COONABARABRAN HORSE EXPO
A large contingent of around 20 students are preparing for the “Coona” Equestrian Expo to be held at the end of next week. Usually around 90 NSW schools participate and I will be heading up there next Friday. All Saints’ has one of the largest teams and we are looking again to be placed in the top 5. Thanks must go to the parents who support the school and their children at this huge gathering. In preparation for the event, Nicole Stockman was able to secure Stuart Tinney, Australian Gold Medalist, to do some clinics with some of the team.

GIRLS’ RUGBY
Mr Sinclair’s passion for rugby shows no bounds. He was able to organise two teams of girls to attend the Central West 7’s Championship at Dubbo yesterday. The Open team came third in their pool while the U16s made it to the Grand Final where they unfortunately went down 20 to 10.

REPRESENTATIVE HOCKEY
Congratulations to Maddy Hall and Peter Cobcroft who have been selected for CIS All Schools. Names to remember perhaps for the future!

FAST FACT
Compared to other countries, France has an unusual and complex system of higher education. In virtually all countries in the world, the pinnacle of the education system, the institutions providing the finest centres of excellence, are universities. Not so in France. While France has close to a hundred universities, most of them able to hold their own in regards to teaching and research with middle-of-the-range universities in other parts of Europe, the peak of the education pinnacle in France is represented by the country’s “Grandes Ecoles”, relatively small and highly selective “schools” (in the American sense of the word) which provide a cosseted higher education to the nation’s future elite - tomorrow’s “haut fonctionnaires” (senior civil servants), leaders of industry, top military brass, top politicians, engineers, physicists and others. In spite of the national preoccupation with equality and equal opportunities, the top end of the French higher education systems is elitist.

Thought: - Kind words are the music of the world. F. W. Faber
Thomas said to the disciples, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’ (John 20:25, NRSV)

We have to feel for Thomas. One comment and he is known forever as “Doubting Thomas”. Many even apply the term to anyone who doubts anything that they see as the truth. Thomas expressed the same feelings that the other disciples had. This news that Jesus was alive was too fantastic, too good to be true, it was unbelievable. Thomas, like many still today, required proof that Jesus was alive.

Doubt is a normal feeling for us and one that we shouldn’t be afraid or ashamed of. When something is too good or too bad our first reaction is to disbelieve. It is only when we see the proof that we believe. This proof can come to us in many different ways. It may be that we are a witness to the event and so we believe because we, like Thomas eventually did, have seen it with our own eyes. It may be that we hear from a witness and so believe. It may be that we are told by someone that we can trust that the event occurred and so we feel comfortable to believe.

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Thought for the week: Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’ (John 20:29, NRSV)

Friends of Rugby - Donations of Cakes & Slices

All Saints’ College is hosting St. Andrews College this Saturday, 24th May.

We realise that there have been a lot of notices for donations for cakes and slices for the CWA Public Speaking on 28th May and the Art Show for 31st May and 1st June, but with a home game this weekend the BBQ and Canteen will be in action.

We would really appreciate donations of cakes and slices for the canteen, every little bit helps. We always love your great donations and all sell well.

Thank you again for your support for the Friends of Rugby.
CALLING ALL PARENTS & FRIENDS TO SPONSOR STALLS AT THE SPRING FAIR!!!!

Families and friends have a great opportunity to sponsor a stall at the Spring Fair this year.

This is a great opportunity if you are not a business, to have your family’s name as a sponsor for one of the stalls!

You can sponsor any amount above $100 and this will go towards paying for the goods for the stall.

Your families name will appear as the sponsor for the specific stall.

We already have some families who have put their hands up to sponsor a stall!!!!

Grab a friend or other families and sponsor one of these stalls:

- HOT CHIPS STALL
- HOOPLA STALL
- LOLLIES STALL
- GARDEN STALL
- CHOCOLATE WHEEL & COIN TOSS
- PAVLOVA STALL
- BBQ
- HAUNTED HOUSE
- FACEPAINTING STALL
- DUNKING MACHINE STALL

If you would like to be a sponsor of one of these stalls, please contact Kristie Thorne (encoredrama@bigpond.com or 0414 722 545) or Belinda Didsman (bjdidsman@bigpond.com 0413 707 306) as soon as possible.
May is **National Family Reading Month**.

Have your days of reading with your children been and gone? There are many reasons why family reading is a time to be encouraged in every home, no matter how old your “child” is.

Number one on the list is uninterrupted family time. Set aside some time to be with your kids without distractions and establish a family tradition you can all enjoy. Family reading time also provides families with shared experiences and can even provide teaching moments for topics that can be difficult to discuss. Of course reading together will also promote vocabulary, punctuation and a love of life-long learning!

**Why not try some of these ideas?**

- Turn off the TV, computers, and all other electronic devices and everyone grab a book for some **silent reading time together** (maybe even with some tempting snacks!).
- **Family Book Groups** can include both parents and older kids or teens; it can also include extended family members. It’s a fantastic way to connect with grandparents.
- Make a **book-and-film club**. Find classic books that have been made into films; read the book first, then watch the movie together (served with plenty of popcorn!).
- Don’t limit **reading aloud** to younger children, even teens can love being read to. Add whatever embellishments you’d like a warm beverage, a specific setting and lots of cuddling, to ensure a prominent place in your child’s memory.
- **Revisit characters you loved** as a child. Reading these books to your own children will offer as much enjoyment to you as to them.

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**CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE**

www.saints.nsw.edu.au

**FOR THE LATEST NEWS & PHOTO GALLERIES**

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**Scholarship Applications are now open online**

Do you have outstanding Year 12 students with strong academic achievements? Perhaps students who are active members in their community and strive to make a difference? Or maybe elite rugby players who want to nurture both their sporting and career aspirations?

The 2015 Bond University Scholarship Program is now open for applications! The program offers a large number of full fee and part fee scholarships as well as cash bursaries to Australia’s best and brightest students. Most scholarships can be used for any single or combined program (with the exception of a Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery).

Students wishing to apply for a scholarship must complete an online application form at www.bond.edu.au/apply. Students will be required to attach a copy of their Year 11 (Semester 1 and 2) and Year 12 (Semester 1) school reports, a summary of achievements, and a personal statement for each scholarship they choose to apply for. Students will also be asked to nominate their Principal, Vice Principal or someone of similar standing to complete an online reference form.

More information about the scholarships available this year can be found at www.bond.edu.au/scholarships. Alternatively, please contact me, the Excellence Program Coordinator on 07 5595 1067 or email scholarships@bond.edu.au.
Join WIRES and make a REAL difference in YOUR local environment.

WIRES Central West is holding an introductory Rescue and Immediate Care Course (RICC) on 14-15 June 2014 at All Saints’ College, Bathurst.

The cost is $70 and includes WIRES membership, manual, morning and afternoon tea and a lot of information.

A fundraising sausage sizzle will be held for lunch.

For more information or to register your interest please email: cwwires@hotmail.com
The annual All Saints’ College Festival of Art will be held from 30 May to 1 June 2014 in the Bickerdike Centre.

We are looking for volunteers to assist at the Festival Of Art in the Café and also at the front of house and purchasing desk over the weekend.

If you are able to help please email Donna Hope d-hope123@bigpond.com with your availability for the timeslots listed on the Roster.

Please note that children will not be allowed in the kitchen area during service times.

We look forward to hearing from you to help make the weekend a great success.
## 2014 ALL SAINTS’ - FESTIVAL OF ART

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Applications are now open!

The UWSCollege Lithgow campus applications are now open for Term 2 with additional courses on offer as well as the added convenience of evening classes. Term 2 classes commence on 23 June 2014 with applications closing on 6 June.

University Foundation Studies in Arts (standard - 9019) – Full-time and Part-time
University Foundation Studies in Engineering (standard - 9019) – Full-time and Part-time
Diploma in Arts (standard - 729492) – Full-time and Part-time
Diploma in Engineering (fast track - 729526) – Full-time and Part-time
Diploma in Criminal and Community Justice (standard - 729592) – Part-time

You may even be eligible for fee free tuition in University Foundation Studies. Students are also eligible to receive a free iPad as part of our blended learning strategy. Staff at the Lithgow campus are available to assist you with your application between 10 am and 5 pm, Monday to Friday. For more information please call the campus directly on (02) 9852 4511.

So if you’ve ever thought about growing your education career prospects, now is a good time to become part of something bigger.

Apply now at uws.edu.au/lithgow or drop into our campus at 154 Mort Street (Corner of Mort and Bridge streets), Lithgow.
FREE two day workshop and information sessions for PARENTS/CARERS of school age students on the autism spectrum

Workshop: 2014NSWPC5  Location: Dubbo

The Positive Partnerships initiatives have been developed and delivered by Partnerships between Education and the Autism Community (PEAC) and funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, through the Helping Children with Autism package.

What will you learn?
As a result of participating in the workshops and information sessions as parents/carers you will gain:

- a greater understanding of the impact of autism on your child, both at school and at home
- knowledge about how to develop effective parent, school and teacher partnerships
- specific strategies on how to:
  - advocate for your child
  - support your child’s participation at school
  - develop an awareness of ongoing learning needs
- information about your local school system’s processes
- opportunities to network and share strategies with other parents/carers and key community members
- opportunities for discussion around a range of topics relevant to students with an ASD and their families

Some key community representatives that support families living with autism will be identified and invited to participate in the workshop with a view to supporting a community focus beyond the workshop.

Workshop details
Venue: Dubbo RSL Club
       Cnr Brisbane and Wingewarra Street, Dubbo NSW 2830

When: Two day workshop – Wednesday 25 & Thursday 26 June 2014
       Day 1:   9.00 am - 4.30 pm (Registration from 8.15 am)
       Day 2:   9.00 am - 3.30 pm

Registration opens Wednesday, 14 May 2014 and closes 2 days prior.
Registration may stay open until one day before the workshop if spaces are still available, but we strongly recommend that you register as soon as possible.
You will receive a confirmation of your registration.
Online registrations preferred: please go to the website www.positivepartnerships.com.au.

Only complete the following form if you do not have access to the internet and fax or mail to:
Fax: 02 9451 9661; Mail: Positive Partnerships, ASPECT, PO Box 361, Forestville NSW 2087

Positive Partnerships Info Line number: 1300 881 971

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