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Cover photo: Mia Reynolds and Lachlan Roach (Year 2) are all dressed up for the Junior School Beach Disco.

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United Kingdom Sabbatical

Sometimes things can be even clearer from a distance. This was certainly my experience while undertaking a sabbatical in the United Kingdom last month.

In my Term 1 2014 article for VIM, I outlined my understanding of the features of a “good school”. I described a good school as one which enables a sense of belonging and a strong connection to “place”. A good school also provides a range of positive experiences to students and staff (as well as the wider community) that shape their development. This was very much at the front of my mind while visiting UK schools.

The schools I visited had many things in common. They also differed in many ways. All the schools had boarding students, one was a government school, three were in rural surrounds, two were in regional centres (or near a large city) and one was in metropolitan London. The history of some schools extended over 600 years with the newest one commencing in the 1850s. It was interesting to note that even though schools may have a long history, their expansion and social standing has been relatively recent and often a product of the Industrial Revolution and changes in Victorian England.

Through my visits I was reminded of the importance of individuality of schools and how each has its own character. The Head, with staff and a governing board, work together to create and maintain a particular character. This is reinforced and sometimes driven by parents and students, as well as past students. It is fair to say that each of the schools I visited are good schools. They varied but they had a shared imperative.

Also, visiting other schools provided a very privileged insight into their operations, problems, approaches to solutions and the personalities and policies behind all this. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to visit these schools, talk with staff and students as well as to attend lessons where I sat with students on a number of occasions.

As a result of my visits and time away, I am even clearer in my understanding of why All Saints’ College is a good school. The level of connection and community is a distinctive feature of our school and one we are always looking to advance.

Finally, I am grateful to the support of many people who enabled my time away to be a success. The work of Mr Stewart Ross as the Acting Head of College is greatly appreciated. He stepped into the role and kept things running seamlessly. Similarly, thanks to all my colleagues who filled the inevitable gaps. The support of the College Council as well as the whole school community has been generous and gracious. It is wonderful to be back and part of a really great school.

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On Tuesday, 3rd June, the Year 11 PDHPE class visited Dedicated to Fitness (d2f) to participate in a RPM class to understand and feel the difference in aerobic and anaerobic energy systems with the body.

Mr Bradley Allen

Year 11 PDHPE visit to d2f
Knowing God

It is hard to believe that half of the 2014 school year is past. So many positive things have happened as our College community has grown in understanding and faith. We have focused our efforts this year on knowing God through knowing Jesus. This year brought about a new way of us gathering to remember key times in the Christian calendar as we held whole school chapel services in the Bickerdike Centre to remember Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and Pentecost. I have been particularly encouraged by the way in which our students have participated in these services through coming forward to receive ashes on their foreheads, laying their prayer concerns at the foot of the cross, and receiving the Holy Spirit through the anointing of oil. Our Year 10 drama students did a fantastic job at the Good Friday service as they acted out the last hours of Jesus’ life. It was a moving experience for all. I have also been thankful for the support of The Very Reverend Anne Wentzel, Dean of All Saints’ Cathedral, and The Reverend Tim Fogo (Kelso) with these services.

These whole school chapels and the students’ involvement in them have complemented our regular weekly chapel programme. During Term 1 we examined the ‘I am’ statements of Jesus as we learnt more about who Jesus said he was. This term we have been considering the appearances of Jesus to his disciples after his resurrection in an effort to understand that Jesus is alive and that his promise of eternal life can therefore be trusted.

Knowing God can be a tricky thing. In his timeless classic *Mere Christianity*, author C.S. Lewis states:

“When you come to knowing God, the initiative lies on His side. If He does not show Himself, nothing you can do will enable you to find Him. And, in fact, He shows much more of Himself to some people than to others - not because He has favourites, but because it is impossible for Him to show Himself to a man whose whole mind and character are in the wrong condition. Just as sunlight, though it has no favourites, cannot be reflected in a dusty mirror as clearly as in a clean one.”

So, whilst we can examine Jesus’ claims about himself and consider the evidence for his resurrection, we are not guaranteed that this will bring us closer to knowing God. One crucial element remains - our attitude towards wanting to know him. Lewis points out that the initiative is on God’s side. God always wants to get to know us but it is up to us to receive him.

A famous painting by Holman Hunt shows Jesus knocking at an ivy-covered door with a lantern in His hand. Hunt was criticised because there was no latch on the outside of the door. His answer was, “Of course not. The latch is on the inside. We alone can open it.”

C.S. Lewis uses the image of the dusty mirror not reflecting light as well as a clean one. It is up to us to dust off the mirror of our heart and let the image of God be reflected in it.

“Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.” - Jesus (Revelation 3:20, NRSV)

With all the blessings of Christ.

Junior School Chapel

At our Junior School chapels on Wednesday, 4th June, students learnt that we can only achieve our best when we have Jesus on our side.

Infants School students helped Father Tony Card to tell the story of Jesus making a breakfast of grilled fish and bread for his disciples on the shores of the lake after He had performed another miracle with the catch of 153 fish by acting it out. You can find the story in John 20:24-31.

To help remember the story, students were treated to a ‘breakfast’ of sausages and bread, ably cooked by Mr Christopher Jackman, Mr Phillip Cant, Mrs Lisette Hoskins and Mrs Johanne Nichols.
Festival of Art

The Opening Night of the Festival of Art on Friday, 30th May, attracted a number of school families, artists and community members.

The Festival was opened by Mrs Fudeko Reekie and throughout the evening those in attendance were entertained with performances by drama (beforehand in the Drama Room) and music students.

The evening was very successful in that it brought together artists and people with an interest in art.

Mr Robert Poole

Olympic gold medallist gives equestrian clinic

A month of equestrian events continued at All Saints’ College on Wednesday and Thursday, 21st and 22nd May, when the All Saints’ College Equestrian Team hosted a two day training clinic given by Australian Olympic Equestrian Gold Medallist, Stuart Tinney OAM. Assisting Stuart in the two day programme of master classes was NCAS Level 2 Dressage Specialist, Megan Joerg.

All Saints’ Equestrian President and parent Ian Redpath noted:“Stuart is a well-known Australian equestrian identity, a Gold Medallist at the Sydney 2000 Olympics with representative honours at the 2004 Athens Olympics. He has also represented Australia at the World Equestrian Games since 1988. In 2003 Stuart was inducted into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame and has received an Order of Australia for his contributions to equestrian sport. Megan provides weekly lessons at All Saints’ College as part of the flourishing equestrian programme. Our young riders are very lucky to receive the benefit of instruction by these inspiring equestrian professionals.”

At the two day training clinic, Megan put the students through their Dressage paces whilst Stuart gave the young riders his wealth of understanding in coaching the All Saints’ team in the finer points of Showjumping.

Mr Michael Hissey (Registrar)
Showjumping Day

Bathurst turned on glorious weather on Sunday, 11th May, for the Equestrian Group to host the fifth annual All Saints’ College Showjumping Day.

Over 70 riders from schools throughout the Central West and further afield contested three events over varying heights vying for Champion and Reserve Champion Rider.

Competition started at 45cm for younger and beginner riders and made its way to the feature event, the 1.15m classes where the competition was of the highest standard.

All Saints’ College featured heavily in the final presentations with Claudia Cunningham taking out the Reserve Champion title in the 45cm competition, Megan Redpath was the Champion 60cm rider, Ruby Woodlock took out the Reserve Champion Rider for both the 75cm and 90cm classes while Catherine Crampton and Teagan Miller were Champions for the 75cm and 90cm classes respectively. Not to be outdone, Maddison Harley was awarded Reserve Champion for the 1.05m class and Madeline Sinderberry was the 1.15m Reserve Champion.

Another fantastic event enjoyed by not only the riders but volunteers and spectators alike. The Equestrian Group would like to thank everyone who helped on the day and a special note of thanks to our sponsors: Bedwell’s Feed Barn, Saddleworld, Cunningham’s the Law Practice, Glanmire Boarding Kennels and Cattery, Moogenilla Angus, OzWide Asset Management and Shawman Transport Services.

Mrs Nicole Stockman
Extreme wintry weather of biting winds, rain and sleet, a passing parade of resolute Bathurstians putting on a brave face, not quite the usual hordes of excited children, baby carriages through puddles, endless loud spruiking on a recorded loop, red and blue balloons escaping in gale-force winds, fabulous student musicians performing in the soggy twilight, dagwood dogs, endless ring announcements, cattle competition winners, students in horsehead masks, colour, noise, and damp spectacle. These are my principal memories of the All Saints’ College three day presence at the 2014 Royal Bathurst Show!

With disappointing crowds attending the ‘Royal’ this year numbers were naturally down also at the All Saints’ display. Still, we were as always, excited to welcome the many college graduates who popped in for a cuppa and to escape the weather for a few minutes’ chat and reminiscence; as well as a number of current families and interested prospective parents.

Highlights occurred for the College at the livestock judging ring across the weekend, on Friday morning with the College bands and vocalists performing on the community stage and in the early evening of Saturday when a number of our senior College musicians, the talented Year 11 vocalist and guitarist Bronte Gosper and violinist Kirsten Jones as well as keyboard player Marcus Milton (Year 10) serenaded the All Saints’ College ‘Happy Hour’ with excellent solo performances.

Too numerous to name individually, my thanks go to the many generous All Saints’ staff, students and parents who, despite the weather, contributed so much to ensure the notable success of the All Saints’ College exhibit. Special mention must be made of Mrs Kathryn Parnell who braved the elements assisting on the display for the weekend. All eyes are now turned to the ‘Royal’ in 2015 with prayers for better weather.

Mr Michael Hissey
Equestrian facilities at All Saints’ College have undergone a major upgrade during the Easter school holidays. The school is extremely proud of the magnificent new fully fenced riding arena, round yard and landscaped grounds of the equestrian area. The huge effort involved is a direct reflection of the growing popularity of equestrian activities at All Saints’.

The new arena was officially opened on Saturday, 10th May, by the Head of College, Dr Peter Miller, to the delight of a large crowd of All Saints’ equestrian supporters.

Mr Ian Redpath (All Saints’ College Equestrian Team President)
As we closed on our eighth annual Literature Festival it was timely to look back at the development of this programme and the effect it has had on our students. Our aim has always been to develop a love of reading in our students and to develop their critical and visual literacy skills.

This year in the lead-up to the Festival all Junior School students spent much of their library time reading and analysing picture books, particularly the illustrators’ we had booked for the festival. In the Senior School the teacher/librarians and the English teachers prepared their students for the sessions.

The work of the students and staff was acknowledged in the feedback we received from all the illustrators. They were universally impressed by our students and their engagement. They made special reference to the insightful questions posed by so many of the students. These words in an email from Nicki Greenberg encapsulate their feelings: “Thank you again for having me at the Literature Festival. I had a great time, and was just so impressed by the enthusiasm of staff and students alike. It was wonderful to see how engaged and thoughtful the students were. They asked some of the best questions I’ve had at school talks. And they were super polite and friendly!”

Our students are privileged to get annual exposure to so many of our top authors and illustrators and their developing critical and visual literacy skills are testament to these experiences.

Mrs Michelle O’Brien and Mrs Lucinda Wells
The 2014 Twilight Cattle Parade was a sea of “Kids, Colour and Cows” on Tuesday night, 1st April, at the All Saints’ College school farm.

With over 250 people in attendance and over 80 registered paraders, the night represented a fun-filled conclusion to the term-long cattle breaking programme at the school. With participation from both the Junior School and Senior School, it was truly a whole school function.

The night included six events involving leading cattle into the show ring as well as a fancy dress parade. Many students had been working on their cattle since the start of term and will no doubt be sad to see them leave our grounds for greener pastures.

A big congratulation goes out to the Year 11 Agriculture class who planned and executed the night with professional precision. There were also a host of volunteers who helped judge, cook and help students prepare the cows. A special thanks to Father Paul Woodhart and Mrs Margaret Gaal, old friends of the school farm, who assisted with judging the event. Prizes were made available by a host of generous folks from around town including Town and Country Rural Supplies, Perthville Rural Supplies, Landmark Bathurst, Fish and Sons Rural Supplies and Saddleworld Bathurst. Mr Gary Hamer and his family have also been generous in facilitating the supply of hay through the past few months. We thank you all very much for your support.

Sights were then set on participating in the Bathurst Show on the first weekend of May. About 30 Senior School students prepared and displayed a swag of steers, heifers and cows in the local event. Some students also performed official stewarding duties following their successful participation in the local stewarding training programme. The preparation of these animals and paraders has been going on since the start of the term and continued throughout the holidays. It is a big commitment, but there is plenty to learn and gain through being involved. Anyone interested in being a part of the team or participating in the future is encouraged to contact the Agriculture Department through Reception.

Mr Mark Whitfeld
In many countries the level of childhood obesity is rising. Statistics indicate that one-third of children in Australia are classified as overweight or obese. Rates of childhood obesity are now increasing with each generation. There has been much talk in the press of late about this issue. Children today not only will, on average, be heavier than their parents but also, for the first time in recorded medical history, will potentially face a reduction in average life span, meaning they will live shorter lives than their parents’ generation. Did you know that obesity increases the risk of death far greater than does smoking? Perhaps we need to look at plain paper packaging for some of our junk foods.

I also read recently that inadequate sleep for children is directly linked to obesity. In children each one-hour reduction in sleep was associated with a 40 percent increase in the risk for obesity. Although average sleep varies by age, approximately ten and a half hours sleep a night is required by primary school-aged children; around nine hours for a teenager.

There is a myriad of causes for childhood obesity ranging from cultural influences, socio-economic status, genetics, nutritional knowledge and parental disengagement to the lack of physical activity. Many people would argue that the lack of physical activity is the most significant factor - the growth of couch potatoes. In an article titled *Diet, Physical Activity, and Sedentary Behaviours as Risk factors for Overweight Adolescence* they indicated that overweight boys reported watching more minutes of television than normal weight boys. This is probably too simplistic an overall cause but an obvious contributing factor.

For young people, being physically active and limiting sedentary behaviour every day is not easy but is important, so what should they be doing? The Department of Health recommends that teenagers should be undertaking at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous activity each day. And this should include a variety of aerobic activities. On at least three days of the week, teenagers should engage in activities that strengthen muscles and bones. They must also minimise the time they spend being sedentary - limit their use of electronic media for entertainment (television, electronic games, computer use) to no more than two hours a day (I would suggest even less than this).

At All Saints’ we are trying to do our best to engage students in physical activity. Physical Education (PE) is part of the weekly curriculum as is Health. Sport is compulsory and training for each activity runs two afternoons a week. It is somewhat disappointing that a few students try to avoid sport often with the assistance of their parents. Our Outdoor Education programmes (camps) are also a source of physical activity. Then there are the sporting carnivals where active participation is encouraged.

As far as the food side is concerned, fruit is on the menu for recess three times a week and is also available at lunch. Our caterers, Alliance, also have their menus approved by a dietician.

To conclude, I think I must practise what I have just been preaching - so it is off to the gym I go.

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**Students study career options at FACTS Day**

Around 1000 Year 12 students from across the Central West gathered at Charles Sturt University for the annual Facts About Careers and Tertiary Study Day. FACTS Day is organised by the Central West Careers Advisers Association to assist students explore their future career and employment opportunities.

Students spent half their visit with more than 60 organisations, including universities, private providers, TAFE, Centrelink, police and other government agencies.

Thomas Kay (Year 12) was one of the students exploring his options at the expo.

“I am hoping to do something in agricultural science at university,” Thomas said and he thought the expo was very helpful for students who were deciding what they wanted to do for a career.

“It gives students the opportunity to look at the courses and careers they could get into,” he said. “Among my friends there is probably a 50:50 split, some know what they want to do, others aren’t sure, and a lot of them are planning on taking a Gap year.”

*Story (adapted) and Photo courtesy of the Western Advocate*
Troubadour Theatre visit

On Tuesday, 3rd June, Year 9 and Year 10 History students enjoyed two powerful performances from a one man company, the Troubadour Theatre.

The first performance to the Year 9 students related to the issues surrounding Australia’s involvement in the Great War.

The performance and the music were both entertaining and educational and the students came away with a clearer understanding of why Australia went to war in 1914 and the results of that decision.

The performance for the Year 10 students was very different and was a piece of “real history” as the Redgum song I Was Only 19 was explained, narrated and played by Brett Hunt who was the son of Francis Hunt who was “Frankie” as in “Frankie kicked a land mine the day that mankind kicked the moon”. This was a very moving experience for the students and especially for the teachers.

It was an amazing experience to hear Frankie’s son sing the iconic Aussie Vietnam healing song in the Kemmis Building. A truly memorable experience for everyone there.

Congratulations to the students for their rapt attention and to performer Brett Hunt for his outstanding theatre.

Mr Wayne Feebrey
(Head of HSIE/History)

MASTERPIECES: When Art Comes to Life

Years 9 to 11 Drama students staged a performance entitled MASTERPIECES: When Art Comes to Life in the Drama Room on the night of the Opening of the All Saints’ Festival of Art on Friday, 30th May. The students had been studying the performance style of ‘Non-Realism’ as a way of creating abstract and dream-like performance pieces. Each performance group chose an abstract expressionist painting to work from and created short surreal performance art pieces in response to them.
CSIRO Touring Education Programme

All Saints’ College was lucky enough to obtain the services of CSIRO Education on Tuesday, 27th May. What a fabulous day! Not only was it entertaining, but it was extremely informative for our students in Years 7 and 8.

Year 7 attended the States of Matter show. This correlated well with current class work. It explored the properties of matter and demonstrated the change in states of matter. This, of course, includes solids, liquids and gases but also that often forgotten state of plasmas. Experiments involving liquid nitrogen and dry ice were amongst the favourites.

The Forensic Frenzy was a ‘hands-on’ workshop for Year 8 in which the students assumed the role of forensic scientists to solve the blackmail and robbery at Nomel Estate. They were instructed in the use of common forensic techniques to examine evidence, including chromatography of inks, blood stains, facial identification, comparison of hair fibres, comparing soil samples, fingerprinting, ballistic scoring marks and comparing fluorescent oils under UV ‘black’ light. I would like to thank my colleagues, Mrs Elizabeth Casey, Ms Megan Moppett and Mrs Sarah O’Neill, for giving up their time to help ensure that the day ran smoothly. Thank you also to Mr Robert Poole for taking the wonderful photos that feature here and on the website.

Mr Peter O’Neill
(Head of Science)

Year 11 solar cooker designs

Year 11 recently completed the testing of their final solar cooker design. Some designs relied on the sun and a magnifying sheet to start a fire in an enclosed fire bucket to generate the heat to cook the food on a hotplate.

Spencer Morgan successfully cooked sausages and eggs using this method.

Others used magnifying sheets, reflective vinyl and aluminium together in a design that used geometry to capture and trap heat within an enclosed shape.

The intensity of the heat was able to melt chocolate within minutes.

All students discovered the significance of the sun and how it can be used as a natural resource for product design.

Mrs Natalle Sutton
Students take part in United Nations debating competition

Evatt NSW is a Model United Nations Security Council diplomacy competition for students in Years 9 to 12. More than 2,000 students compete in the Evatt Competition each year.

It aims to educate young people about Australia’s place in the world and empower them as active citizens by developing public speaking, negotiation, teamwork, research, and diplomatic skills. All Saints’ College hosted the regional round of the competition on Friday, 30th May, and entered six teams, comprising of Thomas Craft and Marshall Fox (Year 10), Hannah Armstrong and Lily McClelland (Year 10), Neive Roebuck and Sophie Jones (Year 10), Katie Horne and Johanna Krebs (Year 10), Rebecca Cole (Year 10) and Amelia Moran (Year 11), Tom Nobes and Maddison Crowe (Year 11).

The competition takes the form of a mock session of the UN Security Council. Teams of two students debate, amend and vote on a prepared resolution from the perspective of their assigned nation. The students judged the most effective diplomats proceed to the next round.

The teams from All Saints’ College were all allocated a United Nations country to represent. The aim of a team in an Evatt Competition is simple: achieve your nation’s goals through diplomacy.

The arena is the UN Security Council, convened to consider two draft resolutions; Domestic Military and Organ Trafficking. Teams must use all the tools of the Security Council to mould the resolutions to advance their assigned country’s interests: formal speeches, amendments, parliamentary procedure, and, of course, lots of back-room wheeling and dealing.

I would like to sincerely thank Mr Mark Whitfeld for his support, Mr Robert King for his efforts in helping prepare the teams for the competition, and also a well for an underdeveloped country to have pure, clean water.

This has become a whole school initiative. As a result of our Senior School Captains’ (Alanna Milton and Angus McClelland) presentation and proposal to a meeting, we have donations from both the boarding and whole school P&F totalling $2,300.

Hot pies and cakes made by Year 12 were also sold on the day. This alone raised over $400. The donations from the students and staff will total close to $500. The aim is for $4,000 for the coolants and then another $1,000 contribution to the well overseas.

Many thanks go to the whole school and staff who were behind this and to Mr Robert Poole for taking photos. It was described as one of the best non school uniform days for a while - a very successful initiative!

Mrs Tessa Jones
(Prefects /SRC Co-ordinator)
Friday, 23rd May, was the night of the All Saints’ College Presentation Ball. Amidst all the talk of the beautiful dresses and handsome men was a memorable night. For many of the presentees it was a nerve-racking wait behind the curtains, but as soon as the Presentation Waltz had begun the nerves vanished. It transitioned smoothly into an entertaining night for everyone and even the Head of Senior School, Mr Stewart Ross, and the Head of College, Dr Peter Miller, got on the dance floor!

Thanks to Piper Catering for the delicious three-course meal, Nuthin-2-Serious for the energetic music, Alannah Milton and Angus McClelland for the announcements and extra partnering, Mrs Margaret Gaal (P&F President) and Dr Miller for presenting the students and an extra special thank you to Mrs Memory Sanders, Mrs Elizabeth Moller and Mrs Toni Thompson for the incredible organisational skills and patience in transforming a rowdy bunch of Year 11s into young ladies and gentlemen.

Lucille Vance (Year 11)

French Pop for Years 7 and 8

Pierre Alain from TheatreLOTE put on a French mini-concert for Year 7 and Year 8 French students on Wednesday, 21st May.

Students sang and even joined in the performance as Pierre delivered a range of French pop, rock and rap music from the 1950s to now.

As they joined in the singing, students put French, that they had already learnt, into practice as well as learning a wide range of new expressions and words and learning about the huge world of French music.

Mr David Pike
Year 8 travelled to the Hawkesbury River for a fun week of canoeing. The students were put into three groups. Group 1 was dropped off at Windsor to start their canoe trip to Wisemans Ferry; Groups 2 and 3 were taken to Wisemans Ferry and were to canoe the opposite way.

Over the week the students canoed over 60 kilometres! One student commented: “Little did we know we were going to have biceps at the end of the camp.”

By all reports it was a fun camp and everyone enjoyed it.
The car can wait for high flying Gabrielle

While most of her peers are busy learning how to drive a car, Gabrielle Elias (Year 11) has been keeping busy learning how to fly a plane. Gabrielle, who comes from Nyngan, recently flew solo over Bathurst in a Cessna aircraft and has become one of the youngest flying students to achieve solo flying status.

Gabrielle started learning to fly last year and had only done nine hours worth of lessons before she took to the skies on her own.

“It was pretty scary to go up by myself, but a really good feeling,” she said. “I was very nervous, but I eased into it okay.”

“I felt the pressure when Rex (Regional Express) called in while I was flying and said they were going to land. I had to tell Rex to wait and they had to circle the airport.”

Gabrielle said it was funny that she could fly a plane by herself before she was able to drive by herself.

She has inherited her love of flying from her father, who is a recreational pilot.

Gabrielle said she enjoyed the challenge of learning to fly and loved that it was such a unique experience.

“It’s really different; not many people can do it. It’s a bit of an escape. I like being able to see everything when you’re up there and no one can see you.”

She will continue to work towards getting her private licence, and said she would love to see more girls and women get involved in aviation.

Central West Flying chief flying instructor Chris Stott is impressed by the budding pilot.

“She has got so much self-confidence and she surprised everyone, including herself, being able to fly on her own so early on,” he said.

Mr Stott said Gabrielle would almost hold the record Australia-wide for the youngest person to complete a solo flight.

“She has just taken one of the shortest times to be ready for a solo flight,” he said.

Mr Stott, who is seeing more women show an interest in flying, said they were easier to teach than men.

“Girls generally don’t assume that they’re better than they are,” he said.

Story (adapted) and photo courtesy of the Western Advocate

Prefects at work

The Year 12 Prefects, with a bit of help from some of their peers, are giving the tables on the senior lawn a facelift. Over the years these tables have suffered from general weathering and students making their mark on them.

The aim is that the newer look and consequences for anyone found writing on them will deter students from defacing them any further.

Please respect these efforts and keep the tables free from graffiti!

Mrs Tessa Jones
On Sunday, 27th April, Sir Tony Robinson from *Time Team* and *Black Adder* fame was in Bathurst with the History Channel for the filming of his new TV series, *Tour of Duty* which commemorates the centenary of World War I.

As part of the day, All Saints’ College was the lucky Bathurst school invited to attend the filming and to receive from the History Channel a Time Capsule for the school.

Students representing the school on the day included Gordon Thompson and Bradley Gardiner (Year 7), Johanna Krebs and Katie Horne (Year 10), David Mackender, Melanie Lo, Madeleine King and Madeleine Cox (Year 11). These students were privileged to meet with Tony Robinson and to be publicly presented with the Time Capsule.

It is planned to have a student competition to source materials for the capsule. Being the school’s 140th anniversary, this capsule provides a great opportunity to re-tell the All Saints’ story to future generations. It is planned to place in the capsule the World War I dossiers on the All Saints’ Old Boys who served and died in that war. These materials are presently being prepared by distinguished Old Boy, Tony Cable.

Photographs of last year’s school tour to the Western Front will also be placed into the capsule along with memorabilia of the school’s 140th year.

The time capsule is scheduled to be opened in 2064. Many thanks to the students and to Mr Spencer Goddard, all who gave up their Sunday afternoon to proudly represent the College in this special ‘moment in time’. The *Tour of Duty* TV series airs next year on The History Channel.

Mr Wayne Feebrey
(Head of HSIE/History and ‘Time Team’ Fanatic)

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**Year 12 General Maths are exploring Geometry of the Earth**

Year 12 General Maths are exploring Geometry of the Earth. They are learning about Longitude and Latitude, and will soon be able to calculate the difference in local time zones from Vietnam to Hawaii based on knowing how fast a ship was travelling and how long it took to cross the Pacific.

Mr Robert McLean
On Thursday, 10th April, the Year 11 Drama students performed at the annual Senior Drama Night. Tegan Taylor, Amelia Moran, Kirsten Jones, Julia Morgan, Tom Galvin, Conrad Meulman, Alexander Jolliffe and Maddison Crowe each chose a dramatic monologue to study and perform in front of an audience.

As an extension of their studies of the History of Acting from the Classical Greek period through to Russian Realism, students engage in a study of Stanislavski and his ‘system of acting’, more commonly known as ‘The Method’. They learn about Stanislavski’s life and his work in the context of the social, cultural, historical and political influences, as well as principles and acting techniques. In particular, students learn about ‘Naturalism’ as a specific performance style and are taken through the Stanislavski process of performance development.

Students engage, practically and experientially, in exercises, improvisations and text analysis, based on the ‘method’ of performance production. This style was a first for many of the students, which saw Conrad, Alexander and Maddison moving away from comedy for the first time. These three students deserve special mention for their captivating dramatic performances on the night. Conrad performed an eulogy from the TV series *Suits*, Alexander played ‘Forrest Gump’ talking to his dead wife and Maddison played an intense scene from *Schindler’s List*.

I am very proud of all of the students. It takes great courage to stand up in front of your family and peers on your own and attempt to become someone else. They all did remarkably well in this and it has put them in great stead for their HSC performance preparations next year.

*Mrs Zoë McGirr*
Congratulations to all students who successfully participated in the Senior School Inter-House Cross Country Carnival.

It was a glorious day (and the rain held off until much later in the evening) giving the runners the chance to display their stamina and talent. The course, once again, took the students around Edgell Oval, past Britten House, through the back paddocks and then down to Watson Oval. It was an afternoon of strong competition and House spirit.

The students should be commended on their enthusiasm and efforts and thanks must go to the staff who had various roles to play around the course.

Congratulations to Barton House on winning this year’s Inter-House Cross Country Carnival.

Mr Scott Gardner
This year Technology students in Year 7 will rotate between units of work that focus on the fields of study in Agriculture, Food and Plastics. In each unit students are given a Design Brief related to the field of study. Students studying Food developed basic skills in food preparation and were then required to design an innovative snack food. Those studying plastics learnt how to develop and construct models of shapes from a Net Layout so they could apply it to their own design of a Desk Tidy made from acrylic. Many students were keen to incorporate methods for storing or stabilising iPads, other technology and traditional forms of stationery.

Mrs Natalie Sutton

Australia and New Zealand Brain Bee Challenge

2,300 students competed in the first round of the Australia and New Zealand Brain Bee Challenge in NSW. Alexandra Corbett-Jones (Year 10) scored so highly that she was one of just 138 students selected to compete in the NSW finals of the competition.

The NSW finalists attended a full day of activities at the Campbelltown Campus of the University of Western Sydney on June 4th. Alexandra was tested on her anatomical knowledge of the structures and functions of the brain. Alexandra missed out, but the top 10 students from that round then participated in two rounds of live questioning to determine who became the state champion.

Teachers and parents were given a guided tour of the medical school, which offers innovative and dynamic programmes in the medical sciences. The school has a strong research focus and is heavily involved in advancements in treating diseases such as Alzheimer’s, as well as creating a bionic eye.

Alexandra also had the opportunity to be involved in a range of activities to educate her about neuroscience and neuroscience researchers. This included laboratory tours, demonstrations, lectures, experiments and the opportunity to speak to researchers. It was an incredible feat to be selected to progress to the second round of the competition and a great experience for Alexandra.

Mrs Sarah O’Neill
(Independent Learning Centre)
NYSF offers international opportunity for Charlotte Brew

In January this year Charlotte Brew (Year 12) was one of 450 young Australians who attended the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF). NYSF is a 12 day residential programme held on campus at the Australian National University in Canberra or the University of Western Australia in Perth.

Building on that opportunity, which exposes the students to study and career options through studying science, technology and engineering, she has applied and been successfully selected for one of the 37 places that NYSF has available for Australian students in international STEM programmes in places such as London, Pretoria and Heidelberg.

At the January session, Charlotte displayed a passion for science, as well as strong interpersonal, teamwork, inquiry, communication and potential leadership skills. Her application for the NYSF International Programme was of a very high quality, illustrating advanced thinking skills, good planning and analytical processes, as well as an understanding of the nature of the opportunity being made available in participating in the overseas programmes.

“The NYŞF International Programme offers our students some unique opportunities,” says NYSF Director, Mr Damien Pearce.

“For example, the Stockholm International Youth Science Seminar includes an invitation to attend the Nobel Prize for Science Ball, and the National Youth Science Week in South Africa offers a chance to go on safari. These are negotiated through the NYSF, and are therefore a significant recognition of the work the student has put in to date. Charlotte is to be congratulated on her achievement of being selected.”

The Head of Science, Mr Peter O’Neill, is not really surprised that Charlotte has made it this far. “She is a strong student who believes in Science and its importance in our society. We are thrilled for her and we are very proud of this very rare achievement.”

Charlotte must now raise the necessary funds to cover the $10,500 costs associated with the trip. Any sponsorship funding or donations from local businesses and Rotary Clubs would be welcomed by Charlotte and her family.

Mr Michael Hissey

Year 8 D&T students make their own clocks

Year 8 Technology students have enjoyed the first unit which involved the design and manufacture of a clock. This exciting new project incorporated the use of the new 3D printers, which enabled students to show their creativity and produce superb results. Components or design features were produced using the 3D printers to combine with resistant materials such as acrylic and timber. The clocks these students produced are some of the best I have seen in my teaching career. Congratulations Year 8!

Mrs Natalle Sutton
Sporting Success in the Junior School

All Saint’s College prides itself on being able to offer a wide variety of activities to cater for students’ different strengths and interests. As well as the many academic and cultural pursuits available to the Junior School students, there are numerous co-curricular and representative sporting opportunities offered that are always well supported. Over the past 12 months the success of the Junior School sporting teams has gone from strength to strength. The current high level of participation across all co-curricular sports at school provides a clear indication of the success of the programme. Participating in sport helps young people develop healthy attitudes about the importance of physical exercise which will stay with them for life.

Having a lot of enthusiastic participants has many positive effects, one of them being success on the scoreboard. This year the Junior School won the Aggregate Points Shield in Division 2 at the HICES Swimming Carnival. This is something that the school has never achieved before and it demonstrates not only that we have some elite swimmers but also shows great strength across all the age groups. Another fantastic achievement we have had on the sporting field of late was that of the Premiership winning Under 12 cricket team. Once again, it was the first time the school has ever won this competition. There have been many other significant achievements worth mentioning as well. In the winter sport season of 2013 our Under 12s netball, Under 12s soccer and Under 11s hockey teams were runners-up in their respective competitions. Such results demonstrate the depth of talent we have across the Junior School in all sports. It is wonderful to see the hard training and efforts of the children pay off.

Winning should not be the priority in junior sport but encouraging children to try their best and be a good sport is what is important. I congratulate not only the students who have been successful by winning competitions but all of the students who enjoy playing a sport for the school.

Mr Christopher Jackman

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Outstanding results at NSWPSSA Swimming

Congratulations to swimming sensation Collette Lyons who competed in the NSWPSSA swimming carnival late last term. Collette has had a terrific season this year. Collette’s success included breaking numerous records at the Junior School Inter-House Swimming Carnival, winning comfortably in the majority of events at the WAS Carnival, placing in the top three at HICES in freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly. Her success at HICES made her eligible to compete at the NSWCIS carnival in all of these events. This in itself is an outstanding achievement as Collette is a 9 year-old swimmer participating in junior events (8-10 years). Whet Collette dominated in all strokes she decided that she would focus solely on the 9 Years 50 m freestyle event at NSWCIS. In this event she finished third in the finals taking her to NSWPSSA. Collette, in the company of her family and in the thoughts of many back here in Bathurst, swam her heart out in her freestyle heat finishing fourth fastest overall and a certainty for the final. The final was swum in blistering speed with Collette right amongst it. She hit the wall in sixth position and can now say she is the sixth fastest 9 Year old freestyler in NSW!!!

Congratulations Collette. This is a sensational achievement and we are all very proud of you.

Mrs Kay Nelson
Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. The aim is to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. This year National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) took place on Wednesday, 21st May, at 11.00am and thousands of students shared the story, *Too Many Elephants in This House* written by Ursula Dubosarsky and illustrated by Andrew Joyner.

Kinder Red were lucky enough to have our very own storyteller (Christine Sweeney - Leo’s Mum) to share this with us. We made elephant masks and puzzles in preparation for the day. The students were then able to use their masks to act out the story. We also enjoyed some ‘Elephant Food’ (popcorn) as a bit of a treat after the story.

We would like to thank Christine very much for coming in to read with us, and we look forward to her future storytelling visits.

*Miss Sophie Hanigan*
Jamie Oliver’s Food Revolution Day is an annual global day of action that celebrates good, fresh, real food. It aims to educate children about the importance of cooking using healthy and nutritious ingredients as a vital part of a balanced lifestyle.

On Friday, 16th May, the Year 4 class participated in this worldwide event by cooking delicious and nutritious Rainbow Salad Wraps (find recipe at http://www.foodrevolutionday.com/rainbow-salad-wrap). The students were excited to have the opportunity to cook in the Hospitality Room.

Thank you to Mrs Sarah Willis and Mrs Elizabeth Moller for their involvement in the event.

Miss Jodie Shurmer
The students from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 6 enjoyed a night of fun and dancing at the annual Junior School Disco which was held on Friday, 9th May.

The disco had a ‘Beach’ theme and was attended by many snorkelers, hoola dancers and general beachgoers. There was even a seagull at the disco!

I would like to thank the Student Representative Council members, the staff and the Senior School Tech students for assisting with the disco.

Mr Christopher Jackman
Year 6 held their annual Mother’s Day Stall on Wednesday, 7th May. Everything was sold and there were some very happy students who bought some lovely gifts for their mothers.

The class made over $1,000 on the day which will go towards the Year 6 Valedictory Dinner and a present for the Junior School.

A huge thank you to all the parents who donated gifts and some people that were not parents who also made a contribution. Thank you to the parents, and some students, who were able to wrap all the presents in the holidays.

Parental support is always appreciated when fundraising events are held.

Mrs Kay Murray

Pre-Kindergarten Mother’s Day Morning Tea
The Junior School Cross Country Carnival was squeezed in during a lucky break in the weather, well almost. With heavy rain falling through the previous night and rain forecast during the morning, our runners were sent off with the hope that they would return dry. This was not always the case.

Fortunately for the Infants School children the weather behaved itself and they managed to scoot around the track just dodging puddles from the previous evening’s downpour. Tremendous courage and determination were displayed by some of our youngest participants. These traits are not always dominant in our Infants School participants, it is evident that some run without a care in the world and for pure enjoyment. Both types of runners must be admired.

As the 8/9 Years runners took to the starting line, the weather looked as though it was about to turn. Of course there was no turning back, the track was marked out, checkpoint marshals in place and the gun loaded. The serious racing was about to begin and so it did.

At the completion of their run, the 8/9s and 10s were exhausted but dry. It was a whole new situation for the 11s and 12s who ran in true cross country conditions. On their return, there were stories of wading through knee deep water, sliding down slippery mud slopes and swimming through the gully. Tall stories but an indication that it was very, very wet out there.

Well done to all participants from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 6 who participated in a fabulous morning of competitive running. Congratulations to the Age Champions and Runner-Up recipients.

Mrs Kay Nelson
On Sunday, 11th May, Reverend Tony Card held the Boarders’ Chapel Service at 10.00am. Thank you to Reverend Tony for a lovely service. Thanks to the mums and dads who attended - Mrs Carina Card, Dr Peter Miller, Mrs Naomi Miller, Mrs Tamara and Mr Mark Willcox, Mrs Susan and Mr Martin Milton, Mrs Marie and Mr Brian Plummer, Mr Bradley Allen and other boarding staff who were on duty. It was a great celebration to honour the students’ Mums!

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

On Saturday night, 24th May, the boarders enjoyed a “Bogan Night” of games, a quiz, charades, lollies, music, dancing, party pies and sausage rolls. This was the brainchild of Mrs Gemma Clipsham, who was on duty over the weekend.

The girls got right into the spirit of the night and all dressed accordingly in their “bogan outfits!”

After a fashion parade, first prize was awarded to Chelsea McMichael-O’Brien for her swagman’s outfit; second prize went to Lily Fischer-Brown and third prize to Tasha Hurley. All others got an honourable mention for their efforts.

The girls had a great night.

Mrs Gillian McAllister
(Head of Marsden House/ Girls’ Boarding)
On Mother’s Day, Sunday 11th May, the All Saints’ Showjumping Day was again held on Edgell Oval.

After a few early grey clouds and the threat of rain, it turned out to be a beautiful warm and sunny day.

There were many competitors from various schools competing, including 10 of our boarders.

Congratulations to all the Marsden girls for their efforts at the various heights they jumped throughout the day.

Maddison Harley and Madeline Sinderberry both had two horses competing, along with Lyndsay Menzies, Chelsea McMichael-O’Brien, Caitlin Shirlaw, Heidi Stokes, Lucille Morrison, Jazmin Johnston, Ella Shearing and Georgia Butt.

Many girls received ribbons for being placed in their event and Maddison Harley and Madeline Sinderberry both were awarded Reserve Champion in the 1.05 and 1.15 metre events respectively.

Mrs Gillian McAllister
Niemah wows audiences with her dream role

Former All Saints’ College student Niemah Hope has captured the hearts of the people of Bathurst with her portrayal of Belle in the Carillon Theatrical Society’s production of Beauty and the Beast.

Niemah, 20, returned to Bathurst from Sydney, where she has been studying at the Brent Street School of Performing Arts for the past 12 months. She said it was a very intensive course - dancing, singing and acting from morning ‘til night, five days a week.

Niemah said that was a bit of a shock to the system, but something she needed.

“My dancing leaves a bit to be desired,” she said. “I hadn’t done speech and drama from a young age,” she said. “I think my life would have been very different if I hadn’t done speech and drama from a young age,” she said.

In fact, this is one of the reasons she chose to attend this performing arts school - it had a strong focus on dance.

Niemah said there is so much that can be learned about performing arts just by living in Sydney. Add to that the knowledge and experience of the instructors at the school, and it was an excellent training ground for a career in the theatre.

She was still living in Sydney when she auditioned for Beauty and the Beast, returning home just before rehearsals started.

Niemah’s first Carillon musical was the 2004 production of Annie, where she played one of the orphans. She was just 10 years old.

“It was an amazing experience. I loved it. I was so sad when it was over,” she said.

“As a kid I was always performing in things like the eisteddfod. Being in a show seemed like the next step.”

Niemah studied speech, drama and communication with Val Malone from the time she was six until Mrs Malone died when Niemah was 15.

“It had a huge impact on me. I think my life would have been very different if I hadn’t done speech and drama from a young age,” she said.

With few roles for children after Annie, Niemah waited until 2009 when she undertook a role as Eponine’s understudy in Les Misérables. The following year she performed in The Producers.

She said what she loves about musical theatre are the stories.

She also loves the interaction with the audience.

“When there is a good crowd, everybody lifts,” she said.

She said Beauty and the Beast is one show she has always wanted to do. Niemah said Belle was her dream role and one she didn’t think she would have the opportunity to play.

“It was the right place and the right time,” she said. “I wanted to be involved in any way I could.

“Belle grows up so much in the story. I’ve always hoped to be like her.

“She is smart and beautiful and always saw the best in people.

“People see characters like this in such a way that they look up to them – and I get to be that character,” she said.

Niemah said she would be sad when the season of Beauty and the Beast was over because she has had the opportunity to work with such lovely people.

“You build your own community,” she said.

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July 14
Staff PD Day
Boarders return
Zoo Snooze Year 12 Biology
Year 10 Parent Teacher Interviews
Years 8 & 9 Boarding Parent Interviews
July 15
Classes commence
Zoo Snooze Year 12 Biology
July 18
Year 12 Music Evening
July 19
ISA Rugby v Redfield (A)
July 20
Boarders to Cathedral
July 21
Year 7 & 9 Vaccinations
July 22
School Council Meeting
July 24
Year 8 French Excursion (TBC)
Junior School Soloist Night
Year 10 CS Excursion (TBC)
July 25
Year 8 & 9 Day Parents Teacher Interviews
July 26
ISA Rugby v Redlands (H)
Boarding P&F Meeting - Library 3pm
July 27
JS Parent Teacher Interviews
July 28
JS Parent Teacher Interviews
Meet and Greet Afternoon Tea Mudgee
July 29
JS Parent Teacher Interviews
July 30
SS Athletics Carnival
Senior School Soloist Night
August 2
Nyangan Agriculture Expo
ISA Rugby v SACS (H)
August 3
HICES Music Festival
August 4
Year 12 Assessment and Excursion Free Period
HICES Music Festival
NCSS Challenge begins
August 5
Year 12 Assessment and Excursion Free Period
HICES Music Festival
August 6
Year 12 Assessment and Excursion Free Period
HICES Music Festival
August 7
Year 12 Assessment and Excursion Free Period
Australian Mathematics Competition
P&F Executive Meeting
August 8
Year 12 Assessment and Excursion Free Period
August 9
ISA Rugby v Chevalier (A)
August 11
Year 12 Teacher Consultation & Study Day
Brainstorm Productions Years 7-9 "The Hurting Game"
August 12
Year 12 Trial HSC
P&F Meeting - Art
August 13
Year 12 Trial HSC
August 14
Year 12 Trial HSC
Year 10 Canberra Excursion
Meet and Greet Afternoon Tea Young
JS WAS Athletics (ASC)
August 15
Year 12 Trial HSC
Year 10 Canberra Excursion
August 16
ISA Rugby Semi Finals (Oakhill)
August 18
Year 12 Trial HSC
August 19
Year 12 Trial HSC
School Council Meeting
August 20
Year 12 Trial HSC
August 21
Year 12 Trial HSC
Careers Market
Year 3 Music Performance
August 22
Year 12 Trial HSC
August 23
ISA Rugby Finals (Oakhill)
August 25
Year 12 Excursion Free Period until August 29
Bathurst Eisteddfod until August 29
August 29
Meet and Greet Condobolin
Young Australia Workshop
Watson House Dinner
August 30
Bathurst Eisteddfod until September 13
September 4
Pre-Kindergarten 2-Day Father’s Day Breakfast
Netball Dinner
P&F Executive Meeting
September 5
Pre-Kindergarten 3/5-Day Father’s Day Breakfast
NCSS Challenge ends
September 7
Confirmation
September 9
ISA Athletics (TBC)
P&F Meeting - Watson
September 10
Year 11 Preliminary Exams
September 11
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September 12
Year 11 Preliminary Exams
September 13
OBU AGM
Back to Saints’ OBU Dinner
September 14
Spring Fair
September 15
Year 11 Preliminary Exams
September 16
Councils Assembly
School Council Meeting
September 17
SS NSWCIS Athletics
FamFest Year 9/10 & 11 Drama
September 18
Term 3 ends
Benefactors’ & Prefects’ Induction and Farewell
to Year 12 9:30am – 11:00am
Valedictory Dinner
September 19
Staff Day
Boarders depart
September 20
Peru and Bolivia Tour until October 13