On Friday 25th May, Emma, James, Kate and myself had the privilege of attending the Prime Minister John Howard’s morning tea, held at Mount Panorama. It was an excellent insight into some of the proceedings that involve Members of Parliament, and all of us found it immensely interesting.

We heard the Prime Minister give a speech and then had the opportunity of meeting him for a short time. Regardless of political affiliation, I’m sure everyone would have found the event quite thrilling.

Joshua

Photos courtesy of Frank Colzato
Captains’ Corner

with Emma Doolan & Joshua Watt

Term 2 has been a very busy one for everyone. Sporting competitions, excursions, Anzac Day, the Festival of Art, the Inter-House Music Festival and the Presentation Ball are just a few of the activities in this term. As you can see, this term is very involved and exciting and we look forward to everything that’s coming up.

There have been a lot of WAS representatives lately. Well done to everyone representing in netball, soccer and hockey. As well, good luck to the ISA runners representing All Saints’ after gaining a place in the cross-country.

On Thursday 10th May, the senior and chamber choirs travelled to the Cowra Eisteddfod to compete. Both groups received a highly commended and sang beautifully.

Head Lines

with Ms Jenny Williams

“A man should hear a little music, read a little poetry, and see a fine picture every day of his life, in order that worldly cares may not obliterate the sense of the beautiful which God has implanted in the human soul” - Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Recent events at All Saints’ College seem to have been inspired by these sentiments.

The Festival of Art was a wonderful opportunity to step aside from the mundane routine and lose oneself in the intricate tapestry of art offerings from local as well as student artists. The fabulous musical performances on the opening night were complemented by the gourmet food and drinks on offer. Congratulations to all students, staff and parents involved in this wonderful event - especially to Mrs Ros Rees who co-ordinated so ably.

The Presentation Ball was a gala event as always. My congratulations to the students who looked absolutely stunning as they graced the dance floor. Sincere thanks must also go to Mrs Memory Sanders for all her hard work in preparing the students for this function.

Memory was involved in another auspicious event earlier this term - the 30th reunion of the Marsden School. Over 100 ladies gathered for a chapel service followed by lunch to commemorate the closure of their beloved Marsden School. The bonds forged in this community are as strong as ever and it was my privilege to join these faithful ladies, renewing acquaintances and making new friends.

So this term has been a feast of art, music, dancing and friendships renewed. I hope you have found it as inspiring as I have. What a treasure trove of memories and experiences the students will have collected to broaden and enrich their educational experience at All Saints’ College.

Red Shield Appeal

All Saints’ College students took part in the Salvation Army’s Red Shield Appeal on May 20th. Thank you to the boarders who gave their Sunday morning to the appeal.

Father Paul

Georgie to compete at Dressage Nationals

Congratulations to Year 9 student Georgie who was recently selected to compete in the National Dressage Competition in Toowoomba in July. Only six people from each state were selected. Georgie was also asked to compete in the Queensland State Dressage.

Georgie is pictured with Conrad at the Nyngan Show in May. She was named the Open Champion Girl Rider at Nyngan, Bourke and Cobar Shows. She has had great success over the past two years riding Conrad in many other Dressage and Show events and we wish her all the best at the Nationals in July.

Dione Carter

Showgirl winners at Nyngan Show

Congratulations to Year 11 student Emily who won the 2007 Nyngan Teenage Showgirl on May 7th. Former All Saints’ College student Carli Elder was also awarded the 2007 Nyngan Showgirl.

Dione Carter

Speaking of music, coming up is the Inter-House Music Festival on Friday 15th June. All the Houses are currently in full swing organising songs to sing and perform. We are really looking forward to it.

As far as rugby goes, this has been a home season, so everyone has enjoyed being able to watch the boys play on Saturday. They have had some great wins, hopefully there will be many more. We encourage everyone to get out there on the weekends and support not only rugby but all sports.

Finally, good luck to the Year 12s again - everyone has been feeling the pressure at this stage with a multitude of assessments, but there’s not much further to go. Keep it up!
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There will be some readers of VIM who are to be advised that after 18 years in the Junior School, Mrs Bidwell and I will be finishing up at the end of the year and taking up positions at The School of St Jude in Tanzania. The director/founder of this school, Gemma Sisia, has been back in Australia launching a book which tells the remarkable story of a school of 800 students supported by Australian families and service clubs (especially Rotary). For those interested in the school, much can be gained by a visit to www.schoolofstjude.co.tz.

Meanwhile, life in the Junior School keeps us all occupied and has done so since the beginning of term. Junior School Captains, Tara and Alex, were flag bearers leading the All Saints’ College group marching on ANZAC Day. College Captain, Joshua, presented an outstanding address to the Bathurst community and the remainder of the day was spent in a variety of reflections on ANZAC Day.

There is no doubt that this time of year is busy with the changeover to winter sport - soccer, netball, rugby and hockey. As well, we have had a brief cross-country season before heading into the athletics season. This year we are fostering a revitalised sporting association based on the old WAS schools. Now, however, the junior schools of Blue Mountains Grammar, All Saints’ College, The Scots School, Orange Anglican, Kinross Wolaroi and Macquarie Anglican are planning to enjoy carnivals before the selective HICES Competition.

As this VIM goes to print we are still contemplating this year’s Federal Budget and the attitude to education. Whilst there was some obvious support for the education sector there are some concerns for primary education. Primary education is the most formative time in a student’s life - it is the time when resources, class sizes, staffing and support is critical in providing the best possible outcome and both Federal and State governments appear to be funding higher education rather than ‘foundation’ education. When our Federal member becomes obvious, I for one will be asking some questions on behalf of our younger students.

However, as the term progresses we are swept along with our schoolwork, our sport, our music, our ‘Skipping for the Heart Foundation’, our eisteddfod preparation, our robotics, our chess, our debating, our Canberra excursion, our Tournament of the Minds and much, much more to make the most out of each day. Thanks to a supportive and willing staff and parent group, I am confident that much more happens at this school than any other the same size or even bigger!
Congratulations to all students who participated in the Inter-House Cross-Country Carnival held during the last week of Term 1.

The course this year was slightly different to previous years but remained challenging and uncomplicated. The infants started the afternoon with some spectacular performances and I must commend them on their sportsmanlike behaviour.

The primary students followed their lead and set off in age groups on their two or three kilometre journey. Whilst our more competitive students treated this meet as their one and only opportunity to gain a place in the school’s cross-country team others saw it as an opportunity to have a trot around our grounds and view areas that are less familiar - though still completing the course in a respectable manner.

Overall, it was a pleasant afternoon with some great results. Many thanks must go to the parents, staff and Gap students who helped out on the course.

Congratulations must also be extended to our cross-country captains, Lucy and William, who will lead the team at the WAS and HICES carnivals.

Mrs Kay Nelson

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Mrs Fiona Hayward and Mr Robert Watts

Tibetan Monks world tour

Years 10, 11 and 12 Visual Arts students enjoyed the experience of visiting the Tibetan Buddhist Monks when they worked at the Bathurst Regional Art Gallery. Students were fascinated by the meticulous techniques they used to create a sand mandala on the floor of the gallery.

Year 12 students observed the ritual ceremony performed to commence the making of the mandala which included chanting and meditation. We were also lucky enough to talk at length with a Buddhist nun who has lived and worked in Tibet. This experience gave students a greater insight into world religion and culture.

Mr Rob King

Year 8 History Crusades

During her three week ‘teaching prac’, CSU Dip. Ed. student Christine Furnell presented a series of classes on the Crusades to Year 8 History.

In one lesson the students made their own Crusader shields. The HSIE Department would like to thank Christine for the excellent effort that she made in all her classes.
Special treat for Transition Mums

What a perfectly elegant way to celebrate Mother’s Day and show how much we appreciate our Mums! Morning Tea in the courtyard with delicious scones, jam and cream, along with Mrs Porter’s famous boiled fruit cake, all with hot coffee and lots of socialising. 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 the morning tea.

Mrs Liz Rolfe

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The Lithgow 41st Festival of Speech

On Thursday 10th May, 13 All Saints’ students travelled to Lithgow High School for the 41st Festival of Speech. We had three teams competing in the tournament - two in the junior division and one in the senior division.

The seniors’ first debate was held against Blue Mountains Grammar School, with the topic being "MySpace and YouTube should be censored" (we had two weeks to prepare for this). We came out with a win against the affirmative.

Our team member Samantha was the Best Speaker for that debate. Our next two debates were impromptu, that is we had a limited amount of time to prepare. Our next debate was against Kinross Wolaroi and the topic was "It’s Not Easy Being Green". Unfortunately, we lost this debate, but we were not too worried as all of the opposition were in Years 11 or 12. Our last debate was "It’s tough at the Top" against James Sheahan Catholic High School (Orange). Another win for us! Samantha again came out as the Best Speaker for this debate.

Unfortunately both of the junior teams lost all debates and did not reach the outcome they wanted, although they were up against some very tough Year 9 sides. Even though they were down in points from debating they were still high in spirits carrying on the school spirit watching and cheering the last senior debate.

We would like to thank Ms Bickford for preparing and organising everything and everyone. Special thanks goes to Felicity for her assistance with preparing our debates and adjudicating the debates and Father Paul for driving the loud bunch of very excited Year 7s on the way there and calming them on the way home with a special treat of ice creams and jellybeans.

Jonathan, Jessica and Emma
I would like to thank all those parents, staff and students who have welcomed me to the All Saints’ family. Everyone has been so friendly. I see this as a great strength of our school. Smallness and a sense of community definitely have their benefits for the development of your child, yet come with a few financial drawbacks. I am so pleased to be here.

It would be true to say that I am a city slicker yet I am quickly realising the advantages of a country education. My last school, Cranbrook, has been described as an elite Eastern Suburbs school. That is true. But my upbringing with grandparents on the land, scouting over many years and travelling to remote areas makes me very interested in the rural scene and its activities. My wife also spent many years here in Bathurst.

My experience at Cranbrook has held me in good stead for All Saints’. The Anglican ethos and Mission Statement is very similar to here. For eight years I was a Boarding Housemaster and for half that time Senior Boarding Master - a position similar to Mr Ian Jones as Director of Boarding. Boarding was dominated by overseas students so I am familiar with many issues associated with students who come from Hong Kong, mainland China or even Japan. It was disappointing that the remaining students were mainly weekly boarders, some within metres of the school. That certainly changes the dynamics of the house on weekends. For a number of years, apart from teaching in the HSIE faculty, I was also Assistant to the Head of Senior School. Administration, organisation, timetabling, staff development and welfare issues were part of the role. My three sons spent their senior school years at Cranbrook as well.

Prior to Cranbrook my teaching has been mainly in what is termed ‘Disadvantaged Schools’. These are schools that receive special funding from the Federal and State governments to devise and run programmes due to the fact that the students who attend are from poorer socio-economic areas. I spent five rewarding years at James Meehan High, a school that is situated right in the middle of Macquarie Fields - where the riots were recently. Another interesting school was Kogarah High where I was Head of the Social Sciences faculty. This school is nearly 95% Arabic.

It would be true that these two schools, and some others I have taught in, are where I developed a belief in the importance of a strong welfare/pastoral care system, as well as the need to look after those less fortunate than ourselves. I have carried this focus into my travels overseas. For the last decade, I have led groups of students trekking in areas such as the Himalayan mountains in Nepal, the Andes and Machu Picchu in Peru and the Zanskar Ranges (Himalayan India). Apart from the adventure touring in high altitudes, an important aspect of these trips has been building classrooms, clinics and small infrastructural facilities in poor remote villages. I like to think of it as ‘learning through the soles of your feet’. I will be visiting a three roomed Kindergarten school we have been building in Ladakh, India, for its official opening in September. I am keen to see if we can initiate something similar at All Saints’ College.

I look forward to meeting and talking to as many of the All Saints’ community as possible over the next few weeks. A strong partnership is needed between home and school if we are to excel in the education of your child.
On Wednesday 23rd May, 36 excited Years 5 and 6 students headed to Canberra for our three day excursion. While in Canberra we visited the Australian War Memorial, Parliament House, the National Museum of Australia, Telstra Tower, the Institute of Sport, Old Parliament House and many more attractions that the national capital has to offer. By far the main attraction was Questacon and Club Blue (a swimming pool complex) where we spent many hours of fun and enjoyment.

A highlight of our trip was the role play that we performed at Parliament House. We have some very young up and coming politicians of the future.

After three long, exciting and tiring days we headed back to be greeted by a carpark full of parents. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Murray, Mr McIntosh and Anna (the Gappie) for taking us on a most enjoyable trip.

Courtenay

CWA Public Speaking

Lily (Year 3) holding her certificate after gaining second place in the CWA Public Speaking Competition. Well done Lily!

EF Student Exchange Programme

Families are urgently needed now for students arriving in Term 3.

Every year, high school students from around the globe come to Australia to share their culture with the Australian community. They come to live with an Australian family and study in a local Australian High School.

This gives a wonderful opportunity to form international friendships.

If you could find a place in your heart, your home and at your table for one of these students you could be rewarded with a lifetime of friendship with a new family member.

For more information about how you can be part of this enriching volunteer programme please call Victoria toll free 1800291877 or Elizabeth on 0247516608 or visit the website www.efoundation.

Speech/Drama Scholarship

Year 8 student Arianne has won a speech/drama scholarship at the Cowra Eisteddfod. Well done Arianne.
Congratulations to all those in the Junior and Senior School who participated in Loud Shirt Day. The wide array of colourful ties, bright shirts and mismatched socks meant that the school raised almost $400 to send to the Shepherd Centre. This charitable organisation does so much to support children who are hearing impaired and their families.

Miss Jane, from the Bathurst City Library, was invited to the Junior School assembly where she sang her own composition titled “Loud Shirt Day Song”. Miss Jane taught her song to all those at the assembly.

Many thanks to all the prefects who encouraged the students and staff to be involved - especially Kate who co-ordinated the initial information and Evans House Captain, Tom Clifton, who organised the collection and banking of all the money.

Mrs Tessa Jones and Mr Jock Bidwell
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On Wednesday 30th May, Glover House girls, in the tutor group timeslot, acted as ‘guinea pigs’ by trying out their skipping skills with the help of ex-All Saints’ students Sandra Jolly and Kimberly Watt.

Sandra and Kimberly are studying Human Movement at Charles Sturt University (Bathurst) and will use results gained from the activity for further research.

Mrs Memory Sanders