Welcome to our new Head of College

As President and Chair of the Council of All Saints’ College, I am pleased to be able to announce the appointment of Mr Peter D. Miller, M.Ed. (Nottingham), B.Ed. (Hons) (Sydney), MACE, as the new Head of All Saints’ College from the commencement of Term 3, 2008.

Peter Miller is currently Head of Middle School at Barker College, Hornsby, a position he has held since May, 2000. In this role Peter is responsible for the educational and pastoral welfare of over 600 students and reports directly to the Headmaster.

Prior to accepting the position at Barker College, Peter held a number of positions of responsibility on the staff of Shore School, North Sydney. These responsibilities included Year Master, Housemaster, Master Assisting Teaching Method and Shore Cadet Unit Commanding Officer. He has also been an Assistant Boarding Master at Shore, Wellington College (UK) and at St Peter’s College in Adelaide. In his own school years Peter attended Sydney Grammar School.

Beyond his school leadership responsibilities, Peter teaches Geography and has been fully involved in rowing, rugby and athletics sports coaching. He is a qualified rugby referee. A Rowing Blue at Sydney University, as a younger man, Peter gained international representation in rowing for the Australian Senior B Lightweight Four.

Peter is aged 42 and married to Naomi. Together they have three children: Alexander (10), Phoebe (7) and Hugh (5) who will attend our school from the start of Term 3, 2008. The Millers have been members of St James’ Anglican Church, Turramurra. In his spare time Peter has been undertaking a doctorate in education at the University of New England, Armidale. His dissertation is focused on creating and maintaining a quality learning environment in school, with particular interest in the peer relationships of middle school students.

The position of Head of College at All Saints’ attracted a strong field of experienced Heads and Deputies from schools throughout New South Wales and other states. The selection process was facilitated by Pathways International Consulting. The Consultants led the College Council through a comprehensive discernment process which resulted in the unanimous decision of the Council that Peter Miller be offered the position. The Council is absolutely delighted that he has accepted. With warmest good wishes.

The Right Reverend Richard Hurford, OAM
Bishop of Bathurst

What does the month of June bring? Is it colder weather? Is it the shortest day? Yes, but more than this, it brings a few weeks of intense music practice culminating in the annual Inter-House Music Festival.

For three weeks students have been rehearsing in preparation for this fun night which once again proved to be most entertaining. Our adjudicator, Mr Michael Deasey, was impressed with the obvious preparations. Whilst each section of the competition is important, the House Choir proved to be the one which determined the overall winner on the night. The breakdown of the results is given in the table below.

Although there can only be one winner on the night, each House was successful in at least one section and all are to be congratulated on a very fine effort to produce some truly memorable performances.

Mrs Robyn Crowley

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The Junior School made a special visit to the Cathedral to see the bells - presently on the ground - whilst there we had a ‘Why is it’ tour of our Diocecsan Cathedral.

The Junior School has had a variety of Chapel experiences, two of which were puppet presentations. Both the boys and girls presented some humorous and original pieces.

Our Year 10s have been unravelling the Foundations of the Christian Faith found in the first 11 chapters of Genesis and one of the humorous activities was to build a Tower of Babel with only 100 straws and a single roll of tape. What group would build the highest structure?

Early in June the Years 5 and 6 students sang beautifully at the Cathedral conducted by Mrs Frances McLeod. It has been a very satisfying term.

I end with a line from a prayer by Reinhold Neibuhr: “Lord grant me joy, courage and a quiet mind.”

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Luxury cars make lively topic for Year 6 Debate

On Wednesday, June 11th, Year 6 had their first debate against Bathurst Christian School. The debate topic was “Cars are a luxury that we can do without.” After a hard-fought debate, Bathurst Christian School won by eight points. This was our first debate of three.

We now have to debate The Scots School and Orange Christian School. A final will be held in October at All Saints’ College. This debate will be adjudicated by Ms Sue West.

A big thank you to Samantha (Year 11) for adjudicating and her very constructive comments at the end.

Mrs Kay Murray

Gappies farewellled

Our students farewellled Rachael John and Charlotte Edwards towards the end of Term 2. Rachael worked in Transition 3 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and she also helped out in Kindergarten on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Charlotte was the Teacher’s Aide in Transition 2 Day with Mrs Sally Parsons. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday she worked with Kindergarteners until recess and then helped children with special needs in other parts of the school.

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Internet Safety

It is hard to imagine that I am coming to the end of my first semester at All Saints College. It has been said that time flies when you are having fun and I have certainly enjoyed my transition into the All Saints’ community.

One of my aims this year is to improve and increase the awareness of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) to Junior School students. As well as learning how to use this technology for educational purposes, it is vital that students learn how to use this technology responsibly and safely. Rather than give a review of the term which can be accessed by viewing the Junior School articles on our website, I thought I would discuss a topic that is becoming more important to us everyday, that is ‘Internet Safety’.

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Junior News

with Mr Chris Jackson

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Transition learn about fire safety

During the term, Transition went to the Bathurst Fire Station to consolidate the ‘F’ phoneme and to learn about fire safety. Firefighter Tim spoke about ‘good and bad fires’, smoke detectors and dialling 000. The children also learnt to how to: GET DOWN LOW AND GO, GO, GO; STOP, DROP and ROLL. The children watched a firefighter get dressed into safety gear before sitting in the fire engine and squirming the fire hose!

Thank you to everyone concerned for helping us learn about fire safety.

Mrs Deborah Porter

“Jersey” Book Launch

The new anaphylaxis children’s book, “Jersey – Nuts about School”, was successfully launched at the All Saints’ College library on Friday, 23rd May. The afternoon event was well supported and enjoyed by all.

Among the speakers introducing anaphylaxis awareness were Bathurst Regional Council Mayor, Paul Toole, and Paediatrician, Dr Rod McClymont.

Anaphylaxis educator, parent of a child with anaphylaxis and CSU lecturer, Ruth Townsend, shared personal experiences of her son’s own reactions and how resources such as the book “Jersey” are raising awareness to help protect other children with anaphylaxis.

The author, Sally Parsons (All Saints’ College Transition teacher), and illustrator, Amanda Thomas, also spoke, thanking the many people involved in such a project.

Sally would like to thank the generous support of All Saints’ College in hosting the launch and the exceptional catering services of the All Saints’ kitchen staff.
As part of the HSC Legal Studies syllabus, Year 12 has been studying the topic of 'Family Law'. In order to bring this topic to life, a 'mock' wedding was conducted at the school chapel on Friday, 14th May. The event was a great success and was enjoyed by all those involved.

The bride, Elizabeth, looked beautiful in her white wedding gown as she was escorted down the aisle by her 'father', Ryan. Following behind them were the bridesmaids, Jessica and Charlotte. Waiting at the altar were the groom, David, his best man, Lachlan, and groomsman, Tawanda. The happy couple exchanged vows and rings. When it came to the traditional, "You may now kiss the bride", the couple opted for a "hi five" instead, much to the delight of the students watching the ceremony.

The ceremony was followed by "official" photographs and the wedding party headed to a shady garden area where the bride and groom cut the wedding cake and the traditional throwing of the bouquet took place. It was a fun event that was enjoyed by all involved.

Mr Hines to present workshop in Israel

Mr Hines, a Year 5 teacher, is travelling to Israel to present a workshop at a 'Fighting Racism' conference in July. This is the second time Mark has been to the conference and the third time he has visited Jerusalem. The last time was a bit scary and pretty tense, especially when fighting broke out between Israel and Lebanon. "It doesn't seem to be too bad at the moment. They're engaging with peace talks with Syria which is very good", he said.

Mark will be presenting a workshop on "Altruism and the Holocaust" - a teaching programme for gifted and talented students. The workshop is mainly aimed at primary and high school teachers around the world, but Mark said there would also be academics and people from the health field there too.

Mr Bob Poole

Transition classes showed how much they appreciate their mothers when they celebrated Mother's Day with a special morning tea on Friday, 9th May. The students presented their mothers with gifts they had made during the week.

We were thrilled to see so many Mums, Dads and grandparents attend and join us on such a beautiful day. A big thank you must go to our kitchen staff who so kindly provided morning tea.
On Friday, 16th May, the Mock Trial team competed against St Mary's Central School, Wellington in Round 3 of the competition. The case was a civil one where we acted on behalf of the plaintiff who claimed that the defendant was indebted to her for bricklaying work completed between March 30th, 2007 and April 30th, 2007. Rachael, acting as the plaintiff (owner of Danny’s Brickies), claimed that she was still owed $1720 for building two chimneys, two fireplaces and two archways, and the bricking up of three windows and a cupboard under the stairs.

The defendant claimed that the price sought by the plaintiff for the work done was unreasonable and excessive. She also claimed that she had already tendered to the plaintiff an amount of $1,360 which had been accepted as full payment. Katie, one of the labourers on the job, gave a confident testimony of the intricate work involved in the bricklaying and arrangements for payment. Our barristers, Chloe and Samantha, carried out some tough cross-examination and were able to eliminate important evidence for the defence through effective objections. Heidi was a very efficient court officer.

The magistrate decided that both parties had to compromise on costs. However, we won the important skills side of the trial by a convincing 195-180 points.

Mrs Catherine Dundon

The month of May was dedicated to raising funds for research into finding a better way to treat Type 1 Diabetes. Over 150,000 children suffer from Juvenile Diabetes in Australia. On average, people with Diabetes check their blood sugar at least four times a day. During one year a diabetic would do 730 injections and 1460 finger pricks. So you can see why we would like to find a cure.

On Juvenile Diabetes Day (Thursday, 22nd May) students in the Junior School were asked to come dressed in their favourite jelly baby colours and donate a gold coin towards diabetes research.

Jarred (Year 6)

Round 3 of the Mock Trial Competition

The Boarding P&F held a Family Fun Day on Sunday, 11th May - Mother’s Day. The day commenced with a Chapel Service at 10.30am, followed by a P&F meeting. Around midday, a barbecue lunch was held under ‘the sails’, just outside the Bickerdike Centre. Students and Dads were responsible for the cooking, with the Mums sitting back and being spoilt on their special day.

After lunch a friendly family cricket game of parents versus their children took place. It was a great day for everyone involved.

Father Paul Woodhart

In Science and Technology during Term 2, Kindergarten classes learnt about how things grow and change.

Both classes went to the Senior School Ag Plot to have a look at some chickens that had just hatched and some six-week old chickens. We also visited ‘Missy’ the calf and got to see her have her lunch. The Year 9 Agriculture students explained to the children how to care for these animals and they even got to listen to their heart beat.

Miss Sally Gosper

Kindergarten classes visit Year 9 Agriculture
Under 10s Rugby Match

On Wednesday, 21st May, the Junior School’s Under 10s Rugby team played their inaugural match against Pittwater House on Watson Oval. The boys showed great determination and teamwork throughout the entire 40 minutes. I was most impressed by the fair play and sportsmanship demonstrated by both teams. The final score was Pittwater House 29 - All Saints’ College 20. A special thank you to Mrs Linda Cant for organising the sausage sizzle and to all of the other parents who helped out on the day.

Mr Chris Jackman (Coach)

On Friday, 13th June, the team travelled to Blue Mountains Grammar School to play Kinross Wolston School and Blue Mountains Grammar School. It was a most successful trip with the boys winning both games; ASC 10 – KWS 0 and ASC 25 – BMGS 5.

The boys have been training hard twice per week and have made some significant improvements. I look forward to more matches in Term 3.

Mr Chris Jackman (Coach)

Year 5 dress up as famous Australians

Year 5 has been studying the lives of ‘Famous Australians’. The students selected an Australian personality and were asked to make a presentation in class. This included a written report on the person selected. The class enjoyed dressing-up as their chosen Australian and were surprised to learn that Australians are recognised for their achievements in many diverse fields and not just from the sporting field! Well done, Year 5.

Mr Mark Hines

Round 4 of the Mock Trial

On Thursday, 12th June, All Saints’ competed in Round 4 of the Mock Trial competition. We acted as the defence in a criminal case in which Tony Grey (Rachael) was charged with assaulting Kerry Young under Section 61 of the Crimes Act, 1900 (NSW).

The prosecution claimed that Rachael had punched Young in the face after she had carried out an illegal stiff-arm tackle on Debra Pacey (Katie), a player from Rachael’s rugby league team.

Our two barristers, Chloe and Samantha, performed very competently, placing the opposition under some challenging cross-examination. Ashlie, our solicitor, prepared some detailed legal notes and prompted some appropriate objections to the prosecution’s case. Heidi performed confidently as an experienced magistrate’s clerk. Although Rachael claimed self-defence and that her punch was in response to both verbal and physical threats, the magistrate found her guilty as charged.

Fortunately we won the important skills side of the trial 234-180 points and now move on, undefeated, to the Elimination Rounds.

Mrs Catherine Dundon

Tegan’s Westpac Cadetship

Congratulations to Tegan (Year 12) who has been shortlisted for a Business Cadetship with Westpac to study Economics and Finance at university in 2009.

This programme was established in 2007 to attract the very best applicants to become an integral part of globalised business activity. Well done Tegan.

Mr Bruce Clydsdale

Year 8 students off to Forensic Science Camp

Caitlin and Chris (Year 8) have been successful in gaining a place in the Talented Students Forensic Science Camp to be held in Armidale during the July school holidays.

Caitlin and Chris will participate in a four-day camp working as part of a small team collecting and analysing evidence from a crime scene attempting to solve a classic murder mystery ‘whodunit’.

The aim of each team is to solve the crime, and then use the evidence they have collected to prosecute the criminal in a mock trial on the last day.

The camp, which is run by The Armidale School, is very popular and the selection process highly competitive. To be selected is a fantastic achievement – well done!

Mr Neil Inglis

Farewell

On Friday, 9th May, the staff farewelled two popular kitchen staff members, Beth and Cath Rutherford. The school community wishes them both all the best in their new endeavours.
International Tattoo takes Esther to the USA

During the April holidays, Esther (Year 9) travelled to the USA for the Virginia International Tattoo, which is held annually in the naval city of Norfolk as part of the Virginia Arts Festival.

Esther was one of 24 OzScot Australia Dancers who come from all the states of Australia. As part of the Arts Festival the girls performed displays in schools and in street parades (in and around Norfolk).

There were five performances of the Tattoo to an audience of 30,000 people, with a cast of 850 from Canada, USA, UK, Netherlands, Turkey, South Africa and Australia. The girls performed twice in each show, including a dance-off with US Irish dancers.

Highlights of the trip were shopping at ‘malls’, meeting the school children, seeing a real ‘Prom Night’ and making great friends.

Well and truly bitten by the ‘Tattoo Bug’, Esther is now impatient for the July school holidays when she will travel to Canada for the Royal Nova Scotia Tattoo.

Mrs Wendy Dean

Annabelle’s chasing National gold medal

At the NSW State Worldskills Competition held at Maitland TAFE, Year 12 Hospitality student Annabelle achieved a silver medal and was invited to compete at the National Worldskills Competition in Sydney. This is a tremendous result. The Food and Beverage Service Competition was keenly contested.

Since the Vocational Education and Training in Schools (VETiS) Competition has been running this is the first time that a student from the Central West Region has been asked to represent their state in the Hospitality Section.

I would like to thank all the Hospitality students who supported Annabelle during her training thus far, and wish Annabelle every success as she strives for national gold.

Mr John Hughes

Learning the art of Yoga

One Monday afternoon during the term, Year 6 experienced Yoga with Mrs Beryl Shepherd, a qualified instructor. The students attempted the many difficult positions to learn more about Yoga and its significance to people who follow the Hindu religion.

Year 6 has been studying ‘Hinduism’ and the different elements of this religion in HSIE this term. By the end of the session, they were very sore and could not believe how flexible you need to be to accomplish the positions correctly.

Mrs Kay Murray

Loud Shirt Day was a huge success throughout the whole school with students from all years as well as teachers getting involved to raise money for the Shepherd Centre’s effort towards supporting deaf and hearing impaired children. In all the school raised over $230 - a good achievement for such a cold day.

Tegan (Year 12)
In Memory of Robert James Norman Bickerdike

4th September, 1927 - 21st April, 2008

The All Saints’ College community was deeply saddened to hear of the passing away of former Headmaster, Bob Bickerdike, in the second week of the April school holidays. Bob was All Saints’ 13th Headmaster and will be fondly remembered for his warmth, compassion, caring, “cheek-to-cheek” smile and the real gentleman that he was.

Born in the UK (Ipswich, Suffolk) in 1927, Bob received his secondary education at Monkton Combe School, where he was Head Prefect as well as being a keen runner, rower and rugby player. He graduated from Oxford with a Master of Arts (Economics & Agricultural Science).

Bob married Winifred on December 27th, 1952 and they became the proud parents of four sons. The Bickerdikes migrated to Australia in 1953. Wherever they lived, Bob and Winifred took an active role with local church groups. Bob had a particular interest in running bible groups throughout his life.

The following overview of Bob’s working life was taken from the Thanksgiving Service that celebrated his life and faith.

- British Army, 1946-1949, served as an officer in Palestine.
- Teacher, 1959-1964, Caulfield Campus, Caulfield Grammar School, Melbourne (Victoria).
- Principal, 1973-1984, Garton College, Bendigo (Victoria).

The following is an edited version of Bob’s valedictory written by Bruce Clydsdale for the 1992 Bathurstian. Bruce was Deputy Headmaster at the time and he, along with Tessa Jones, will be writing a more comprehensive and personal report for this year’s Bathurstian.

“The appointment of the 13th Headmaster ushered in an era of considerable change. Almost as soon as he arrived at All Saints’, Bob was thrust into an immediate fundraising activity to provide what was to be an ongoing and extensive building programme during his eight years of leadership. There were three distinctive strands to his Headship – spiritual, cultural and buildings. He left the school with a substantial increase in enrolments (especially boarding), a much enlarged Junior School and a much healthier educational environment.

All associated with the school found him to be approachable and accessible. He gave freely of his time, his talents and his positive approach to problems. He would always greet you with a smile, no matter how difficult the day may have been.

His major achievements have been the upgrading of the physical amenities of the school – including the Industrial Arts Block, Lyon and Kemmis Houses, the Japanese Centre and the multipurpose hall (the Bickerdike Centre).

Bob and Winifred travelled extensively throughout NSW and overseas to promote the school and to ensure it was in the forefront of educational institutions. This demanding itinerary enabled a diversified enrichment programme to be undertaken with students not only being enrolled from countries within South-East Asia, but also enabling the isolated rural student to receive educational opportunities which would otherwise be foreign. This emphasis on cultural diversity was one of the hallmarks of the Bickerdike era.

The All Saints’ College family owe Bob and Winifred a tremendous debt of gratitude for their commitment during their eight years at the school.”

Although Bob ‘retired’ after his stint at All Saints’, those who knew him were not surprised when he took on the role of Principal at the Kathmandu International Study Centre (Nepal) in 1995-1996.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Winifred and the Bickerdike family.

Bob Poole (Editor)
The day was Monday, May 12th, and the Year 8 students of All Saints’ College got up nice and early for a 0800 hours start. After an excruciating drive with two small Hertz buses, we finally got to our point of call — Kirrikee. The time was only about 1200 hours and some of us were ready to go and do our first activity: We got split up into four groups (two boys and two girls groups) and the girls opted to go away on camp first while the boys stayed behind at Kirrikee. My group with Duncan and Mr Goddard, consisted of Joel, Liam Berry, Matthew, Julian, Jock, Sam Waylon, Kurt and I. After our first two activities - the low ropes and initiative course - we had a nice base camp dinner before everyone slept in the gazebo, except Joel, Jock, Kurt and Duncan (who slept in tents).

Day 2 presented us with a challenging task - the six-hour rogaine, which was extremely exhausting. Our group split in hall and we competed against each other to see which team could accumulate the most points by getting the most cans. When it was over, the boys got together and had fun playing cricket until dusk.

Day 3: It was time for the fun to end and get down to the real business of this camp. Our group had the harder part of the trip because we had to canoe first before hiking uphill the next day. The canoes were fun, but unfortunately nobody captivated their canoe, before we got to our next port of call. We stayed at Beehive Point for the night, where Duncan, the fire starter, organised a fire to keep us warm.

Day 4 was the hardest day for us - the never ending hike. We put on our packs and got to it. It seemed to go on forever. However, Mr Goddard’s words inspired us about mateship, like on the Kokoda Track, and we trusted on like the diggers in the war. Although many stops were made we reached our final destination: Shed! What a great name! The fire was started and we feasted on the delectable tuna mornay.

Day 5, the final day of the camp. We raced up the rest of the hill to see Jimmy, the Camp Director, on top with the bus. We came to base camp and saw everybody there having fun so we joined in. After that it was time to say goodbye. We got onto the buses - some tired, but some wanting more of the camp - and we left that wonderful site of Kirrikee.

Brenton

Trip to Bell Shakespeare’s “Hamlet”

On Thursday evening, 12th June, the Preliminary Advanced English classes travelled to the Sydney Opera House Drama Theatre to view a Bell Shakespeare production of “Hamlet”. An interesting stage design including a spiral staircase, metallic wall and a water feature was complemented by atmospheric lighting to convey the tragic unfolding of events. Marion Potts direction of the talented Brendan Cowell cleverly conveyed Hamlet’s mental torture. The audience was captivated by many special features including Barry Otto’s humorous stuttering and blustering, a carefully orchestrated sword fight and Sarah Blasko’s musical performances.

It was very rewarding to hear the positive commentary and appreciation of students as we travelled home. I am sure the experience will assist students in their critical study of “Hamlet” next year. Thank you to Mr Bob Poole for joining us to help supervise this excursion.

Mrs Catherine Dundon

Happy 60th Birthday celebrations were in order for Michelle O’Brien and Ruth Clements earlier on in Term 2.
On Saturday night, 24th May, 37 couples from Year 11 attended the All Saints’ College Presentation Ball. The students were presented to Dr Mitchell Hansen (All Saints’ College 1986-1989) and his wife Cadi who were the Guests of Honour for the evening.

The stunning girls and handsome boys did their best in the Presentation Waltz and later let loose on the dance floor to Doug Rowe’s local band ‘Pig Iron Bob’.

A wonderful night was had by all. Year 11 students, their parents and friends would like to thank Mrs Memory Sanders and Ms Rachel McMahon for their tireless efforts, Mrs Catherine Dundon and Mr Simon Dundon for teaching presentees how to dance, the catering staff for the great food and ‘Pig Iron Bob’ for the excellent music.

Mr Bob Poole

The 2008 All Saints’ College Festival of Art was another huge success. Held over three days – Friday, 23rd, Saturday, 24th and Sunday, 25th May – the exhibition brought in a record amount of money from sales (over $25,000) with the commission going to the All Saints’ Parents and Friends Association. Over 300 works from artists across the Central West region and Sydney were on show. These works included acrylics, oil paintings, pastel paintings and sculpture.

Opening Night had a large crowd in attendance and was opened by Mr Stewart Ross, Acting Head of College, and Mrs Jenny Lavoipierre, All Saints’ College staff member and local artist. Students of the College were actively involved in the evening by supplying music (Chamber Choir, Flute Choir and individual performances) and gourmet food (professionally served by the Hospitality students).

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards a great Opening Night and a highly successful Festival of Art.

Mrs Maree Crofts
Musica Viva

On Thursday 29th May, the Zephyr Quartet, a string quartet sponsored by Musica Viva, visited the College. They presented two concerts and played many different pieces, ranging from the classical to contemporary as well as music from other cultures.

All students from Transition through to Year 8 were able to attend as well as the Elective Music students in Years 9-12. The performers were able to engage the audience with lots of musical activities which helped them to remember many features.

We are looking forward now to the folk group Sirocco visiting us in Term 4.

Mrs Robyn Crowley

Inter-House Cross-Country Carnival

The Junior School Cross-Country Carnival was held on Wednesday, 9th April. For the first time Transition students participated as well as the students from Orange Anglican School.

Congratulations to Esrom House (436 points) for winning. Bradwardine was not far behind with 412 points.

Mr Chris Jackman

Junior School Cross-Country Champions

Senior School Cross-Country Champions

WAS Cross-Country Carnival

The Senior School Cross-Country team participated in the Western Associated Schools (WAS) Cross-Country Carnival on Friday, 2nd May at Blue Mountains Grammar School and recorded some fantastic results. I congratulate the children on their fine performances on the running track as well as their excellent behaviour.

Mr Chris Jackman

Age Champions

Boys

Thomas

Girls

Sophie

Runners-Up

Boys

Lily

Girls

George

Inter-House Cross-Country Carnival

2008 Inter-House Cross-Country Champions

Winning House: ERROM

9 Years Boys

Thomas

9 Years Girls

Sophie

10 Years Boys

David

10 Years Girls

David

11 Years Boys

Sophia

11 Years Girls

Sophia

12/13 Years Boys

Conrad

12/13 Years Girls

Koira

Angus

Scarlett

Winning House: ERROM

Lily

Travis

Tayla

George

Camilla

Boys

Girls

9 Years

4th Cameron

5th Sophie Cant

6th Thomas

9th Lily

9th Cameron

Angus

10 Years

1st David

2nd Angus

1st David

3rd Angus

1st Lily

3rd Sophie

2nd Jessie

3rd milk
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Congratulations to all team members, especially those who were having their first experience of competitive chess.

Mr Mark Hines

On Friday, June 13th, ‘Big Night Out’ was held in the Performing Arts Centre. This is an event where students from the Senior School perform music as part of a fundraiser for the Year 12 gift to the College. It was an amazing night, with great musicians, wonderful food and only one broken guitar string!

Thank you to everyone for attending and especially to everyone who helped organise the event – David, Jessica, Mr Jason Buckley, the staff of Spotless (for their wonderful slices) and all of the Year 12s for their help.

Jessica

Madison’s five goal haul

Madison (Year 6) recently competed at the NSW PSSA Primary Girls Hockey Carnival at Armidale. The CIS team made up of 13 girls from across the state played extremely well finishing Third in their pool and Fifth overall out of the 14 teams competing.

The team was very unlucky not to make the finals after drawing one-nil with the eventual winners.

A big thank you goes to Mr Chris Jackman and All Saints’ College for their support.

Michael and Louise

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**New Zealand Rugby Tour**

On Friday, 11th April, two rugby teams (33 players) travelled from Bathurst to Sydney with their coaches (Mr. Greg Thornton, Mr. Scott Gardner and Mr. Ray Woods) to begin an 11-day tour of the North Island of New Zealand. The goals were to develop rugby skills, discover New Zealand and its culture and have a lot of fun.

The following morning the players bounced out of bed at 6.00am keen to get on their Emirates flight to New Zealand. Arriving in Auckland, we transferred to our hotel. After an early dinner, the team started their tour with a Super 14 fixture at Eden Park where Auckland hosted the ACT Brumbies. It was a night that everyone will long remember. Saturday morning was spent shopping before the team travelled north to Whangarei where we were to meet the gracious billeting families. Sunday morning was spent shopping before the team departed Waitomo we travelled to Taupo where we arrived at Huka Falls Jet Boats. Winding our way up through the river, narrowly dodging trees, rocks and cliff faces at ever increasing speeds, gave the players a great thrill. Taupo is a most picturesque region located around Lake Taupo and surrounded by green lush rolling hills. The players enjoyed the time-out here between fixtures.

Friday, 16th April, we saw our depart for Tauranga to play Ootumoetai College. With a population of 1900 students, Ootumoetai College was going to be a strong and powerful outfit. The Under 16s played a wonderful style of rugby for the whole game. Eoin was outstanding in the backline functioning well. Tristen and Cameron capitalised brilliantly on limited kicking options and poor handling errors, were unable to capitalise on opportunities that they created. The half-time score was 7-0 but that seemed insufficient as they turned into the wind. To their credit, the players ran the ball enthusiastically and completely outperformed their opponents winning 75% of the ball and maintaining a territorial advantage. Unfortunately the team could not capitalise on their opportunities they created. The half-time score was 7-0 but then the game was reversed to the disadvantage of the All Saints. The forwards were competitive, led by Kyle while the backs did not handle the ball well in the wet conditions. The forwards, however, thrived on the opportunity to play the game at the pace their team was rewarded with a well-deserved victory: 17-0. Try Scorers: Kyle, Jake and Cameron. Conversions: Tristen 15.

Tuesday, 20th April, was the day where the Long White Cloud opened up, completely flooding the North Island. The locals had trouble remembering when they had seen such torrential rain and squalling wind which saw our jet boating adventure on the Bay of Islands cancelled. While the boys were disappointed they took it in their stride as we all headed to Kamo Aquatic Centre. With two water slides and a wave pool, the Aquatic Centre proved to be a great afternoon of fun as well as a hydro recovery session for the players.

Wednesday, 16th April, was a sad day as we said goodbye to the billet families that had generously offered their homes for the night. The players had genuinely bonded with these families and will have wonderful memories for years to come. The team then travelled to Te Awamutu College where fixtures had been organised at a local sporting facility for the 1st XV to play under lights.

The 1st XV found Ootumoetai College a large and dominating opponent in the first half. The experienced forwards both the attempt and tackling around the ruck was fierce and intense. Scrummets were well contested displaying some excellent technical skills by the All Saints’ pack. By half-time, with only a handful of opportunities presented to them. All Saints’ was down 0-24. The second half presented a very different story. As the players regained their spirit, they listened to Mr. Gardner’s wisdom they realised that they needed to use the limited half more judiciously. With renewed focus and vigour, All Saints’ presented Otumoetai with a more defiant response. Possession was now exposing weaknesses and gaps were created by intelligent players making around the rucks. David scored three scintillating tries, which inspired the team. The forwards displayed a ‘never say die attitude and were tradesman-like in their recycling of the ball when in possession. Led by Tawanda, Campbell, Adam and Anthony, the team’s performance to reverse the momentum of a physically dominant team was outstanding. The second half points score was won by All Saints’ 19-71. Final Score: 24-43. Try Scorers: David (3), Thomas Conversions: Joseph (2). Saturday, 19th April, allowed the players to rest and recuperate. A tour of the Te Puia, a local Maori village built around thermal activity in the form of steam, water geyers and boiling mud pools, was fascinating. A growing understanding of the skills of the Maori people in dance, weaving and timber carving led us all to a greater appreciation of the Maori culture and their lives in the present.

On Monday, 21st April, was our last game against Rotorua Boys High School but it was enjoyed, for a number of reasons, that we would reduce this fixture to one game. The game was played in beautiful sunshine with a light cold wind blowing down the field. The Under 16s were unfortunately overawed by the occasion having been warned over by other schools that Rotorua Boys High was formidable. Our tackling was tentative and we seemed intimidated. With a score of 7-20 at half-time it was time for the team to reflect and re-collect. The coach’s words were enough to encourage the players to dig deep and find the courage they needed to finish the tour on a winning note. While the game was lost 21-32, the second half was won by All Saints’ 14-12. These players lifted their game to meet the challenge. Final Score: 21-32. Try Scorers: Kyle, Cameron, Joseph. Conversions: Scott 10/10.

Mr. Greg Thornton (Master-In-Charge of Rugby)

With renewed focus and vigour, All Saints’ who courageously led the team into battle.

Thursday, 17th April, witnessed a beautiful day at the Waitomo Caves where we observed the magnificent glow worms. The tour, as it travelled along a cave-enclosed river. In departing Waitomo we were collected to Taupo where we arrived at Huka Falls Jet Boats. Winding our way through the river, narrowly dodging trees, rocks and cliff faces at ever increasing speeds, gave the players a great thrill. Taupo is the most picturesque region located around Lake Taupo and surrounded by green lush rolling hills. The players enjoyed the time-out here between fixtures.

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