Grandparents’ and Special Friends’ Day was held at the College on Friday 17th March.

Students from Years 5 and 8 were able to share some of their learning experiences with their special guests whilst spending some quality time together. After starting the day with a tour of the College conducted by our prefects, demonstration classes were held in which both students and guests enthusiastically participated in Mathematics, Design & Technology, Drama and Japanese.

Lunch was enjoyed on the front lawn of the College after a Chapel Service conducted by Father Paul.

Mrs Helen Schwab
A few weeks ago I had the opportunity to visit Hong Kong. The primary purpose of this trip was to advertise the wonderful educational opportunities available at All Saints’ College and to meet new parents. It was exciting to see the interest amongst Hong Kong families as I talked about All Saints’ with them.

Whilst in Hong Kong I took the opportunity to meet with the parents of many of our current overseas students. I appreciated the warm welcome I received and the opportunity to renew relationships and talk with these parents about their children.

Local families may not appreciate the difficulties faced by parents of overseas students. Distance limits the contact they can have with the school, their child and their child’s teachers. It can be quite a daunting task to keep up to date with your child's progress in this situation.

I went armed with photographs and reports and shared a wonderful few hours discussing various aspects of school life and their children’s activities. I found this personally very valuable and hope these parents felt the same.

One of the main things I treasure about All Saints’ College is our sense of community. I am pleased to see this extend beyond the borders of our country to encompass the families of our overseas students.

I returned from this visit with the idea of trying to link our overseas students with a local family - especially when they first arrive. The aim of this is to help them find their feet and to feel part of our community as quickly as possible. Any families interested in this concept please contact my Personal Assistant, Michele Thornton.

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The winter sporting competitions have started to kick off with hockey and soccer beginning this term and netball and rugby getting fully underway in Term 2. We have already had a lot of success with selection into representative teams. In the under 16s AICES Hockey team we had Molly and Amelia selected. Congratulations to Megan Groat for selection in the AICES Basketball team. Congratulations to all the basketball teams who participated in grand finals.

We look forward to hearing the successful results achieved by the Year 10 Agriculture class at the Royal Easter Show. A reminder to all Year 12s that life does go on after exams and there are soon to be holidays full of 'rest' and ‘recovery’.

Hope everybody has a great two weeks break and that you come back enthused and excited for the up- and-coming events of Term 2.

Joshua’s “Superstar” role

After many months of preparation, the Carillon Theatrical Society’s rendition of Jesus Christ Superstar took to the stage in the week leading up to Easter and was a hit! All Saints’ College had many participants in the production, including the main character - with the role of Jesus being played by Joshua (Year 12).

Josh portrayed a mature, yet youthful Jesus and is an asset to the musical community. Brieane (Year 11), Elyssa (Year 11), Keisha (Year 12) and Rachel (College Receptionist) were also part of the production as members of the chorus. Mr Jason Buckley and Chloe (Year 12) played in the Orchestra.

Congratulations to everyone involved, it was an outstanding performance!

Rachel McMahon

Captains’ Corner

This term has been a very busy one for many people - packed with action, adventure and complete and utter chaos. The 1st XV rugby boys had some good game practice with their fixture against the visiting Canadian side. The boys did go down ‘narrowly’.

On Friday 17th March, All Saints’ opened its doors for our annual Grandparents’ and Special Friends’ Day for Years 5 and 8. We hope you all enjoyed the opportunity to experience school life once again.

It was good to see a significant portion of the school community - students, parents and also dogs - supporting the worthy cause, Oxfam Community Aid Abroad, by participating in the Walk Against Want. Those participants who walked had a pleasant day and a nice social outing.

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with Reverend Paul Woodhart

I hope that you will be reading this as Easter approaches. During this term I have been focusing on aspects of the Cross of Jesus Christ.

This incident in a Palestinian city 2000 years ago is not just a terrible but fascinating incident in history, nor a puzzle in theology, nor even an object for adoration and art. It is a constant challenge to all who seek to follow the crucified Christ. The founder of the modern Iona Community in Scotland, George McLeod wrote: ‘I simply argue that the cross be raised again at the centre of the marketplace as well as on the steeple of the church. I am recovering the claim that Jesus was not crucified in a cathedral between two candles, but on a cross between two thieves; on the town garbage heap; at a crossroads so multicultural that they had to write his title in Hebrew, Latin and Greek...at the kind of place where cynics talk smut and thieves curse and soldiers gamble. Because this is where he died and this is what he died about. And where Church people ought to be and Church people ought to be about.’

How are you and I living this out in our homes and other gathering places?

Father Paul

Year 11 Geography excursion to the Bathurst Sewerage Works

Year 11 Geography students were thrilled and enthralled at the prospect of a field trip to the Bathurst Sewerage Works as part of their studies of human impacts on the Hydrosphere.

The date of Thursday 16th March was set and on that bright, sunny morning we set off in anticipation of what was to come. The stench of the plant overwhelmed us as we stepped off the bus. However, this did nothing but heighten our excitement and we charged forth.

We were welcomed by Mr Bob Banning and after a brief overview of the processes used (and a few horror stories about kittens and puppies) we proceeded further into the plant to see for ourselves.

Mr Banning took us on this tour and explained how sewerage was treated. We were soon able to overcome the smell, and therefore learnt a great deal about environmentally friendly methods of the disposal of waste. We were even exposed to raw sewerage which was a traumatic experience for many - but necessary as we later saw the results of all of the treatment - CLEAN water and a small amount of solid waste that is used as fertiliser on a farm at Evans Plains.

We all conquered the sewerage plant and for that we thank Mr Poole for taking us on such a memorable excursion, Barney Lavelle for his safe driving to and from the plant, Lily for handling a splash of waste on her hand with such maturity and grace, and Mr Banning for sharing his knowledge with us.

Felicity, Belinda & Esther

Mock Trial team compete against Kelso

The All Saints’ Mock Trial team recently competed against Kelso High School in Round 2 of the competition. We were fortunate to be able to use the Bathurst Court House which created a very authentic atmosphere. We acted as the prosecution and alleged that the defendant had committed larceny by stealing a DVD from Joe’s Bargain Store. Joshua and James were the two capable barristers assisted by Jessica as solicitor. Felicity was a very efficient magistrate’s clerk.

Despite confident and detailed witness accounts by Susie (Constable Gina Bell) and Kate who played the part of the store’s security guard, we were unable to prove the offence. Nevertheless, we managed to win the important skills side of the competition 227-219 points and look forward to Round 3 against Lithgow High School.

Mrs Catherine Dundon

Lyon/ Kemmis
Black & White
Disco

On the evening of Friday 31st March the young ladies and handsome gentlemen of All Saints’ College dressed up in their best black and white finery to enjoy a night of dancing under the stars on the lawns of Kemmis and Lyon Houses.

Everyone had a great night and after dancing for three hours non-stop left tired and with very sore feet. Thank you to the students of the boarding houses for all their help, especially the boys who organised the music.
Important Notice

Junior News with Mr Jock Bidwell

For the past few weeks Tracey House has been making use of a recent acquisition - a table tennis table. Year 9 organised a singles and doubles competition amongst themselves. The singles final was completed on March 15th, a tense and exciting match between undefeated Scott and Cameron and the doubles final was completed on Thursday 30th March. This was the best of three matches between Thornton and “Deanie” and Hugh and Andrew. The combination of Thornton and Dean proved too much for the opposition, despite a comeback half-way through the second game!

Mr Hegvold has presented the winners with their movie and CD vouchers. Anyone wishing to challenge the victorious winners need to see Mrs Jones.

Esrom House Captains with the winning Cross-Country trophy.

As Term 1 draws to a close it is a pleasure to reflect on a very positive start to 2006. With increased enrolments, stable and dedicated staff, fine weather and challenging programmes and activities the students have enjoyed a very worthwhile term.

Perhaps one of the most challenging opportunities for Primary classes has been the Outdoor Education Camps. Years 3 and 4 travelled to Mt Canobolas Scout Camp which for many, was the first time away from home and learning new skills, both social and practical. Years 5 and 6 Bushcraft Camp was held on the banks of the Macquarie River off the Brindle Track towards Hill End. Abseiling, fishing, bush first aid, compass reading, knots, lashings, fire lighting and cooking were all learnt and trialled along with under canvas sleeping and living. A challenging and enjoyable camp prepares students well for the senior school camping programme.

Mrs Kay Nelson, our new Junior Sports Coordinator, has been busy with an excellent swimming season and more recently the Cross-Country Carnival provided a narrow win to Esrom. The Cross Country team is now in training for the big HICES Cross-Country Carnival in Orange early in Term 2. Congratulations to the boys’ basketball team who won their grand final and to the girls who were runners-up. Going to print our tennis players are yet to conclude their season with many players still in the finals. Preparation and training has already started for winter team sports including netball, rugby, hockey and soccer. The supportive Parents Association has held a most successful “Cocktails Under the Stars” as well as a very profitable bulb drive. Parent/Teacher interviews conclude our term as a review of the children’s class work, achievement and effort. Also concluding the term is the Infants Easter Hat Parade leading into the Easter season acknowledging the saving grace given freely to all of us through the death and resurrection of our Lord.

Best wishes to all families for a well-earned break and we are looking forward to an equally industrious and fruitful Term 2.

I would like to congratulate the Year 12 Hospitality students for their work ethic, service and professionalism at the conclusion of their work placement commitments.

The Seaworld Nara Resort Programme conducted at the end of 2005 was again an excellent experience for all the students. It is a holistic overview of a commercial establishment from the inside out, an opportunity rarely available in our industry. Students work in many departments of the hotel from housekeeping and stewarding to concierge and reservations. This complements the already extensive Food & Beverage and Commercial Cookery programme undertaken by the students. Well done to all and a big thanks to the P&F for their fundraising at the mid-year dinner in 2005 to help make the experience possible. I would also like to thank Mrs Olga McKinnon for her leadership and assistance.

Other accomplishments will be mentioned in the next VIM.

Mr John Hughes

Hospitality students excel during work placement
Transition’s Princesses and Pirates Day

Transition is always a busy and exciting place. We learn about the 44 phonemes through our ‘Jolly Phonics’ programme. This week our phoneme was ‘P’. To celebrate we had a ‘Party’ and had a great time dressing up as ‘Princesses’ and ‘Pirates’. Charles came as “Puss-in-Boots” and Jaidyn was a “prisoner”. We ate lots of popcorn and drank pink lemonade. We had a perfectly pleasant time! Feel free to visit our rooms and see all the amazing things.

Mrs Liz Rolfe

Deputy’s Desk

Bathurst is very well supplied with secondary schools. Two state secondary schools, one systemic Catholic girls school, an independent boys school and two co-ed independent schools for a town of 30,000 odd is certainly unusual – in this state probably only Armidale has a similar number of schools in relation to its population.

This wide choice of schools is great for parents and students - but how do parents choose a school? There are, of course, many factors - family tradition, location, cost, reputation and so on. Schools are very difficult organisations to rate or measure. Higher School Certificate results are one measure - although these, of course, depend on the characteristics of the students as well as the school. There are various methods of measuring the “value added” component provided by the school - but these are not standardised or readily available to parents. In the final analysis, reputation in the community is a major factor for many - and one would hope that a reputation, built over time, is quite a reliable indicator of a school’s quality.

The question of “What makes a good school” is a complex one. Geoff Masters has identified the following five characteristics of highly effective schools:

First, highly effective schools have strong and effective school leaders whose primary focus is on establishing a culture of learning throughout the school.

Second, in these schools, learning is seen as the central purpose of school and takes precedence over everything else. The learning environment is calm and productive. Outstanding achievement is celebrated.

Third, in highly effective schools, teachers have a thorough and up-to-date knowledge of their subjects and a deep understanding of how students learn particular subjects. Fourth, highly effective schools are characterised by outstanding school cultures. In these schools students have a sense of belonging and pride. Fifth, effective schools have high levels of parent and community involvement.

Recently we were addressed by Mr Nicholas Carney, a member of the New Matilda organisation, on Human Rights. Lyndsay Connors, a member of the same organisation, stated that: “There is much evidence that children and young people learn best in schools where they have a sense of belonging; where they have opportunities to learn things that they value; and where they experience personal achievement and progress”. He goes on to note that good schools, good families and good societies “make it easier rather than harder for us to be our best selves, to be ‘good’ persons and to live ‘good’ lives.”
Music
Tour

Three of All Saints’ musical groups and their talented musicians went on ‘showcase’ recently with a Music Tour to Gulgong, Dunedoo and Coolah. The Jazz Band, Chamber Choir and Chamber Orchestra performed at the Coolah and Dunedoo Central Schools, as well as at an evening concert at the Anglican Church in Gulgong on Friday 10th March.

After a very early start, the students travelled to the three towns as part of a ‘friend-raising’ programme to increase the school’s profile in the surrounding district, and to allow students to perform in front of very receptive audiences.

For Phillip and Heidi Beames, who are integral members of the Jazz Band, this excursion was a chance for them to catch up with old friends at Dunedoo Central School and see their parents, who kindly provided us all with a delicious barbecue lunch and afternoon tea.

It was a lot of fun for all the students with many thanks going to Mrs Crowley, Mr Buckley and Mrs McLeod for organising and conducting the groups and all of the work they put into making this year’s tour a huge success.

Felicity & Max (Year 11)

Concert Band in Machattie Park

On Sunday 12th March, the All Saints’ College Concert Band was asked to play in Machattie Park along with the RSL Youth Band. Together we made Week 2 of a series of six weeks of music. It is an old tradition and All Saints’ brought its own touch to the afternoon with songs like ‘Ceremony, Chant & Ritual’, ‘Sleeping Place of the Stars’ and ‘Funky Town’.

Our next big performance will be at the Cowra Eisteddfod. It is important that all band members are coming to rehearsals to make sure we win.

Chloe (Year 12)

Welcome to the world little Oscar

Oscar Keith Chaniotis was born on the 1st of March 2006 and is the first child for All Saints’ College receptionist Kylie Chaniotis and her husband Luke. Oscar was born at Bathurst Base Hospital and weighed 7 pounds 7 ounces.

Both Kylie and Luke are thoroughly enjoying their new roles as parents and cannot wait to show off their pride and joy to the All Saints’ College family.
All Saints’ Minor Premiers

The All Saints’ Cricket Club is celebrating the most successful season in the club's history. Both teams have made the BDCAs final series - a first. Having started as a good idea six years ago the club has been gradually developing with the 2005/2006 season being the most successful so far.

Second Grade, led by Jason Scarborough, and made up of All Saints’ College students, old boys, staff, parents and others has achieved the BDCAs Minor Premiership, only losing two games all season. Saturday and Sunday 25th & 26th March saw a strong semi-final performance on Watson Oval, allowing them to progress to the Grand Final to be played on the weekend of the 8th & 9th April.

Third Grade has also made the finals. They won their minor semi on the weekend of the 25th & 26th March in Oberon. Led by Brett Archer this team is also made up of All Saints’ students, staff, parents and others. They won the final on the 1st & 2nd April at George Park and will now progress to the Grand Final to be played on the weekend of the 8th & 9th April.

Team: Brett Archer, Matt Archer, Ben Keith (Year 12 student), Mike Mitchell, Andrew MacDougall (Year 9 student), Terry Phillips, John Walsh (ex-parent), Prasanta Dissanakye, Mark Bennett and Hugh McCarthy (Year 9 student).

The club is supported by All Saints’ College, the Park Hotel, Red Australia, Bathurst Graphics & Signs and the Orange City Centre.

Mr Wal Murray (Manager)

Careers with B.C.

- New courses: (1) University of Western Sydney (UWS) will be offering from 2007 an undergraduate five year Bachelor of Medicine course at the Campbelltown campus. (2) University of Wollongong (UW) will also be starting a Medical Faculty in 2007.

- Information brochures have been received from: William Blue International Hotel School, Will Blue School of Graphic Arts, Blue Mountains Hotel School, Australian Catholic University, Wollongong University, Sydney Institute of Business & Technology (Macquarie University) and Various Pathways to Degrees at Macquarie University.

- Pharmacy Courses: For more information about applying for pharmacy courses see Mr Clydsdale.

- Entry into Medicine: For more information see Mr Clydsdale.

- Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT): In 2006 UMAT will be held at various locations across Australia on Wednesday 26th July 2006. Registration for UMAT opens in mid-April and on-line registrations for UMAT close on Friday 9th June 2006 (an application fee applies). Late registrations close on Friday 23rd June 2006 (an additional late fee applies). Registration can be completed online at www.acer.edu.au or forms may be obtained from UMAT Office, ACER Assessment Services, Private Bag 55, Camberwell VIC 3124, telephone (03) 9277 5673, email: umat@acer.edu.au, website: www.acer.edu.au

- Open Days for 2006:
  - Australian Catholic University - Canberra Campus 26th August; North Sydney Campus 9th September; Strathfield Campus 9th September.
  - Australian Maritime College - Newnham Campus 27th August; Campus tours can be arranged by appointment. For further information call 1800 030 277.
  - Australian National University - 26th August.
  - Charles Sturt University - Every day. For campus tours/appointments and course information call 1800 334 733.
  - La Trobe University - Albury-Wodonga Campus 20th August; Mildura Campus 13th August.
  - Macquarie University - 9th September.
  - University of Canberra - 26th August.
  - University of New England - 8th September.
  - University of New South Wales - Courses and Careers Day 2nd September; Australian Defence Force Academy, Canberra 26th August.
  - University of Newcastle - Callaghan Campus 9th September; Ourimbah Campus 16th September; Port Macquarie Campus Information Night 12th September.
  - University of Sydney - Sydney Uni LIVE! (Courses and Careers Day), Camperdown & Darlington Campus, Mallett Street Campus, Sydney College of the Arts and Sydney Conservatorium of Music 26th August.
  - University of Technology, Sydney - UTS Information Day, Broadway Campus 26th August; UTS Information Evening, Kuring-gai Campus 6th September.
  - University of Western Sydney - Parramatta Campus 20th August.
  - University of Wollongong - for campus tours and special events, call 1300 367 869.
Monday 12 April
- Japan Trip Commences (returns 27th April)
- Term 1 Ends
- Royal Bathurst Show (to Sunday 30th April)

Tuesday 13 April
- Staff Development Day
- Boarders Depart
- Staff Development Day

Wednesday 14 April
- AICES 16s Netball Championships - Windsor (+ Thursday)
- Science Competition

Thursday 15 April
- Open Day
- Senior School Cross-Country
- ASC vs St Augustine's (A) Rugby Trial 1
- Junior School P&F Meeting
- AICES Soccer Championships - Valentine Park
- WAS Cross-Country
- Year 3 Music Night
- HICES Cross-Country (JS) - KWS

Friday 16 April
- Year 12 Drama Excursion
- ASC vs St Gregory's College (KWS) Rugby Trial 2
- Year 9 History - Presentation on World War 1
- Year 10 History - Presentation on the Vietnam War

Happy 60th Birthday Chris

On Friday 24th March, the inaugural All Saints’ College Cricket Dinner was held in the Dining Room. Those in attendance were entertained throughout the night by speeches from the Captains of the various teams. Guest speaker for the evening was Marty Roebuck.

I would like to thank the Dining Room staff for providing us with a great meal and the Year 11 Hospitality students who acted as waiters all night.

Sam

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Sam was awarded the Tom McKibbin Cup for Best Bowler. Tom was All Saints’ only test cricketer in the 1900s.

We look forward to some great results at Coonabarabran in June.

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Polocrosse Competition begins

The All Saints’ Polocrosse Competition began quickly this year, with both the ‘A’ and ‘B’ teams playing against St Stanislaus’ College in Week 6 of Term 1.

The ‘A’ team (Juliette, Kate and Lily) came away with a successful win - causing a great shock to the Stannies boys. The ‘B’ team (Patrick, Annabelle and Harry) had a draw.

We played again on March 26th and came away with a draw and we were pleased to see Skye and Amy having a go.

All players should be congratulated on their performance and dedication. We would love to see new faces on the team - anyone interested please contact Ian Webber on 63377227.

Finally we would like to thank everyone who has come to support us, in particular Tom Clifton, who has not missed a game yet.

Juliette (Year 11)

Interschool Equestrian Championships

Grace was the only student to represent All Saints’ College at Horsley Park in February. She competed in the One Day Event and was placed 5th out of 35 competitors. She has done exceptionally well at such an elite level of competition. Well done Grace.

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