for textbooks and resources. Now we have settled into our roles. I enjoy mentoring and supporting the local teachers, many of whom really appreciate being given help and advice that All Saints teachers take for granted.

Along with a small staff of three, Sue assists the students who are struggling. She is doing a marvellous job and winning the hearts of her students who want her to come home and meet the family. That is a most sobering experience when we approach a mud and dung hut 2 metres x 4 metres in which a family of seven live as we approach the family. That is a most sobering experience.

We miss Bathurst, we miss our family, we miss our College but we do know now that we made the right decision. We enjoy keeping in touch with All Saints through Junior School VIM, Weekly Revelations and the website and wish you all the very best as the College becomes a new leader and continues to be a very special place for young people.

Jock Bidwell
World’s Greatest Shave

On Thursday, 20th March, Melanie Remillard, Emily White and Hannah Guest (Year 9) brought colour and craziness to All Saints’ College in their efforts to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation’s ‘World’s Greatest Shave’. Every hour of every day someone in Australia is diagnosed with leukaemia, lymphoma or myeloma. Currently, more than 30,000 Australians are living with one of these cancers, but only 4 out of 10 adults survive lymphoma, which is the fifth most common cancer in this country and the number of people affected has doubled in the last 20 years. The money raised from the Leukaemia Foundation’s ‘World’s Greatest Shave’ will directly support patients and their families when they need it most:

* Sponsorship total will provide away-from-home treatment for patients with a free ‘home-away-from-home’ near hospital.

* Money raised will also go towards research into better treatments and cures.

The students and staff who joined the three girls in colouring their hair were the Senior School Captains, Libby Sinclair and Tawanda Bui, Mr Greg Jones, Mr Ian Jones, Mr Stewart Ross and Ms Jenny Williams.

As well, because the school had managed to raise over $500, Mr Patrick Sinclair (Head of the Mathematics Department) had his head and beard shaved. The official hairsprayers/shavers for the day were Alicia Watt, Megan Woollard and David Schwab. As part of the event, Houses were encouraged to raise money in a competition to get extra House points towards the Cross-Country Carnival and the Inter-House Public Speaking/Debating Competition. Congratulations to the winning House - Bean.

Congratulations to Mel, Emily and Hannah on their initiative and to all the members of the College community who supported the event. You were a very brave man, Mr Sinclair!!

Mr Bob Poole

On April 2nd, Years 5 and 6 headed for the Brindabella Reserve on the Brindabella Track. As soon as we arrived, we had to put our tents up and pack our luggage into the tents. We got into groups and did different activities such as first aid, fishing, compass work, environmental art, concert practice and knots. At night we did a game called the Lantern Stalk. After that we had a monster quiz and then we went to bed. That night the wind was very strong and blew all our tents around and everyone got up. On Thursday we did more activities like damper cooking, abseiling, chariot building, fire lighting, first aid and more compass work. In the afternoon we completed the wide game. This involved us walking 2 kilometres around a course and completing challenging activities. At night Father Paul came and played games with us and judged the Talent Show.

On Friday we had to pack our tents and had free time. Many people abseiled down a steep cliff, gold panned or went fishing. The camp was tiring, but great. Thank you to all the parents and teachers who helped us over the three days.

Victoria Austin and Emily Brabham

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