Japan Tour

On Wednesday 12th April, 26 teachers, parents, students and ex-students set off for Sydney on the start of their two-week tour of Japan. An early morning flight out of Sydney on Thursday and a late afternoon arrival at Narita International Airport (Tokyo) was the beginning of an incredible cultural experience organised by Mrs Fudeko Reekie.

Students experienced two sets of homestay – three nights with our sister school Yachiyo Shoin (Chiba) and three nights in Bathurst’s sister city, Okhuma. Adults on the tour also had a three night homestay in Okhuma. What a wonderful experience that was. Even though most families had limited English (and most of us had limited Japanese) we were able to communicate and enjoy activities and exquisite cuisine with each other. There were many emotional farewells at the end of this stage of the tour. One cannot underestimate the generosity, hospitality and kindness of our hosts.

There were many highlights of the tour – visits to schools (in Chiba and Okhuma), Tokyo Disneyland, pottery craft activities, a nuclear power plant, Shinto and Buddhist temples, a fish farm, the Bullet Train (that left and arrived on time!!), Imperial Palaces, Mt Fuji (with a clear view of the snow-covered top), an emotional tour of Hiroshima’s Peace Park and museum, Osaka Castle and Aquarium, shopping sprees, food and of course, the cherry blossoms. A highlight whilst in Kyoto was the karaoke night where Ms Jenny Williams and Emma Hallstrom delighted everyone with a wonderful rendition of You’re So Vain, and Mrs Catherine Dundon and Mrs Olga McKinnon took to the stage and belted out an old Abba tune.

Undoubtedly countless stories will be told about the trip, including many about turning showers on and off or operating the toilet (an interesting experience for many).

So much ground was covered in the fourteen days, that it felt more like a month-long holiday. A rich cultural experience indeed.

A big thank you to Mrs Reekie for her effort and time sacrificed in organising the tour and Ms Williams for looking after the students.

Mr Bob Poole
**Head Lines with Ms Jenny Williams**

I recently received a delightful email from a prospective student asking, *What is it like to be a Headmaster?* I often get asked this question - by both parents and students. What do I answer? To the young lady who emailed me I replied that it was a really nice job where I was able to meet lovely people like her and her parents.

It is truly a busy but wonderful time for me around scholarships. I have the opportunity to meet interesting and enthusiastic young people from Bathurst as well as the wider reaches of our state. These young people all have things to offer our community and it is a privilege to see the potential that exists in these young lives. Many applicants are nervous. I remember one young lad who giggled throughout his entire interview. It can be a daunting prospect to come to a school and be interviewed by the Head of College for a scholarship.

At All Saints’ we pride ourselves on our friendly, family environment and this is certainly what is attracting more and more families to our school. The personal care and attention we offer our students is one of the key components in helping them to achieve success in their academic and co-curricular pursuits. So, what is it like to be a Head of College? I feel honoured, busy, enthusiastic, hopeful and embraced.

**So which one will win?**

Our Librarian, Mrs O’ Brien, has ordered multiple copies of the nominated books for the Children’s Book Council Awards for teenage fiction. Volunteers from Years 9 and 10, Mrs O’ Brien and Mrs Jones are reading and discussing (over tea, coffee, hot chocolate and biscuits!) all six books and deciding which one they think will win the award in August.

If anyone else is interested in joining our discussion group you are more than welcome (parents included). Just see Mrs Jones or Mrs O’ Brien and we will supply you with the books and the food! I would like to thank Mrs O’ Brien for her inspiration in this exciting new venture.

The nominated books are: - *Chasing Charlie Duskin* (Cath Crowley), *It’s Not About You Calma* (Barry Jonsberg), *No Worries* (Bill Condon), *The Life of Tom Brennan* (J.C. Burke), *Double Exposure* (Brian Caswell) and *Lost Property* (James Moloney).

Mrs Tessa Jones

**Captains’ Corner with Toby Llewellyn and Chloe Jones**

Cross-Country Carnival was all the way back in Week 1. Congratulations to the winners - Bean House (closely followed by Long). Many winners went on from there to WAS and AICES (in Week 6). Emma Statham and Tamsyn Moana-Weale came 3rd and 5th to go on to represent CIS. Well done to the runners in all of the carnivals.

Casey Bayliss, Molly Bright and Kate Kennett were very successful at the Opens CIS Hockey Carnival finishing tied on top of the table at the end of the day but unfortunately coming second on a count back of goals. Congratulations to Casey who made it into the team for the 4th time.

Years 10 and 11 Drama put on a very professional production of *Picnic at Hanging Rock*. Their hard work paid off and anyone who watched it enjoyed the classy performance.

Winter sport has been very successful on the weekends, with everyone doing the school proud. Joshua Manning, Scott Glencorse, Scott Thornton and Phillip Marriott all represented WAS at the AICES soccer carnival. They all played well and were unlucky not to be selected.

Musicians have also been busy going to the Cowra Eisteddfod - coming back with more playing experience and a bit of money in the pocket.

The Big Night Out was another opportunity to show off some of the outstanding musical talent we have. Thanks to all who came to support the performers and the Year 12s who made it happen.

The Festival of Art was a huge success. Thank you and well done to the P&F for showing off some of the outstanding performers and for another brilliant display.

On Thursday 8th June we had the pleasure, along with Annabelle and Sam Hope, to travel to Sydney for a leadership day. We spent the first half of the day at Parliament House talking to Members of Parliament and meeting other school leaders. We were then given a personalised tour of Parliament by Gerard Martin. We then headed down the road to meet the Governor of NSW, Marie Bashir. After a tour of the Governor’s house, Governor Bashir spoke to us about her life and job, then had afternoon tea and a chat with us. It was an enjoyable day.

We saw the musical *Wackadoo Zoo* put on by Transition, Year1 and Year 2. It was brought alive with lots of colour, great costumes, wonderful music and singing. Congratulations to all the students, monkeys, cows, goats, lions, pigs, zookeepers and professors. Well done to the teachers and parents. They say never work with animals or children and you did both fantastically.

Art and Artists Week was a relaxing way to finish off the term and we hope that you all enjoy your well deserved break after such a term full of excitement.
Along with other staff I have been writing student reports which by now you should have received. One quote I remember from my University study is: There is no difference between education and entertainment - whatever pleases teaches effectively. It is one of those quotes you think about as the years go on. On reflection I believe that there is a difference between education and entertainment, and it is the outcome. Yes, we need to be drawn in to enjoy a subject and be motivated to learn. But the purpose of education is to enable us to grow as people, change, care, help, be challenged and learn to think.

Entertainment often leaves us with time passed and nothing to show for it.

So I have been emphasising in my reports that these years at school are years in which we learn the discipline of listening, reading, thinking, and then being able to put those ideas - kicked like soccer balls in the mind - into convincing words. From experience this is hard work. Think of study and sweat as petrol for your dreams.

These skills learnt at school are life preparing. At All Saints' we have the added dimension - With the help of God... we develop the inner strength.

Running alongside and calling sometimes,

Father Paul

Happy Birthday Reekie-san

On Thursday 11th May, Mrs Fudeko Reekie celebrated a very special birthday - one which the writer cannot divulge! To celebrate this special occasion a morning tea was held where the “Three Tenors” (Messrs Hughes, Poole and Thornton) attempted to sing Happy Birthday in Japanese (none got any offers for a repeat performance). Thanks to Mrs Michele Thornton for organising the birthday cake.

Congratulations Fudeko and many thanks for the wonderful contributions you have made to All Saints’ College. Mr Bob Poole

Science Competition

Early this term all students in Years 7 to 10 participated in the Science Competition where they competed for certificates against approximately 80,000 students across NSW and the ACT. Certificates of Distinction were awarded by Ms Williams at a recent school assembly for students who gained a result in the top 10% of this group. Those students were: Noah Betar, Jessica Carter, Olivia Chua (Year 7); Emily Brouggy, Olivia Coleman, Matthew Elbourne (Year 8); Robert Armitage, Edward Fox, Ruth Watt (Year 9), William Chan, Miranda Coleman and James Hand (Year 10).

Congratulations to all those students and the significant number who were awarded Certificates of Credit for their outstanding success. Each student who participated in the competition receives a printout showing their individual score and a summary of strengths and weaknesses in the scientific skills being assessed.

Mr Neil Inglis (Head of Science)

Isabel joins All Saints’

Isabel Fox joined All Saints’ for two terms as a graphic designer to cover Cherylene Anderson’s maternity leave. She will also be working to promote ASC’s achievement through local and regional media. Isabel currently teaches Public Relations part-time at CSU, but comes from a background in journalism, having formerly worked with the Sydney Morning Herald and on the Australians at War documentary project. Isabel has just returned to Bathurst after living in Fiji for nearly two years, working as the Media and Communications Manager for a large, regional Non-Government Organisation (NGO) based in Suva.

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Culture Club News

It has been a productive and busy start to the Culture Club.

- Our Junior School Club members have been planting spring and winter vegetables.
- The Junior students have helped the senior students plant garlic for harvesting in October.
- Our Junior School Club picked tomatoes for BRE&D on the Bridge.
- We have been enjoying our organic afternoon teas (tomatoes and cucumber on crackers).

New members are always welcome. Happy planting.

Mim McClelland and Janny Berry

Forensic Science Camp

Emily Brouggy (Year 8) has been successful in gaining a place in the Talented Students Forensic Science Camp to be held in Armidale during the winter vacation. Emily 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 ‘whodunit’.

The camp, which is run by The Armidale School, is very popular and the selection process highly competitive. A number of very worthy All Saints’ students have applied in past years but Emily is the first to gain selection - a fantastic achievement.

Well done Emily!

Mr Neil Inglis

Biology guest speaker

Year 12 Biology classes were treated to a guest lecture from Mrs Julie Johnson, a senior veterinarian with the Department of Primary Industries. Mrs Johnson spoke to the students about Epidemiology, quarantine and the prevention and control of disease. The lecture guided students through some of the practical applications of their study of disease and its control.

Mrs Johnson brings a wealth of experience in animal disease prevention and control, having worked in Queensland, NSW and for many years in the United Kingdom where she was heavily involved in the Foot and Mouth eradication programme. She has qualifications in Veterinary Science and is currently studying a Masters in Public Health.

Ms Michelle Smith
Some outstanding achievements of the Hospitality team need to be recognised. Kate Ousby and Nick Hosking were selected to represent AIS schools at the Hotel Management Programme at Ryde TAFE late last year, a $2,200 scholarship programme where students achieve further TAFE qualifications (an accomplishment in itself). Both students graduated with Distinction from their course. Furthermore both were selected in the top of their class to participate in an advanced programme at Ryde TAFE over the Easter holidays. During the week they completed food and beverage service, espresso coffee service and patisserie. A mini-World Skills Competition was held for the advanced food and beverage service where Nick achieved First Place and Kate a Highly Commended. They were also involved in running a function for 50 people where their newly learnt skills were showcased. Both graduated with barista qualifications, experience in pastry work and a lot of new friends.

Nikita Harris as you may recall achieved First Place at the Regional World Skills Food & Beverage Service Competition at Orange at the end of last year. She went on to compete at the State Finals. Nikita professionally served two 3-course table d’hote menus before three judges. A nerve-wracking experience which she handled with grace and determination. Her accomplishment of a Bronze Medal at the State Final was breathtaking.

The Year 11 students have been busy training, practising and serving. Whilst they have been of service at a number of College functions, their skills were strengthened by the opportunity to be involved in the BRE&D on the Bridge function. There have been many glowing remarks on their presentation and can-do attitude. Their service style was attentive and enthusiastic whilst completing the serving of a 4-course menu to 640 customers. A magnificent team achievement! Thanks to Bathurst TAFE students, MacKillop College students, Sandra Matazik (BRE&D co-ordinator) and all our fabulous culinary professionals who should be commended on a wonderful event.

I would also like to acknowledge two past students, Nicola Bell and Tiffany Wass, who were awarded outstanding VET student awards. Mr Brendan Nelson provided the awards in recognition of outstanding commitments made by students to their vocational course. Both students received $2000 cash prizes. Well done.

Mr John Hughes

Deputy’s Desk

A regular topic of discussion at Heads of Department and Heads of House meetings is the very busy nature of our school calendar, and the pressure that this places on staff, students and the teaching/learning process.

For example, a glance at one recent week’s calendar reveals the following items: CWA Public Speaking Competition, ISA Rugby Trials (in Sydney), Lithgow Festival of Speech, WAS Cross-Country (at Kinross), Jazz and Senior Concert Bands to Cowra and CIS Netball trials. This is in addition to various assessments, staff inservices, the Festival of Art and so on.

The question invariably arises: Do we need to do all this? Equally regularly, we decide that the answer is Yes. Each of these activities provides opportunities for students, and who is going to tell a rugby or netball player that they can’t seek higher representation, or a public speaker or musician that they cannot pursue their activity at the highest possible level?

There are also a number of excursions in upcoming weeks. Parents can be assured that we consider these carefully and try to place them where disruption is minimised. For example, I would like to recognise the work of Bob Poole and Wayne Feebrey in beginning the Year 12 Geography excursion on a Sunday to minimise disruption to classes. While we try to limit the disruption caused by excursions, we also recognise that there is often no substitute for the learning experiences they provide, and that we are well placed in Bathurst to be able to visit Sydney on day trips when the need arises.

We also put considerable thought and resources into replacing staff who are absent on excursions, in-services, through illness etc. Whereas some schools combine several classes into a large hall, we allocate a teacher to each class, and in many cases this is a specialist teacher who can fully replace the absent person. Whenever possible, staff set detailed work when they are absent. I would like to recognise the work of Heads of Department in overseeing this process. For example, the Head of Science, Neil Inglis, has done a lot of work this term in overseeing the replacement of some Science staff who were unavoidably absent. I must also thank Greg Jones for his great work in allocating “extras”.

We are also concerned at the load which extra activities can place on individual students, on top of their normal load of study and work. I would not like to discourage students from being active and involved. However, it is important for each student (and their parents) to weigh up the benefits of participation in a range of activities, together with school work, and sometimes after school or weekend paid work. At times a decision may need to be made not to participate in a particular area, at least for a time.
Presentation Ball
This year’s Presentation Ball was held at the Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre on Saturday 20th May. It was a great success with 46 partners in flowing white gowns and fetching black suits being presented to the Head of College, Ms Jenny Williams, and the Guest of Honour, Mr Bruce Henderson.

Dancing like our dance instructors, Mr and Mrs Dundon, the students performed the Presentation Waltz and the Pride of Erin. Music for the evening was provided by the local band Heatwave.

It was an evening that everyone enjoyed and it will certainly be something to remember by all in attendance. Year 11 would like to thank Mrs Sanders and Mr Press for their wonderful organisation, Mr and Mrs Dundon for their patience teaching us the dance routines, and Tracey Tullier for the superb meal.

Jackson Goddard and James Clohesy (Year 11)

Anne receives Gold
On Saturday 13th May, I attended a ceremony at Government House in Sydney to see Anne Sedgley, former student and prefect of All Saints’ College, be officially presented with her Gold Duke of Edinburgh award. The presentation was performed by His Excellency, The Honourable James Spigelman AC, Lieutenant Governor of NSW. The presentation was attended by over 120 Gold Awardees from all over NSW, as well as their families and friends and a large gathering of volunteer helpers and co-ordinators of the Duke of Edinburgh Award. The official presentation of the auspicious award has been delayed somewhat as Anne had been overseas doing a GAP year in England, after leaving school in 2004.

In order to qualify for her Award, Anne was required to complete five quite demanding components, most of which she had to fit into her already busy HSC schedule, being a school prefect, as well as sport and music commitments. She has obtained great experiences and has discovered things about herself that she thought perhaps were not achievable or possible. By rising to the challenge, Anne has gained self-confidence and self-reliance and this is the most beneficial part of the Award. As a character-building exercise and a way to improve self-esteem, the Duke of Edinburgh Award is second to none and Anne is to be congratulated on her persistence and perseverance to follow this Award through to completion.

At the official ceremony, several co-ordinators and volunteer helpers in the Award Scheme were officially presented with a small token of appreciation and thanks for a job well done in supporting the successful awardees. I was awarded one of these tokens also.

Mr Trevor Hegvold (Duke of Edinburgh Award Co-ordinator)
Once again All Saints' College had considerable success on the show circuit. We showed at Oberon, Blayney, the Royal Easter Show and the Bathurst Royal Show.

Our success with steers at the Royal Easter Show continued this year. Year 10 Agriculture students took six steers to Sydney. Our best result was Reserve Champion Lightweight Carcass (Open Class) and several other ribbons. As usual the students gave out the ribbons in the auction ring. This is fun for the students and also publicity for the College.

Royal Easter Show results:
Angus Steer (Ruben) - First and Reserve Champion Lightweight Steer Carcass (steer supplied by Glendower Angus Stud, Blayney); Limousin Steer (Jack) - Second Heavyweight Live and Fourth Heavyweight Carcass (steer supplied by Tobias Limousin Stud, Forbes - Norton-Knight family); Murray Grey (Mali) - Fifth Heavyweight Schools Carcass (steer supplied by Bruce Clydsdale).

It is worth noting that the Norton-Knight family (Tobias Limousin Stud) have supplied steers for several years and they have won ribbons each time.

Reserve Champion Steer at the Royal Easter Show

Bathurst Show success

Traditionally, we do well at Bathurst and this continued in 2006. The main student successes were:
Paraders’ Competition: We had six finalists in this competition.
Cattle: We showed Angus Cattle for Alan and Nancy Boyd (Kilmarnock Angus Stud) and we prepared/showed several Murray Grey Heifers for Bruce and Ann Clydsdale (Airdrie Hill Murray Grey Stud). The main successes were Angus: Reserve Junior Champion Bull; Junior Champion Female and Senior Champion Bull.
Biggest Pumpkin Competition: Second with a pumpkin grown by the Culture Club.

There was considerable success at the Oberon and Blayney Shows as usual. All in all another splendid year.

Dr Lloyd Cleaver

Tree Love Rocks ASC

Students were treated to a dose of country rock with an environmental message at All Saints’ College on Thursday 8 June as Australia’s number one country singer, Lee Kernaghan, kick started the National Tree Day campaign.

The singer performed the songs Copperhead Road and New Bush to a packed auditorium of infants and adolescent fans before heading outside to turn the earth and plant a beautiful, shade-giving Alder tree beside the College’s picturesque Watson Oval.

Although the official Schools’ Tree Day is not until July 28, the singer took time out of his busy schedule as part of a joint initiative between Planet Ark and Toyota which is hoping to plant its 10 millionth tree in Australia.

Ms Isabel Fox
**Cabramatta Excursion**

On Monday 10th April, Year 10 travelled to the Sydney suburb of Cabramatta as part of their studies of Immigration in Australian History and Changing Australian Communities in Australian Geography. The fieldwork 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 History examination.

I believe that the Year 10s have benefited greatly, both academically and personally, from this enrichment opportunity. I would like to congratulate them all for their good behaviour and enthusiasm on the day. The lunch in the Vietnamese restaurant was a particular highlight of the excursion.

I would like to thank Mrs Sanders, Miss Humphrys, Mrs McKinnon, Mr Clydsdale and the Gappies (Mark Feeney, Jenny Hart & Lucie Goff) for their help and support on what was a very enjoyable and successful day.

Mr Wayne Feebrey

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**The Wedding of Georgia & Jack**

As part of the HSC syllabus, the Year 12 Legal Studies class has been studying Family Law. Marriage is a significant part of this topic and the class participated in a wedding ceremony on Monday 5th June. To create a realistic setting for the wedding of Georgia Payne and Jack Barnett, the ceremony was held in the All Saints' Chapel and conducted by Father Paul Woodhart. Wedding music, dresses, suits and flowers all added to the mood of the day.

The groom was looking nervous as he waited impatiently for the ceremony to begin. The bride looked beautiful as she walked down the aisle with her 'father' Sam Hope. Making up the rest of the bridal party was Jess McCleary and Emily Field as bridesmaids and Simon Krajcer and Michael Fisher-Smith as groomsmen. After signing the Marriage Certificate, everyone congratulated the couple as they were announced husband and wife.

We would like to thank Father Paul for his guidance through the ceremony and to all the students who were very co-operative throughout the wedding.

Annabelle Hope
Senior First Aid Course

Earlier this year, a Senior First Aid course was organised for students and staff members of All Saints’ College. A volunteer First Aid instructor, Mr David Hagney, from St John’s First Aid Centre in Bathurst, ran the course which was arranged around several evening sessions over a number of weeks. Students and staff were taught many aspects including bites, stings, fractures, lacerations, epilepsy, heatstroke, heart attack and internal bleeding. The course culminated on the final evening with a theory session followed by practical and theory exams.

Mr Hagney is no stranger to All Saints’ having been the instructor for several of these courses in past years. We are very grateful for his expertise and time to run the course as he does it on a voluntary basis. This greatly reduces the cost to the students and staff involved.

A number of staff and students attended the course and were presented with their Senior First Aid Certificates at a school assembly. Students involved were: Phillip Beames, Alexandra Boole, Thomas Clifton, Freya Croft, Ashlea Fulton, Keisha Hope, Elizabeth McDonald, Sarah McDonald, Matilda McRae, Cameron Picker, Rebecca Picker, Kathryn Simmonds, Juliette Webber, Timothy Field and Sarah Crowley. The three staff members that have successfully completed the course were Ian Isbister, Robyn Crowley and Margie Croft.

Mr Trevor Hegvold

Do you have any spare wool?

Year 9 Lyon House tutor group has decided to help others in need by performing some community service. They have been knitting squares to be made into blankets for people in need as part of the ‘Wrapped in Love’ project.

The girls will also be knitting ‘Trauma Teddies’ for Red Cross. The ‘Teddies’ are distributed to young children at times in their lives when they are experiencing difficulties. In undertaking these projects the Lyon girls will be helping the community and learning some new skills.

If you have any wool that you no longer need and would like to donate it to our projects, then please leave it at the front office or contact me on 63327330.

Mrs Lesley Tinker

Aerobics

On Sunday 28th May, our Junior School aerobics team performed in the nation-wide competition ‘School Aerobics’, brilliantly organised by Melissa Murphy at Bankstown Town Hall.

This competition promotes ‘having a go’ and ‘participating’ - not perfection - an excellent attitude. However, the standard is extremely high and we had an inspiring day watching some very highly polished and complicated routines.

The girls performed brilliantly and looked sensational and we look forward to next year when we hope to have a senior and junior team.

I would like to thank Elyse Robertson (Year 12) for all her hard work creating a routine for us and practising with us each week. We look forward to your input next year. Well done Elyse.

Mrs Liz Rolfe (Co-ordinator)
Festival of Art

The Festival of Art continued its tradition of prestige and success this year as keen buyers and high-profile exhibitors from around the state flocked to Bathurst to make a masterpiece their very own.

Organised by the P&F Association, the Festival featured more than 300 artworks by professional artists from Sydney and throughout the Central West, including prominent Bathurst-based artists Greg Hyde and David Sealy, Ted Lewis from Orange, and regular Sydney exhibitor Polly-Lyn Kimorley.

Acting as a fundraiser, the Festival now in its 23rd year is also recognised as an important and prestigious event for professional artists to exhibit and sell their work.

“Our Opening Night on Friday was simply magic. We continue to be amazed each year by the increasing quality of the artwork exhibited and by the diversity of the crowd attending the event from throughout the state. Not only is the Festival of Art a major fundraiser for All Saints’ College, it is also increasingly being seen as a fantastic and important addition to the social and artistic calendar of the region. Apart from the wonderful range of artworks, there was music provided by students, excellent food and top quality service provided by the Hospitality students and staff”, said co-ordinator Ros Rees.

Also exhibited were works from last year’s HSC students, featured in ArtExpress, and recent works by current senior school art students.

Ms Isabel Fox
An adaptation of the famous Australian novel Picnic at Hanging Rock played to a packed house of frightened audience members. Years 11 and 10 Drama students performed their version of the infamous picnic at CSU’s Ponton Theatre on Thursday June 1 and Friday June 2.

The play was acted mainly by senior students, with Year 10 providing the essential technical and production support of lighting and sound, stage managing, costumes, hair and make-up, props, promotions and front-of-house duties.

The performance was directed and produced by Ms Suzanne Mackay who also adapted the well known text for the stage.

Ms Isabel Fox

A Review

by Kaitlyn Porter & Emma O’Brien

On Thursday June 1 and Friday June 2, Year 11 Drama students (assisted by Year 10 Drama students) performed their adaptation of the classic book Picnic at Hanging Rock.

The story started with a group of schoolgirls from the 1900s going on a picnic at Hanging Rock. The production was magnificent - cleverly devised with the actors filling their roles well and suiting their individual personalities. Voices and movement on stage were used with strong effect.

Overall, this was a fantastic “Picnic” and we would like to thank Ms Mackay and all the students involved - both on stage and backstage.
The strangest zoo you ever knew
Was in the town of Wackadoo.
And people came from miles - it's true!
To visit this topsy-turvy zoo.

Parents, friends and Kindergarten classes from across Bathurst were treated to spectacular and colourful performances of the Infants School production of Wackadoo Zoo at the Assumption School Hall.

From the moment the zookeepers burst into a cheery song of invitation, the audience knew that the performance was to be one they would remember for a long time. As the narrators, Blake Sanders, Katie Horne and Lily McClelland, led the listeners through the story, the animals and zookeepers sang and danced to their hearts' content. Even the eccentric and disillusioned professors, Fletcher Begley, Antonia Fish, Sophia Grant and Thomas Rae, abandoned their drive for perfection and threw away their academic trappings to live the lighthearted life of clowns. Their performances were vibrant and compelling for audience and stage folk.

Expertly accompanied by Ms Michelle Griffin and sensitively conducted by Mrs Ruth Clements and Mrs Frances McLeod, the children's enthusiasm captured the audience until after the last curtain fell.

Much of the colour spectacle was from the bright backdrops designed and expertly painted by Mrs Gabrielle Darlington and her band of wonderful parents, grandparents, Gappies, students and friends. The extraordinary and professional face painting done by Mrs Tracey Bradford and her patient and painstaking crew turned our little boys and girls into an appealing group of most unusual animals. The costumes were spectacular with the design and creations led by Mrs Jenny Cartwright and her band of helpers.

Encouraged and developed by the Infants staff, the standard of the shows belied the age of the young and tiny performers and displayed many a talented and confident young person.

We have been delighted with the video recording and there will be many a smile and giggle in future years as Wackadoo Zoo is shown again and again.

Mrs Libbie Tyburski
Sunday 21st May, Year 12 Geography set out on the annual Urban Dynamics excursion to Sydney. We left at 6.30am, some of us travelling to Lithgow with Mrs Lesley Krajcer and others hopped onto the school mini-bus, driven by Mr Ian Jones, that was taking an Extension English group to Sydney. We would like to thank both of these people for transporting us to Lithgow.

After checking into the YHA and dropping off our luggage we set about discovering Sydney. Lunch in the Pitt Street Mall, a walk through Hyde Park - where one of our group decided it would be fun to frolic in the fountain - then through the Domain, past the Art Gallery of NSW and into Woolloomooloo.

Woolloomooloo was used as an example of urban decay, urban renewal and spatial inequality - on one side of the road was Russell Crowe’s $14 million apartment and on the other side was public housing. It was near the latter area that we experienced homeless people sleeping on old mattresses outside the police station. This contrasted with the restored Finger Wharf with its expensive apartments and restaurants. We learnt a lot about the gap that exists between the rich and the poor in urban areas – highlighted by a Ferrari parked just across the road from the public housing. Mr Poole struck up a conversation with a couple of residents from the public housing estate and learnt about the problems they experience and how they are constantly under threat from groups who want to redevelop the area for the more financially well off. They thanked him for stopping and talking to them and for being interested in issues that affected them.

Potts Point, Kings Cross and Darlinghurst followed. Oxford Street presented us with an example of an urban village – largely based around the gay and lesbian community. Some unusual things were observed in the shops. After walking for over five hours we arrived back at the YHA, settled into our rooms and then headed to Chinatown (another urban village) for dinner. We ordered a range of dishes and enjoyed the evening. We arrived back at the YHA around 8.30pm and literally crashed for the rest of the evening – totally exhausted. We all slept well until one of the group (female, but who shall remain nameless) started yelling out in her sleep – waking up Mr Poole, two doors down!!

Monday 22nd was to be another busy, busy day. After breakfast we visited Sydney Tower (magnificent views all around) and enjoyed OzTrek, a simulated ride across Australia. Then followed an excellent two hour guided walk around the Pyrmont Peninsula where we learnt so much about urban decay, urban renewal, gentrification and urban consolidation. A very rewarding educational experience indeed.

A cruise around the harbour (seeing $24 million houses!!) and a bus trip out to Leichhardt to observe the Italian urban village (and enjoy some fantastic gelato) ended our day.

Special thanks to Mr Poole for showing us around, sharing his knowledge of Sydney with us and successfully getting us, on time, from A to B.
Eco-warriors of the Macquarie

On Wednesday 10th May, Year 8 Geography students were involved in an excursion to the Macquarie River joining with Green Corps volunteers and members of Macquarie Rivercare to plant out native trees as part of an ongoing river rehabilitation programme. Some of the Year 8 students have been helping to propagate native plants in the school’s nursery greenhouse.

During the morning students planted over 600 native grasses, shrubs and trees. They are to be congratulated for their goodwill, community spirit and active citizenship.

Special thanks to Michael Andrews from Bathurst City Council and Neville Barlow, Chairman of Macquarie Rivercare, for organising the event. Thanks also to the ladies from Quota Club for providing the students with a tasty and well deserved morning tea.

Graduation Day

Glenda Isbister graduated from the Australian Catholic University (Queensland) on Wednesday May 10th. Glenda was awarded a Diploma of Arts (Residential Care), after studying externally for the past three years. The course involved subjects which are very practical when living in boarding. The girls in Lyon and the boarding staff at All Saints’ College will benefit from her new-found knowledge. Glenda is to be congratulated on her graduation.

Mrs Maree Crofts

Mr Wayne Feebrey
World Heritage Excursion

On Monday 22nd May, Year 9 Geography students travelled to the Blue Mountains World Heritage Area for a National Parks and Wildlife Discovery Ranger guided bushwalk and a visit to the NPWS Govett’s Leap Heritage Centre.

Year 9 have been studying Australia’s unique biophysical geography including our landforms, soils, climate, flora and fauna. The World Heritage excursion provided students with an in-depth case study of the interactions between atmosphere, biosphere, lithosphere and hydrosphere in one of Australia’s most outstanding places of natural beauty.

Students were well behaved and appreciated the detailed knowledge of the Blue Mountains provided on the day by the rangers that would help them with their follow-up assessment task. The scenic rail trip out of the valley was an exciting way to end the day.

Special thanks to Mrs Sanders and Mr Feebrey who accompanied the students to the Blue Mountains.

Mr Bruce Clydsdale

Senior School Inter-House Cross-Country

Perfect weather conditions for the Cross-Country allowed the students to perform their best around the course and the new layout proved to be challenging and popular with the runners. The barbecue lunch at the Bickerdike Centre allowed those students not competing to support their Houses and soak up the sunshine.

The top 5 runners in each age division competed at the WAS Cross-Country Carnival in Orange on Wednesday May 17. Congratulations to all Age Champions and good luck to those runners looking to progress and gain further representation.

Inter-House Cross Country Champions

Back Row:
Alexander Tindall, Anthony Webber, Lindsay Dundon, Toby Llewellyn, Declan Haigh, Emma Statham, Scott Thornton, Charlotte D’Arcy.

Front Row:
Jake Thornton, Danielle Plummer, Megan Bailey, Skye Loneragan, Amy Loneragan, Tamsyn Moana-Veale, Noah Betar.

2006 Inter-House Age Champions

12 Years: Noah Betar (Long)
13 Years: Jake Thornton (Barton) & Tamsyn Moana-Veale (Barton)
14 Years: Alexander Tindall (Bean) & Danielle Plummer (Barton)
15 Years: Scott Thornton (Barton) & Amy Loneragan/Skye Loneragan (Long)
16 Years: Anthony Webber (Long)/Lindsay Dundon (Barton) & Charlotte D’Arcy (Bean)
17 Years: Toby Llewellyn (Bean) & Megan Bailey (Barton)
Opens: Declan Haigh (Bean) & Emma Statham (Bean)

Mr Scott Gardner, Director of Sport
Steps to the Future

On Monday 22nd May, Years 10, 11 and 12 students converged on the Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre for the "Steps to the Future" Youth Forum, a national programme encompassing many aspects of Australian life that gives students the chance to be motivated and inspired. The forum consisted of six famous Australians who were willing to share their life experiences and give advice to the 400 students that attended.

The six speakers were Eric Bailey (former NBA basketball player), Bram Collins and Trevor Tim (Principals of Success

Diary Notes

Monday 17 July
- Year 10 Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Year 11 (2007) Subject Selection Evening
- Boarders return
- Tuesday School P&F meeting
- Friday 21 July
- Year 8 & 9 Day Parent/Teacher Interviews & Camp Information Evening.
- Year 9 (2007) Subject Information Evening
- Tuesday 1 August
- P&F meeting
- Junior School Parent/Teacher Interviews (Also Wed.)
- Wednesday 2 August
- Year 12 Drama Trial HSC performance
- Thursday 4 August
- Year 12 Soiree
- Sunday 13 August
- HICES Year-12 Music Festival (to 16th)
- Tuesday 15 August
- Year 12 Trial HSC commences (concludes 26th)
- Thursday 31 August
- Year 1 Music Night
- Thursday 31 August
- Year 9 & 10 Soiree
- HICES Athletics (Junior School)
- WAS Athletics Carnival (Orange)
- Friday 1 September
- Rugby Dinner
- Sunday 3 September
- Spring Fair
- Friday 8 September
- Ensembles Concert
- Tuesday 12 September
- Junior School P&F Meeting
- Friday 15 September
- Year 11 Exams commence (to 26th)
- Tuesday 19 September
- NSW CIS Athletics (Homebush)
- P&F Meeting
- Thursday 21 September
- Year 10 Canberra Excursion (also 22nd)
- Tuesday 26 September
- Year 9 Blayney Excursion
- Thursday 28 September
- Benefactors' Service & Prefects' Induction
- Valedictory Dinner
- Term 3 ends
- Friday 29 September
- Boarders Depart
- Monday 16 October
- Terms 4 - Boarders return
- Tuesday 17 October
- Classes commence

Singing Success at Cowra Eisteddfod

It has been a busy year for the Years 5/6 choir with concerts lined up on a regular basis and lots of extra rehearsals scheduled. We finished Term 1 with a warmly received performance as part of the Palm Sunday celebrations at All Saints’ Cathedral. Here we shared our songs with the community and were joined by the Cathedral’s regular music group for some other items.

The first part of Term 2 focused on preparing for the Cowra Eisteddfod where we were entered in two sections. The first was the Primary School Choir Section, where we sang We are Australian and a contrasting piece. We were up against schools from the Central West, including Cowra, Canowindra and Grenfell. We won this section convincingly.

The second section was a Vocal Choir of less than 20 voices, and for this section we reformed the Junior School Chamber Choir, known as the Camerata Choir. They were up against three other choirs from senior schools and performed to an excellent standard, even bringing one parent to tears! As a bonus we were awarded the Mary Sheen Trophy for the highest point score from all the infants, small schools, central and primary school sections held that day.

We are now busy preparing for next term’s big event, singing our own item, singing in a massed choir and presenting a combined Years 5/6 Recorder Ensemble item at the Sydney Town Hall as part of the JSHAA Music Festival with students from many other independent schools across the state.

A big thank you to Michelle Griffin for her excellent accompanying work, both at our regular rehearsals and at all these special events.

Emma Statham (Year 12)

Welcome Baby Beth

Beth Jillian Anderson was born on Wednesday 26th April - the second daughter of Cherylene and Scott, and a sister for Jolie. She was 50.5 cms long and weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

Congratulations to the whole family.

Emma Statham (Year 12)