All Saints' College has been selected as the Western Region School of the Year in the Minister of Education VET Training Awards. Vocational Education and Training in Schools is a significant component of the Board of Studies subject choices. Students gain practical competencies towards a Certificate II in Hospitality whilst achieving their HSC.

Year 12 students Rebecca, Mitchell and Year 11 representative Tegan presented their submission to a panel of VET representatives interview in Sydney as regional winners. All Saints’ has been advised that we are now finalists in this category. This means All Saints’ is one of three schools in NSW vying for the prestigious title of NSW School of the Year in VET. This award is across all systems of education including State, Catholic and Independent schools.

One of the reasons for this success has been attributed to the wonderful service ethic many of the Years 11 and 12 students display on work placement, at the Blue Mountains Hotel School programme and at the many school and community events. Our ‘Adopt-a-School’ programme with Cobblestone Lane Restaurant (the Central West Restaurant of the Year) and our strong relationship with executive chef Heath Smith are again examples of how school and industry work together to promote opportunities for our students.

As if this was not enough, Alexandra (Year 12) was also awarded Student of the Year for VET in Schools (Western Region) and continued to the NSW interview process. Her genuine enthusiasm for this subject, her Gold Medal at World Skills and selection to represent All Saints’ at Ryde TAFE Hotel School were some of the reasons for her being selected as a state finalist. We eagerly await the presentation evening on Thursday 13th September where Alexandra’s achievements and indeed the Colleges’ will be celebrated. Well done All Saints’.

Mr John Hughes VET Western NSW Teacher of the Year

While the students were competing across VET subject areas, the teachers were also assessed for the work they have achieved throughout the year. And the winner of the VET Western NSW Teacher of the Year was our very own Mr John Hughes - undoubtedly one of the most energetic, enthusiastic and talented teachers that the Western Region has witnessed this year. He is a teacher whose focus remains on teaching excellence and creating the best possible experiences for his students in the hospitality industry.

It should also be noted that Hospitality students over the last few years have enjoyed incredible success in this subject. This includes:

- 1st place in the HSC – Melissa Grinter.
- Gold Medals at World Skills over three consecutive years.
- Bronze Medals at World Skills in NSW Finals 2007.
- Bronze Medals in Commercial Cookery and in Food & Beverage.
- Students have won cash prizes worth $8000.
- The development of educational links with the Blue Mountains Hotel School and Ryde TAFE Hotel Management School.
- The ‘Adopt-a-School’ programme with Cobblestone Lane Restaurant, Steve’s Butchery and the Bathurst Convention & Function Centre which gives our students greater insight and experience in the hospitality industry.

Congratulations to John and all of his students.

Mr Greg Thornton
One of the great strengths of an All Saints’ College education is the broad opportunities that abound within our academic and co-curricular programmes. Students are exposed to a variety of academic disciplines and enriching experiences within the framework of the College environment.

Last year we introduced Dance as a subject within our senior electives. A small class of girls took the subject under the guidance of Jodie Griffin. I was privileged to witness their HSC performances on Tuesday 31st July. The girls presented dances they had choreographed and produced themselves with other dancers, as well as their own dance performance. I was impressed by the maturity of the works and the complexity of concepts explored in each of the choreographed pieces. The standard of dance was very high and I’m sure I speak for all in the audience when I say that it was a truly enjoyable evening.

The next evening I had the pleasure to witness the Year 12 Drama HSC performances. Once again the standard of the group performances was particularly high and the students demonstrated great insight in their individual pieces. It is exciting to see students coming to grips with life issues within the dramatic forum and presenting their thoughts and feelings through this medium.

The Year 12 Music Soiree, held at the All Saints’ Cathedral on Friday 3rd August, treated the College community to some fabulous performances from our HSC Music students. This is always a spectacular evening; the musical feast was complemented by the culinary treats prepared by our Hospitality students.

We are privileged to be able to enjoy dance and music, art and literature, and all the other enriching artistic endeavours within our school. I am continually amazed at the talents of our young people and it is wonderful to see them passionately involved in these areas.

Let me encourage you, if you have the opportunity, to come and see what our students are doing today. I am confident they will not only impress you, but lift your eyes once again from the mundane to appreciate the beauty of music, dance, drama, great food and many other uplifting experiences.

Miranda (Year 11) short story ‘Solo’ has been selected as the Western NSW Regional Winner in the Sydney Morning Herald’s Young Writer of the Year competition for 2007. Miranda’s entry was selected from over 1113 submitted and she now joins 12 other regional winners in the competition. As a regional winner Miranda has been invited to take part in the next stage of the competition which will determine the 2007 Young Writer of the Year.

A presentation lunch will be held at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Sydney on September 21. Congratulations and best wishes Miranda.

Mrs Sue King

This will be our last Captains’ Corner so we’d like to take the opportunity to say thank you to everyone who has made this job so easy. We have both thoroughly enjoyed our time in the position. It’s been a hectic term for all – especially for the Year 12s. HSC Trial Exams were held in weeks 5 and 6, presenting a challenge for all of us and giving us a taste for what the real thing will be like! Everyone did well though and are coping with the pressures of the upcoming HSC. Good luck to everyone and study hard over ‘stuvac’. You are almost there!!

At the time of writing this column, the Inter-House Athletics Carnival was scheduled to be held on Monday 27th August after a few false starts. We are sure that it will be another great success and, in advance, congratulate the winning House and those athletes who will go on to represent the school at WAS.

On the music side of things, the Soiree was held on Friday 3rd August, in which the Year 12 Music students had a chance to perform their HSC pieces for a large audience. It was a wonderful night, enhanced by the wonderful catering job done by the Hospitality students.

As you can see – it has been a full and busy term. We’d like to wish the new round of prefects and captains good luck, and we are sure that the leadership is passing into very able hands. Again, thanks to everyone, and good luck to our fellow Year 12s for the final slog.
Champions of the catchment

All Saints’ College has recently been announced as Runners-Up in the inaugural ‘Champions of the Catchment’ Landcare Education Award sponsored by the Central West Catchment Management Authority. The school’s partner, Macquarie Rivercare, was also announced as Runners-Up in the Rivercare section of these awards.

The prizes of $1000 plus trophies were presented at the Mudgee Small Farm Field Days on Friday 13th July. Three Year 10 students, Ella-Beth Wilkinson, Scott Thornton and Anna Feebrey, travelled to Mudgee to accept this award on behalf of the school.

The award is in recognition of the school’s ongoing commitment to the local environment through the school’s Native Tree Propagation Nursery and our involvement in numerous Landcare and Rivercare projects over the past 10 years. The nursery and related projects have been integrated into both Junior and Senior Geography at the school under the direction of the HSIE department.

Congratulations to all the students, past and present, who have been involved in the school’s ongoing environmental initiatives. It is hoped to use the $1000 prize for further ‘green’ projects around the school.

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Molly named in Australian School Sports Hockey Team

Molly (Year 10) described playing for Australia as something she has wanted to do since she was five and next year she will have the chance after being named in the School Sport Australia Under 16s outfit.

The Souths women’s Premier League Hockey star was named in the national team to tour South Africa in 2008.

Molly, who played right across the forward line throughout the tournament, scored in the final. She also found the back of the net two other times in the championships in which NSW were undefeated.

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“I was pretty shocked, I don’t know what I was feeling. I couldn’t believe it at first”, she said of her emotions when named in the side.

Two days later, Molly said the news “still hadn’t sunk in”, but she admitted she had “always wanted to play for my country. I can’t wait, it’s going to be a great experience. It’s been a goal of mine to play for my country since I started playing hockey as a little kid. It’s a little bit weird”.

Molly has been playing women’s Premier League Hockey with Souths since 2005. While she can play on the left or right wing or as a central striker, she prefers either left or right inside forward.

She had her first ‘big’ selection when she made the NSW Under 15s side last year. The 16-year-old has also played indoor hockey for the NSW 15s in 2005 and 2006.

Story and photo courtesy of the Western Advocate
Whilst I am sadly counting down the months left to me here at All Saints', I am certainly pleased to be a part of some very exciting innovations that will provide new opportunities for Junior School students now and for years to come.

This term has seen some of these opportunities come to fruition. Congratulations to the 'first-ever' Junior School Equestrian Team. Due to the enthusiasm of the students and the willing co-operation of the parents, especially inaugural team manager, Bronson Breen, the team enjoyed outstanding success at their first outing attending the CIS Equestrian Event. Special congratulations to Sophie Stockman who won Age Champion. They are keenly looking for different events including Oberon.

Mr Don Wiburd - the 'patron saint' of WAS - was delighted when All Saints' College hosted the first WAS Junior Schools event in 15 years. Way back then only All Saints', Kinross and Blue Mountains Grammar were involved. Now, new schools, Macquarie Anglican, Scots and Orange Anglican join us to make up an excellent local competition for athletics, cross-country and swimming. The competition is friendly, local and manageable but provides the athletes with valuable preparation for HICES a few weeks later. This has been a great improvement to the sports calendar.

After School Care has been an important service provided by the College. With busy lives and working parents it has grown in popularity over the years and Mrs Sally Warton will regularly be supervising up to 20 children each afternoon. With thanks to some government funding the students are offered a nutritious afternoon tea (provided by the senior school Hospitality students) as well as a designed programme of activity that discourages the 'couch potato' syndrome. Activities include visits to the Culture Club, games (thanks to Year 11 PD/H/PE students), archery and dance (thanks to Mr & Mrs Griffin).

Great teamwork provides the very best for our students in so many fields of endeavour, which also includes Tournament of the Minds (another excellent team working together), Robotics (watch out for this amazing group at the Spring Fair) and the Bathurst Eisteddfod which annually encourages performance and effort in all of our students.

I have also been very pleased to see our Stage One students, with the encouragement of Mrs Clements and Mrs Darlington, become really interested in astronomy in a 'hands-on' approach facilitated by CSU's Associate Professor, Dr David McKinnon.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all those students and their families who have responded so generously to the St Jude's Appeal for materials. This will help to fill a container which leaves for St Jude's in mid-September.

On Thursday 7th June, Mr Peter Andren came and visited Years 5 and 6. Mr Andren was very smart when it came to anything to do with Parliament, answering a number of very difficult questions. He presented Years 5 and 6 with their certificates after visiting Parliament House on our Canberra excursion.

A big thank you to Mr Andren for coming and talking to us.

Year 1 has adopted a penguin through the Penguin Foundation. This ties in with our study of 'The Sea' and our desire to protect the environment. As well as supporting the Foundation in its work to save penguins on Phillip Island we have received a certificate, penguin facts sheet and a toy penguin, which we have named Puffin. Puffin visits a different home each night and participates in the family's activities.

The Year 1 student records this in Puffin's diary and photographs the occasion before passing it onto the next student. We are looking forward to hearing the many tales Puffin has to tell by the time he has visited 22 homes.

Mrs Ruth Clements
Students Jump Rope for Heart

One of the most successful fundraisers undertaken by the Junior School in many years has been the recent Jump Rope For Heart. Following a course of skipping activities and a great 'Jump Off' afternoon the students collected their sponsorship money and brought in to the school a massive $3726.15.

The Heart Foundation works so hard to minimise heart disease and support families who are suffering and they were thrilled with the result. The Foundation sent to the students a set of ‘thank you’ gifts which have been enjoyed by the children. Congratulations and well done!

Mr Jock Bidwell

Eisteddfod Trophy

After many years of competition the Year’s 1 and 2 choir finally reached the peak and won First Place at the Bathurst Eisteddfod. Their two songs, “Moon So Round and Yellow” and “Concrete” were well chosen and beautifully executed by a smiling and focused choir. Their performance was outstanding and in a field of 13 schools was a wonderful achievement. Congratulations!

Mr Jock Bidwell
Early last term all students in Years 7 to 10 participated in the Science Competition in which they competed for certificates against approximately 74,000 students across NSW and the ACT.

The results were very pleasing with two All Saints’ students gaining Certificates of High Distinction (for a result in the top 1% of the state), 11 Certificates of Distinction (top 10% of the state) and 26 Certificates of Credit (next 20% of the state).

High Distinction and Distinction Certificates were presented by Ms Williams and Mr Ross at a school assembly. Freya (Year 7) and Noah (Year 8) both received a High Distinction. Distinctions were awarded to Caitlin and Innes (Year 7); Anthony and Lauren (Year 8); Olivia, Joshua, Grace and Stacey (Year 9); Edward, Patrick and Roye (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)

Munch, Crunch, Move

Recently the Junior School thoroughly enjoyed a touring performance which was not only entertaining but conveyed a very positive message regarding good eating habits and good exercise. At least for a while lunches chosen by the students were outstanding!

This has been reinforced by the more recent arrival of Healthy Harold who travels in the Life Education Van. Miss Hayley, Harold’s friend, is wonderful as she tells us so much about healthy living and we learnt that Harold has ventured into song writing! Follow-up occurs at school in the classroom and is encouraged as a discussion topic for the home.

Mr Jock Bidwell

The ‘Pied Piper’ visits All Saints’

Transition and Kindergarten children experienced a very ‘loud’ instrument - the bagpipes - in the playground on Friday 17th August.

Patricks (Transition P) father, Andrew, has recently returned to Australia after playing in a pipes band competition in Scotland. Andrew (the Pied Piper) then led the children to the Year 6 cake stall for some yummy treats! Thanks Andrew.

Mrs Deb Porter
Snow Ski Team

This year one of the largest (and most successful) ski teams headed to the slopes of Perisher during the last holidays. Team manager, Mr Wayne Price, praised the team for an excellent representation of the College. The girls were outstanding with Mistral clocking the fastest time down the course and with Esther and Morgan supporting ensured a comfortable 8th place. The boys were equally committed and made good use of the ‘on snow’ time to strengthen their skills for future assaults on the mountain.

Best wishes and good luck in the years to come. Mr Jock Bidwell

Year 11 Business ‘Do Lunch’

On Wednesday 8th August, both Year 11 Business Studies classes enjoyed a business luncheon at local restaurant ‘9inety 2wo’.

The lunch was the culmination of lessons on business etiquette where students looked at the finer points of business networking, interpersonal communication and the ‘do’s and don’ts’ of dining with and trying to impress a business client. Students had the opportunity to ‘power dress’ in their best business attire for the occasion.

Special guest of honour at the lunch was well known local businessman Mr Greg Tucker from Harvey World Travel who greeted students at the door and helped them to practise their business handshakes.

Following lunch, students had the opportunity to ask Mr Tucker specific questions about his franchise business and the reasons he chose to go into this business for himself. Students also heard from the owners of the restaurant about their business experiences.

Thanks must go to the Year 11 students (Megan, Kate and Tegan) who helped organise the lunch and to Mr Tucker for ‘networking’ with us on the day. Thanks also to Brett, Rob and the staff of ‘9inety 2wo’. ‘Doing Lunch’ was a very worthwhile and enjoyable break from school routine for all involved.

Mr Wayne Feebrey
On Saturday, 23rd June at 9.45am, Mrs Narushima and five students met at Bathurst Railway Station to attend the Sydney Japanese School exchange programme. We awaited a coach that would take us from Bathurst to Lithgow, and from there caught a train to Central Station. If that wasn’t enough, we had to change train lines and wait another 13 stops to reach Gordon Station. This long, five-hour trip consisted of beautiful singing by Zach and Jess, paranoid comments from Kate, polyphonic ring tones from Sam and the occasional snore from no other than Mrs Narushima.

When we arrived at Gordon Station, we were greeted by students, parents and staff from the Sydney Japanese School (SJS). We took a couple of photos, met our Japanese buddies and left to enjoy the weekend with our host families.

Zach and I were with the Arai family. We drove home and played a few games - the Japanese game of life, dining table tennis, UNO and Othello, before being called for dinner. We had the traditional Japanese hot pot, which consisted of a large clay pot and a miniature stove underneath to heat it up. We added ingredients such as raw chicken mince, fish, cabbage and carrots and waited for them to cook in the boiling water. After that came udon noodles, porridge and ice cream to finish the meal. It was a fantastic experience and tasted very oishii.

The next day went quickly, and consisted of heading towards the river to watch SJS students learn how to row and the dangers of water, a lunch of homemade Spaghetti Bolognese, more Japanese games and a family outing to a great Italian restaurant.

On Monday, we prepared for school, packing our bags and writing our lunch orders. We arrived there at 8.30am and went to the meeting room to have an orientation of the school. After that was a welcoming activity, where each of the students of the high school (22 altogether) gave an introduction about themselves in English, then we introduced ourselves to them.

We split into our grades and started our own activities, with Science, Social Studies, EFL (English as a Foreign Language) and plain English. It was an entertaining first day of school and we were keen for the next two.

Tuesday was great, with Art, Maths, EFL, a death-threatening game of dodgeball, English, letter writing and reading. After that, we started packing and writing goodbye cards to our host families, regretting to have to leave so early.

Wednesday was our last day, or so we thought! We started the day with EFL, then Music or Art. Then we had PE, learning basketball skills and improving our ability to work as a team with others who cannot speak English well. After that we wrote a reflection on the ‘home-stay’ programme and got ready to leave.

We said our goodbyes and shed a few tears, but still made it to the train station to meet up with Mrs Narushima.

We boarded the train and talked excitedly between each other, eager to see home again. It was when the coach stopped between Lithgow and Bathurst that we all had a sudden surprise. Apparently, the road was blocked, due to 20cms of snow covering the road! So we had to turn back and find a motel in Lithgow, where the six of us had to stay for the night. We had pizza, thanks to Mrs Narushima, and a great night of watching TV and talking about our great trip in Sydney.

The next morning we took a train back to Bathurst where we found our families waiting for us. But this was not the end of our journey. In October, the students who hosted us are coming to Bathurst to experience a western style of living.

I would like to thank Mrs Narushima and the SJS for arranging this programme for us, the families and pupils for hosting us for the few days and of course our Japanese partner. It was an incredible experience and we hope to see you soon.

Olivia (Year 8)
6.30am is never the best time to start a new day as the Year 11 Modern History and ESL classes discovered on Tuesday 5th June. We also discovered how cold it can be at the beginning of winter at that time of day. This was the start of our excursion to the Sydney Jewish Museum. After a warm and cozy bus trip we headed inside the building for an introduction.

The tour began with a talk from David Benedikt, a Holocaust survivor from Czechoslovakia. He had only just finished high school when he was put into a ghetto in 1939. He told us of the six camps that he then experienced, including Theresienstadt, and described the conditions and treatment the Jews were subjected to. David spoke about the fate of his parents, who were shot in a forest and buried in a mass grave. He explained in depth the function of gas chambers and told stories about the crematories. Ninety-five per cent of all Jews who were in camps perished and he said the other 5%, which included himself, only lived because of luck. He told us of the many times he was close to death. As the Russians approached from the East, he was subjected to death marches, but eventually, he and the few people he was with, managed to escape to a farm house. By now he was suffering from typhoid and was kept in a hospital for eight weeks and fed every two hours until he recovered.

Once the war was over David was able to contact some relatives he had in Australia and he came straight here after his rehabilitation in 1946. David has vowed never to return to what he calls ‘his peoples’ graveyard’. This was a personal choice, he explained. Many of his fellow survivors have returned to the sites of the camps.

The museum itself is built around the shape of the Star of David. It has four floors, all packed with information about Jewish history. The first floor describes the arrival of the First Fleet, which included some Jews, and goes on to detail the contribution of famous Jewish Australians such as Sir Isaac Isaacs.

The Holocaust information begins on the second floor. There are manuscripts, books, photographs, film footage, documents and many more sources of information all displayed around the museum. Our guide, Margot, had parents who survived the Holocaust and so she considers herself a survivor because of her family’s history. She lost all her family except her mother and father and she only knows of one surviving second cousin.

The museum has a room dedicated to the 1.5 million children murdered throughout World War II. In the room there is a water feature that continuously drips 1.5 million tears for the lives lost. There is also the story of a little Jewish boy who asked his neighbour to mind some of his toys. He never returned. The museum has placed a small plaque in his memory at the entrance to the room. Other artifacts like blankets made from human hair, dentures and bullet shells are displayed and more stories are noted.

In the afternoon, when the ESL class went to Bondi, our History class used the museum’s library facilities to do some research on our essay topics which focus on the fate of the Jews in various countries in occupied Europe during World War II. The library had amazing resources and it was a fantastic opportunity to do some much needed research. We spent about two hours working and photocopying pages and pages of accounts, stories and historical evidence.

Thanks must go to Mrs McKinnon for organising the day, and to Mr Hines for coming along and helping out in the tour where necessary.

Gaby
Picture the main oval. Imagine it covered completely with rows and rows of riders on horses, nose to tail - now that is a scary thought, particularly for the cricketers and rugby players. Now double it! There you have an idea of the size of the Coonabarabran Interschools Horse Expo - 620 horses and 590 riders from at least 60 different schools in the North West.

Competing in a variety of events, including dressage, show jumping, cross-country, stockmans challenge, sporting events, such as flags, bending, barrel races, key hole and polocrosse, 15 students made up the team that represented All Saints’ College.

Like any sport, horse riding is hard work. Like any sport it involves self discipline. Like any sport it demands that a lot of training goes on before the event. Like any sport you have to be fit.

However, where horse riding differs from other sports is that you have another being to consider, take responsibility for and keep fit and healthy. Also where you might miss that try or goal, or get a double fault in a game there is usually some time where you can fight back on the next serve, or your team mates can come to the rescue.

With horse riding you are out there on your own. One clip of the rail in a jumping competition can mean you are eliminated, one slight off 20 metre circle in dressage may mean the loss of points in your dressage test, one foot outside the markers in the flag race can mean elimination - no second chances and that is it for another year, or until your next competition.

What it does reflect though is the tremendous bond and connection between horse and rider, and what it can teach you are some of the greater lessons in life; patience, how to cope with disappointment and how to compete against yourself, which is sometimes more important than competing against others.

We had some great successes as a team and we had some failures.

Nick who is relatively new to riding was involved in some of the sporting events. Nick and his horse Toby had the honour of carrying the All Saints’ banner in the Grand Parade.

Hayley was involved in dressage and jumping events, doing well in the ‘time fault and out’, unlucky not to get placed.

Emma, Rebecca and Mel were all involved in dressage, sporting and cross-country.

Katie had a fourth in the ‘time fault and out’ jumping competition.

Grace and Charlotte had a second in the pairs.

Mel had a clear round in her show jumping and cross-country.

Harry, Jess, Paddy, Harry, Skye and Amy were involved in every thing they could - dressage, sporting, cross-country, jumping and polocrosse.

Perhaps the highlight of the few days was for Charlotte who came third in dressage in her group and second overall in the D Grade One-Day Event, which included dressage, show jumping and cross-country. This was particularly exciting because Charlotte didn’t get past the first jump in the cross-country or show jumping last year.

Grace was unfortunate in her B Grade cross-country. Having jumped six jumps beautifully, her horse fell at the new water jump that wasn’t quite settled and she was eliminated. The jump was subsequently removed from the course, having been deemed unsafe!

Our two young polocrosse teams did exceptionally well, both being beaten by the eventual winners.

Our Number 2 team, consisting of Harry, Skye and Jess, reached the final with a well executed penalty shot from Skye after some tight defence from Harry. They had a tough ‘nailbiter’ against a very experienced unit from Wee Waa (who were the eventual grand finalists).

Our Number 1 team consisting of Paddy, Amy and Harry reached the finals, also. Despite some excellent breakaway gallops down the field and sensational spinning on both hind legs by Amy and an excited Whiskey they were unable to contain their opposition, but came a very creditable second.

Mrs Tessa Jones
National Umpiring Badge for Morgan

Like most 14-year-old umpires, Morgan (Year 8) dreams of one day officiating her chosen sport at the international level. But unlike many umpires her age, Morgan’s dream is now well within reach after she was awarded her National C Umpiring Badge.

A member of the Western Region Academy of Sport (WRAS) Officiating Squad, Morgan has enjoyed a rapid rise in the sport since she began her career as an umpire last year. While juggling her playing commitments with the Bulldogs netball club, she is now regarded as one of the most promising officials in Bathurst and is the youngest person in the Bathurst Netball Association to have obtained their National C Badge.

“Mum encouraged me to start umpiring and I wasn’t that keen, I then tried out for WRAS and was accepted and have loved every minute of it. I have had fantastic mentoring from Rachel Hughes, who is a National A Badge, and the WRAS coaches have been fantastic as well. I have also had great support from the Bathurst Netball Association, who have given me the opportunity to travel to carnivals and umpire for them”, she said.

As a National C umpire, Morgan can officiate State Age, State Championships and State League matches of all ages. She now has her sights on umpiring World Championships and Commonwealth Games clashes.

“It would be amazing to umpire at that level. I one day hope to achieve an A or AA (international) badge and umpire Australia, that would be my ultimate goal”. Morgan also thanked the people who have helped her and the Bulldogs netball club who she said have been “very supportive and encouraging”.

Photo and story courtesy of the Western Advocate
Head of College, Ms Jenny Williams, and Assistant Head of College (Senior School), Mr Stewart Ross, were in Mudgee to launch the College’s new-look marketing image at the Mudgee Small Farm Field Days.

Four new banners and the new podium received an enthusiastic welcome from friends of ASC and onlookers.

They form part of ASC’s new corporate style which will now roll out in new brochures.

Culture Club excursion to Vale Creek Winery and Olive Grove

On a wintery afternoon in June a group of senior Culture Club students visited Vale Creek Winery. The students listened to an informative talk on grape growing and winemaking by Tony Hatch and then fed the lambs with Liz.

Later, while they enjoyed a wholesome afternoon tea, the students watched a film which outlined the philosophy of the ‘Slow Food’ movement, illustrated by examples throughout the world. We thank Tony and Liz once again for their warm hospitality.

Mrs Janny Berry

BRE&D on the Bridge thanks Club for support

The Culture Club of All Saints’ College supplied organic vegetables and herbs for the gourmet event, BRE&D on the Bridge.

In recognition of this and their ongoing commitment to teaching children to grow and appreciate fresh produce, President of BRE&D on the Bridge, Jan Smith, presented the Culture Club with a generous donation.

The Club, which was started by Janny Berry in January 2005, involves children from All Saints’ College (junior and senior) in the propagation, growing, marketing and consumption of organic produce.

The Club intends to build up a fund to help deserving students pursue their interests in the fields of hospitality and agriculture.

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