On Friday 27th October the Mock Trial team competed against Baulkham Hills High School in the quarter finals of the competition. The team consisted of Joshua, James (barristers), Ella (solicitor), Kate, Susie (witnesses) and Tegan (court officer). We were acting as the defence in a case where Kate, a teacher, was charged with assault occasioning bodily harm.

A student claimed Kate had hit him in the face in anger and as a punishment, after he played a prank in the Science lab. He pretended that his test tube was about to explode and called Kate over to the desk where he had deliberately heated up the handles of some tongs. Kate claimed that she had picked up the tongs to move the test tube, burnt her hand and hit the student because of a reflex action. Baulkham Hills High School got sidetracked into arguing what Kate should have done which was completely irrelevant. We cast doubt on the prosecution’s claims and also won the skills side, 215-208 points.

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Joshua played the National Anthem under the guidance of Mr Jason Buckley. Felicity introduced our guest speaker, Mr Bruce Irvine, a past President of the Bathurst RSL and a Vietnam Veteran. Bruce went to Vietnam at the age of 21. He told us how the children lived with the sound of gunfire and the rumbling of tanks down the roads as they walked to school. He gave a very moving account of the conditions under which the soldiers had to work and the people of Vietnam had to live. James read “Night Picquet”, a poem written at the time of the Vietnam War. This was followed by a moving rendition of “I Was Only 19” sung by Emma and Elyssa and accompanied by Mr Buckley, Andrew, Victoria, Kiara, Kana and Sarah. Elizabeth and Rebecca read the Honour Roll of students from All Saints’ who died in World War I.

The wreaths were laid by the Junior and Senior School Captains, followed by the “Ode” read by Ben West. “The Last Post” was played, followed by a minute’s silence at 11.00am. The end of the silence was signalled with the “Rouse” played by Mr Buckley, Elizabeth, Elyssa and Hugh and the raising of the flag by James. A great tribute to our former colleagues from All Saints’.

Mrs Lesley Tinker
I attended my first Mock Trial recently and it was quite an experience. My heart was pulsing and my palms sweating as I watched the student barristers cry ‘objection’ and the magistrate rule. It truly is an exciting spectator sport! Mock Trial, for the uninitiated, is a simulated courtroom scenario. Students play the roles of witnesses, solicitors, barristers, court officials and the accused. Judges give their time to act as magistrates and arbitrate over the cases presented. I was incredibly privileged to be able to watch our students perform and of course very proud that they have made the grand final of the competition. From 240 schools, we have made that final 2! Our students have proved themselves to be highly articulate and intelligent young people as they have overcome teams from much larger schools. I am sure that the whole school community joins with me to wish them well as they go into court for the final encounter on Friday 8th December at the Wesley Centre (Sydney).

At the end of another year I would like to take the opportunity to thank the staff of our College for their selfless work. Good learning occurs when good relationships are formed and certainly lots of good learning has occurred throughout the year. Fond farewells to Trevor Press, Trevor Hegvold and Lloyd Cleaver as they move to another phase in their lives. They have spent a combined 70 years teaching at All Saints’ College!

I wish all families a safe and prosperous holiday and look forward to 2007 with optimism and excitement.

Hello everyone. We would like to introduce ourselves, with this being our first Captains’ Corner. We are Josh and Emma, and we look forward to the year ahead. There is a great prefects leadership team who we both know will do a fantastic job.

Although Term 4 has only been a short one, it has been interesting and busy for everyone. Congratulations to the Mock Trial team on making it into the grand final. We wish them luck on the big day - Friday 8th December.

Sporting wise, well done to Ben, George and Will who made it into the AICES Water Polo squad.

We would also like to wish Year 11 a lot of luck as they begin their final senior year - we know everyone will work hard!

Before we draw an end to this Captains’ Corner and a busy year, we would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday and a Merry Christmas.
Trevor commenced teaching in the Science Department at All Saints’ at the beginning of 1992 after teaching for a few years at Urana Central School in the Riverina District of NSW. Over the past 15 years Trevor has shown his versatility by teaching classes of Junior Secondary Science, 2 Unit General Science (later to become Senior Science), Chemistry and in the last few years Biology. In addition, Trevor has taught Agriculture (as part of Design & Technology) to Year 8, Science to a lively group of Year 3 students and Year 7 Geography. For a number of years he assisted in the running of the Science Club where students were encouraged to pursue their individual interests in Science. The associated project work resulted in weird and wonderful creations, which at times resulted in loud explosions, and plumes of smoke issuing from the vicinity of the Science block.

Soon after starting Trevor took over as the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme co-ordinator and has continued in this important role throughout. Many students have benefited from his care and attention to detail as he has guided and encouraged them through the three levels of the Award. Countless hours have been invested in organising First Aid courses, camps and expeditions, community service placements, campcraft and navigation courses. A significant number of students have gained awards at Bronze, Silver and even the highly prestigious Gold level. Apart from the great value of the activities themselves an award provides an excellent component toward building an attractive CV, which without doubt has assisted many a student gain a scholarship, cadetship, course placement or employment.

For many years Trevor has been the coach of girls hockey teams including the Under 14s, 16s, 2nds and in 2000 the 1sts team. In recent years he has coached girls and boys basketball teams, many of whom have experienced considerable success under his watchful eye and constant encouragement. He also assisted with numerous camps over the years including the highly popular fishing camp for Year 9 at Hawks Nest, the Year 8 camp at O’Connell and more recently the Year 7 camp at Tea Gardens. Trevor stepped in to take over as Head of Tracey House following Derek Richard’s illness in 2004. He immediately won the confidence and admiration of the Tracey boys and his decision to continue in that role since has proved to be very popular with the boys, all of whom have appreciated his generous and caring nature. Although not in that role for a long time, Trevor has made a significant impact on the lives and well-being of his charges.

Sadly, Trevor has reached a stage in life where he feels the need for a change. We wish him the best of luck and happiness for the future in life where he feels the need for well-being of his charges.

From a personal perspective I will certainly miss Trevor’s generosity, expertise and friendship, as will the entire staff and student body alike. His dry wit and clever play on words, long stories and willingness to pitch in and help will be sadly missed by the Science staff. Morning tea and lunch conversations will never be the same again!

Neil Inglis

Vale - Trevor Hegvold

Year 10 students gathered for an end of year activities day on November 16th. We began with a Chapel service and the reading was taken from Ecclesiastes Chapter 3 - For everything there is a time. As I spoke on ‘Time’ I did a quick calculation - a 16-year old would have lived a little more than 140,000 hours.

If they watched three hours of TV a day that would be about two years of life spent in front of the screen. Is TV that important? That is two years taken from doing other pursuits.

This year the Carol Service will be held on the lawn outside the Chapel. It was a delightful afternoon last year and I hope we will enjoy the same weather this year. Our Diocese is organising, through Anglicare, a hamper distribution for those to our west who have been drastically affected by drought. I am pleased to say that each House in the College will be filling a hamper for distribution and these will be under the Giving Tree at the Carol Service. There will also be the opportunity to make a gift to the Christmas Bowl Appeal on the night. Come for your picnic from 5.30pm and around 7.00pm we will have community carols followed by the Pageant. Once again we will rejoice in God’s presence with us in Jesus Christ.

May this Christmas be one in which you savour the meaning of both giving and receiving.

Thoughtfully,
Father Paul

College Fundraiser

All Saints’ College has registered with Williams the Shoeman. The purchase of school shoes between 28th December 2006 and 16th February 2007 will return $5 per pair to our school. It is that simple! If you purchase school shoes at Williams the Shoeman in the Metroplaza please place your voucher in the box instore. Thank you for your support.

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Well what a night! The Year 6 Valedictory Service and Dinner, held on Friday 17th November 2006 was a very special occasion for all of the children and parents. The service, led by Father Paul, showcased some very talented children. All of the children participated in some aspect, whether it was speaking, saying a prayer, singing, performing in a drama, or playing an instrument. Ms Jenny Williams concluded the service with the presentation of a graduating certificate to all of the children.

Drinks and nibbles followed the service before heading into the dining room for dinner. The children, parents and staff were treated to a very delicious meal in a very attractive, decorative and colourful dining room. Thank you parents for your help with the decorations.

Caitlin and Matthew, the Junior School Captains, delivered the address and awarded personalised graduating caps to all of their classmates and presented to Mr Bidwell the gift to the school. This year, Year 6 presented a memorial plaque to be placed where the Opera House currently stands when it is pulled down over the coming weeks.

The night did not end there as there were a few more surprises in store. There was the Year 6 profile booklet, a fun DVD showing some of the happenings of the past year (thank you to Miss Suzi Mackay for her assistance in putting this together) and the cutting of the cake.

The night was a fun, casual and positive night reminiscing the past years in the Junior School while looking forward to the excitement of the years ahead in the Senior School.

My best wishes for the future go to everyone in Year 6. Farewell and good luck Year 6.

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Equestrian success

Seven All Saints’ students competed at the St Stanislaus’ College Equestrian & Agriculture Day on November 18th/19th at Mount Panorama. There were seven schools competing, with local schools such as The Scots School and MacKillop College present as well as a good show from Sydney schools such as Barker College and Abbotsleigh. All students placed and the results were fantastic for such a small team who were up against tough competition.

The results were: Grace Day: 1st Combined Training, two 1sts in Dressage, 2nd & 3rd in Showjumping and 3rd in the Six Bar Jumping; Charlotte: 1st & 2nd Showjumping, two 3rds & a 4th in Sporting and 3rd Time Trials; Paddy: 1st & 2nd Showjumping, two 4ths & a 5th in Sporting, 4th Time Trials; Skye: three 5ths in Sporting; Harry: two 5ths in Sporting; and Amy: 4th Sporting. Finally, our Polocrosse team - Amy (No.1), Harry (No. 2) and Paddy (No. 3) - played some very exciting games and placed 4th on the day. Well done everyone.

A reminder that polocrosse practice will be held at Stiles Oval on Sunday 3rd December at 11.00am. Bring your pony, stick and a picnic lunch - all welcome. Any queries ring Ian or Tina Webber 63377227.

Mrs Tina Webber

Culture Club at Field Days

Recently the Culture Club took part in the Australian National Field Days (Orange) in the Schools Display Section. Both junior and senior students represented the school and enjoyed talking to visitors about their project, “Sowing the Seeds of a Healthy Lifestyle”. It was also interesting to meet students from other schools and see their displays.

An ex-student and Field Days committee member, Mr Bruce Carroll, was particularly interested to meet our students and will be writing an article in the NSW agriculture journal about the All Saints’ project.

Thank you to staff and parents for their input and congratulations to all the students who participated so enthusiastically.

Mrs Janny Berry

Deputy’s Desk

with Mr Marcus Croft

This is the last column I will be writing for VIM, as the restructure announced by Jenny Williams means that there will now be the new positions of Assistant Head of College, Director of Curriculum and Director of Boarding. I have decided not to apply for any of these, but to go back to fulltime classroom teaching.

I have made this decision for the following reasons. I have been Deputy Head at All Saints’ for five years, and prior to that, held the position of Curriculum Director at St Stanislaus’ College for some years. While I have greatly enjoyed the challenges of these positions, they have also meant that I have had less time in the classroom, and less time and energy to devote to teaching. I have come to realise that the two things I enjoy most about my job are relating to young people and communicating my love of my subject area. I am excited about the prospect of being able to focus on these areas. I am sure that the change in management structure will allow these positions to be carried out more effectively and with the new management team well.

I think there are a number of challenges, and also exciting opportunities, facing school educators at present. One major challenge concerns the proliferation of ‘extra things’ which are now seen as being the responsibility of schools. There is pressure for schools to specifically teach all sorts of areas such as driving skills, consumer literacy, workplace safety, appropriate manners and many others. There may be valid reasons for some of these to be taught in schools, but this must result in loss of time in other areas, and I believe that it is important that traditional academic areas are not compromised. Another challenge is the proliferation of paperwork with regard to various types of accountability - risk assessments, Federal Government reporting requirements and so on. Again, much of this may be valid and necessary, but takes energy and time from the business of teaching and learning.

It is often said that children are changing and that teaching is getting harder because of their addiction to computer games, electronic communication and so on. It is said that they have a shorter attention span and need to be entertained more. I am rather sceptical about these views. The same claims were made about television, and probably radio, the printed word and speech when each was developed! It is true that young people are different in the way they communicate and maintain an invisible but important virtual community, via mobile phone and e-mail. In most ways, however, children have not changed. Young people (and adults) still need to be valued. They respond to positive reinforcement, genuine interest and humour. Most want to do the right thing - few misbehave deliberately, and those who do are responding to motivations which may or may not be apparent. In education there are great opportunities afforded by computer technology and the internet, but the changes these bring are not fundamental. Ready access to information does not replace understanding and there is no substitute for face to face discussion. The most important aspect of the teaching and learning process still involves relationships.

I would like to wish all members of the All Saints’ community a safe, restful and happy holiday period.
Japanese traditional dancing workshop

On Tuesday 14th November, I invited my sister-in-law, Mrs Mayumi Narushima, and my daughter, Terumi, to All Saints’ to conduct a workshop of Japanese traditional dancing. Mayumi has been teaching Japanese dancing for over 30 years in Japan. Terumi graduated from All Saints’ College in 1990 and is currently doing a Ph.D. in Music.

Students enjoyed learning a folk dance performed during summer festivals in Japan.  

Mrs Yasuyo Narushima

Staff Cake Cooking Competition

The annual Staff Cake Cooking Competition, which is held in conjunction with a morning tea to welcome the Year 11 students to their HSC year, was a great success. The winning creations were judged by the new School Captains, Joshua Watt and Emma Doolan. Winners were as follows: 
- Most Professional - Mrs Sue King
- Most Unusual - Mrs Jennifer Crofts
- Best Smalls - Mr Trevor Press
- Best Cheat - Dr Lloyd Cleaver

Mr Trevor Press
A former student success story

Recently I had a note from Jillian Kelly (ASC - HSC 1999). Her story is quite uplifting and I would like to relate it here. Jill was part of a cohort which had some dramas and as a result all of the form were entitled to 'special consideration'. Somehow, Jill did not apply for the 'special consideration', an extra 5 points on the UAI and as a result she did not quite get the mark to get into Veterinary Science at Sydney University on the first round of offers. She was desperate to get into Vet, so she sent a resume, went and had an interview and various representations were made on her behalf. When the Dean of the Faculty came back from holidays, he looked at the pile of correspondence on his desk and said 'give her a second round offer!' Jill then deferred for a year to earn some money to enable her to afford to go. She went home to Coonamble and worked two or three jobs for a year. I saw her a couple of years ago at the Royal Easter Show and she was enjoying Vet. She has now graduated with First Class Honours and is working at the Roma Vet Clinic in Queensland. All Saints' contributed to her realising her ambition and I quote from the note I received from her. I am sure she won't mind me quoting her. ‘I must admit, I originally switched classes from Computer Studies to Agriculture because I heard the Scots boys at the cattle shows were pretty cute!! But once I actually got into the agriculture part of the class, I loved it- and I learned a lot. ….. helped me realize my true passion in life and has lead to my chosen career path.’

The moral of the story is- anything is possible and don't take no for an answer.

Dr Lloyd Cleaver

DesignTech Update

Every year the Powerhouse Museum hosts ‘DesignTech’, a showcase of innovative Year 12 projects which are displayed from December to January. DesignTech - Regional, includes a number of major works, which are included as the DesignTech display is showcased throughout the state. The following three Major Design Projects from All Saints’ College have been selected for DesignTech 2006.

DesignTech: Katrina designed the ‘Collapsible Chemical Container’. Based on the well-known wine cask, Katrina tested and experimented with numerous prototypes to explore a better way of delivering agricultural chemicals to farmers, which allows easier recycling and increased safety from spillage. Sarah listened carefully when two friends complained of bruised and aching backs after cherry picking one season. She decided to create an ergonomically suitable cherry-picking bag, which innovatively contains a cooling pack and water supply for the user. DesignTech – Parkes: Phillip developed a flat pack Hothouse that could be utilised by anyone who was keen to grow his or her own quality vegetables. Being modular, this design can be fabricated in different ways to accommodate specific locations.

Mr Greg Thornton

Careers with B.C.

with Mr Bruce Clydsdale

- Tax File Numbers – I would encourage students to apply this year. There will be a change in 2007 involving details of either birth certificate or passport or Australian Citizenship Certificate.
- Access is a pre-vocational four week training programme commencing November 20th at TAFE in Automotive, Engineering and Electrical. Interested students should see Mr Clydsdale.
- Aspect College Scholarships for Business & Retail Management. This is also a pathway to Year 2 at university. Courses are at Certificate and Diploma level. For more information visit www.aspectworld.com
- Pharmacy Scholarships for students from rural and regional areas. Information: www.ruralpharmacy.com.au
- HSC Study Programme at Sydney University. Interested students should see Mr Clydsdale initially. Courses are January 8th - January 19th.
- Scone Equine Studies Centre in conjunction with TAFE offer courses in the Horse Industry at Certificate Level. Brochures from Mr Clydsdale.
- Diploma in Law with the Legal Profession Admission Board in association with the University of Sydney. Information from Mr Clydsdale or www.usyd.edu.au/lec
- TAFE is offering courses in Animal Care and Management in 2007 including Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing.
- Southern Cross University Law Faculty has been voted the best of Australia’s 29 law schools. (A past All Saints’ College student recently graduated First Class Honours and a University Medal.) View the SCU Fast Track Law Scheme for Years 11 and 12 over summer vacation. Contact Julie Bull on 6620 3109.
Trevor Press farewelled

“Is there anything Mr Press doesn’t know?” “I can’t believe he is ready for retirement.” “He is well short of his use by date.” “He is the cleverest thing on two legs.” “A consummate professional.” These were some of the comments which came from the various speakers at Trevor Press’ retirement dinner on Saturday 18th November. Over 100 people (past/present staff, past students and parents, and members of the School Council) gathered to celebrate Trevor’s 38 years of dedicated service to All Saints’. Scott Sullivan, one of Trevor’s first students in 1966 and then teaching colleague in 1979, reminisced fondly about the changes Trevor would have seen in the school buildings since 1966. He told stories of Trevor and how he only once heard him raise his voice to a group of students and when questioned as to the rarity of this occurrence Trevor replied, “Oh you have to do that occasionally, just to keep them on their toes, I was only acting!”

Graeme Sanders, a former Maths colleague and previous Head of Department, talked about Trevor’s acting accomplishments and thanked him for directing him in one of the most difficult roles in his amateur career! Bruce Clydsdale reminded Trevor of some of the more colourful characters and events from the 1980s. Olga McKinnon presented a colourful and humorous account of Trevor’s culinary interests and expertise and shared some of their experiences of cooking and food. Geoff Wainwright, Trevor’s cryptic crossword partner, reminded us of how the ‘students became like putty in Poppy’s paws’ when they found out he had  a tattoo!

There were other memories of Trevor as a family man and his time in boarding where he not only looked after his own young family of Pip, Andrew and Nicola, but both he and Deirdre opened their home to the boarders as well. Ex-Bean House students, David Foreman, James Goff and Ken McFeeters, enthusiastically remembered Deirdre’s chocolate cakes that she regularly cooked for the boys. Trevor’s farewell cake showed a picture of the very early Bean House boys and mention was made of the roses outside both Kemmis and Watson Houses which were very early reminders of the ‘homes’ that Trevor and Deirdre so warmly created.

Ian Isbister was the perfect Master of Ceremonies guiding us through Trevor’s journey with many dubious statistical details, mathematical puns, comments and anecdotes of Trevor.

Trevor was presented with a coffee table that he had chosen and a ‘Retirement Survival Kit’ to remind him of his own sense of humour and very far reaching ability. It was lovely to see some very first staff and students at the dinner. Meg McCabe, who was the Sister at school when Trevor and Deirdre had their first child; Judy Jakins a very first parent; Eric Matheson a long standing Council member; and Diane Boer an early chef. I would like to thank Jenny Williams for her support and The Very Reverend Andrew Sempell and his wife Rosemary for attending on behalf of the Council and Mrs Glenda Isbister for her valued assistance in the organisation.

Many apologies and letters were read or sent to Trevor wishing him well and regretting inability to attend. The night was a great testimony to Trevor’s creativity, ability, warmth and passion for life. It chronicled his tremendous impact and service to All Saints’ College. We wish him and Deirdre every happiness in the future and Trevor every enjoyment in his next undertaking as a marriage celebrant.

Tessa Jones