It was wonderful to see so many grandparents and special friends gather at All Saints’ College on Friday 16th March to share a day with their Year 5 or Year 8 child. It is an important day for the students as they have the opportunity to show their loved ones a small part of their schooling experience.

Highlights of the day included the musical performances (some of our guests were involved in these as well), the class activities and the wonderful Chapel Service led by Father Paul.

My thanks must go to the Spotless kitchen staff, the maintenance and cleaning staff and the prefects who all worked very hard to make the day so successful. Even a little rain did not disturb the programme too much.

Of course I must thank all our guests who made this day such a wonderful time for the students, especially those who travelled some distance to be here. Particular thanks must also go to those who purchased a book for our Library - your generosity is most appreciated.

I hope everyone involved enjoyed the day as much as I did and I look forward to welcoming you back to All Saints’ College for another visit in the not too distant future.

Mrs Michele Thornton
Head Lines

with Ms Jenny Williams

I had the great pleasure of meeting with several of our overseas parents during my trip to Hong Kong in the middle of March. Staff had kindly prepared a report on students and I was able to talk about each student’s progress. I travel to Hong Kong each year to meet with our parents and to also attend an Education Expo, held by one of our agents.

This gives me an opportunity to meet with potential parents and students with the aid of an interpreter. I am very pleased with the efforts of our overseas students and acknowledge the difficulties they overcome in living and being educated in a foreign country.

I have noticed that during the term students have been starting to arrive later and later. It is essential that all students are at roll call by 8.50am. It is not acceptable to be arriving at 8.55 or later and expecting to be able to start the school day effectively. I understand that occasionally buses will arrive late but I urge parents who transport their children to ensure that 8.50am is the latest drop-off time.

A reminder that the college will be operating normally on ANZAC Day this year. All students will be bused into town to participate in the local ANZAC Day Service, with the rest of the day continuing as per normal. Full attendance is expected on this day. A day in-lieu will be given on Friday 8th June, as noted in the College calendar.

Jenny Williams with her interpreter Edith and Sam Kwong, Executive Director Australia Academic Service - Hong Kong and China.

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Quarry Dust

with The Reverend Paul Woodhart

This term in our Day Chapels we have been looking at Characters on the road to the Crucifixion. We did the Crowd of spectators, the Roman soldiers, Irrational evil, The Women of Jerusalem and Simon of Cyrene. See page 3 for an informed imaginary story of one of the Women of Jerusalem. I hope you find it helpful as we approach Easter.

Captains’ Corner

School has just started winding down for most students, except for Year 12 who have just finished their half-yearly examinations and are currently analysing their results.

Recently, Student Representative Council members were chosen and we had our first meeting. It is a great way for the student body to provide input into the school’s needs.

Well done to the Agriculture students who achieved highly in the cattle showing at both the Bathurst and Blayney Shows. There were some great results - especially Shane who achieved a top eight spot at Blayney Paraders. Shane will now go into the final at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. Good luck Shane!

Friday 16th March was Grandparents’ and Special Friends’ Day, with Years 5 and 8 playing hosts. All the grandparents and special friends had a great time on tours through the school and listening to music performed by their hosts.

Apart from that, business is as usual. We hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to everyone’s return in Term 2.
Women in Jerusalem

Here is #8 in our series – On the Road to Easter.

Mark 15:40, 41 There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem. In the history overlapping the Old and New Testaments women are considered to be lowly, weak and powerless. Some actually do show themselves to be valiant and faithful – Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, Miriam, Deborah, Hannah, Ruth, Judith, Esther and the women we are introduced to in the life story of Jesus.

The Gospel narratives abound with instances of Jesus’ encounters with women. He forgave them, he taught them, they in their turn served him by making provisions for his journeys, by giving him hospitality, by deeds of love, by noting his tomb so that they could perform the last rites for him, and by becoming eyewitnesses of his resurrection.

Jesus included them in his teaching illustrations, making it clear that his message involved them. By thus honouring them he put women on an equality with men, demanding the same standard from both the sexes and offering the same way of salvation. After the resurrection the women joined in prayer and supplication with the other followers of Jesus and shared fellowship with them. (Acts1:14). They helped to elect Matthias (Acts 1:15-26). They received the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4 and 18).

It was the home of Mary, the mother of John Mark, which became a centre of the church at Jerusalem (Acts 12:12). Paul’s first convert in Europe was the woman Lydia (Acts 16:14). Priscilla and her husband taught the great Simeon the full truths of the gospel. The four daughters of Philip ‘prophesied’ (Acts 21:9). Many others were active Christians and wholly engaged in the service of the gospel.

This small contingent of women form a supportive and compassionate group around Christ. They pass no sentence of condemnation on him as do other characters of the crucifixion or as worldlings do by their sinfulness. They offer sympathetic help to Jesus while Romans legislate his crucifixion. Salvation in Christ was paramount and the second benefit which Christ brought was equality – ‘There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female, for you are one in Christ Jesus’. (Gal 3:28).

Philia recollects:

It was my great aunt Anna who first told me of the great acts of God toward our people. Before her passing a baby boy was brought to the Temple and Simeon spoke words of knowledge over him. Simeon used the words: ‘and a sword will pierce your own soul too’ (Luke 2:35). The women who knew Mary felt a chill at these words. Through the ministry of her son I got to know her too and became one of the Women of Jerusalem. I was very young when I heard of the massacre of innocent babies under Herod, and the waiting of the women of Ramah – they had been pierced by the Roman sword. Those occupying soldiers, oppressing our land, we would refer to them in the words of our Psalms – as the ‘terror of the night and the arrow that flies by day…of the destruction that wastes at noonday.’ (91:5). The soldiers would order our men to work, and we had to be ready for any of their disruptions.

Mary’s son brought hope, and then opened the way back to God. My days were long, and filled with the delights of a family’s needs. I was up early to make the fire for our daily needs. Around this clay hearth my children talked and played. We ground the flour, prepared the herbs, baked the bread, plucked the birds and on special days roasted the meat. Then I would go to the well, and while waiting for my turn catch up with the news – these times built strong bonds between us women. Then if need be I would go to the markets, past the produce brought in from the fields, past the spice baskets brought in by the travellers, past the weavers and cloth merchants, always looking for something special for my family. If not working, the men would be together at the city gates and the priests and scribes from the Temple would be seen walking through the gates to their stations.

I knew the last part of Proverbs off by heart – a capable wife, who can find…

That passage is a hard one to live up to, and in our private times most of us confessed that we only lived up to about half of it.

As a woman of Jerusalem I was proud to live in the city of our Temple and have my boys attend the Temple school. As my children were leaving home I heard of Mary’s son who was a prophet out of the ordinary. We saw him for the first time at the Jordan, when with many others he was immersed in the river by Elisabeth’s son, John.

We seemed to be drawn to him and his men and little by little began to provide for their needs – food and lodgings, washed feet, clothing needs. Many children and husband were his followers too – from a distance. We sisters began to have a fierce loyalty – the woman who was healed of her bleeding became one of us, as the woman whose son was healed of leprosy and the woman whose son’s sight was brought back. One woman had her daughter restored to normal after a terrible illness. The sisters

Martha and Mary who live on the hill at Bethany tell of the unbelievable – their brother was raised. We wondered what would happen next and the city was throbbing with each piece of news.

We would pack lunches for our men and children to follow Jesus. We would support each other in the times of sickness, or at the loss of one of our beloved children.

We forgot about the words from Simeon to Mary until the time of the Passover. This was the bustling time of the year, with visitors to the city, and relatives to accommodate, food to prepare, the house to be cleaned and if we had time, new clothes to be made.

Suddenly, about 25 Passovers ago I woke on the day before the Passover only to hear that Mary’s son was arrested.

To our horror we rushed to the main street to see him treated worse than a common criminal. I screamed when I saw the way he had been disfigured. I had heard many times the words from our prophet Isaiah ‘he was despised and rejected, a man of suffering…’ (Is 53:3). I never thought it would turn out like this. I saw other sisters, and we moved together. There had been no time to put oil on our faces, no time to prepare for this outrage. All we could do was turn the anguish in on ourselves, by beating our bodies, and crying out with loud voices. It was the cry of the women of Ramah once again. Luke wrote about it (23:27-31), and he remembers Jesus saying to us, with a raspy dry throat, ‘Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me but weep for yourselves and for your children.’

We followed, to the hill of the cross, now for us a holy place. In our books it is written ‘Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you.’ (Prov 3:3) It didn’t matter what the outcome would be for us, we stayed with Mary’s son. The sky was dark, we heard the cries from the cross, and the taunts to the cross once again. Luke wrote about it (23:27-31), and he remembers Jesus saying to us, with a raspy dry throat, ‘Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me but weep for yourselves and for your children.’

In the evening the crowd left and Joseph (may he be remembered forever) came to get Jesus from the cross. Loyalty and faithfulness led us to wash his body, and comfort Mary, and with the help of the men we put the body in Joseph’s new tomb. I remember the ache of those days as I speak, but like childbirth it was forgotten, because the faithful Marys went to the tomb with more spices and found not a body but angels. For our loyalty we were the first to see the Risen Jesus.

We were to have his Spirit come on all of us – men and women. My son is travelling with Paul and tells me of the spreading flame of so many receiving the Spirit of the risen Jesus and following him. I hear there is more trouble from Rome.

PS Philia was killed in 70AD by the Roman soldiers who destroyed Jerusalem and its Temple.
As this copy of VIM goes to press we are completing the end of term Parent/Teacher Interviews. These interviews are always well supported and provide a valuable opportunity for parents to sit down with the class teacher and discuss the early progress of each student. Term 1 portfolios are presented at this time. The feedback in both directions is considered vital in the ongoing support for our children.

The Outdoor Education programme has been a highlight of the last few weeks with both the Years 3/4 camp and the Years 5/6 camp providing special challenges for the students. All students are to be congratulated for their enthusiasm and determination to "rise to the occasion".

Summer sport has concluded with a pleasing level of participation and success. Our swimming squad competed with distinction at the Homebush Olympic Pool in the HICES Carnival with congratulations extended to Blake Sanders on his selection to represent HICES at CIS. Tennis, basketball and cricket have all been enjoyable, especially the final game of cricket where the players challenged the parents to a game before a very pleasant barbeque and a visit from Mr Whippy.

All classes have been working really well this term and I have been particularly pleased with the way that our Transition students have settled into their new "big" school. Indeed all our new enrolments across all classes (a record number this year) have really contributed positively to the life of the Junior School - well done!

Our Information Technology programme driven by our Teacher/Librarian, Mrs Maree Crofts, has been an outstanding success, even in its early weeks, and with the recent installation of interactive whiteboards our students are being exposed to 'state of the art' facilities.

The very early (5.00am) start did not dampen the enthusiasm of the Junior School squad who set out for the HICES Carnival on Wednesday 14th March.

On arrival a good warm-up helped to settle the nerves of the 28 swimmers and then the carnival was under way. Everyone put in an outstanding effort led by the team captains Miriam and Jack. There were some amazing personal best times swum on the day.

Our first swimmer, Miriam set a fantastic example by taking 6 seconds off her time (12 Years 50m Freestyle). This great start spurred on the other swimmers including Alexandra who recorded a 4 second improvement in 9 Years 50m Freestyle, Jake, a 3 second improvement in 11 Years 50m Freestyle, Carnaby 13 Years 50m Freestyle, 5 seconds, and a huge 7 second improvement and first place went to Blake in 9 Years 50m Freestyle. This swim earned Blake a place in the HICES team to compete at CIS.

In Breaststroke, Backstroke, Butterfly and 100m Freestyle the improvements in times kept on coming with Lucy, 11 Years 50m Breaststroke (+4 second improvement), Jarred, 11 Years 50m Breaststroke (6 seconds), Camilla, 11 Years 50m Backstroke (3 seconds) and 11 Years 100m Freestyle (5 seconds).

Many other swimmers recorded 1 and 2-second improvements in their performances, and Sophie (10 Years 50m Freestyle) and Kiera (Junior Girls 50 Butterfly) gained second places in their events.

These great improvements were made in the short time between our school carnival and HICES. The children showed great commitment in training and the two sessions at the St Stanislaus’ College pool certainly enhanced their preparation. Our sincere thanks to St Stanislaus’ for allowing us the opportunity to give our swimmers 50m training experience in the lead-up to the carnival.

A huge thank you must also go to the very supportive group of parents who were there to cheer and encourage, to Mrs Kay Nelson for her encouragement, hard work and organisation during this year’s swimming season and to all other staff who contributed to the success of the day.

Congratulations to all swimmers for your great effort, determination and wonderful sportsmanship. Well done!

Finally, congratulations once again to Blake and good luck for CIS, Blake. Mrs Gabrielle Darlington

HICES Swimming

Year 2 comes face to face with a Tyrannosaurus Rex

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Full of excitement they worked their way through each fascinating and fantastic section learning about the formation of rocks, minerals and fossils and had some great hands-on experiences. They passed around fossils of teeth, bones and footprints but were horrified to learn that some were actually holding fossilised dinosaur dung!

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Mock Trial team’s convincing win

On Thursday 1st March the Mock Trial team competed against Dubbo College (Senior Campus) in the Practice Round of the competition. Our team consisted of Samantha and Janet as fledgling barristers, Tegan as solicitor, Rachael and Luke as witnesses, and Heidi as court officer.

We acted on behalf of the plaintiff, Rachael McKenzie, who wished to recover the cost of an ill advised holiday taken in Ruritania during the height of a civil war. We alleged that she took the holiday in reliance upon three things: a sign displayed in a travel agent's window, a brochure found at the travel agent's office and oral assurances as well as a failure to warn.

While Dubbo College tried to argue that we had taken the brochure out of a garbage bin and that they had told us the natives were 'revolting' we convinced the magistrate that the extent of the civil war had not been made clear.

Rachael told of her terrible visions of a shelled airstrip, barbed wire and sandbags. She also explained that her reading light had been shot at by a sniper rifle, her tour bus was blown up and she had to spend the rest of her holiday in a disused concrete stormwater pipe.

We had a convincing win in both the case and the trial 248-195 points

Mrs Catherine Dundon

Year 11 Biology Excursion

On Monday 12th February, Year 11 Biology braved a very early start to travel with The Scots School to Sydney Olympic Park Field Studies Centre at Homebush Bay. The aim of the day was to study an ecosystem using a variety of different sampling methods. The study also included analysis of human impact on the site, relationships between different species and adaptations of plants that allow them to survive in the harsh mangrove environment. The students were drenched by torrential rain and eaten alive by a plague of 34 different species of mosquito but have learnt, amongst other things, to bring a raincoat, insect repellent and wear sensible shoes when going on a field trip.

Miss Michelle Smith

Year 10 Biology museum visit

On Friday 16th February, Year 10 Biology visited the Australian Fossil and Mineral museum in their study of Evolution. The students were fascinated by the wide array of fossils at the museum and awestruck by the dinosaur skeletons. This excursion will be held two more times in the next few months so that all Year 10 students are able to visit the museum.

Miss Michelle Smith

Reminder about ANZAC Day

A reminder to all parents that classes will be held as normal on ANZAC Day, 25th April, which is the second day of Term 2. We are seeking to maximise our teaching days and to minimise the disruption to the start of this term. Students will participate in an ANZAC Day Ceremony in Bathurst at 10.30am.

Newman's Oberon Bus will run as normal on the day and the College bus will run as normal to Blayney. There will be no late Oberon bus on this afternoon. Jones Bros will not run their buses in Bathurst, nor will any of the operators who pick up from the smaller townships around Bathurst. Students who normally catch these buses will need to arrange their own transport to and from school.

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On Thursday 15th March, Years 3 and 4 travelled to Lake Canobolas for their annual Bushcraft Camp. When we arrived at the camp we unpacked the bus and set up our dormitories. After settling in, we had morning tea at the lake and then wandered over to the playground to play a number of games. After this it was back to camp and lunch.

After our yummy lunch, we split into activity groups. My first activity was day craft with Miss Gosper. I made a platypus from clay and rocks for the body and tail. This activity was followed by making damper with Mr Cant. The final activity of the day was building forts with Sophia, Stephanie, Rebecca and Lily. We built the biggest fort - it had three rooms.

At the end of the activities we had afternoon tea and ‘free time’. A number of us went back to the playground and spent a lot of time on the flying fox. Then it was time to practise for our concert.

Dinner consisted of hamburgers, sausage sandwiches and dessert. We said grace at the end of the meal and got our teddy bears ready for a competition. Then it was the Grand Concert, which went for about an hour.

Later on in the evening we roasted marshmallows over a fire (I cooked mine too much), had supper and finally went to bed. The following morning all the girls got up really early. Miss Gosper was kind enough to take us all on a walk. When we got back from the walk we had breakfast - pancakes, cereal and sausages. We went back to the playground for a while before embarking on an obstacle course and packing up.

Just before we left we had an Easter Egg hunt. Once all the eggs had been found we jumped onto the bus and headed back to school, where we were greeted by our Mums and Dads.

When I got home I thought to myself - I can’t wait to go back again next year.

Canada (Year 3)

Good luck at the Royal Easter

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On Friday 16th March, as part of their study of French in 2007, students in Years 7 and 8 French classes witnessed a performance by Theatre LOTE Fantastique. They presented *Le Bossu de Notre Dame* - a contemporary re-telling of Victor Hugo’s epic love story, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*.

"Quasimodo, the hideously distorted hunchback lives in the bell tower of Paris’ famous cathedral, Notre Dame. Regarded with fear and superstition by the rich and poor alike, he is taunted and goaded from the street. Through circumstance he offers sanctuary to the beautiful gypsy girl Esmerelda, also an outcast of Paris society. But other forces prevail…"

Narrated in English with scenes enacted in French, the performers incorporated music, movement and drama with modern references and audience participation. The group was very dynamic and full of energy which engaged the students’ attention and made the French language come alive! Thank you to those grandparents and special friends who shared the experience.

*Mrs Catherine Dundon*

Throughout the last few weeks of Term 1, two Lyon House tutor groups combined to make ‘Easter boxes’ for the Transition and Kindergarten classes. The colourful bunny-shaped boxes with all the finer details (including fluffy tails) were all assembled by the Lyon House girls and filled with chocolate eggs to make an exciting Easter treat.

*Emily & Heidi*

On Monday 2nd April we held a treasure hunt, where we hid the baskets and the children had to find their own special basket. Transition and Kindergarten had a great time and it was a rewarding experience for the Lyon girls who put so much work into making the baskets.

*Emily & Heidi*
The Hawaiian Disco held in the Performing Arts Centre on Friday 23rd February was the first disco for the year. The disco was one of the many fundraising activities that the Hawaiian netball tour group has organised and we were pleased to say it was an enjoyable afternoon and evening. The theme was obviously Hawaiian and most students substituted their normal casuals for some very summery and colourful pieces of attire.

There was some talent on the dance floor and those lucky groovers were rewarded with great prizes. The 11 girls touring Hawaii in April would like to thank everyone from Transition to Year 12 who attended - it was an entertaining evening and we appreciate the support.

Mrs Kay Nelson
March 3rd was Dolls’ Day in Japan. We celebrated it at the Japanese Centre with Japanese snacks, green tea and viewing of traditional court dolls. Some students tried on Summer Kimono - Yukata.

Mrs Yasuyo Narushima

Meet the Music series inspirational

On Wednesday 14th March, a group of music students travelled with Mrs Crowley and Mr Buckley to the Sydney Opera House for the first concert in the Meet The Music series.

We enjoyed watching, and hearing, the Sydney Symphony Orchestra play for us - with a number of special soloists on viola, bassoon and clarinet.

These fantastic performances were very inspirational. After the concert we headed to McDonalds for dinner and then onto Bathurst - arriving home a bit after midnight.

Thank you to Mrs Crowley and Mr Buckley for taking us - your efforts are greatly appreciated and we can’t wait until the next one!

Karina McKenzie (Year 10)
**Courtney’s a champion rider**

Recently Courtney (Year 6) competed at her local Ryldstone/Kandos Show and was awarded the honour of Champion Rider Under 12 Years. Courtney is only 10, so this is a big achievement. She continued the day placing in several Australian Stock Horse Events and winning all her sporting events.

Courtney went onto the Bathurst Royal and competed in the Australian Stock Horse Ring on her new horse, Dornico Tango. She managed third place with the gelding in his led class, then won her Junior Handler Class and was awarded second place in the Australian Stock Horse Working Class for Riders Under 17 Years. This was a great result for All Saints’ as the winner was Skye Loneragan (Year 10) - giving the school a quinella.

Courtney stepped out at the Mudgee Show the next day and competed again in the Australian Stock Horse Ring. She was awarded third place in the Hack Rider Under 18 Years. She placed in her Led Gelding Class and rode a great workout for the Working Class.

Courtney is going to Pony Club Camp for a week in the Easter holidays and will commence playing polocrosse. Congratulations Courtney.

**Mt Piper Power Station excursion**

On Wednesday 7th March, Year 6 students embarked on an exciting and adventurous excursion to Mt Piper Power Station (Wallerawang). When we arrived we had to put on protective gear - helmets and glasses - just in case anything went wrong. We were also given ear plugs. These were to be used if it became too noisy on our tour through the power station.

We were then taken to the highest floor, where we had the sensation of falling because we were 70 metres up from the ground. After that experience we moved onto the cooling towers, the control room and the generators. At the latter we were told that if we said ‘bubble gum’, the generators would have gone around 50 times - now that is fast! Overall, it was a very educational experience. Lucy and Laura

**Library Corner**

*Looking for Alibrandi* by Melina Marchetta

I was glued to this book from the first time I picked it up. I loved reading about Josie’s teenage life that was filled with a troubled family, a romantic relationship and her desperate plea to be able to live freely in Australia as an Italian.

*Stephanie King (Year 9)*

*Powder Monkey* by Paul Dowswell

Sam had always wanted to go to sea. Set in the 1800s *Powder Monkey* tells of the life of a 13 year-old sailor in the navy. His experiences onboard ship and the brutal way of life change his perspective on the navy and he wants to escape. I recommend this book for students in Years 9 and 10 with an interest in history, especially naval history.

*Tristen Tesoriero (Year 9)*

*The Story of Tom Brennan* by J.C. Burke

This book is about Tom and his brother Daniel. Tom’s life is turned upside down when Daniel is sent to gaol for manslaughter. *The Story of Tom Brennan* is an exciting novel about family problems, love and footy. I found it hard to put down and recommend it to anyone who likes reading about real-life troubles.

*Stephanie King (Year 9)*
The Junior School received a visit from The Bush Tucker Fella recently. He arrived early and cooked up some kangaroo meat and some wattle and poppyseed damper. The room was filled with the cooking aromas as we walked in to find out how the Aboriginal people were very clever in finding so much around them to help in their daily lives. Alan was also able to tell us much about the Australian Bush, its plants and animals. He brought many specimens with him to share. It really was a most interesting visit.

Mr Jock Bidwell

On Wednesday 21st March, Year 10 travelled to the Sydney suburb of Cabramatta as part of their studies of Immigration in Australian History and Changing Australian Communities in Australian Geography. The fieldwork trip enabled students to experience Australia’s multiculturalism and in particular Cabramatta’s dynamic Vietnamese business community, first hand.

Students were given specific worksheets to complete in relation to a 10% assessment task on Changing Australian Communities. The Cabramatta case study can also be used as a site study for the School Certificate History examination.

I believe that the Year 10s have benefited greatly, both academically and personally, from this enrichment opportunity. I would like to congratulate them all on their good behaviour and enthusiasm on the day. Lunch in the Vietnamese restaurant and a visit to a Buddhist Temple were particular highlights of the excursion.

I would like to thank Mrs Sanders, Mrs McKinnon, Mr Clydsdale as well as our ‘Gappies’ Anna and Simon for their help and support on what was a very enjoyable and successful day.

Mr Wayne Feebrey

Cabramatta Excursion

The Bush Tucker Fella

Mr Jock Bidwell
On Wednesday 21st March, Years 5 and 6 went on a camp to the Bridle Track. When we arrived at our destination, the ‘Gumnuts’ had first choice of the camping spots due to a pre-camp challenge. Mr Colley dropped all of our luggage and we finished setting up camp.

Once we had lunch, we split into our teams for different activities. These activities included first aid, using a compass, fishing, rope tying and being creative. Later in the day we all went for a swim. Everyone had a wonderful time. After dinner we did a lantern stalk where we had to take a bar of gold without being caught by the guard on duty. Unfortunately, no-one was successful.

Other games were played and it was Courtney Old’s birthday. We all shared her beautiful birthday cake. After that we all ended up in bed exhausted.

Day 2: After breakfast we split into our groups for more activities. We abseiled, made damper, practised survival techniques on how to light a fire as well as many other activities. We also played a game – the Wide Game – which reinforced our knowledge of what we had learnt over the past two days. All in all we had a great second day.

Day 3: Again after breakfast we had a free choice in what activity we did. Most people chose abseiling. Once we had finished our activities, we packed up all our belongings for the trip back to school. Before we left camp Mr Bidwell announced the winner for the 2007 Bushcraft Camp. The ‘Gumnuts’ won it! We then boarded the bus and arrived back at school.

Camilla (Year 5)
The rugby season kicked off early against a touring team from Robert Bateman School, British Columbia. The Canadian team had spent two weeks in Australia flying into Brisbane and working their way down the coast to Sydney. Travelling west across the mountains (classified ‘hills’ in Canada) they discovered the wonderful hospitality of the Central West. Many All Saints’ College families graciously hosted the Canadian team for three nights and enjoyed the cross-cultural experience that a touring sporting team brings.

The game against Robert Bateman School was a closely fought match, which saw ASC score five exciting tries to the opponent’s four. Powerful tackling and breaking surges by Izaak Breen won him ‘Player of the Day’. There were many other players who displayed good potential early in the season raising the hopes that this year will be an exciting and successful one for the College. I would like to thank the Friends of Rugby for hosting the after match function.

May I particularly thank the wonderful families who hosted billets for their generosity and patience. Without this support, sporting and cultural exchanges would simply not be possible.

Mr Greg Thornton

Photos courtesy of Mrs Helen Schwab
The Children’s Hour

Year 11 Drama students presented the controversial play, "The Children’s Hour", at the Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre on Thursday 29th and Friday 30th March.

Written as a stage play in 1934 by Lillian Hellman, the drama is set in an all-girls boarding school run by two women. A troublesome and precocious student runs away from the school and discredits the two women by spreading malicious gossip to her influential grandmother. The accusation destroys the lives of both women.

Congratulations to the cast for their strong ensemble performances and for taking on a play whose themes are just as relevant today as they were over 70 years ago. It is to their credit that the audience was totally absorbed, and challenged, for a couple of hours.

Although one should not single out performances, I would like to give special mention to Alicia, Sophie, Saskia, Libby and Freya. There were many times that I forgot that they were Year 11 students – their stage presence was so adult-like.

Well done to the entire cast, the backstage crew (Year 10 Drama students) and the directors, Miss Suzi Mackay and Ms Naomie Fitzgerald. An excellent evening’s entertainment.

A detailed review will appear in the next issue of VIM.

Mr Bob Poole

All Saints’ 1st XI Cricket

The 1st XI has finished the 2006/07 season with a morale boosting win over Albury in the Douglas Shield quarter final.

The semi-final versus Kinross Wolaroi will now be played later in the year at the beginning of the 2007/08 season.

The highlight of this match was the hat-trick taken by Andrew at a critical stage of the match (Albury needing 27 runs with four wickets in hand and plenty of overs). Andrew was ill and had to come off the field after his first bowling spell, which made his performance even more courageous.

The 1sts finished seventh in the tough ISA competition, and competed strongly in all matches, restricting all sides to modest totals, with our bowling attack this year being one of the better in the competition.

With a little more depth and application in our batting, a semi-final would have been a real possibility this season.

Mr Garth Dean

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"Friend-raising" is one of the aims of the annual Regional Music Tour and this year we headed for Forbes and Condobolin. After spending the last four years taking a single day trip this year we ventured further afield and included an overnight stay.

After a full day of classes (along with the interruptions of group photos) the musicians of the Jazz Band, Chamber Orchestra and Chamber Choir loaded the bus with equipment and provisions for our trip. One last check before we left meant that a couple of instruments made it on to the bus (rather than being left in the old Maths Rooms.)

The trip to Forbes went very smoothly and we arrived at St John's, the Anglican Church in Forbes, and quickly prepared for our first concert. The audience consisted of past and present school families, in particular the families of Luke Mulligan and Max Nixon who were playing with the Jazz Band. Some of the performers went to local homes while most of the group stayed at Havannah House. This accommodation meant our first morning concert was quite leisurely as the hostel was right next door to our first school, Forbes Public. Next came Forbes North Public School, the primary school of Max and Luke. The concert ended with 'Funky Town' from the Jazz Band and the primary students enjoyed dancing with the Orchestra and Choir musicians.

A quick lunch followed before we packed back onto the bus for our drive to Condobolin. By now our skill in unloading and setting up for a concert was quite impressive and we were able to be up and running with our last school concert in 10 minutes. This concert at Condobolin Public was an opportunity for Izzie and Sarah to perform for their old school too. We packed up in record time, headed to the final venue and were greeted with an amazing afternoon tea provided by the extended McDonald family. A short amount of free time gave the students the chance to see the sights of downtown Condobolin before our final concert at the Anglican Church Hall. A sausage sizzle after the concert was also provided for us and then we packed the bus for the last time and most of us headed back to Bathurst.

With five concerts being performed in less than 24 hours there were some very tired students when we arrived home to Bathurst. Many thanks to all who worked so hard to make this trip a success. Where will we go next year??

Mrs Robyn Crowley

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A day of student achievements

It was a day of celebration on Wednesday March 7th when student achievements with academic and music scholarships were awarded at the senior school assembly.

Parents of the scholarship winners attended the assembly and morning tea.

Adding to the day was recognition of successes at the Bathurst Royal Show.

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Crowds escaped the 32 degrees heat and found the All Saints' hospitality tent at the 2007 Bathurst Royal Show the place to be for a refreshing drink and some gourmet snacks.

Head of College, Ms Jenny Williams, and staff welcomed visitors who called by and were entertained by the All Saints' Chamber Orchestra and the All Saints' Jazz Band.

Visitors enjoy Bathurst Show hospitality

On Monday 19th February I had the honour of representing Jessica McCleary at the Premier’s Awards for Academic Excellence in the 2006 HSC.

These awards are presented to students who achieve Band 6 results (over 90%) in 10 HSC examination units. Jessica achieved top band results in Advanced English, Extension 1 English, Legal Studies, Modern History, Ancient History and Extension History. The ceremony took place at the Darling Harbour Convention Centre where 804 students out of the 67,000 HSC candidates assembled to receive their awards. The Premier of NSW was unable to attend the presentation but he was represented by the Minister for Education, Carmel Tebbutt, who spoke about the respect with which the HSC is held both within Australia and internationally. The awards are a significant recognition of academic excellence and All Saints’ College congratulates Jessica on her achievement.

Mr Rob King with Jessica’s mother, Maree, and Carmel Tebbutt (in the background).