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Mr Ian Isbister

On March 31st, Lyon Year 10 ladies left school at 7.00am to head to Brian and Helen Anderson’s property at Binda. Over the weekend we had a great time sleeping in the shearing shed. Whilst there, we were involved in quad bike riding, swimming in the dam and river, catching ducks, doing an autopsy on a dead duck and lots of eating. We were spoilt with beautiful cakes from Mrs Burbidge and Mrs Anderson. It was a fantastic time and we would like to thank Mr Isbister for driving the bus and Mr and Mrs Anderson for the use of their property.

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Lyon House Year 10 farm adventure
Senior School Cross-Country

A beautiful sunny autumn afternoon greeted the cross-country runners as they set out on the designated course on Friday 4th May.

Students were marshalled in their age groups (boys and girls separately) near the tennis courts, the starting gun was fired and they were off - around Edgells Oval, past Britten House, through the school, around Stiles Oval and ending near the Bickerdike Centre.

Long House took out the Inter-House Cross-Country Shield, followed by Bean House (second place) and Barton House (third place).

Congratulations not only to the Age Champions but also to all of the students who participated to make this another successful sporting event.

Mr Bob Poole

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AICES Cross-Country

On Wednesday May 10th, the All Saints’ cross-country team travelled to Macarthur Anglican School (Cobility). We started the day by walking the gruelling six kilometre course, followed by the 18 Years girls and boys.

In humid conditions the team performed to the best of their ability, with nine runners making it through to the AICES team for the CIS carnival.

These students were Freya, Caitlin (Year 7), Catherine (Year 8), Jake (Year 9), Amy, Skye (Year 10), Megan, Ella and James (Year 12).

We had pleasing results in all age groups and congratulations must go to all competitors. Thank you to Ms Thompson and Mr Woods for their assistance on the day.

Megan and James
On Friday 30th March, an exciting game of basketball was played between the ASC Clovers and ASC Lollipops. The girls had not had an opportunity to play each other all season, so it was anyone’s guess as to who would win.

The game started feverishly and each team traded goal for goal. At half-time, there was only one point separating the teams. The girls displayed excellent skills and great sportsmanship during the entire game. In the last five minutes, the Clovers managed to edge away to a six point lead. The final score was 34 to 28, with the Clovers being the winners.

The game had all the parents on the edge of their seats and I had no fingernails left. Thank you to Mrs Bronson Breen for coaching the Lollipops and the parents who were very loud in their encouraging shouts.

The Junior School is saying goodbye to many of these girls and they will be sadly missed. I know that their skills have made excellent progress during their time in the Junior School. I hope that the girls continue to develop their love of basketball and you never know, someone could play for Australia one day.

Mrs Kay Murray

State duties for Hockey players

Amelia and myself attended the Under 16s NSW All Schools hockey trials which were held at Pymble Ladies College. We trialled for two days being split into five teams and playing games against each other. There were around 70 of the best hockey players in the state.

I was selected as part of the team, along with four other girls from the Central West. We will attend the Australian All Schools Championships in Melbourne in August where we will be looked at for selection into the Australian All Schools team.

Molly

Teaching internship

My name is Petra Hacker and I am from Germany. I live near Koblenz, a town in West Germany, in the federal state Rhineland-Palatinate, near the Rhine River, close to Bonn and Cologne.

I’ve been studying education, English and Fine Arts at the University of Koblenz in Germany for a couple of years as part of teacher training.

I will be finishing my studies at the beginning of 2008 and would like to become a teacher of English as a Foreign Language and Fine Arts at German secondary schools.

At All Saints’ College, I have the opportunity to do a teaching internship for one term and experience school life in Australia. Apart from that, I’ve been travelling through Australia and New Zealand for one month each, staying with different host families and getting an inside look into the cultural life of both countries. I have also enjoyed the beautiful landscape and my stay abroad has been very interesting so far.

The game of the century

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All Year 10 students have been issued with this publication. Do not lose it as it is a valuable source of information for decision making later this year and in particular during Year 12. I would encourage students to read carefully the sections on Building a Career, Looking for Work, Learning Pathways, Study, Work and Career Support as well as the individual job description. At the end of each job description is information relating to tertiary training institutions as well as web sites. I recommend most highly that every student spends time investigating the contents of this most useful and informative publication.

Mr Bruce Clydsdale

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**Getting “physical”**

On Tuesday 3rd April, the league of extraordinary physicists met in the All Saints’ College hospitality rooms to ‘get physical’ at the annual Physics Gala Dinner.

The night drew the likes of Sir Isaac Newton, Albert Einstein and Thomas Edison. After engaging in highly intellectual conversations and often heated debates, we feasted on pizza and Chinese food whilst listening to music such as “E=mc²”, “Physical” and “She Blinded Me With Science”.

When dinner was over it was time to introduce ourselves and describe our work and accomplishments. Then we boarded a bus and headed to the Bathurst Observatory to admire the night sky. The league of extraordinary physicists would like to thank the highly esteemed Mr Marcus Croft for organising such a splendid night. Go Team Physics!!!

Esther

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**WAS Swimming Carnival**

After Bean won the Inter-House Swimming Carnival, a squad of 45 students prepared themselves for the WAS Carnival at St Stanislaus’ College. Despite efforts to run the carnival, it was washed out in the early stages. After this setback the squad knuckled down and put all effort into early morning trainings, although the 5.30am wake up calls were challenging!

Under careful supervision the squad improved out of sight and on Friday March 2nd headed to Sydney for the ISA carnival. After a day shopping at the DFOs in Homebush we headed to the Aquatic Centre to show our stuff in the pool. After a slight mishap of a missed race the determination and commitment shown by the team paid off with an overall boys point score of 376 (fifth place) and an overall girls point score of 480 (second place, narrowly being beaten by Oxley College). Our overall score of 856 placed us second overall in the co-ed division (narrowly beaten by Oxley College).

Special mention must go to Rebecca, Ashlie, Amy, Heidi and Phillip for coming first in their heats. Special mention must also go to Izzie, Ella, Alex and Phillip for being selected to represent ISA at the CIS carnival.

The swimming team would like to thank Mr Gardner for all the work he put into organising us for the carnival. Thanks also to Mr Gardner and Mr Woods for travelling to Homebush with us to the ISA carnival.

Alex and Phillip
Two of the College’s four new Interactive Whiteboards (IWBs) are located in the Library, one in the Junior Library and one in the Senior Library.

An IWB links a computer and a whiteboard through a ceiling-mounted digital projector. This means that the computer desktop is reproduced in large scale on the board and can be operated by stylus pen directly on the touch sensitive board.

Anything that the computer can do can be seen on the board, including internet access and viewing of DVDs. The boards come with powerful software that allows students and teachers to ‘write’ on the board, convert that handwriting to text and even print pages.

Interactive Whiteboards give maximum impact from one computer in classrooms and other learning spaces. Research has shown that IWBs increase students’ enjoyment and motivation through increased participation, accommodate different learning styles in one lesson and help develop students’ Information Communication Technology (ICT) skills.  

Mrs Michelle O’Brien

Students excel at Royal Easter Show

On Easter Sunday, 11 of the Year 10 Agriculture class and three Year 11s headed for the Royal Easter Show at Homebush, with a few parents in tow. We had a fantastic time despite the very early morning starts. As a school we should feel proud of our show team who worked very hard caring and preparing their steers for the tough competition.

We achieved some excellent results:

- Danaya and Emma (with Mr Bruce Clydsdale’s Murray Grey steer) won third place in the School Carcass Section.
- Poppy and Skye were awarded first place in the virtual taste test with ‘Cooper’ and seventh place in the Carcass.
- Emily and Amelia achieved fourth place in the Live Section and fifth place in the Carcass with ‘Gus’.
- Ben was rewarded with a fifth place in the Live Section with ‘Beaver’.

Our students also had the wonderful opportunity to participate in the Grand Parade which was truly awesome. A huge thank you to all those parents who attended the show to support our students and to Matthew Bell for staying on site with the steers and supervising our Year 11s.

Mrs Leanne Ferguson

Mrs Michelle O’Brien
As part of the HSC Legal Studies syllabus, Year 12 has been studying the topic of ‘Family Law’. In this topic students need to have an understanding of the legal requirements of a valid marriage. To add to the theoretical classroom discussions on the issue, a ‘mock’ wedding was conducted at a House Chapel Service at 10.30am on Monday 14th May. Sincere thanks to Father Paul for conducting and explaining the ceremony to the congregation.

With only one male in the class, we had to recruit a few other Year 12s to make up the bridal party. The bride, Renee, looked beautiful in her light blue evening gown as she was escorted down the aisle by her ‘father’, Mitchell. Preceding them were the flower girl, Matilda, and bridesmaids, Felicity and Alexandra.

Waiting at the altar were the groom, Joshua, his best man, Phillip, and groomsman, Nathan. The happy couple took their vows and exchanged rings. When it came to the traditional, “You may now kiss the bride”, the bashful couple opted for a hi5 instead - much to the delight of the students watching the ceremony.

‘Official’ photographs were taken and the wedding party headed for the dining hall where the bride and groom cut the wedding cake - courtesy of Beck’s Bakery.

It was a fun event that was enjoyed by all involved.  
Mr Bob Poole
Big Night Out was held in the dining room on Friday 25th May. Organised by Year 12 students as a fundraising activity for their farewell present to the school, the evening was three hours of non-stop music - ranging from folk to heavy metal.

Amongst those performing throughout the evening were students from Years 7 to 12 and staff members - Emily, Heidi, Liam, Will, Tobias, Mr Jason Buckley, Mr Phillip Cant, Mrs Linda Cant, Kit, James, Daniel, Andrew, Cameron, Emma, Anna, Edward, Matthew, Mr Greg Jones, Kate, Marc, David, Andrew, David, Ella, Flin, Joek, Jake, Scott, Ben, Roy, Jimmy and the Year 12 music class.

A great night was had by those in attendance. This is the fourth year that Big Night Out has been held and it is a completely student run activity. Thanks must go to James and Emma for their efforts in organising the event.

Mr Bob Poole & Mrs Tessa Jones
“Bra Boys” is a documentary that explores the lives of the Abberton brothers and their ‘brotherhood’, the Bra Boys. The group is heavily influenced by the surf culture at Maroubra Beach, with some members, such as Koby and Sunny, being professional ‘Big Wave’ surfers.

Mr Poole’s Year 11 Legal Studies class was fortunate enough to see the documentary at Metro Cinemas (Bathurst) on Tuesday 8th May (in our double period). It gave us great insight and many examples of the legal elements we have been studying so far this year.

The four Abberton brothers, Sunny, Jai, Koby and Dakota, came from a very poor socio-economic background, as do most of the Bra Boys’ members. When they were younger this led to differential association out of which the ‘brotherhood’ was formed. It has the simple policy of looking out for each other, if one of the boys needs help you do whatever it takes to do so, even if that involves committing any number of crimes.

In 2003, Jai was arrested and put on trial for the murder of Tony Hines. His brother Koby was also charged with accessory to murder after the fact and perverting the course of justice. The documentary showed how this affected the brothers and the rest of the Bra Boys as well as how they coped during the various trials. Jai pleaded not guilty, claiming it was in self defence that he shot Tony; in his words “It was either me or him”. The Supreme Court jury found Jai not guilty of murder and manslaughter. The charge of accessory to murder after the fact against Koby was dropped by the prosecution. He was, however, found guilty in the District Court on the charge of perverting the course of justice. He was given a nine-month suspended jail sentence.

The documentary also followed the Bra Boys during the Cronulla riots. Being a very multi-cultural group, they put their efforts towards reducing racial tension on the beaches.

Watching “Bra Boys” has provided us with a greater understanding of Australia’s legal system and how it works as well as key legal terminology and procedure.

Libby