A feast of delights was experienced by all who attended the annual Music Soiree on Friday 3rd August. The student performers excelled and shared with us some very special moments. The Hospitality students again satisfied our hunger with tasty morsels and all should be congratulated for an evening that showcased their wonderful talents. We are now on the home stretch for the musicians with their HSC performances scheduled for mid-September.

Mrs Robyn Crowley
At 6.00am on Monday 21st May, Year 8 boarded the bus heading to Kirrikee Bush Camp in the Southern Highlands. After four long hours we arrived at our destination and split up into groups - two groups of boys and two groups of girls. We were introduced to our leaders who gave us a talk on aspects of the camp.

After a filling lunch of hamburgers, the boys headed out on their hike. The girls played initiative games and completed a low ropes course - a lot of laughs! Towards the end of the week the boys had their turn. They also had a lot of fun with the low ropes course as well as with the other activities - the balancing beam, the rope and tyre, and the spider web.

The girls set up their tents, with great instruction from their leaders (who hadn’t set them up before). The boys’ tents were left at their camp sites and they set them up. The tents used on hiking camps were considerably better than most of the ones used at base camp.

After a windy and rainy night, the girls got up and had a gourmet breakfast - pancakes and cereal. The boys ate powdered milk, tank loaf and a selection of sultana bran or rice bubbles. The girls headed out on a six hour rogaine. With only a compass and a map, as well as friendly old ‘Dug’ they had to collect checkpoints, amounting to different point scores. After a hard day of trudging about in Penrose State Forest, seeing pine tree after pine tree, having no clue where they were, the winners each received a well earned bar of chocolate.

After another, possibly less interrupted sleep, the girls packed their hiking gear and jumped on a bus to either go on the hike or canoeing. For those going on the hike, a 45 minute drive landed them at the top of a mountain in Morton National Park. The group headed off following a steep fire track down the hill. After many stops during the exhausting five km walk, they arrived at a lunch spot near an old ‘Half Way House’ built by convicts. After a lunch consisting of burritos, salami and assorted spreads and cheese, they filled drink bottles in a running stream and headed off, up a short-cut cliff passage. This certainly tested their endurance and fitness - and they found out the hard way. After finishing the 12 km hike for the first day, they arrived at Jack’s Corner where weary bones were rested and water/windproof tents were set. The comfort of this ‘accommodation’ was enjoyed until dinner – a well deserved meal consisting of spaghetti bolognaise and apple crumble. The canoe journey was something that all groups enjoyed over the week. PFDs (Personal Flotation Devices) were put on, canoes were boarded and everyone had the opportunity to enjoy a quick scenic trip through an old, flooded valley.

On one of their hikes the boys stopped after almost 45 minutes at a bridge to have a little break and have some water and food. After their packs started to get a little heavy and on reaching a river the boys decided to take a shortcut across the river. On crossing the river they realised that there was a very steep slope ahead of them to go up. By the time they reached the top they were all hot and sweaty, and most were down to shirts or singlets! Near the top they stopped and enjoyed the scenery.

Arriving at base camp, all groups joined up again and shared experiences with a lot of laughs. After hot dogs galore for lunch, we boarded the bus for our departure, waving madly out the window to our leaders. We were now on the home stretch.

The first hour of our trip was occupied with conversation, regaling different stories about the camp. We arrived at school at 5:30pm and piled out of the bus, unloaded our bags and headed home for nice warm showers. All in all, our experiences we will never forget.

Lauren, Jess, Amanda and Luke
One, cold, frosty morning, 30 brave explorers (with teachers) set out on a journey that would change their lives. Still half asleep, Year 9 loaded their luggage and started their long journey to Mt Kosciuszko. After the eight-hour bus trip the boys were dropped off at Dead Horse Gap and then the girls were dropped off at a lovely little campsite with a beautiful, up-close view of the Guthega Power Station!

On our first night we were treated to a steak and sausages dinner – thanks to our expert chef Mr Thornton. Mrs Crozier (the fruit salad person) and Mr Isbister (the sauce man) ably assisted the chef. After dinner it was off to our sleeping bags for a good night’s sleep.

Hiking was to be the focus of our Outdoor Education experience. We powered up mountains, stopped for lunch, met up with the other groups and finally reached our designated campsites. Bible studies, ‘night time discussions’ and singing (including ‘Happy Birthday’) were a few of our evening activities.

Highlights of the hike included Mt Twynam - or Mt Titanic to some! At one stage the boys gave the girls some ‘great encouragement’ for the hike by saying “You’re going to die. The slopes are really steep and there’s a long way to go”. The girls, however, were psyched and motivated to prove the guys wrong and decided to push themselves as hard and as far as they could.

From Mt Twynam to the bottom of Mt Kosciuszko many of us were too immersed by the beautiful views to notice that we had hiked for well over three hours!! When we took our heavy packs off we felt like we were flying! It was also a relief to get some fresh, spring water. We ran up Mt Kosciuszko and saw some rocks and a nice view. Once we’d made it to the top (piece of cake by the way according to some) we finally saw the first and only wild animal of the week... a large rat. Many of us took photos of the spectacular view.

On our camp some of our ‘worries’ included:

* our ‘fragrant’ scents - especially by the end of the week.
* being eaten by Brumbies.
* the 5 star drop toilets.
* Mrs Blattman’s singing.
* the eventful dinner where one cooking group almost blew their heads off with super hot curry and another where the group waited for half an hour, staring at their uncooked dinner on the gas stove before realising that the gas wasn’t actually on.

When asked to describe the week in a word - difficult, painful, demanding, challenging, but rewarding. It was a week filled with ups and downs...literally.

Thanks to Mr Isbister, Mrs Blattman, Mr Thornton, Mrs Crozier, Ed Out staff and everyone who joined us to make our trip worthwhile. We had a great time and all acknowledged our great work in such a large accomplishment.

Compiled from reports written by Emily, Laethitia and Grace
**Blood Bank comes to school**

On Thursday 16th August the mobile blood bank came to All Saints’ College. We have entered into the school challenge and are hoping to win. We had an overwhelming response and were fully booked out for the day. In all the blood bank was very happy with the response they received and are returning to the school in February next year. I hope you will all line up again next year. On behalf of the blood bank, the Clinic sisters sincerely thank all the staff and students who kindly donated and helped towards saving lives.  

-Ms Michele Fulton

**A break from study**

Thirty-two boarding Year 12’s enjoyed a break from study in the Jones’ carport the night before their first Trial HSC exam. They braved the weather and kept warm with heaters, a feast and laughter. They left with an HSC survial kit - a bag of lollies!  

-Mrs Tessa Jones

**ISA Rugby**

On the weekend of June 15th, James (Year 12) and Charlie (Year 10), played rugby for ISA at the NSW State Championships. Charlie was selected in the Under 16 B team and played against CAS Under 16 Bs.

James was selected in the 2nd XV and played against CAS 2nd XV and CHS 3rd XV. The weekend was a great experience for both boys and helped them to ‘better’ their game.  

-James Clohesy
Welcome to new staff and Gappies

Anna Lewis
Financial Accountant

My name is Anna Lewis. I have been living in Bathurst for the past three years and working at Alan Morse & Co Chartered Accountants. I grew up in Wallerawang. After school I came to Bathurst to complete my Bachelor of Business degree at Charles Sturt University.

After finishing university I moved to Mudgee for 12 months and then went to Sydney where I stayed for the next 5 years. During the time in Sydney I completed the CA Programme and became a chartered accountant.

David Blackshaw
Business Manager

David comes to All Saints’ with a background in accounting, commercial and customer service roles. He has worked for a wide variety of businesses ranging from small accountancy practices all the way up to large multi-nationals, both in Australia and the UK. His last role was as a Commercial Manager for a business in Orange.

Originally from Sydney, David was educated at Beecroft Primary School, James Ruse Agricultural College and Macquarie University where he attained a Bachelor of Economics, majoring in Accounting. He has been a CPA since 1996.

David, his wife Jacqui and their two children Kian and Ailee, have lived in Bathurst for the past four years. His interests include golf, rugby, tennis, travel, food and wine. David is looking forward to the challenges ahead and making a positive contribution towards the successful running of the College in the future.

Sarah Parsons
Drama Teacher

Sarah is a former student of All Saints’ College (1994-2000) and has joined the staff this term as a Drama teacher. She studied Bachelor of Arts (Communications - Theatre/Media) at Charles Sturt University (Bathurst) and last year completed her Honours degree.

Sarah is very passionate about theatre for young people and is currently Artistic Director of the Bathurst based touring children's theatre company ‘Stuck in the Mud Productions’.

She is very excited about returning to her former school and is looking forward to spending more time at All Saints’.

Farewell to staff

At the end of last term, All Saints’ farewelled a number of staff members. We would like to wish Mr Michael Fazio (Accountant), Mr Gregory Valentine (Drama), Miss Michelle Smith (Science) and Mr Philip Small (Business Manager) all the best in their new career ventures.

My name is Rachel John. I attended Sexey’s School (UK) where I was a boarding student for seven years. After I leave All Saints’ I intend to go to Bristol University and study Primary School teaching. Whilst in Australia, I intend to travel as much as possible and enjoy every minute of it.

My name is Tristan Chidlow. I come from a small town called Oswestry in Shropshire, England. I went to Oswestry School since I was two and a half and finished school in July. I enjoy playing sports, mostly football (soccer), tennis and cricket. My passion in life is Liverpool Football Club. I’m not sure what I want to do when I return to England next year.

My name is Lottie Edwards. I went to Sexey’s School for the final two years of my education. Whilst living in Australia I intend to travel as much as possible. Once I get back to England I am going to Salisbury College to study Childcare. I hope the rest of my time here is as exciting as it has been so far.
During the week beginning 13th August, we had a feast of writers and their books. Students from Transition to Year 10 had the opportunity to hear one or more authors talk about their books and the writing process.

The three writers, Jackie French, James Roy and Susanne Gervay, were all very different, both in the way they go about writing and the way they speak. Like so much in life there is not just one way to do something. Those lucky enough to attend a writing workshop had an opportunity to hear about and experiment with writing for themselves.

Mrs Michelle O’Brien

SUSANNE GERVAY

“She had lots of energy and was very engaging”.

“She really knew what she was talking about and never judged”.

“Quite confronting... expected us to be passionate about writing...let us write what we felt, that was important”.

“She was interesting because she had a website and used technology, which is probably where new authors will go”.

JACKIE FRENCH

“Diary of a Wombat is my favourite book”.

“She’s written over 130 books!”.

“She writes for kids of all ages and even for adults”.

JAMES ROY

“He said that writing about the things you observe creates the best stories”.

“He was funny which I think is great”.

Mrs Yasuyo Narushima

Japanese tea ceremony

Years 7 and 8 Japanese classes enjoyed a real traditional tea ceremony at the Japanese Centre on Thursday 16th August.

Mrs Eiko Maekawa came to All Saints’ College several weeks ago as an assistant teacher from Shizuoka Prefecture near Mt Fuji. She is teaching Year 2 in Japan and her hobby is the Tea Ceremony. She has been learning the Tea Ceremony for 19 years.

Our students had Japanese sweets and green tea which Mrs Maekawa made.

They were told they could make little slurping noises when they sipped on their tea. They enjoyed the sounds of making, and drinking, the tea. The students displayed good manners and respect to Eiko Sensei. Miss Ayako Muto (Ayako Sensei) ably helped Eiko Sensei during the tea ceremony.

Mrs Yasuyo Narushima
On Tuesday 14th August, Western Area Police School Liaison Officer, Amanda Beatty, came to speak to the Year 11 Legal Studies class about children and young people in the criminal law system. This was to assist us with an assessment task the class has to do on this aspect of the law. Amanda’s discussion focused on all parts of the juvenile justice system and how the Young Offenders Act (1997) has reformed the dealings of juveniles and the legal system.

The Young Offenders Act aims to steer juveniles away from the courts by introducing a less formal means of punishment and intervention. Amanda explained the Act and illustrated how she herself has put the Act into effect in her everyday duties as a police officer.

The Act has four ways to deal with young offenders - warning, caution, youth conference and then finally the courts. Amanda explained in which situations each of these could be used.

It is greatly up to the police officer’s discretion - with some constraints placed upon them. She explained some of the situations that she has had to use warnings for minor misdemeanours and cautions for first time offences and for repeat minor offences. She told us that you are only allowed to have three cautions before a more serious approach is taken. Youth conferences put the offender in contact with the victim and are a form of intervention and act as an effective deterrent. Amanda also spoke to us about the effects having a criminal record would have on our lives - future employment would be a problem. Some countries will not accept people with a criminal record working with children and also sporting contracts may be affected. The types of crimes that she dealt with the most in young offenders were assault, theft and vandalism.

The talk helped us gain an insight and a new perspective into the juvenile justice system. It also provided us with useful knowledge for our assessment task.

Tawanda

Sataturday 11th August saw the Five Year Reunion for the ‘Class of 2002’. Over 50 students and staff attended the function that was held at the Oxford Hotel. It was a great evening for everyone to catch up with their classmates and for teachers to find out what their former students were now doing.

Mr Bob Poole

Catherine Sutcliffe, Heather Hawley, Jennifer Ratspe and Carolyn Hendry.

Guy Hanbury, Shota Someya, Matthew Thurling and Jacob Dixon.

Spring Fair

September 2nd 2007

Come along to this annual event.
There is plenty of food and entertainment to enjoy
and take a look at the various stalls that have a wonderful variety of goods for sale.
There will also be rides for the young and the young at heart.

See you there!

All Saints’ College Bathurst
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Year 11 ESL class visits Bondi Beach

Last term the Year 11 ESL class had a visit to the Jewish Museum as part of their study of the text “The Wave” by Morton Rhue. The afternoon was spent visiting the famous Bondi Beach where they paddled in the freezing waters and had a lunch on the Esplanade overlooking the ocean. It was not quite swimming weather but fun was had by all!

Mrs Memory Sanders

ESL Drama Presentations

One of the assessment tasks for HSC ESL modules was a dramatic presentation of the text “In Between” by Maureen McCarthy. Students compiled their own dialogue and presented them either individually or in groups. This meant that some of the male students had to play as females or more than one character. There were some interesting costumes and dialogue used in the presentations!

Mrs Memory Sanders

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Camille (Year 10) has successfully completed all the requirements to qualify for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. The Award was presented to her at a College assembly by Ms Williams. The various areas of qualification included:

* Service - gaining the St John's Senior First Aid Certificate.
* Skills - learning to knit and produce squares for blankets for the homeless.
* Physical Recreation - participating in extensive dancing training.
* Expedition - completing all requirements for preparation and training for the preliminary expedition and for the qualifying expedition.

Congratulations and well done, Camille.

Mr Ian Isbister
A number of the All Saints’ Equestrian team competed in the Harden One-Day Event (dressage, show jumping and cross-country) on Sunday 12th August. Harry, Paddy, Hayley, Katie, Emily, Mel, Charlotte and Grace all had some great successes in their various grades.

Special congratulations go to Hayley and Katie who were placed 1st and 2nd respectively in C Grade, and Paddy Webber who came in 15th.

Grace, competing in A Grade, had a clear round in the jumping and a good dressage test. Charlotte competing in C Grade did a very nice dressage test and had a clear round in the jumping. Mel also did a very nice dressage test and had a clear round in the show jumping in D Grade. Harry enjoyed a good dressage test and one fault in the show jumping and cross-country. Emily came 3rd in D Grade.

Thanks to the organisers Ian and Tina Webber and to the other parents, Maria D’Arcy, Pam Day, Ian and Jane Menzies, for their friendship, food, support and encouragement to all the students.

Mrs Tessa Jones

Over the past month Years 1 and 2 students have been keeping a moon journal, recording the phases of the moon, the date and time it can be observed, and the weather conditions. This culminated on Monday 20th August with a visit from Dr David McKinnon, complete with telescope, models and video.

The children participated in an active demonstration showing how the earth and moon rotate as they move around the sun thus creating the various phases of the moon.

Unfortunately, the day was overcast so that we were unable to view the moon through the telescope even though it was present in the afternoon sky. The children did, however, look through the telescope at trees in the distance to see how much it magnifies objects. Dr McKinnon’s visit proved a real highlight for Science Week! We are now eagerly awaiting the lunar eclipse on August 28th!

Mrs Gabrielle Darlington and Mrs Ruth Clements
Barks, meows, squeaks and squeals! And that was just the Year 1 children excitedly greeting their pets as their parents arrived with them at school for a pet parade!! The pets were just as excited with dogs straining at their leashes, rabbits and kittens cringing in their cages and fish nonchalantly swimming in their bowls.

As pets are important members of our family their visit enriched our study of the HSIE unit on 'The Family'. As well as enjoying meeting one another's pets the children were able to share with the class details about their pets and how they care for them.

Mrs Ruth Clements
Excitement and tension were present throughout the College on Friday 15th June. Why? The annual Inter-House Music Festival was upon us. Groups had been rehearsing all over the campus and the friendly rivalry between the Houses was driving the students to achieve excellence.

We welcomed Dr Christopher Klopper as our adjudicator and the Bickerdiike Centre was ready for the sounds to ring out. In an upset to the traditional state of play the Instrumental Section proved to be the decider rather than the House Choir. This allowed Barton to regain the trophy. Once again an entertaining evening with the audience able to witness the depth of talent found here at Saints!

Mrs Robyn Crowley
**Study of Tourism**

Year 12 Geography students have recently embarked on two excursions to round off their study of Tourism (the selected area of study in the People and Economic Activity unit).

First up was a visit to Harvey World Travel on Tuesday 24th July. Here the students were given a good run down on the tourism industry by Mr Greg Tucker, a former teacher at All Saints’. Greg went through a range of topics including domestic travel, international travel, the nature and spatial distribution of tourism, as well as the impacts on tourism of such things as terrorism, SARS and natural disasters. The students certainly learnt a lot in their double period visit.

After the visit Greg sent an email to the Head of College, Ms Jenny Williams:  

>“Hi Jenny - Just wanted to let you know that Bob Poole came into my office today with his Year 12 class (6 students) to talk about the travel industry worldwide. I have done this for several staff for several years and I have to say that this lot of students were the most delightful group of students that I have had anything to do with since I left the teaching industry. They did reinstall my confidence in the young people of today. They were very polite and attentive but most of all they were responsive and alive and genuinely interested in my humble opinions. Well done to their parents, yourself and Bob”. 

The following Tuesday (31st July) we headed to Peppers Fairmont Resort at Leura in the Blue Mountains. Once again we used our double period (plus lunch and after school) to complete this excursion. The students were transported by Mr Wayne Feebrey and myself to the venue. Once we arrived we were greeted by a representative of Peppers, Ms Chris Le Marseny. An important aspect of the unit is to look at the operation of an enterprise at the ‘local scale’. Chris gave the students a valuable insight into the operation of the resort, the multitude of factors that affect the resort, the internal and external linkages associated with the enterprise and the impacts of global changes on the resort. Once again the excursion certainly enhanced the students’ knowledge on this particular aspect of the course.

I would like to thank Greg and Chris for both their time and knowledge, Wayne for helping transport the students to Leura and guidance in teaching this subject, and most of all the students, who have acted as great ambassadors for the school, not only on these excursions but every other excursion we have had over the last two years. A delightful class to teach!!

>Mr Bob Poole

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**Student donate to the needy**

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**Diary Notes**

- **Sunday 2 September**  
  * Synod 2007  
  * Spring Fair  
  * Father’s Day

- **Monday 3 September**  
  * HICES G&T Camp (JS)  
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  * P&F Meeting

- **Tuesday 4 September**  
  * HICES G&T Camp (JS)  
  * Duke of Edinburgh Field Trip Preparation

- **Wednesday 5 September**  
  * HICES G&T Camp (JS)  
  * Duke of Edinburgh Field Trip Preparation

- **Thursday 6 September**  
  * HICES G&T Camp (JS)  
  * Duke of Edinburgh Field Trip Preparation

- **Friday 7 September**  
  * HICES G&T Camp (JS)  
  * Duke of Edinburgh Field Trip Preparation  
  * Legacy - 20 Yr 10s 10:30 - 1:00

- **Saturday 8 September**  
  * Bathurst Eisteddfod concludes

- **Sunday 9 September**  
  * Duke of Edinburgh Field Trip  
  * CIS Athletics (JS)

- **Monday 10 September**  
  * Meet the Music Concert  
  * ISA Athletics Carnival Homebush  
  * Friday 14 September  
  * Year 11 Exams Commence  
  * Monday 17 September  
  * Year 11 Exams  
  * Tuesday 18 September  
  * Year 11 Exams  
  * Wednesday 19 September  
  * Year 11 Exams  
  * Thursday 20 September  
  * Year 11 Exams  
  * Finance Meeting

- **Friday 21 September**  
  * Year 11 Exams  
  * HSC Creative Showcase Evening  
  * Monday 24 September  
  * Year 11 Exams conclude  
  * Discovery Concert (10 students)  
  * Wednesday 26 September  
  * College Council Meeting  
  * Thursday 27 September  
  * Benefactors’ Service & Prefects’ Induction  
  * Year 12 Valedictory Dinner  
  * Term 3 ends

- **Friday 28 September**  
  * Staff Development Day  
  * Boarders depart

- **Monday 15 October**  
  * Classes commence  
  * Year 7 Camp begins

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