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Cover photo: Ralph Tilley, Kiyarah Cobcroft and William O’Hara at the Pre-Kindergarten 3-Day Christmas Concert.

The electronic version of this VIM can be found on the All Saints’ College website at: http://www.saints.nsw.edu.au/vim_magazine
In my Term 3 2014 VIM article I promised that in this edition of the VIM I would comment on social etiquette and new technology, in particular how this relates to omnipresent mobile devices. Given some exciting developments in relation to planning for advancing the College into the future I felt it important to deviate from my plan to comment on one aspect of the work of our College Council.

This term the College Council engaged the services of Mr Mark Vincent of Insight Plus to facilitate a process of strategic planning with the view to advancing into the future. The student centred approach of All Saints’ College means we are not an organisation that moves forward by looking backwards, constantly reflecting on and engaging in the past. All Saints’ College is a place where the most interesting aspect of the organisation is its students, their aspirations and ensuring the College provides the best possible experiences for these aspirations to be realised. A strategic plan is a critical framework identifying the means by which the College can advance, continue to meet the needs of students into the future and have control of its own destiny. Mark Vincent’s extensive experience working on strategic plans with not-for-profit organisations, a large variety of corporations in Australia and overseas as well as work across all sectors of education provide him with unique skills and insights into the needs of a regional, Anglican, independent, co-educational boarding school such as All Saints’ College.

The strategic planning process this term has involved consultation with groups representing parents and students as well as all teaching staff and members of the College Council. Each group was asked to identify key strengths of our College, challenges for the College into the future. In collaborative workshops each group devised a number of actions they felt would advance the College in light of the identified strengths and challenges ahead. The sessions with Mark Vincent involved countless numbers of coloured sticky notes, much movement around the room, lots of questions, answers and robust conversations. Some words not to be used in actions by participants included “advance, develop, improve, engage, deepen or establish”. As a result, the workshop conversations were lively and very positive in all groups.

Following the wider consultative process the College Council engaged in a weekend workshop in November to bring together the enormous volume of material. Under the guidance of the facilitator the College Council gained a very deep understanding of the issues raised by the student, staff and parent groups. The College Council also gave detailed consideration to the actions and priorities brought forward through the consultative process. It is from this comprehensive process that our final plan will emerge.

It is premature to anticipate exactly the format of the strategic plan because it is still taking its final shape. The strategic plan will be available at some stage in the New Year. Its focus will be to take us to our sesquicentenary (150th anniversary) in 2024. The consultation process this term has identified some collective aspirations, goals and actions to take us to 2024 with a sense of purpose, controlling of our destiny and advancement.

An important aspect of this process for me has been the very positive manner and great optimism of everyone involved. We are looking towards a bright future advancing with purpose to our sesquicentennial year in 2024. The process undertaken this term has been very worthwhile and rewarding. Thank you to everyone involved.

All Saints’ cricketers pay tribute to Phillip Hughes

Of all the tributes since the recent tragic death of cricketer Phillip Hughes, the most poignant has been the #PutOutYourBats tribute. In Australia and around the world, cricket players placed their cricket bats and caps in cricket venues and other locations as a mark of respect for the memory of the test player. The recognition of this fine player and role model has spread to our local Bathurst community and at All Saints’ College, members of the 1st XI, Opens and Under 13s cricket team put out their bats in the College Trophy Room.

In a very touching statement, All Saints’ College Year 7 student, Jock Sutton and member of Under 13s Red cricket team attached to his bat a treasured memento of a chance encounter with Phillip Hughes (inset photo) at a recent cattle event at Millah Murrah Angus Stud on the Turondale Road.

Phillip, who had a love of cattle and was attending the event, noticed Jock’s surprise and delight at spotting him at the event and made a point of talking to him and sharing a photo opportunity with the young player.

Mr Michael Hissey
Trust and Obey

Carols Service Address  
- Wednesday, 3rd December 2014

Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt. (Matthew 2:14, NRSV)

Eddie was just a young man when the Nazis invaded Poland. He tried to avoid being taken prisoner by hiding in the forest, surviving on whatever he could catch or find. Eventually he was captured and was sent to the Birkenau concentration camp where he was a servant to the officers. Towards the end of the war an officer was being transferred to a prison farm and was allowed to take one prisoner as his personal servant. He chose Eddie.

It was at the farm that Eddie met Maria. She was also a prisoner. At the end of the war they married and came to Australia with their young son, Eric, as refugees fleeing war ravaged Poland. They spent some time in a camp in Bathurst before being relocated to a camp in Sydney. Eventually they left the camp and began to build a proper life. Eric was sent back to Bathurst to school at Stannies (St Stanislaus’ College). Eddie worked for over 30 years for what we now know as Telstra. He built his own home, bought a new car and raised his family in this land of opportunity. He had a strong faith. In his later years he looked back at his life and could see how God walked with him, giving him what he needed just when he needed it.

Eddie was my wife’s grandfather. Without his journey as a refugee she wouldn’t be here and I probably wouldn’t be standing before you today.

At the age of two, Ahn Do was bundled up by his father and along with his younger brother, mother, other family members and people (39 in total) they boarded an old wooden boat to escape communist Vietnam. They had no idea where they were heading and no idea just how perilous their journey would be. After being attacked twice by pirates in the first few days they were eventually rescued and taken to a refugee camp in Malaysia. Three months later they were offered sanctuary in Australia and came to this country not knowing the language or culture.

One of the first acts of love shown to them was in the form of clothing from Vinnies (St Vincent de Paul Society). Even though something got lost in translation and they ended up with boys clothes for Ahn and girls clothes for his brother, Khoa, the family was extremely grateful. After settling in to life in Australia the two boys attended St Aloysius’ College in Milsons Point. Again they experienced God’s love. After Ahn’s father left the family the College supported them, allowing them to stay on even though their mother couldn’t afford the cost of a private education.

Ahn’s faith was shaped by his experiences at St Aloysius’ and by the experiences of his family. His mother was in a convent training to be a nun when the communists closed the convents and outlawed religion. His uncle, a soldier, was due on a ship but missed it after a big night out. As the ship headed out to sea it exploded. Thankful for being saved, he became a Jesuit priest.

We know Ahn Do as a crazy comedian, ‘The Happiest Refugee’, sharing his experiences with audiences around the world. His brother, Khoa, received the Young Australian of the Year Award in 2005 for his work helping street kids in south-west Sydney. Despite their challenges, Ahn’s family speak of God’s work in their lives, “We give all the credit to the big fella upstairs.”

I came across a quote the other day, “An immigrant leaves his homeland to find greener grass. A refugee leaves his homeland because the grass is burning under his feet.” The experiences of Eddie, Ahn, Khoa, and the millions of people around the world who have had to flee for their safety are testament to this.

Our God understands refugees. Jesus was a refugee. Our bible readings tonight went beyond the familiar Christmas story to the events that occurred after the visit of the Wise Men. Joseph received another vision from God in a dream. The angel told him to flee with Mary and Jesus because the grass under their feet was about to be burnt. Herod was not going to risk a rival king and would do whatever it took to eliminate the threat to his power. But God had a different plan. It must have taken extreme courage on Joseph’s part to obey the angel. He was venturing into an unknown land, leaving behind everything that was familiar to him and his family. Joseph trusted God. He knew that whatever challenges were before him that God would be with him. Eddie trusted God as he and his family fled Poland. Ahn’s family trusted God as they fled Vietnam. As we take our own journey of faith we too should trust God, even if we have to leave behind the familiar for the unknown. Just as God protected and blessed Eddie, just as he protected and blessed Ahn and Khoa, he will protect and bless us. He has already proven this in the life of Jesus. He has promised that our faith in him will be rewarded.

May we all put our trust in Jesus as we celebrate his birth this Christmas. Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you this Christmas and always.

The Reverend Tony Card
Equestrian Dinner Presentation

The annual Equestrian Dinner held on Friday, 14th November, was arguably the most enjoyable one of its kind to date. The student focused concept and organisation was the result of a collaborative effort between Mr Mark Whifield, Mr Ian Redpath and Mrs Nicole Stockman. The vision we had all dreamt up came true on the night and the Britten House garden looked incredible draped with fairy lights and glowing under the lantern lights.

The classy atmosphere was created by the velvet tones of the string ensemble and the charming vocals of Bronte Gosper, providing high quality live entertainment. Yet this enchanted garden did not eventuate without the hard work of Mr Mark Whitfield, Mr Ian Redpath, Mrs Nicole Stockman, the All Saints’ groundsmen and the student helpers from the Agriculture classes. Special thanks also goes to our three handsome and extremely talented waiters - Cameron Redpath, Dylan Boyd and Felix McClymont - who served the delicious three course meal that was catered for by our very own All Saints’ College kitchen staff. The night was hugely successful and enjoyed by all who attended, including our wonderful regular coaches, Megan Joerg and John Kinghorn. It was very special for the team to be awarded their trophies in the presence of our coaches, along with Dr Miller and Mr Ross who presented each award.

Senior Highest Coonabarabran Point Score - Madeline Sinderberry
Highest Inter-School Point Score - Teagan Miller
Senior Equestrian of the Year - Sarah Farraway and Madeline Sinderberry
Most Improved Rider - Isabelle Card
Participation and Sportsmanship Award - Amber Stockman
Most Improved Junior - Adelaide Cunningham
Junior Highest Inter-School Point Score - Megan Redpath
Junior Equestrian of the Year - Megan Redpath
Junior Participation and Sportsmanship Award - Indiana Whitfield and Millicent Cupples

Congratulations to all the 2014 award recipients!

The All Saints’ College equestrian enthusiasts are looking forward to another great year of horsing-around in 2015.

Sophie Stockman

Carols Service

The College community gathered on a balmy Wednesday night (3rd December) for our annual Carols Service.

Once again the Cathedral was filled beyond capacity as students, their families and staff heard the Christmas story from the Bible, accompanied by the Kindergarten Nativity, and sang carols of praise to God.

We were blessed by wonderful performances from our College choirs, ably led by Mrs Frances McLeod and Mr Jonathan Clipsham.

Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to the evening. May you enjoy a happy, holy, and blessed Christmas.

The Reverend Tony Card
Remembrance Day

On Tuesday, 11th November, All Saints’ College held a service to commemorate Remembrance Day.

The whole school participated in the service which was held next to the Chapel. The 2015 Senior School Prefects organised and ran the service.

The service followed the usual Remembrance Day formalities including a minute’s silence, the Last Post and the Rouse.
Orientation Day

Orientation Day on Friday, 7th November, was a huge success!

In the opinion of this writer, one of the greatest and most successful attributes of All Saints’ College is the care taken with the introduction of new students and their families to the college community. The 2015 Orientation Day proved to be one of the best yet. On a warm spring day approximately 80 students from Kindergarten to Year 11 were in attendance to experience a “fact and fun” day at the College and to have the opportunity to meet other new students from their 2015 Year groups.

Following a welcome from Dr Peter Miller and hosted by the All Saints’ prefect body, the Senior School students took part in a number of demonstration classes which included Agriculture, Visual Arts, Drama and Music. The Year 7 students then joined in a treasure hunt exploring the College grounds followed by the great All Saints’ annual round of 25 a-side dodge ball!!

The official part of the day’s events concluded with a chapel service of thanks which was celebrated by the Chaplain, The Reverend Tony Card. Later, the Year 7, 2015 families met for an informal, twilight function in the grounds.

The events of the day proved to be a resounding success, with many new friendships formed for both children and parents. We are looking forward to welcoming these students and their families as they join the All Saints’ community in 2015.

My sincere thanks to the wonderful All Saints’ prefect body and to the many staff and parents who have helped with the complex organisation of this very happy day.

Mr Michael Hissey
140th Anniversary Ball

Over the weekend of November 1st and 2nd, All Saints’ College (incorporating Marsden Girls School) celebrated the first 140 years. On the evening of Saturday, 1st November, the Anniversary Ball was held at The Carrington in Keppel Street, Bathurst. The Ball was a very happy occasion, thoroughly enjoyed by all attending. A wonderful meal and fantastic music was supported by entertaining speeches from Mr Dick Crossing OAM (All Saints’ College 1936-42), Mrs Helen Baber OAM (Marsden Girls School 1948-51) and Mr Trevor Press (All Saints’ College staff 1966-2007).

On Sunday, 2nd November, at 10.00am there was a service of Morning Prayer held at the College Chapel recognising the history of All Saints’ College, celebrating its past and looking to our future. A morning tea in the Kemmis Building followed the service. Guests were able to view a range of items including old items of uniform, badges, photographs and other memorabilia all on display for the occasion.

The weekend’s events provided a rare opportunity for members of our college community to come together, reacquaint themselves with some old friends, share stories and strengthen the bonds between us. Thank you to everyone involved in the occasion for your role in making this such a success.

Dr Peter Miller
‘The moral progress of a nation and its greatness should be judged by the way it treats its animals.’
(Gandhi)

Members of the college community gathered on a glorious Sunday afternoon to remember the life of St Francis of Assisi and to bring their animals to be blessed. This service follows a long standing tradition of the Church to set aside a time when we remember that our animals are also a valued part of God’s creation and that we have a responsibility to be good stewards over them.

The Reverend Tony Card shared a story of reconciliation involving St Francis and encouraged those gathered to live lives of peace and reconciliation with all of creation. The dogs, goats and horses then lined up to be blessed, with all showing signs of reverence and connection with what was happening.

Special thanks to our P&F President, local dog catcher and RSPCA volunteer, Mrs Margaret Gaal, who brought along bags of doggy treats. A collection was held for the RSPCA, raising $100 for their work in Bathurst. Thanks also to Alliance Catering for the barbecue that we shared after the event.

Next year’s blessing will be held on Sunday, 11th October, the first Sunday of Term 4.

The Reverend Tony Card
Benefactors’ Service, Prefects’ Induction & Farewell to Year 12

“God saw all that he had made and it was very good” (Genesis 1:31 BNIV)

Students, staff, parents, and Benefactors gathered at All Saints’ Cathedral on a glorious sunny morning on Thursday, 18th September, to induct our 2015 Prefects, give thanks for our Benefactors, and to farewell the Year 12 class of 2014. We began with a stirring rendition of the College hymn, *For all the Saints*, played on the Cathedral organ by Year 10 student, Marcus Milton, and accompanied by the Chamber Orchestra conducted by Mrs Frances McLeod.

Junior School Captain, Natalia Burgess, and Senior School Captain, Angus McClelland, read from the scriptures (Psalm 16 and Romans 8:28-39) before the Cathedral Precentor, The Reverend Michael Deasey, spoke to the congregation, especially to the departing Year 12s, focusing on the wonder and beauty of God’s world amongst the pain and disaster that we see all too often. Father Michael illustrated this by speaking of the beauty of the sunflowers that were present among the wreckage of Malaysian Airlines MH17. He reminded us all that we see that beauty as we draw closer to God and charged Year 12 with the responsibility of taking the light of Christ into the world that they were about to enter, as symbolised by the candles and Bibles that they were to be presented with.

The Head of College, Dr Peter Miller, the Bishop of Bathurst, The Right Reverend Ian Palmer, and the Dean of the Cathedral, The Very Reverend Anne Wentzel, inducted the 13 prefects for 2015, praying that they may diligently and faithfully exercise their responsibilities over the coming year.

Prayers were led by Hannah Jane McCarthy (Year 7), Patrick Harrison (Barton House), Maxim Sotter, (Bean House), Charles O’Neill (Long House), Alannah Milton (Senior School Captain) and Benjamin Cant (Junior School Captain). The Years 5 and 6, 3 and 4, and Infants Choirs all sang beautifully and helped us to reflect on the significance of the sermon and events of the day, with the Infants Choir blessing Year 12 in song.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the smooth running of this most important service in the life of the College.

*The Reverend Tony Card*

Year 10 students entertain Kindergarten children

In their last reading period of Term 3, Mrs Catherine Dundon’s Year 10 English class entertained Kindergarten children by reading them a variety of picture books.

James Baker’s passion for *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* was clearly evident as he specially reserved the book at lunchtime and shared the story with each Kindy pair over an entire lesson.

Jeremy Innes had younger students giggling as he invited them to act out parts of *The Very Silly Book* and joined in with his own version of the Egyptian walk.

This idea, initiated by Mrs Lucinda Wells, was a perfect opportunity for all students to relax and share the joy of reading. *Mrs Catherine Dundon*
Semester 2 GAP Students
Scarlett Atherton

Hi, I am Scarlett Atherton and I am 19 years of age.
I live in Kent in England and I attended Cranbrook School where I studied Art, English and History of Art at A Level.
I played hockey and netball for my school and at club level.
I am really looking forward to this year at All Saints’ and to doing some travelling before I go home next year.

and go to university to study Sociology and Criminology.

Joshua Sherwani

Hi, my name is Joshua Sherwani. I live in a small town in England called Atherton and I am 19 years of age.

I have been to South Asia before.
I live in Sevenoaks, Kent in England. I went to Cranbrook School; I boarded from 12 to 18 years old and did English Literature, Classical Civilisation, History of Art and Art at A Level.

After my Gap year I hope to attend university to gain a teaching degree and if all goes well I would love to come back out here to work.

College says farewell to Jenny Lavoipierre

Jenny’s involvement over the years has been widespread and varied. She has taught English and History, coached netball and tennis, debating and public speaking. She has designed and painted sets, written, directed and produced plays, both for students and staff. Her artwork was the cover of the 2010 Bathurstian.
Jenny received an All Saints’ College Council Award for Excellence in 2011.

Perhaps the greatest legacy she leaves is the establishment of the Independent Learning Centre. Inspired by Jenny’s passionate belief about learning the ILC created a positive, supportive environment, where students could connect, laugh and develop a safe relationship where their learning could be enhanced and not blocked by the structures of the conventional classroom. It has continued to thrive and become a place of support and assistance for a number of areas.

We wish Jenny all the best on her new path and she can honestly know ‘Success’ because in the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson she can “Know that one life has breathed easier because you have lived”.

Tessa Jones

Charlie Morris

My name is Charlie Morris and I am from a town called Oswestry (about an hour west of Birmingham). I left Oswestry School in June 2014 where I studied Geography, Biology and Sport. I came to Australia to travel around, see the sights, play some cricket and meet lots of new people. I am a keen sportsman, particularly cricket, but I enjoyed playing football (yes football, not soccer) and rugby at school.

When I was asked if I would consider going on a Gap year I jumped at the chance, I believe it is a very good thing to do as it really develops you as a person and forces you to become more independent, ultimately preparing you for the challenges of the developing world.

During the Christmas break I plan to go to Perth to see some friends and travel around Western Australia, then fly to Cairns with some other Gappies, hire a very colourful camper van and drive back down to Sydney!

When I leave Australia my plan is to try and become a professional cricketer back in England and then eventually go on to study Law, I think, at University.

Verity Kelsey

Hi, I am Verity Kelsey. I live in Sevenoaks, Kent in England. I went to Cranbrook School; I boarded from 12 to 18 years old and did English Literature, Classical Civilisation, History of Art and Art at A Level.

I have been to South America, France and Jersey to play hockey for school teams and clubs.

This year I am going to be travelling through Australia in the holidays and next year going to New Zealand. Next year

I hope to go to university in Ireland or Wales to do a Midwifery degree.
Will Handwriting Ever Die?

Many years ago in a far-away place at a far-away time, I had a 21st birthday. In those days, one of the standard presents one would often receive was a pen, in a nice gift box. If you were lucky, there might also be a matched reticulating pencil. A few years ago I received a beautiful Montblanc pen which was stylish, fashionable and not cheap. Do people still receive pens for their coming of age or graduation? I would imagine not. The new writing tool of the digital age is an iPad or something similar. Many of you will view my precious pen as an antiquity!

Despite the attraction to things electronic, handwriting is important. It is a complex skill that affects your cognitive development and exercises visual, motor and memory circuits. When you write you build hand-eye co-ordination and practise fine motor skills. Professor Feder from the University of Ottawa suggests the repetitive process of writing builds motor pathways into the brain. The more children write, the more connections they build, although he states that poor handwriting also builds faulty pathways. There is also a suggestion that good handwriting can lead to better grades. There is a direct link between handwriting skills and academic success.

Some studies of Pre-Kindergarten students indicate those with well developed fine motor skills score higher in reading and mathematics than those students with poor handwriting. Perhaps this has something to do with the old adage; write it down so you won’t forget it.

Writing stimulates cells at the base of the brain called the reticular activating system (RAS). The RAS acts as a filter for the brain called the reticular activating system (RAS). The RAS acts as a filter for everything your brain needs to process, giving more importance to the stuff that you’re actively focusing on at the moment - something that the physical act of writing brings to the forefront. In her book Write It Down, Make It Happen, author Henriette Anne Klauser says that “Writing triggers the RAS, which in turn sends a signal to the cerebral cortex: Wake up! Pay attention! Don’t miss this detail!”

There is certainly a shift in some schools to employ more technology in the classroom. We now talk about BYOD (Bring your Own Device). With limited hours and increased pressure to meet higher standards, teachers are emphasising technology and tablets and less of the written word. Gone are the romantic days of practising cursive writing, curly Q’s or loopy L’s and giving book marks for neat writing. Mobile phones and SMS have even created new spelling, new words and abbreviations and emoticons that people add to their messages. Nevertheless, handwriting should retain its importance alongside the development of technology skills.

At the moment, all external examinations are handwritten, although there is talk of this changing. Education ministers have set 2016 as a provisional date to scrap pencil and paper tests and move NAPLAN online. The shift is expected to lead to quicker turnaround of test results and a more detailed, accurate view of student performance. Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) Chief Executive Robert Randall stated: “Online assessment offers benefits including potential for more accurate measurement of student achievement, and the ability to get information back to teachers and parents more quickly. Our research shows that a move to online testing will be beneficial to students with increased engagement and increased completion rates.”

That may be true in theory, but in practice will it work? With the high speed NBN roll out nowhere near our front gate (or in close proximity) I can’t see it working. Our task as educators is to chart a course between rhetoric and reality.

In an article in the Sydney Morning Herald in 2009 it was mentioned that the Higher School Certificate students could be typing their examinations essays on computers as early as 2012, according to Board of Studies predictions. Carol Taylor, the then Acting Chief Executive at the Office of the NSW Board of Studies, said it was “inevitable computers will be used in HSC exams”, particularly for subjects such as English. It is now 2014 and this seems no closer! There was also concern from several independent school Principals about the deterioration of handwriting. The former head of the Presbyterian Ladies’ College, William McKeith, said: “Changing technology driven by fast-tracked stimulus spending in our classrooms is occurring so rapidly that handwriting is the silent casualty.” He stated, “It has served us well and, no matter how many computers or mobiles we have, we still need to know how to handwrite, and write legibly.”

The Headmaster of The King’s School, Tim Hawkes, said generations of employers had complained about the quality of handwriting. “It also needs to be acknowledged it is important for students to develop keyboard skills because this is very likely to be the means of communication in post-school life and in employment … What is required is judicious instruction and training in both skills.”

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Wool Classing course

A TAFE accredited Certificate II in Wool Classing course recently commenced at All Saints’ College. A dozen Agriculture students from Years 9-11 have enrolled and aim to complete the theory and practical sessions by the end of the school term. Lessons are scheduled on Monday afternoons after school.

The focus of this entry level training is shearing shed duties and will give students a nationally recognised qualification. The first session involved differentiating X-Bred from Merino fleeces, skirting fleeces and exposure to the legislation and workplace health and safety in relation to shearing shed duties.

Students will be eligible to move onto the next level Certificate in 2015 and strive towards a complete Wool Classing Certificate over the next two years which we also plan to complete at school.

Any further students from the College who wish to be join the course or who are interested in enrolling next year are encouraged to make enquiries with the Agriculture Department.

Mr Mark Whifeld
Activities Week

Activities Week provided an enriching conclusion to the school year. Co-ordinating with preparation for the upcoming Grease musical, a Grease set design group was a centrepiece, complementing standing groups such as glassmaking, cake decorating and mosaics. Golf was a hit with younger students. Cattle Breaking again proved to be extremely popular. One of the most popular groups was fishing which toured a range of local fishing locations.

The College would like to express its deep gratitude to the following tutors: Ms Bridget Thomas (glassmaking), Mr Matt Barret (golf), Ms Selina Seifert (mosaics), Mr Robert McLean, Mr Kieran Edwards and Mr Grant Randall (role playing games), Mrs Tracey Tullier (cake decorating), Mrs Natallie Sutton, Mrs Kristina Sotter and Mrs Lynne Woodlock (Grease set design) Mr Mark Whitfeld, Mrs Elizabeth Casey and Ms Megan Moppett (cattle breaking). Mr Neil Inglis and Mrs Catherine Dundon for looking after the fishing group very professionally.

Our gratitude also goes to the catering manager, Mr Matthew Hitchens, and the kitchen staff for their hard work and adaptability in making and delivering lunches to students. A thank you also to the bus and coach drivers, the teaching staff who looked after groups and the administration staff who assisted in the planning of the week, in particular the Clinic staff, Mr Warren Stocks and Mrs Felicity Challita and the Accounting department staff. We have been very impressed by the effort and behaviour of students in their activities and the school looks forward to Activities Week continuing to develop.

Mr David Pike and Mrs Zoë McGirr

CSU “Game ON” State Champions

On Tuesday, 25th November, Associate Professor Mr Mark Frost, Head of the School of Management and Marketing at Charles Sturt University’s Bathurst campus, along with Ms Rachel Cavallaro, Administrative Assistant, School of Management and Marketing, CSU, visited All Saints’ College to make a presentation to the Year 11 Business Studies class winners of the CSU Business simulation “Game ON”.

David Mackender and Christian Westenfelder of Year 11 Business Studies led the GGC team that won the statewide competition, “Game ON”.

Operated by GoVenture, the Business Studies simulation game provided students with the opportunity to build and operate their own ‘virtual’ business in a simulated market environment. The game complemented the Stage 6 NSW Business Studies curriculum and covers key areas including Finance, Human Resource Management, Marketing and Operations.

Mr Wayne Feebrey, Business Studies teacher at All Saints’ College, said “the game provides a unique opportunity for the students to experience a business environment. It is an engaging way for students to learn and to make the most of the excellent resources provided by CSU.”

The ‘Game ON’ simulation ran for five months and was designed to assist HSC Business Studies students by providing them with a competitive and real life scenario that reflected what many businesses encounter in the real world.

In the previous two years of the competition, All Saints’ students had been regional winners but this year the school is the state winner of the competition defeating schools such as Canberra Grammar.
This term in English, Year 9 students have been examining a range of issues relating to the concept sustainability. The topic of Sustainability is a cross-curriculum priority under the new Australian Curriculum and has given students a chance to think about what they can do to ensure that our world will be a good place to live.

Students examined issues of environmental, economic and social sustainability, and considered ways in which they could take action as responsible citizens to ensure the longevity of our global and local communities.

The culmination of the unit required students to work in groups to put together a campaign relating to an issue of environmental sustainability. Throughout the term students also studied persuasive language devices and techniques and were able to transfer this knowledge into their presentations. Topics for presentations ranged from Deforestation, Human Pollution and Imported Pests. Students presented their campaigns to a panel of three expert judges: Mr Nicholas Lavoipierre, Mrs Jennifer Lavoipierre and Mr Rohan Fahey.

All groups are to be congratulated on the calibre of their presentations, and all groups should be pleased with their efforts. Students were enthusiastically involved in their campaigns, creating websites, posters, facebook groups, t-shirts, cakes, chocolates and more.

The winners were: Daro Thai, Christopher Lo, Tasha Hurley, Hannah Nobes, Clare Carter, Joshua Michael, William Siegert, Liberty Smith, Georgina Sutton, Emma McCarthy, Hugh McClymont and Lucy Morrison.

To have a look at a sample of the work presented by our Year 9 students - follow the link below. The link will take you to a website made by Sophie Chirgwin.

http://17schirgwin.wix.com/deforestation

Mrs Kristine Christian
(Head of English/LOTE)

National Skateboard Champion

He can lay claim to tackling Forrest’s Elbow faster than the leading V8 Supercars drivers and now Year 11 student Mitchell Thompson can lay claim to being a national champion as well.

Mitchell convinced his parents to drive him to Victoria where he contested the Australian Downhill Skateboard Racing Championship at Warburton.

Given the event offered a national title, it was the highest level of competition Mitchell had faced since taking up the sport almost two-and-a-half years ago.

But Mitchell took the step up in competition in his stride and by the time he completed his final run of the three-kilometre circuit, he had proven himself to be the leading grommet (junior).

“I saw a video of the track and it looked like a really cool track to race on. Then when I found out it was a national championship, that made me want to do it even more,” Mitchell said.

“I’ve contested a heap of other races before, but nothing as big as that. The biggest thing I’d done before was called Grom Bomb - that is for all the Under 18 juniors in Australia to race in and see who is the best. I didn’t do great because I crashed, but I still came fifth.”

The weather during the event, staged as part of the Yarra Ranges Downhill Festival, added to the degree of difficulty. The mercury struggled to reach seven degrees and dense fog drastically reduced visibility on a track with plenty of corners. There was rain as well, but the Bathurst talent had prepared for that.

“It was so cold that the wheels turned to ice basically. It is like ice skating - but at 80 kilometres an hour,” he said.

“I had to put some grooves in the wheels so the water could wash out. I was thinking ahead, so I was able to do that at home with a drill.”

The weather also forced a change to the format of racing, but that did not really hamper Mitchell.

He was only beaten once all day and that was riding against two Open Division competitors.

Mitchell is now heading to New Zealand to contest that country’s national titles in January next year, while he is also contemplating racing in the United States and Canada.

Story courtesy of the Western Advocate
The annual staff cake cooking competition was held on Friday, 14th November. This event is a way the staff welcome Year 11 officially into their HSC year. Many clever, creative and very professional designs were on display this year and the eating was enjoyed by all the students.

Three of the Year 11 students - William Hodges, Christian Westenfelder and Bronte Gosper - chose the overall winners in each category.

This year’s winners were:
Most Professional: Mrs Lucinda Wells

Most Creative and Imaginative: Mrs Suzanne King
Best Smalls: Science Department
Best Cheat: Mr Robert King

Welcome to Year 12!

One of the Year 7 Technology classes has been developing an “Innovative Snack” product in Semester 2. Students were required to modify an existing recipe or develop their own to create a new product. Food Product Development is a very competitive sector of the Food Industry with new product flavours, textures, shapes and creations continually being developed.

This unit of work enabled students to challenge their creativity with food design and develop some basic skills in food preparation.

Mrs Natalle Sutton
The All Saints’ College Peru and Bolivia Tour was an extraordinary expedition full of literal and emotional ups and downs. Consisting of students, teachers, parents, grandparents and cousins, it is an understatement to say that the group was extremely diverse.

The arrival in Lima was, in some ways, both a reward, for our long journey, but also a punishment, as we had finally arrived in the greatly anticipated Peru, but it was dark within five minutes of getting out of the airport, and we were rather jet lagged from our 39 hour day so we didn’t get to enjoy it fully. However, it was pretty awesome to use the hot shower and we went out for dinner at a local seafood restaurant.

The next day we saw that Lima was a colourful and culturally diverse city. A mix of ancient Spanish architecture and modern buildings created a colourful and exciting environment. We were privileged to visit a Peruvian museum, where we were introduced to Peruvian history and artefacts.

The Amazon Rainforest was one of the most exotic and breathtaking ecosystems in the world. With the assistance of our knowledgeable guides, bushwalks within the forest allowed us to sightsee wildlife in and out of the Amazon waters.

We got our first experience of ancient Inca culture when we arrived in Ollantaytambo, a picturesque town in the Valley of the Incas. It is a town adorned with temples built in the shape of giant llamas, and scary figurines carved into the mountain. Here we got to know our guides René and Pepe, who were really knowledgeable and funny.

The Inca Trail, a 43 kilometre trek within the Andes Mountain Range, proved to be four days of literal ups and downs, as well as physical, mental and emotional exhaustion. Despite such challenges, the trek was a journey of self discovery and persistence. The efforts of all group members are to be highly commended. Examples of such efforts include Mrs Zoë McGirr, who carried her laptop TV the entire trek (to catch the new season of Orange is the New Black), and Mr Anthony Stockman (Stocky) who was considering ditching the electrical business to become Australia’s next great bush poet. Even Mrs Libby Loneragan (or Bee - Charles O’Neill’s grandmother) was up the front of the group by the last day, showing up all us youngsters! Torrential rain and severe thunderstorms could not stop the energy and drive of the group to see the site of Machu Picchu, which was truly amazing.

We got to catch our breath in Cusco with our two free days before the nine hour bus trip to Lake Titicaca and then Bolivia. After visiting the amazing floating islands and an island home stay on the lake, we spent the night in Copacabana which was a beautiful little town right on the shores of Lake Titicaca. We (almost) saw the Black Virgin of Copacabana and the next day moved on to La Paz, where our trip wound down enjoyably with lots of time to pack and take in the city.

The group was not exactly excited for the journey home but it would be a relief when we got there. It was great to see our family and friends again after a long but wonderful journey. Although all that remains of Peru are some souvenirs, a stamp on a passport and the memories we take, those are more than enough and we are all extremely grateful for the amazing, eye-opening opportunity we have been given.

Charles O’Neill (Year 8) and Neive Roebuck (Year 10)
Congratulations to Erin Cobcroft who has been added to the Hockey NSW Under 18s state squad for 2015 as part of a group of 15-year-olds who attended trials in late September. This also means that Erin will be invited to join the HNSW accelerated athlete programme which provides regular high level coaching to invited athletes. A further boost for All Saints’ hockey!

Erin added to state squad

Horsing around over several months has been wonderful for Madeline Sinderberry (Year 8). In September, Madeline travelled to Werribee (Victoria) for the Australian Showjumping Championships. It was her first ride at this level, and with 110 horses in the Juniors (12 to 18 Years), she was hoping to make it to the final of just 30 horses.

Not only did Madeline make it to the finals, she won the AM5, won the Grand Prix and was sixth in the Table C without a single rail all weekend. Madeline’s time was just one second behind the eventual Champion in the Table C Speed class, and she was named the 2014 Runner-Up Australian Junior Champion. It was a big step in her jumping ‘career’. Madeline was the youngest in the event.

During the September/October holidays Madeline also competed in the Australian Youth Showjumping Festival at Camden, where she won all events she entered, including the main Junior Grand Prix.


FAMFEST 2014

The annual Film & Media Art Festival was held at the end of Term 3. Years 9 and 10 Drama students screened their TV Dramas, which they acted in, filmed and edited themselves. In particular, they learnt how acting for the screen differs from acting for theatre.

The Year 11 students screened their TV Show ‘Today for Yesterday’ and presented their Live Mic Radio Show ‘CRAC FM - Get Your Daily Fix - COMMUNITY RADIO AGAINST CENSORSHIP’ in front of an audience.

Mrs Zoë McGirr

Madeline Sinderberry and Fernhill Zinzan in action at the Australian Championships. Photo courtesy Derek O’Leary - Oz Equestrian Photos.

Madeline was invited to apply to represent Australia at an International Junior Competition in Chinese Taipei in November, and has had her first sponsorship offer.

Mrs Sarah Wrigley
The Year 12 Valedictory Dinner was held on Thursday, 18th September, at Bathurst Panthers in the Skyline Room. It was a night enjoyed by all who attended.

Mr Patrick Sinclair was the Master of Ceremonies; the Farewell Speech to Year 12 was given by Mr Wayne Feebrey and the toast to Year 12 was given by Mr Stewart Ross. Throughout the night speeches were made by Mrs Anne Llewellyn (President - Old Bathurstians’ Union), Angus McClelland and Alannah Milton (Senior School Captains), Matilda Lambshead (Marsden House Captain), Adam Plummer and Thomas Kay (Watson House Captains).

All Year 12 students were presented with a Certificate to welcome them into the Old Bathurstians’ Union.

Veterans Certificates were handed to six students who had attended All Saints’ College from Kindergarten (2002) to Year 12 (2014).

A superb three-course meal was served and there was live music for students, staff, parents and friends to listen and dance to.

A big thank you must go to Mrs Elizabeth Moller for all the time and effort she put into making this a superb night. Thanks also to Mr Robert Poole for taking photographs throughout the evening.
Leadership Centred on Community Service

This year All Saints’ College celebrated its 140th Anniversary with a Ball held at The Carrington on Saturday, 1st November.

The Ball was attended by many ex-students and provided a wonderful opportunity for all present to reflect on the history of the College, share old stories and look forward towards the future of the school. It was a privilege to speak to some of the ex-students from Marsden School and All Saints’ College. Their passion for the school was evident in the way they spoke so fondly of their school experiences and their continued close relationships with school friends.

Mr Dick Crossing OAM, an Old Boy of All Saints’ College, was one of the guest speakers at the Anniversary Ball. Mr Crossing provided some fascinating insights into what the College was like in the late 1930s. He spoke about the hardships of being a boarder in those days where hot showers were only allowed after rugby matches. He recalled times when there was no glass or flyscreens in the windows of the boarding houses making it quite chilly and breezy in the winter months. His recollections of life back then made me think about the privileged life our All Saints’ College students lead today and how important it is to help them develop an appreciation for such a life full of opportunity and exciting experiences.

There are many opportunities we currently provide the students to support the community and we are always looking for more community service initiatives for them to get involved in. These activities aim to help students develop an understanding of the importance of helping those who are not as privileged as they might be. Our weekly visits to Macquarie Care Centre open the children’s eyes up to a large portion of our population that many of them would never get the opportunity to meet. The Macquarie Care Centre residents love their interactions with the students during their weekly games of Bingo together. The children always come away from this experience with an increased empathy for those in the later years of their life. Fundraising events such as the Year 6 Fun Day and the Wacky Sock Day this year have enabled the Junior School students to give financial assistance to Daffodil Cottage and WIRES respectively. Raising the students’ awareness of the invaluable work such organisations partake in is just as important as sending in money and representatives from these organisations were invited to speak at our assembly. Operation Christmas Child, organised by The Reverend Tony Card, involved students supplying gift items to fill a shoe box that will be sent to children overseas. Gaining an understanding of how support can be given to people in need on a local, national and global basis is also an important lesson. With a greater sense of appreciation for how fortunate they are, hopefully our students will grow up understanding the need for them to provide leadership in the community which is centred on service and care for others. Schools should not just be about producing academics, athletics or musicians. Producing people who can contribute to society in a positive and supportive way is just as, if not more, important in today’s ever-changing world.
Infants Concert at Macquarie Care Centre

The Infants students travelled out to Macquarie Care Centre on Monday, 1st December, to deliver their annual Christmas Concert for the residents. There were some lovely songs and a nativity tableau performed by the students in front of a very appreciative audience. I would like to thank Mrs Frances McLeod and the Infants staff for preparing the children. I would also like to wish all of the residents at Macquarie Care Centre a very Merry Christmas.

Mr Christopher Jackman

Responsible Pet Education

On Monday, October 27th, Kindergarten students took part in a Responsible Pet Education programme. Jessica Van Groningen and her wonderful dog, Ned, visited Kindergarten. Jessica covered topics such as providing a safe and secure environment for pets, looking after your pets’ needs, microchipping and registering dogs and cats, and dogs’ body language.

Jessica, with the help of Ned, went through the steps for safely approaching a dog and a number of students had the opportunity to demonstrate the correct procedure. They followed the steps very carefully and were able to pat Ned.

Everyone learnt lots of important and pertinent facts and safety strategies. We enjoyed the visit very much and we loved having Ned in the classroom.

Mrs Gabrielle Darlington and Miss Sophie Hanigan
The Junior School production was held this year over two nights on November 27th and 28th. All of Years 3 to 6 were involved in the production with students in Years 3 and 4 performing in two separate numbers and students from Years 5 and 6 mounting a full performance of the play: Haphazardly Ever After.

The director, Mrs Zoë McGirr, chose the play, which centred around the benevolent King Barnabas (played by Thomas White) and Queen Mildred (played by Genevieve King), who were blessed with four belligerent children - Princess Peppermint (played by Charlotte Russell), Princess Cinnamon (played by Ella Hobbs), Prince Hairgel (played by Hugh Miller) and Prince Slacker (played by Jonah Siede). Narrated by Natalia Burgess, the story told of the many ways in which the King and Queen tried to ‘fix’ their children, from educating them, to putting them through therapy and even trying to marry them off. A group of four magical fairies (played by Samantha Porter, Amy Horne, Isobelle Sotter and Kate McEwen) put into motion some magical intervention. Finally, after each attempt failed, the exhausted parents decided to call on the expertise of the Magic Mirror (played by Thomas Siede) and the Fairy Godmother (played by Sara Reynolds). The King and Queen were instructed to purchase a series of magical spells from the Enchanted Depot. Of course, all the spells went terribly wrong and Princess Peppermint turned into a frog, Prince Hairgel grew Rapunzel hair, Princess Cinnamon accidentally drank the love potion and the Queen fell asleep. However, true to all fairytales, a happy ending did endure, albeit not quite as expected. Princess Peppermint went off to study engineering at Sydney University, Princess Cinnamon settled down with Eddie (played by Emmett Miller), Prince Slacker ran off with the Genie (played by Philippa Bendell) and Prince Hairgel started a successful hair gel business.

Haphazardly Ever After provided the opportunity for both the cast and crew to meaningfully engage with drama and experience the magic of theatre.

Both performances attracted large audiences and the Bickerdike Centre was abuzz with the electric energy of cast and crew.

It is without a doubt that this production was a resounding success judging by the enthusiastic response from the audience on both nights, as well as the wonderful performances by all members of the cast. The backstage and ‘tech’ crews also made sure that everything went smoothly.

Thanks must go to everyone involved in this production - the director, assistant directors, cast, set designers/constructors, make-up artists, props and costumes departments, lighting and sound, backstage and publicity.

Thank you so much for supporting the Performing Arts at All Saints’.

Mrs Zoë McGirr
The Infants classes celebrated the end of a wonderful year with the Infants Thanksgiving Service on Friday, November 21st.

This year the service was again presented outside the chapel and the setting and weather were lovely. Fortunately, it was warmer than last year. We were thrilled to welcome parents and grandparents as well as special guests from Macquarie Care Centre.

We also welcomed the Primary School children and staff and it was lovely to have so many people share the special occasion.

The theme for the service was Acceptance and extending the hand of friendship. The songs and readings led by Year 2 and the prayers said by Year 1 reflected the theme, as did the poem said by Kindergarten and Year 1. All students from Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 performed their roles with dignity and reverence.

I would like to sincerely thank all Infants staff and the Music staff, Mrs Frances McLeod, Ms Rosemary Fogarty and Ms Michelle Griffin, for their wonderful preparation and contribution to the service. I would also like to acknowledge Mr Christopher Jackman, Mr Graham Sharpe and the outdoor staff for their invaluable assistance in staging the service outside. A very special thank you to the technical crew of Mr Matthew Jarrett, Mr Shane Cooper and secondary school students who managed some difficult wind conditions to ensure that we could hear everything as clearly as possible.

It was a moving and beautiful way to conclude the year.

Mrs Gabrielle Darlington
Year 6 Valedictory Dinner

On Friday, 21st November 2014, the Year 6 Valedictory Dinner was held.

The evening began with a chapel service led by The Reverend Tony Card in the school’s chapel.

The students were given candles and reflected on their experiences in the Junior School.

There were beautiful musical items provided by Samantha Porter and Harley Goodman on cello, Thomas White on clarinet and Benjamin Cant on the piano. Once this was completed everyone made their way down to The Carrington (Bathurst).

Once all guests were seated Mr Christopher Jackman, Head of Junior School, welcomed everyone and a speech was delivered by myself thanking everyone for their contributions throughout the year.

The students were given a bag of gifts that included an engraved key ring if they had been at the school since Transition or Kindergarten, a Certificate of Completion, a school etching, a magazine designed by the students and a copy of the PowerPoint and DVD shown on the night.

The Junior School Captains, Natalia Burgess and Benjamin Cant, delivered their speeches highlighting different experiences throughout the years and then presented each student with a special award highlighting their talents.

At the conclusion of the night the students performed an arrangement conceived by Thomas White based on the musical composition Pompeii. There was a combination of instrumental and singing performances.

The meal was delicious and the venue perfect on the night. A big thank you needs to go to Mr Timothy Ellerman for the use of this beautiful venue.

The night was a great success and I would like to personally thank all parents and staff that contributed in some way.

Lastly, I wish Year 6 all the best for the coming years and know that they will succeed in all their endeavours.

Mrs Kay Murray

Ball Games Carnival

The Ball Games Carnival was held on Thursday, 20th November, and the atmosphere was filled with excitement and fun.

Both Houses were very enthusiastic and competed with a high level of enthusiasm in all age groups.

Esrom proved victorious on the day but only just with a final score of Esrom 31 vs Bradwardine 29.

I would like to thank Mrs Kay Nelson for organising such a fun event and all of the students for participating with such great sportsmanship.

Mr Christopher Jackman
Pre-Kinder Christmas Concerts

The Pre-Kindergarten Christmas Concerts are definitely the highlight of the year!

Each of the concerts (PK5, PK3 and PK2) clearly displayed how wonderfully the children had developed and matured throughout the year.

The children were very excited and looked absolutely beautiful on the respective day. They rose to the occasion and sang, danced, and played their parts to perfection.

The teachers were so proud of them all. Well done Pre-Kindergarten children!!
Junior School Music Night

On Tuesday, 4th November, we were entertained by all of the musicians in the Junior School in the Bickerdike Centre at the annual Junior School Music Night. There were brass, guitar and string ensembles, bands and choirs all performing pieces that they have been practising this year.

I would like to thank the Music staff for their wonderful work with the students.

Mr Christopher Jackman
The Junior School recently had a ‘Wacky Sock’ Day to raise funds for WIRES (Wildlife Information Rescue and Education Service). During the day prizes were given to the wackiest sock wearer in each class.

WIRES is an Australian animal rescue service that helps injured and abandoned animals who are found by the public. It was established in 1985 and is still going strong. They are currently responding to calls from Blayney, Orange, Cowra, Bathurst, Oberon and Jenolan Caves. Everyone who works at WIRES are volunteers who respond to calls almost every day. WIRES members respond to up to 27,000 rescue calls just in summer!

The money we raised ($243.60) will go towards vet bills and supplying food for the animals. WIRES also gives educational talks explaining what to do with an injured animal. WIRES’ busiest time of the year is bushfire season because there are a lot of animals burnt or injured during this time. By raising this money it helps them prepare for this busy time. Because of these bushfires koalas have become a very big thing that WIRES have been taking in. Luckily most koalas are restored to full health and released back into the wild.

The day, organised by the Junior School Student Representative Council, was a great success and we hope everyone had fun. Well done to all the winners.

Thomas Siede and Amy Horne (Year 5)
After a very bleak Tuesday night (14th October) of snow and fierce winds, the Years 5 and 6 students set off for camp feeling a little anxious about what lay ahead for the next three days. Miraculously, the weather changed for the better and we were treated to three glorious sunny days which made for a fantastic camp. Newnes, in the Wollemi National Park, provided a wonderful setting for our annual Years 5 and 6 camp with a spectacular backdrop of tall sandstone escarpments and a clear flowing river next to the camp ground.

After setting up their tents the students went for a walk around the Shale Oil Mine ruins. The ruins are fascinating and provide an insight into what a busy place Newnes must have been in the early 1900s. On Day 2 we set out for a hike to the glow worm tunnel, an old railway tunnel in the Newnes Plateau that was used to transport the shale out of the valley. The glow worms were shining brightly and were a marvellous sight. After another 12 kilometres of walking back to camp the students were treated to a swim in the river which was a welcome reward for the big day hiking. I was very impressed by the students’ support for one another on the hike and especially walking through the tunnel in the pitch dark.

I would like to thank the staff who attended and especially the parent helpers, Mr Brad Green, Mr Michael Stede, Mr David Gardiner and Mr Tim Goodlet, who were always enthusiastic and willing to get involved.

Mr Christopher Jackman
(Camp Co-ordinator)
Year 6 Fun Day

The Year 6 annual Fun Day was held on Friday, 10th October. It was a great afternoon with terrific weather.

The Junior School had a fantastic time fishing for sour worms, getting their faces painted and hair sprayed, playing with water pistols, sliding on the plastic sheet, basketball shooting, kicking soccer goals, eating ice cream spiders and decorating biscuits, just to name a few activities.

A total of $1,153 was raised on the day and this was donated to a Daffodil Cottage representative at a Junior School assembly on Friday, 24th October.

A big congratulations to Year 6 for organising the day and a big thank you to the parents for supporting the students.

Mrs Kay Murray
**Watson House Touch Football team**

On Sunday, 9th November, the Watson House touch football team went to St Stanislaus’ College to play four games. Each game was 15 minutes long and during the four games we won the third game.

The team consisted of Mr Bradey Allen (Head of Watson House/Boys’ Boarding), Jeremy Innes, Joshua Willcox, Christian Singson, Patrick Mitchell, Egrinya Adie, guests Jack Schumacher and Matthew Jackman, and Matthew Simon. In each game all the boys played really well defending hard and scoring tries.

Try scorers on the day were Joshua Willcox with a hatrick, Matthew Simon, Jack Schumacher, Mr Allen and Matthew Jackman. With good performances all day from Joshua Willcox in every game, he was our ‘Player of the Day’. Thanks go to Mr Allen for organising this weekend of touch football.

Matthew Simon

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**Marsden End of Year Awards**

At the end of the year we present two awards in Marsden House. The girls who receive these awards are chosen by input from all staff.

One award is the ‘Certificate of Appreciation’ for a student who has been most helpful throughout the entire year - someone who regularly helps staff without being asked, sees jobs to be done and is generally pleasant and polite to staff and students. Congratulations to Heidi Stokes.

The other award is the “Spirit of Marsden” and goes to the student who displays good House spirit, is involved in House activities, helps students who need any assistance whether it be with study, homesickness etc and is a good all-round role model. Congratulations to Samantha Leatham who received this award.

*Mrs Gillian McAllister (Head of Marsden House/Girls’ Boarding)*

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**Christmas Dinner**

On Sunday, 30th November, the boarders had their annual Christmas dinner in the dining room. We enjoyed a meal of turkey, ham and roast vegetables - pumpkin, potatoes and parsnips.

The room looked very festive as it was decorated with two trees, tinsel, Christmas crackers and individual lolly bags.

Thank you to the Card family and Mr Stewart Ross for coming to dinner and to the boarding staff who attended.

After the meal we went to the Chapel for our final chapel service of the year.

We were invited to the Cards’ house to enjoy a wonderful homemade spread for dessert. Thank you to Reverend Tony, Mrs Card, Grandma Jan, Isabelle and Tom for hosting us in their front garden to enjoy more lollies, a Marsden gingerbread house, a Watson gingerbread house, trifle, mini christmas puddings, christmas cake, white christmas slice, meringues, etc.

We had a really lovely night and everyone was more than satisfied and full of Christmas cheer!

Watson House presented a TEAR gift to the girls of a goat.

Marsden girls presented a TEAR gift to the boys - which was a goat, several chickens, school packs, clean water and vegetable garden kits.

I now hope all students and staff have a wonderful break with their families and friends during the school holidays and we look forward to welcoming them back in 2015.

“Stay safe” and “Merry Christmas to all”.

*Mrs Gillian McAllister*
On Wednesday, 22nd October, the boarders enjoyed an Italian theme dinner in the dining room for some variety in the menu. Thanks to Matthew Hitchens and Kyle Mills for the vast amount of pizza they cooked. We also had a pasta salad, a green salad and then dessert which was Tiramisu. The students were asked to dress in the Italian colours of red, white and green and most of them tried to make a determined effort! “Best Dressed” for the night has to go to Scarlett Atherton (Gap student) for her ITALIA top.

Mrs Gillian McAllister and Mr Bradley Allen (Heads of Marsden and Watson Houses)

On Saturday evening, 1st November, the Marsden girls had great fun at our Hallelujah Party, which was held on the lawn and around the barbecue area.

This was in lieu of celebrating Halloween and the girls came dressed as their favourite idol - we had Charlie’s Angels, Cleopatra, a Greek Goddess, a surgeon, Hugh Jackman, cheerleaders, and even one girl dressed up as “Superstar Mrs McAllister” - she is still working on the accent!

We had lots of savoury snacks, lollies, chocolate biscuits and soft drink.

Thanks to Mrs Carina Card and Isabelle Card (Year 10) for joining in the fun and bringing along a fantastic fruit platter.

We played some games including an egg and spoon race, a three-legged race and dunking for apples which turned out to be absolutely hilarious - Verity Kelsey and Scarlett Atherton (our Gappies) joined in and had fun getting soaked from head to foot! After the games, the girls had the music cranked up and they all enjoyed some disco dancing.

Well done to Paxton Hewitt (Year 8) who organised much of the evening’s entertainment.

Mrs Gillian McAllister
On Wednesday, 17th September, Mrs Carina Card put on a sumptuous spread of cakes and biscuits with tea and coffee for the Marsden girls.

This was a fitting finale to two terms of “Girls’ Night In” which Carina hosted weekly on Wednesday evenings in her house. The girls learnt about make-up, manicures, money, knitting, card making etc.

Thank you so much to Carina for her hospitality and ongoing care and friendship, and to Isabelle Card for assisting her mum bake for the event.

Mrs Gillian McAllister

On Tuesday, 16th September, the boarding community and invited guests farewelled our Year 12 boarders from Marsden and Watson Houses.

Thanks to Dr Peter Miller, Mr Stewart Ross and The Reverend Tony Card for attending our special dinner in the dining room.

Thanks also to Mr Matthew Hitchens and his catering team for providing a lovely meal with nibbles on the table when we arrived, a roast dinner and finally, individual pavlovas for dessert.

The new leaders for 2015 - Marsden Captain, Samantha Leathem, and Watson Co-Captains, Tom Nobes and William Hodges, spoke to the Year 12s thanking them for their friendship and leadership in the boarding houses and also wishing them all the very best for their HSC exams and for the future.

Each departing Year 12 was given a gift from their respective House - a photo album of “memories” for the girls and cufflinks for the boys.

We rounded off the evening in Watson House common room to watch an amusing video put together by the Year 12 Watson boys on their views of boarding versus what their parents assume is happening!

It was a lovely night and a fitting way to end Term 3 and the end of school “as they know it” for the Year 12 boarders.

Good luck to all Year 12s from staff and students of Marsden and Watson.

Mrs Gillian McAllister
On Tuesday, 9th September, the Year 12 Marsden boarders and staff enjoyed a lovely night out at the Vanilla Bean Restaurant. We had a wonderful meal in wonderful company to farewell the girls in fine style.

* Alison Sayers has been our longest serving boarder having spent five and a half years in the boarding house - from Year 7 until Term 3 this year.
* Sarah Moody also came in Year 7 but spent Year 10 in Dubbo before rejoining us in Year 11 - a total of five years.
* Aimy Butt left boarding at the start of Year 12 - four years.
* Matilda Lambshead, Madison Muller and Alannah Milton came in Year 10.
* Mollie Gorman and Lily Wright arrived as Year 11 students.
* Isabelle Houston left boarding at the start of Year 11.

Thank you to the staff who came to enjoy a night out with the girls - Mrs Gemma Clipsham, Miss Sophie Hanigan, Miss Renee Cotter, Miss Emily Burton, Ms Samara Claypole and myself.

The girls were each presented with a bunch of flowers and we shared a chocolate mud cake to round off the evening.

Matilda gave a lovely speech and thanked the staff for their love, care and guidance and said they would not have survived without us to look after them!

The staff wish the girls all the very best for their future.

* Mrs Gillian McAllister

Graduating Marsden girls

On Thursday, 18th September, the school held the annual Valedictory Dinner to farewell our Year 12 students.

We went to Panthers for a fabulous evening of entertainment, a wonderful meal, speeches, presentations, music and great company with the students, their parents, friends and staff.

The girls were so glamorous in their long gowns.

Graduating Marsden girls for 2014 were Madison Muller, Sarah Moody, Mollie Gorman, Lily Wright, Alannah Milton and Matilda Lambshead.

I am proud of all these girls and wish them all the very best for the future.

* Mrs Gillian McAllister
**“Saints’ Who Served in the Great War” WWI Dossier Project**

**To be remembered at All Saints’ College, on the Centenary of Anzac Day, 2015.**

Around Australia, there are many activities underway to mark the Centenary of ANZAC. Examples are with two Councils nearest this writer’s home - Woollahra and Waverly - as well as across Sydney Harbour in Mosman. All of these have groups working at collecting the history of their citizens who served during the conflict.

All three of the above can count among their lists, All Saints’ College Diggers. This collection of dossiers for All Saints’ had its beginning in 2009 and will culminate with publication for ANZAC Day 2015.

*The History of All Saints’ College, Bathurst*” (1963) lists 34 ex All Saints’ College members who “lost their lives on service.” Added to their names were the units enrolled in. However, on inspection, no date of death, or their units, was presented for two men; *John Martin and A.W (or, F.W.?)* Smith. To this list, two more killed were since identified - Mervyn Day and Earlston Korff. Other names have also been added to those who returned. Many other corrections have been made to the original lists, be they in the School History or on the Honour Boards.

With Internet resources (e.g. *Trove*.) now available, it could be surmised that it might be easy to research and fill in missing details. As a result, published in VIM (2009) was my resulting article on John Martin. Sadly, these years later, with hundreds of “Smiths” to troll through, this Smith has not been further indentified. This is also the case with Bosworth, W.W. Cornish, A. Chauncey (Chauncy?), Captain Malcolm Kirwan, Captain F. Stokes, and H.L. Maynard. Further, with the paucity of overseas records, not much is available on the 20 or so who served with British, Canadian, Chinese, French and West African units.

Continuing this interest, I proceeded to “cut and paste” into “scrapbook” dossiers any additional snippets I encountered on all of our servicemen. In this, I received encouragement from staff and friends of All Saints’ College to keep extending this collection. A close collaboration was developed with Mr Wayne Feebrey (All Saints’ College teacher) who envisaged that some of the scrapbook material had potential as a teaching resource on WWI for current and future All Saints’ students. Thus to some degree the collection has an orientation to this academic purpose.

As I started researching the 34, the significant connection with Gallipoli, and of the Anzac survivors, seven were later lost elsewhere.

A much heavier task was begun, in answering “who else fought at Anzac?” The list numbered about 50, so, if one was to prepare dossiers, some 85 were needed! But, as they say, “that’s not all.” There were some additional 135 who also gave service. Why not, open dossiers on all our men? This evolved into setting a target to release all available scrapbooks for next ANZAC Day. The dossiers provide much more than a stark list of names. Underpinning each file, are selections from Personal Service Records from National Archives and newspaper cuttings. Casualty and Red Cross Reports are often, sad, frank and confronting. Added are photos as found, data from their time at All Saints’ College, university, occupations, family (“hatch, match and despatch” records), as well as copies of original documents (e.g. diaries).

A conclusion is, what a diversified, interesting, frightening, and sometimes outstanding record our men achieved and experienced. As such it is not presented as well-written prose. It is in crude form. The reader often sees in the originals, the unadorned and sometime shocking facts - such as the original report of the wounded.

- *Scott shooting himself to avoid being taken prisoner by the Germans; or*
- *Sweetland, lasting a few days from the Landing; evacuated (“nervous breakdown”) and being sent home under a cloud “.....never be able to exercise the necessary control of men in the field.”; or*
- *another being court–marshalled for shortcomings at Fort Scratchly (Newcastle) at the beginning of the War, later to commit suicide; or*
- *another to shoot himself in Burwood Park, soon after the war due to “war service”; or*
- *Sands’ Secret Service mission for the Prime Minister to the Far East in 1917 to investigate Japanese future intentions in the region - and many, many more.*

**Request:**

A couple of years ago, VIM published an article on Clive Thompson. At the time there were descendants of his at All Saints’ College. Are there any readers with details of any of our men they would like to share? Contact: Tony Cable - tonystandco@hotmail.com

*Mr Tony Cable (Saturday, 1st November, anniversary of the day the first ships left Albany.)*

Memorial Service for Ray Bailey

On the morning of the Spring Fair (Sunday, 14th September) a number of Old Boys, especially from 1964, past and present staff gathered at the steps of Watson Oval to pay tribute to Ray Bailey, a former member of the school staff, and dedicate a stone seat to him as a lasting acknowledgement of the significant role that Ray had within the school as the Grounds Assistant.

Dr Peter Miller opened the service with a welcome to all. Scott Sullivan (ex-student and staff member from the late 1970s) spoke very warmly and eloquently about his connection with Ray both as a student and a staff member. He recalled many of the unknown things that Ray had done above and beyond his ‘duties’ and the wonderful presence he had within the school.

As a permanent reminder of the fact that Ray was so much part of the fabric of the school, the Old Boys donated a significant part of the cost of the seat and plaque in honour of Ray who was very much part of their lives whilst at school. Many thanks to Dr Miller and the 1964 Old Boys for establishing this.

Special thanks also to Scott Sullivan who printed the service pamphlets and gave the very special tribute to an old colleague and friend to many.  

Tessa Jones

Donation of Bobby Gibbes’ book by Wass Family

Robert (Bobby) Gibbes was a leading Australian fighter ace of World War II and the longest serving wartime commanding officer of No 3 Squadron RAAF. He was one of Australia’s most decorated fighter pilots. Bobby attended All Saints’ College in 1929 and 1930.

Bobby published his memoirs, You Live But Once in 1994 and was guest speaker at All Saints’ College Speech Day in that year. A signed copy of the book has been kindly donated to the school by Judith Wass and family of Nyngan.

Mrs Wendy Wass
Back to Saints’ Dinner

The Reunion Dinner was a real blockbuster with groups from 1954 to 2004 and years in between getting together in the school dining hall to reminisce about old times and “remember when...”

Some of the Old Bathurstians had come a long way to join us, even one from Hong Kong. Ex-teacher, Mr Stuart Partis came from South Australia to meet up with his students of 1970s and he entertained us with his version of the All Saints’ song. Mr Peter Machin prepared a professional visual presentation of life in the 1960s for his cohort to entertain us.

It was a great night thanks to the efforts of those who got their cohort together.

Mrs Memory Sanders
January 27
Staff Day
New Boarders Arrive 3:00pm
New Boarders and Parents BBQ 6:00pm

January 28
Staff Day
9:00 am New students orientation
Existing Boarders return

January 29
Classes commence (SS & JS)
Pre-Kinder 2 and 5 Day classes commence
Year 7 Orientation and Swimming Heats

January 30
Commencement Service 10:20am
Pre-Kinder 3 Day classes commence
Pre-Kinder & Infants Parent Information Night

January 31
ISA Round 7 1st XI Cricket v Pius (A)

February 2
JS Swimming Heats
Years 5 and 6 Parent Information Evening

February 3
Years 3 and 4 Parent Information Evening
Years 11 & 12 Swimming Heats 3:30pm-5:00pm
Swimming Heats Years 8 and 9 Pd 1 and 2;
Year 10 Pd 3 and 4

February 4
JS Swimming Finals
Development Committee Meeting

February 5
P&F Committee Meeting 6pm Library
Grease 7pm BMEC

February 6
Grease 7pm BMEC

February 7
Grease 2pm and 7pm BMEC
1st XI Cricket v SSC (A)
Boarding P&F Sub-Committee Meeting - Library
3:30pm

February 8
Year 12 Geography Fieldwork (TBC) until Feb 10

February 9
ACER Scholarships close

February 10
P&F Meeting 6pm Year 4
WAS Opens and U15 Basketball Trials

February 11
TVET Commences
Finance Committee Meeting

February 12
JS Swimming Carnival

February 13
SS Swimming Carnival
Head of College Function 7pm-9:30pm

February 14
1st XI Cricket v BMGS (A)

February 17
JS Picnic on the Oval
Netball Trials 12s, 13s, 14s 3:30pm
School Council Meeting

February 18
Ash Wednesday

February 19
Netball Trials 15s, 16s 3:30pm

February 20
Grandparents’ & Special Friends’ Day

February 21
1st XI Cricket v Oakhill (H)

February 23
Country Cricket Trials (ASC) TBC

February 24
Senior Netball Trials 3:30pm
JS WAS Swimming
HICES Debating Round 1 to be completed

February 26
Senior Netball Trials 3:30pm

February 27
SS WAS Swimming

February 28
ACER Scholarship Examination
ISA Summer Semi-finals
Senior Netball Trials (call back)

March 2
Lucky Country 9:15 Kemmis Multicultural Show

March 3
Academic Scholarship Assembly

March 5
P&F Committee Meeting 6pm Library
NSW All Schools Triathlon

March 6
NSW All Schools Triathlon
Year 10 Multicultural Excursion

March 7
Sydney Schools’ Expo until March 7
ISA Summer Finals

March 9
Years 7-11 Motivational Media 11.30am
WAS Opens and U16 Hockey Trials

March 10
P&F Meeting 6pm Marsden
Year 7 Camp until March 13

March 11
ISA Swimming Homebush TBC
Finances Committee Meeting

March 12
Opens Hockey Selection Trial
Year 10 Startsmart 9am-10:30am - CBA

March 13
ASC Open Day
Beef Spectacular TBC
Year 9 Camp Packing 10:45-1:00

March 14
OBU Dubbo Dinner
Beef Spectacular TBC

March 16
Year 9 Camp until March 20
Year 12 Examinations until March 25

March 17
School Council Meeting

March 18
Years 3 and 4 Camp until March 20

March 19
HICES Debating Round 2 to be completed

March 21
Boarding P&F Social Function - Grenfell

March 22
Millthorpe Markets

March 24
Meet and Greet Supper Cowra

March 25
Years 7 and 8 Questacon Day

March 26
JS Inter-House Cross Country

March 27
SS Public Speaking & Debating am
SS Inter-House Cross Country pm
Cricket Dinner

March 28
Waratahs Rugby (TBC)
ARU Rugby Clinic

March 29
Waratahs Rugby (TBC)

March 30
Literature Festival
JS Parent Teacher Interviews
Hugh McKay Evening Kemmis

March 31
Literature Festival
JS Parent Teacher Interviews

April 1
Literature Festival
JS Parent Teacher Interviews
Scholarship offers

April 2
Term 1 ends
Boarders depart
Good Friday Service 10:20am
Easter Hat Parade