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The outstanding success of Year 12 2010 in the HSC was a just reward for this group of young people, the teachers of this school and everyone who has contributed to the quality of the learning environment here at All Saints’ College over many years. The students’ overall performance ranked our school 33rd in NSW amongst the hundreds of schools with students sitting the HSC. This was by far the best ranking for any regional school in the state.

While I am not advocating embracing the use of school league tables, this result confirms the long held view that our school is an outstanding place for young people to learn. League tables provide insight into one measure of ways a school succeeds. I will always advise caution when viewing league tables because they look to measure only a limited range of the school experience. Also, not all schools on the league table are the same, with different policies on enrolment (such as selective schools in all sectors) and different demographic characteristics that will influence academic performance of students. Our school is comprehensive in its intake and has a cross section of the population within the school community. These facts add weight to the celebration of the 2010 HSC ranking.

It is imperative to give due consideration to the drivers behind our 2010 HSC ranking. I believe that some of the most important things in education cannot be measured. The most important aspects of schools are intangible but you can sense them when you visit a school. These include the sense of community, the nature of student interactions as well as staff to student interactions. All of these are the product of values and principles in a school’s foundation or Mission. The academic performance of our students can be attributed to their high level of student engagement at school (in all areas of school life), excellent teaching, student aspirations and positive social interactions. These are all features of life at our school and identified in our Mission Statement. They are impossible to measure separately but they contribute to the distinctive tone (and character) of All Saints’ College and drive the final result for individual students and their aggregated performance recorded in a league table.

The celebration of the success of Year 12 2010 must include recognition of all students. It is true that over 40% of our students scored an ATAR of over 90 and 66% of our students scored a Band 6 result in one subject. The unsung success last year, and every year, are the students who achieve their personal best results at the HSC. Under excellent guidance from our staff our students grow in academic and personal confidence to have great opportunities beyond school. Each student seeking to achieve their personal best, regardless of their academic ability, means there is a positive cycle of interaction between students. It is good to be aspirational at All Saints’. It is desirable to do your best in everything you undertake. It is “cool” to succeed.

The success of students in Year 12 2010 is the result of teamwork over many years. Students working with each other, staff working with students and staff working with each other, as well as the rest of the school community, have all contributed to the creation of the successful school we enjoy. This is a marvellous place for young people to learn.

Congratulations to Year 12 2010 and good luck in the future. The most important lesson learnt at this school should be that teamwork wins.
The Road to Easter

The Reverend Paul Woodhart

Here is Number 6 in the series of Characters on the Road to Easter - Simon of Cyrene.

There is one tantalising verse which describes Simon’s life changing encounter:
Mark 15:21 A certain man from Cyrene, Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country and they forced him to carry the cross.

This episode occurs between the flogging and mocking of Jesus and the arrival at the place called Golgotha where Jesus was crucified.

Later in life Simon remembers:
I just heard you singing: ‘Were you there when they crucified my Lord…’? Well, yes, I was.

In our tradition there is a verse from the book of Ecclesiastes, talking of the aged which has the words - ‘when the almond tree blossoms’. (Eccl 12:5)
My hair is white and sparse now, like the blossoms of the almond tree. This time in my life, scared by our memory, it was at the time when my orchard of almond trees in the country was in blossom – the spring in the land I love, the hills of Judea.

The family property was not far from Jerusalem; we had bought it with money from our trading. My wife and I had only been here a few years.

My birth place is northern Africa; you would know it as Libya; I knew it as Cyrene. We had tracts of fertile stone-free ground which would produce the choicest crops of wheat for the mills of Rome. Rome was where all the money was and it was just across the sea to the capital. I had it all lined up - the planters, the reapers and the shippers. That is what gave me the capital to buy here in the country of my ancestors.

I wanted to be near Jerusalem for the Spring Passover. Others could only go once in their lifetimes. I went many times.

We couldn’t grow wheat here because of the stony ground but we could plant olives and almonds. The crops were good. God was good in giving us the harvest – the work of our hands, by the sweat of our brow.

I was just coming home from the country early, as I had to get ready for the Passover - we had family with us from Cyrene. It was only half way through the day. As I approached the city walls I came across a tangle of people: Roman soldiers, shouting, Temple officials, commoners, people from the north, Galileans, shouting and groaning, weeping, padding at a distance. It was just outside those old walls, on the road to the hill that looks like a skull, Golgotha. I was walking past where the Jericho road branches off.

Though Jewish, I have some black looks in me. As I was brushing past this knot of people the gaze of a dreaded Roman soldier met mine. He seemed to be having a difficult time and under occupation law we were required to carry their packs. Even though I was going past he grabbed my arm and I thought that I was done for, because you know the cruelty of these men. They are so far from home and without the comforts of marriage. On the road there was a man I recognised, the Nazarene, but he was bloodied and so messed. He was creeping with his cross - just the great log of a bar – the upright was waiting for him down the road and up the hill of Golgotha.

He was weak. Before I knew it my shoulder bag with its supply of bitter herbs for the Passover was left on the roadside and I was flung towards Jesus with the barked order to carry his log – his burden of the cross.

Being a Jew I thought that he was getting his just reward - because he claimed to be equal with God, a position of blasphemy in our Jewish understanding.

I bent to haul up his log, and from that moment I knew something had happened. I could not helpbrushing against him as I pulled up his log, and his eyes met mine. He was at peace, in all the pain. His blood spilled on me and I remembered the readings in the books of Moses where our ancestors put the blood of the Lamb on their doorways. That is what the people in Egypt were spared. We had already bought our lamb, and the preparations for the Passover were even then underway, at the hands of my beloved, the wife of my youth. I seemed to hear in my brain the words ‘Behold the Lamb of God…’

I looked into his gaze again and saw that he was not a violent man. I had hired and fired many, and I consider myself a pretty good judge of character. This man was different. From his eyes love flowed to me, as if it was life and a flame. I felt that I counted. I felt that I was in the presence of God himself. I heard his voice speaking to me, even in his great pain. I saw the thorns, with one just piercing his right eyebrow, the blood scars on his back and his heaving ribs. He spoke in a calm voice. I should be comforting him and yet he comforted me. It was as if I was at rest in his presence. I could handle the weight – I was strong then.

My hands could grasp the upper end of the log. I heard later that he had said those words about coming to him all who were laden and he would give them rest.

Despite all the glamour outside I was at rest inside. Yes, those words continue – ‘Come unto me…Take my yoke upon you and I will give you rest.’ During the days after, when I heard Peter preach it came to me that I was the first to take his yoke. What a privilege. I pondered this over the years. I was African and I represented my people by taking His yoke. ‘Take my yoke and learn for me for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls.' (Matt 11:28) I had read in Plato and Cicero sayings that are wise and very beautiful but I never read in either of them ‘Come unto me all you that labour and are heavy laden’.

On that road I got a taste of the suffering that Jesus had before him. There was the loneliness mixed with the hatred of the temple top brass. I thought he had disciples but could not see any in the knot of people, only his women screaming and weeping. It was as if those around were making him a scapegoat, killing him for their own sins.

Other thoughts came to me. From then I had the taste of how Moses felt after he had met God face to face; I think I know how Jacob felt as he wrestled all night with God. God was now more than a thing, God was a personal being. Religion was more than a toy or a hobby, it was a life and death matter.

We got to the place of the skull. I had seen it before as I had walked by but now, looking down, I saw every stone and tuft of grass.
We inched up the track, whipped on by the brutal soldiers, who wanted to get the thing over so they could go for a pint. I still have the welfs from the whip. I put the log down, and they lay Jesus across it. I know, I know the pain – the soldiers took one great thud to drive the rods through his forearms, and I retched when I saw and heard the crunch of the rod as it hit through his ankles.

I stayed and heard his words ‘Father forgive them for they know not what they do’. I heard the abuse and pain of one of the others who was hung up. And I heard the haunting words to the other – ‘Today you shall be with me in paradise.’

In these almond blossom years I wait to hear those words of love and welcome.

I could not participate in the Passover that year as I was considered unclean.

It was Mary, Jesus’ mother, who sought me out afterwards and invited me to friendship with the others. I remember her contorted face and the words, ‘Thank you’.
I told my story many times to the others who had run away. But then we saw him and I knelt and kissed him. I was blessed by him and told, with the others, to go and make his message known.

My two boys, Rufus and Alexander, were only young then, but they are now Spirit-filled ministers in the church in Jerusalem.

I have seen the Lord and called him by name - My Lord and My God.

We need to be ready for when the time comes for us to take up our cross. We cannot pick the time, otherwise we would put it off, saying: ‘Lord, I’ll take it up tomorrow’. Once we begin picking the time for the cross then we’ll start picking the size and then the weight and finally the convenience.

In my years I have seen others bearing their cross - weighed by persecution, suffering and shame, as they were commanded to do by our Lord.

I see now that if there is No Cross on this side of heaven there will be No Crown in heaven.

Father Paul Woodhart.
Meet a Member of College Council

The Very Reverend Anne Wentzel
Member of Council
2011

The Very Reverend Anne Wentzel, better known as Dean Anne, comes to All Saints’ College as the newest member of our School Council. Dean Anne met other Council members at the December meeting in 2010. She is no stranger to School Councils having served as Vice-President at Melbourne Girls’ Grammar School for seven years and having in earlier days been a member of staff at Trinity Grammar School in Sydney as a foreign language teacher for over 16 years. She laughs as she remembers the many sporting teams and co-curricular groups she has coached or been a part of in school life and speaks fondly of the thousands of students that have been her charges.

Dean Anne came to Bathurst directly from Mudgee where she was Rector of St John’s Anglican Church and before that, Precentor and Minor Canon of St Paul’s Cathedral in Melbourne.

Dean Anne holds degrees in Science, Physical Education, French and German, Arts Administration and Theology. She enjoys travel, people, theatre and dance, reading, good food and is a spectator sportsperson.

100th Anniversary of International Women’s Day

A mother/daughter breakfast was held in the Dining Room to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of International Women’s Day on Tuesday, 8th March.

Over 80 people gathered to hear Dr Anita Heiss remember and celebrate the life of her own grandmother, a member of the Stolen Generation, and to talk about her own life growing up and being educated in Sydney. She spoke with passion and humour about her writing which ranges from academic books, poetry, children’s books to “chick lit”.

Students and adults (females and males) alike enjoyed the experience immensely.

Mrs Michelle O’Brien
Grandparents’ & Special Friends’ Day

On Friday, 25th February, Grandparents and Special Friends joined Year 5 and Year 8 students for a day at school. This was an opportunity for students to share their school experience with someone close to them whom they may not get to see on a regular basis.

The programme of events included a tour of the school for the Year 8 visitors, an assembly presentation for Year 5 guests, class activities, musical performances, a PE lesson, computer technology and a Chapel service.

It was a pleasure to have so many delightful guests visit our College. Mrs Michele Thornton

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Open Day a big success

All Saints’ had a very successful Open Day on Friday, 25th March, with a large number of students and parents coming to meet with us and tour the classrooms and grounds.

Talented music students from the senior choir, senior strings, chamber choir and members of the Year 10 elective music class performed on the day under the excellent stewardship of our music teachers - Mrs Frances McLeod, Mr Jason Buckley and Mr Joe Panganiban.

A terrific display of animals from our thriving agriculture programme kept the children entertained during our afternoon tea.

This was the first Open Day All Saints’ has held for a number of years and we were delighted with the level of interest from both potential day students and boarders. Mrs Roslyn Cox
On Friday, 1st April, many Junior School and Senior School students participated in the inaugural Twilight Paraders’ Competition. Co-ordinated by Mr Mark Whitfield, our Agriculture teacher, the Twilight Paraders consisted of a series of events where students were required to parade cattle and goats around an arena. Students had been working with the livestock for over four weeks preparing them for the night.

The evening had a most positive feel and the country music playing in the background provided an appropriate atmosphere for a fun event. The final event involved the students dressing up their calves which drew many laughs and cheers from the crowd. It was a great celebration for what has been a fantastic term of agriculture in the school. A special thank you to Mr Whitfeld and his team of Senior School students for their mentoring of the Junior School students.

Mr Chris Jackman  
(Head of Junior School)
Literature Festival

The new Library provided the backdrop for this year’s Literature Festival. The inviting well-equipped spaces in both the Junior and Senior Libraries added a whole new dimension to this annual event. Along with the newly refurbished Kemmis Building, we now have excellent presentation areas for a variety of purposes.

The Festival started with author James Moloney who writes for all age groups from early primary to young adult. Children across the school were able to hear James talk about his books, including his soon to be released novel called “Silvermere”. Several groups also had the opportunity to hear about the craft of writing and to practise their own writing skills under James’ guidance.

Illustrator Roland Harvey shared much of his original artwork with students from both the primary and secondary school. He shared his latest book “The Little Dragon”, which was written by Mem Fox, with many groups. Others had the chance to participate in drawing workshops with Roland.

Local author Paul Stafford told his audiences about the many and varied opportunities storytelling offers, especially in the modern technological world. The ability to write well opens doors to the production of games, websites and film, not just the traditional print medium.

The Festival gives our students a special opportunity to see, hear and listen to professionals in the world of children’s and young adult literature.

Mrs Michelle O’Brien

Commencement Service

On Wednesday, February 9th, the whole school gathered on the Chapel lawns for the 2011 Commencement Service.

The School Captains read from Proverbs 3 and Jeremiah 29 and Dr Peter Miller, the Head of College, read from Luke 2 of Jesus growing in body and Spirit.

The Captains of each Day House, the Junior School and representatives from Year 7 read a paragraph of their vision for the coming year.

Our guest speaker was the Dean of All Saints’ Cathedral, The Very Reverend Anne Wentzel. The Reverend James Hodson, Priest with the South Bathurst Parish, was commissioned as part-time Assistant Chaplain.

Finally, members of the College community led the prayers. Included in them was a prayer for the new staff and students. The site was cool and shady and bounded on one side by the new Memorial Walk which was financed by the Parents’ and Friends’ Association of the College.

Thanks to the maintenance staff who prepared the seating and Mrs Michele Thornton for her keyboard skills.

Father Paul Woodhart
(School Chaplain)
“...it’s not a business, it’s a school!”

We care for our Blueberries

Is it any wonder that schools are finding it difficult to cram everything that various lobby groups and stakeholders deem our students should learn into a school day? The broader community, influenced by the business fraternity, the management industry, the media and the Board of Studies increasingly mandate new content, procedures and constraints on the school experience. A particular emphasis over the last few years has been to borrow business and management mantra and doctrines and to try to replant them into schools. The theory appears to be that if some businesses can be seen to be successful with their strategies, policies, structures and performance indicators, these can then be applied to schools.

There is a plethora of people offering in-service courses for school teachers and administrators. These courses include how to teach students across a wide spectrum of abilities, how to implement technology in the classroom or to programme syllabi, leadership models, total quality management, time and motion studies or any other fads that business sees as appropriate at the time. Don’t get me wrong, some of these aspects are valuable and can be relevant to schools but essentially, we must not forget that our prime function is to educate our young people.

These concerns bring to mind a recent email I received that recounts a story around this issue in the USA. The scenario goes something like this. A businessman was running an in-service course for teachers. He represented a group of business people dedicated to improving public schools. He was an executive at an ice cream company that became famous in the middle 1980s when People Magazine chose his Blueberry as the “Best Ice Cream in America.”

This businessman was convinced of two things. First, public schools needed to change. He believed they were archaic selecting and sorting mechanisms designed for the industrial age and out of step with the needs of our emerging knowledge society. Second, educators were a major part of the problem. His premise was that they resisted change, hunkered down in their feathered nests protected by tenure and shielded by a bureaucratic monopoly.

The businessman’s focus for 90 minutes was on some of the features I mentioned above. He knew how to manufacture quality products. Zero defects! Total Quality Management (TQM)! Continuous improvement!

As soon as he finished speaking, a woman’s hand shot up. She appeared polite, pleasant - she was, in fact, a razor-edged, veteran high school English teacher who had been waiting to unload. She began quietly, “We are told, sir, that you manage a company that makes good ice cream.” He smugly replied, “Best ice cream in America, Ma’am.” “How nice,” she said. “Is it rich and smooth?” “Sixteen percent butterfat,” he crowed. “Premium ingredients?” she inquired. “Super-premium! Nothing but triple A.” He was so proud.

He never saw the next line coming. “Sir,” she said, leaning forward with a wicked eyebrow raised to the sky, “When you are standing on your receiving dock and you see an inferior shipment of blueberries arrive, what do you do?” The trap was laid - “I send them back.” “That’s right!” she barked, “and we can never send back our blueberries. We take them big, small, rich, poor, gifted, exceptional, abused, frightened, confident, homeless, rude and brilliant. We take them all: GT, ADHD, ADD, SLD, EI, MMR, OHI, TBI, DD Autistic, junior rheumatoid arthritis, English as their second language, etc. We take them all! Everyone! And that, Sir, is why it’s not a business. It’s a school!”

We too care about our Blueberries here at All Saints’.

Mr Stewart Ross

“We must not forget that our prime function is to educate our young people.”

World’s Greatest Shave

On Friday, 11th March, All Saints’ College held a fundraiser, organised by Alexandra Hooper (Year 10) and Liam Berry (Year 11), for the World’s Greatest Shave. The day was a great success with over $1200 being raised via a store, gold coin (and other) donations, the sale of drinks and bandanas as well as some very brave volunteers having their heads shaved or hair dyed.
2011 has ushered in a year of change and development at All Saints’ College. We have excitingly seen the transition to a more technological approach towards education, the continuation of long standing school events, the redevelopment of the Kemmis Building, the farewelling of old friends and the introduction of new members into the All Saints’ College community.

The establishment of the iPad programme into the Year 7 curriculum has been a great success, diversifying the learning experience and opening new avenues of educational tools for teachers. The students have embraced this programme and have been proactive in exploring the many applications of the new devices. Similarly the College is continuing to install Smartboards across all departments, unlocking more opportunities for students and teachers alike.

Long House maintained its dominance of the pool, once again proving victorious in the Inter-House Swimming Carnival. House spirit and enthusiasm were exceptional as the swimmers were cheered on admirably by their Housemates. Congratulations to Barton House for claiming the House Spirit Award. All students are to be commended on their efforts in and out of the pool to make the day a resounding success. Yet again the College was represented in the WAS Swimming Carnival, with individual achievements at ISA and CIS levels.

The College community of past and present came together to farewell Mr Bruce Clydsdale (aka ‘Boppa’) and celebrate his 35 years at All Saints’. Close on 100 people attended the event, many of whom travelled long distances to share humorous anecdotes amongst past students, colleagues and friends. It was a fitting end to a long and admirable career, and he will be dearly missed by students and staff alike.

Throughout the term, the student body displayed concern for the wider community though their organisation of fundraising events. Year 7 held a successful cake stall to support victims of the Japanese earthquake/tsunami. Enough money was raised during the World’s Greatest Shave to see the majority of Year 12 boys shaving their hair as well as teachers - Mr Patrick Sinclair and Mr Eliot Sanger. Congratulations to Liam Berry and Alexandra Hooper for this successful fundraiser.

Recently the three Houses contested the Inter-House Cross Country Carnival and the Inter-House Debating and Public Speaking Competition. As usual, the students demonstrated great enthusiasm and House spirit. Bean House caused an upset, claiming victory in the Cross Country Carnival, whilst Long House won the Debating and Public Speaking Competition. We wish everyone who goes on to represent the College at both WAS Cross Country and Inter-School Debating all the very best.

Term 1 has demonstrated the students’ potential and capabilities, highlighting the best of All Saints’. We have seen the departure of greats, the introduction of new members into the College and the ever present dedication of the staff to their students.

We hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday and we look forward to a successful Term 2.
Year 7 raise over $200 for Japanese Disaster Relief

On Wednesday, 23rd March, the students of Year 7 held a cake stall to help the victims of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan.

This was a student initiative and the response from all members of the group was very impressive.

Trestle tables groaned under the sheer volume of cakes as the salesmen and saleswomen of Year 7 lightened the pockets of the older students and the staff for a good cause.

A total of $211.50 was raised.

Mrs Michelle O’Brien

Enrichment Lessons

Tuesday, February 8th, saw the first of three enrichment days for Year 7 to focus on the cross-curriculum collaborative unit of work on “Identity”.

Students worked in groups of four or five to produce a magazine which incorporates subject-related tasks from each participating subject.

Students used their iPads to locate information, collect images and record their ideas ready for publication in their magazines at the end of the term.

Mrs Michelle O’Brien

Designing Magazines

On Thursday, 24th March, Year 7 spent a full day in the computer room surrounded by the technology needed to piece their cross-curricular magazine together.

The day began with a demonstration and instruction by Mrs Cherylene Anderson on the desktop publishing programme “InDesign”.

True to form these digitally adept and enthusiastic students absorbed these skills immediately and began the layout and arrangement of the various articles for their group magazine. They were assisted all day on the technical side by Mr Robert McLean, Mr Patrick Sinclair and Mr Garry Anderson.

The teachers of their various subjects - Mrs Catherine Dundon, Mrs Sue King and Mrs Tessa Jones - spent time assisting and admiring the students’ seamless organisation, collaboration and productivity.

Congratulations Year 7 editors!

Mrs Tessa Jones (Head of English)

Off to a flying start with iPads

Reflecting on their first few days in secondary school, using “Pages app”, Year 7 students enthusiastically typed up their thoughts and feelings about the activities and orientation they had recently experienced. Not a sound was heard except for the clicking of fingers!

The next step was to email their teachers (Mrs Dundon and Mrs Jones) for comment and also post it on the intranet for them to view and comment in like manner.

What a defining moment in the history of All Saints’ College and in our teaching!

Mrs Tessa Jones (Head of English)
With one of the major events of the year approaching, the Coonabarabran Expo, the equestrian team has begun training afternoons on Stiles Oval. The showjumping training is being conducted by Mr John Kinghorn who is a qualified jump instructor, jump judge and course builder. John brings his years of experience to the sessions and will also be judging at this year’s Showjumping Day. Members of the Junior School equestrian team are also given the opportunity to train with their Senior School counterparts.

This year, All Saints’ is fielding the largest ever team to attend the Coonabarabran Equestrian Expo. The 18 riders are: Jessica Butt, Courtney Old, Alice Woodlock, Phoebe Suttor, Kylie Stevenson, Georgia Rosen, Amy Phillips, Meg Jones, Maddison Jones, Anna Carter, Alexandra Hooper, Meg James, Aimy Butt, Sarah Farraway, Sophie Stockman, Lyndsay Menzies, Emily Sinderberry and Sophie Jones

Mrs Nicole Stockman

Equestrian training
Rugby boys take on team from Canada

On Thursday, 24th March, All Saints’ College played a rugby game against Handsworth School from Vancouver, Canada.

Handsworth School players were keen to continue their tour in a most positive manner and while All Saints’ steadily controlled territorial advantage and possession, the boys from Vancouver were persistent and fought back to secure a number of tries in the afternoon.

Displaying a lack of fitness and early season disorganisation, All Saints’ players also showed their attacking flair and ability to fight aggressively at the break down. It was a positive start to the season and one which the Canadians were thankful for in helping them hone their defensive skills.

May I take this opportunity to sincerely thank the billeting families who hosted our friends from North America. The Canadian management was extremely appreciative and praiseworthy of our generous and gregarious hospitality.

Mr Greg Thornton (MiC - Rugby)

On Tuesday, March 1st, the All Saints’ College Year 11 Ancient History class went to Sydney University and the NSW Art Gallery to investigate the world of archaeology.

The students first went to the Nicholson Museum (Sydney University campus). They saw a diverse range of antiquities from Egyptian Mummies, Roman tools of everyday life to Greek artworks depicting ancient accounts of the Battle of Troy. The group was taken into an archaeological artefacts room where they got to handle and analyse, for purpose and origin, artefacts from Ancient Egypt, Rome and Greece.

The students then visited the NSW Art Gallery where they saw the touring exhibition of the Terracotta Warriors from the Qin dynasty in China. The students were impressed by the exquisite craftsmanship of a small sample of these warriors, their chariots and their weaponry, which number in their thousands inside the pits in which they guard the emperor’s tomb in China.

All students and staff had an enjoyable day

Mr Spencer Goddard
Senior Drama Night

On Thursday evening, March 24th, the All Saints’ College Drama Room was filled with an audience eager to see the 2011 Senior Drama Night. This marked Mrs Zoe McGirr’s first foray into performance at the College.

The Senior Drama Night included two shows:

YEAR 11 PERFORMANCE: ‘DÉJÀ VU’

In this unit, students have been learning the performance style of ‘Naturalism’, or ‘Method Acting’ as it is more commonly known, as invented by Stanislavski. In the performance, students worked in pairs. They both chose the same script, but worked separately to develop the ‘given circumstances’ and characters, so that the audience might see the same dialogue interpreted differently. It was fun for the audience to try to see if they could work out what was really going on for each of these characters.

YEAR 12 PERFORMANCE: THE EPIC REMOVAL

“The Removalists” by David Williamson is one of the HSC Australian Drama texts for 2011. It is a black comedy set in the 1970s, which reflects on the underlying corruption in the police force and violence in Australian culture.

The students cut the play up and added Brechtian staging devices such as screens, dance, music, overheard monologue and the use of direct address (where the characters break through the ‘fourth wall’ and talk to the audience). The play starred Chantal Hodson, Clare Watt, Melinda Nancarrow, Melissa Paul, Lachlan McDevitt and Zoë McGirr.

Mrs Zoë McGirr would especially like to thank Garry Anderson and Max Eggleton for their help with the lights, Jenny Lavoipierre for prompt, Bob Poole for photography, Carnaby Gilany for videography, Frances McLeod and Tessa Jones for marking and feedback.

Special thanks also to all those who came along to help support this growing Drama Department at All Saints’ College.

Sydney Theatre Company Excursion

On Wednesday, 2nd March, the Year 12 Drama students took an excursion to the Sydney Theatre Company to be part of the annual Brecht workshop.

The workshop, held in Wharf Theatre 2, was directed by Shannon Murphy and starred a selection of professional Sydney actors, who together took us through a workshop of Brecht’s plays, theories and his life.

Mrs Zoë McGirr
Friday, 11th February, brought the rowdy, energetic and enthusiastic Senior School together, boasting the brightly opposed colours of red, blue and yellow. The new and artistic banners displayed the pride and power of each House.

The gun fired, the screams grew louder, almost overwhelming as swimmers were urged on. The atmosphere created here is one not found anywhere else, one that everyone should feel privileged to be part of - despite the headaches and sore throats. The scores never reflected the actual competition as determination and grit made race finishes far too close.

Congratulations to Long House on winning the Inter-House Swimming Competition and Barton House who received the House Spirit Award.

Thank you to the staff who put in the effort to make the carnival run smoothly. Most importantly, thank you to every single student who put in an effort, either in the pool or on the deck - it is you who makes the All Saints’ Swimming Carnival what it is.

On Wednesday, 2nd March, the two Year 11 Biology classes travelled to O’Connell where they were guests of Dr Johannes Bauer and his family. The students and staff were privileged to hear a talk by Doctor Bauer about how he became involved in ecology and of his experiences working in many countries (China, Thailand, Nepal and New Zealand) on projects involving the study of animals such as tigers and pandas. Doctor Bauer also talked about the ecological problems facing the world.

The class carried out a variety of fieldwork activities involving sampling of the vegetation and leaf litter organisms, and measurement of a variety of environmental factors. This information was incorporated into a report by each student.

Mr Marcus Croft
Students reaching their full potential

Hard work yields success

At the end of each semester, that is the end of Term 2 and the end of Term 4, parents receive a detailed school report. Teachers take a great deal of time to produce these reports as it is one of the major ways in which parents receive information about their child’s progress. In most subject areas, students are reported on Achievement and Effort. Obviously a major focus at All Saints’ College is High Academic Achievement but more importantly it is the Effort Grade that should be given the priority when reading the report.

As parents, we all want our children to be striving towards achieving their potential in all aspects of their studies. Not all children can achieve Outstanding Achievement Grades but all children are capable of achieving the highest Effort Grades if they adopt a consistent and determined approach. Many children are intrinsically motivated with their schoolwork but an equal number are not. Part of the role of the teacher is convincing students that significant benefits will be gained from placing their best effort into all aspects of school.

This term the majority of the Junior School swimming team has been vigorously training on a Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday morning at 7.00am. The enthusiasm and determination displayed by these students have been outstanding. No matter how cold the morning has been or how wet the weather, they have always been there on time and trained as hard as they could.

On Tuesday, 8th March, the Junior School swimming team travelled to Sydney Aquatic Centre at Homebush to compete in the Heads of Independent Co-Educational Schools (HICES) Swimming Carnival. This carnival involved 16 schools and provided our students with the thrill of swimming in the same pool that was used for the Sydney Olympics. The All Saints’ College students performed brilliantly in the pool with three swimmers being selected in the HICES team for the Combined Independent Schools (CIS) Carnival. To top off a great day and a great season of swimming training, the Junior School students were awarded the Points Average Shield.

Many students in our swimming team have learnt a very valuable lesson this term - Hard Work Yields Success. This is the first time for at least seven years that All Saints’ College has won the Points Average Shield and it can be largely attributed to the training and effort put in by the students in the lead-up to the carnival. Hopefully many of these students can translate this learning experience into other aspects of their schooling.

Mr Christopher Jackman

“...we all want our children to be striving towards achieving their potential in all aspects of their studies.”

Junior School Picnic on the Oval

The annual Junior School Picnic held on Tuesday, 22nd February, was a fantastic community event with most families taking part and enjoying each other’s company.

I would like to give a big thank you to the members of the Parents’ and Friends’ Committee for their organisation and work on the food stall. Thank you to all of the parents who provided jelly cups and especially Leigh Haywood for her magnificently presented popcorn cones.

As well as the picnic providing a terrific opportunity for everyone to socialise, the food stall raised $946 which will go towards building a pirate ship in the play area.

Mr Chris Jackman
The Junior School Swimming Carnival began with the Infants students making a splash and dash across the pool with the aid of some Year 6 helpers. The students were absolutely delighted with their efforts and even more excited with their lovely yellow participation ribbon.

The serious swimming began soon after with the freestyle events, followed by breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly all before the very exciting relays.

The relays were certainly a highlight of the day for many of the students, particularly given both Houses were separated by six points at the beginning of them. However, it was the mighty Bradwardine House that had slightly greater success in the relays and were announced winners of the Inter-House Swimming Trophy for 2011.

Congratulations to everyone who participated in such a wonderful carnival. Many thanks also to the parents and staff who assisted during the morning, your help is always welcomed and greatly appreciated.

AGE CHAMPIONS
8 Years: Mitchell Nelson/Lauren Lyons
9 Years: Samuel Rendall/Isabella Siegert
10 Years: Timothy Jackman/Lucy Corbett-Jones
11 Years: Nicholas Booth/Anna Van Heekeren
12 Years: Thomas Geyer/Sophie Cant

Mrs Kay Nelson
(Junior School Sports Co-ordinator)

On Thursday, 24th March, the Junior School Equestrian Club held a Training/Activities afternoon on Stiles Oval.

An accredited instructor, Xanthe Morgan, put an enthusiastic group of riders through their paces beginning with a group lesson and finishing with some games and sporting activities.

Fortunately, the weather held off and all the students, parents and spectators had a fantastic afternoon.

Mrs Nicole Stockman
Easter Hat Parade

Cross Country

2011 Junior School Inter-House Cross Country Champions

Front Row: Benjamin Cant, Timothy Pickard, Lachlan Buckley, Ailee Blackshaw.
Years 3 & 4 Outdoor Education Camp

Years 3 and 4 travelled to Lake Canobolas, near Orange, to enjoy their annual outdoor education camp. The children participated in a wide variety of bushcraft activities which included canoeing, raft making, drama, camp cooking and hiking. We were fortunate to have fine weather for most of the camp which provided ideal conditions for the children to explore the wonderful surrounds.

The evenings were also a highlight of the camp with a campfire, talent quest and a teddy bear competition keeping the students thoroughly entertained.

The behaviour of the children was excellent and the meticulous organisation of Mr Chris Jackman and Mrs Leonie Keogh ensured that things ran smoothly. We were also very fortunate to have Mrs Lisette Hoskins and a large number of parents who helped to conduct and supervise activities.

It was certainly a great camp and the children should feel well pleased with their level of involvement and the enthusiastic and sensible manner in which they conducted themselves over the three days.

Mr Phillip Cant
During Week 9, the three Transition classes had a Teddy Bears’ Picnic and all of the children brought their favourite friends to school. The children went on a bear hunt, sang teddy songs, played teddy games and generally enjoyed their picnic.

The Kinder Buddy Programme got off to a great start this year. Year 6 and their Kindergarten ‘buddies’ met under the shady trees for a ‘get to know you’ session. This was a great opportunity for the Kinder children to find out about the interests their buddies have.

A good time was had by all and the Kinder children have been spotting their buddies out and about in the playground ever since.

During the summer holidays, Lachlan and Alex Buckley attended the Telstra Be Involved Cricket Clinic that was held in Orange.

The clinic was attended by 150 budding cricket players and was designed to give them an intense session to develop their skills. They were divided into groups according to their ages and moved between various stations that concentrated on different elements of the game.

The children were asked to wear cricket whites so the boys proudly wore their All Saints’ cricket uniform.

Each child also got to meet and have their photo taken with former Australian cricketer, Mark Waugh. It was such a thrill for them and, who knows, in 10-12 years Australia may have another pair of brothers donning the Baggy Green!
Year 2 visited the Orange Agricultural Institute on Monday, 28th February.

Dr Murray Fletcher met us and told us what his role as an entomologist entailed as well as explaining about the many different groups of insects. We were then allowed to explore the large collection of insects, pulling out drawers of stick insects, cockroaches, beetles, butterflies and much more! It was fascinating to observe a tiny beetle and a small black ant under the microscope.

The strange smell pervading the room was naphthalene that is used to prevent live insects invading the area and destroying the dead specimens.

Mrs Ruth Clements

Twilight Paraders

During Term 1, a number of our Year 5 and 6 students have been going up to the School Farm at lunchtimes to learn the art of cattle stewardship.

Agriculture teacher, Mr Mark Whitfield, and a number of Senior School Ag students have been tutoring the students.

It is a wonderful initiative that has been very popular with the students. It is fantastic to see the older students passing on some of their knowledge and experience to our younger students.

Mr Chris Jackman (Head of Junior School)
**Pancake Tuesday**

On Tuesday, 8th March, Year 1 students enjoyed beating, pouring, stirring, whisking, flipping and, best of all, eating pikelets which they had made for Pancake Tuesday. The significance of Shrove Tuesday was discussed as part of our “Celebrations” topic which includes Easter.

It was also a fantastic way to make procedure writing meaningful and stimulating. The children completed a flow chart and wrote a procedure for the making of pikelets. It was lots of fun and a delicious activity!

*Mrs Gabrielle Darlington*

**Cucumber Masks**

During Term 1, Year 4 enjoyed making cucumber masks in an activity that stimulated some fantastic procedural writing. The children used freshly picked cucumbers and set about creating some healthy face masks which they enjoyed applying to themselves and a few brave parents and teachers.

*Mr Phillip Cant*

**Year 6 visit the Blayney Wind Farm**

On Thursday, March 10th, Year 6 went to the Blayney Wind Farm.

We arrived there and were met by Mr Leo Pearce from Eraring Energy. Leo was very good at explaining all about the Blayney Wind Farm.

After an explanation and a great number of very good questions, Leo took us outside to look at the wind turbines. We went into the turbines and looked up the ladder to the very top. It was a very, very long way up. Leo told us the procedure of safety measures they have to go through before they even start to climb the ladder.

We had a great time and learnt a lot.

*Georgie Sutton*
Positive new start

The commencement of 2011 saw us start anew with consolidated House structures, which brought junior and senior boarders into a vertically streamed arrangement in both the boys’ and girls’ boarding houses, together with a new staff structure. Mrs Gillian McAllister took over the reins in the girls’ House, now known as Marsden House, with two Assistant Heads of House, Mrs Cassie Pearce and Ms Lucy Spora. She has been ably supported by our two Residential Tutors in the House, Ms Claire O’Brien and Ms Corinne Ozols. In the boys’ House a similar model is followed with the Head of House being ably assisted by Mrs Rosemarie Schofield as Assistant Head of House, and the Residential Tutors, Mr Andrew Schaefer, Mr Luke Mulligan and Mr Matthew Cividin.

There has been a wonderfully positive vibe in the Houses with the bringing together of both junior and senior boarders. There are junior and senior spaces, as well as spaces where the House can meet as a whole. Each year group has been provided for with their own areas within each House, allowing individual withdrawal and space or age appropriate activities to be conducted. There is plenty of opportunity for the seniors to mix with the juniors and vice versa and this has already seen some real positives in developing leadership in the Houses.

Our boarding leaders, Amanda Burbidge, Hannah Doolan, Brendan Farr and Max Eggleton, have indeed been leading the way with regular meetings with the Heads of House, ideas and enthusiasm for activities. On our first weekend of term our leaders were involved in organising and running a campus-based round robin sporting competition that saw all boarders participate in games of volleyball, touch football, cricket and basketball. The Sunday afternoon included a water bomb fight and a massive slip’n’side down the hill outside the old Britten House. It was a great weekend and everyone had a good time. In Term 1, boarders have also been involved in Ten Pin Bowling and movie nights, including a ‘Dive Inn’ movie night at Bathurst Aquatic Centre for National Youth Week organised by the Bathurst Youth Council which our junior boarders supported. There have been pizza nights and, of course, our formal term dinner, catered for by our own staff and held in the dining hall.

The consolidation of our Houses and staffing have led to a need to review our operating systems and it has been a wonderful opportunity to look at why we do things the way we do them. In many cases this process has affirmed our rationale. In other cases it has allowed us to investigate new and hopefully improved ways of doing things. The most exciting part of this process has been including our boarders in the conversation. This has begun primarily with our senior leaders and we hope to broaden this consultation to include a wider range of our residential students.

Sunday nights have been a project with which our senior leaders have been involved. Sunday nights have had a revamp, with a more formal event being organised each week. The boarding leaders are responsible for conducting an event that includes a weekly wrap of all that has happened in the previous week, the celebration of boarders’ achievements, the recognition of boarders’ birthdays, announcements of upcoming events, table-clothed tables and a roast dinner. Accompanying this event has been a stepping up of the dress code for dinner and Boarders’ Sunday Evening Chapel. It is an important process in preparing our young people for significant events in life after All Saints’ College. It has been wonderful to have the support and encouragement from our senior boarding leaders as we have looked to promote positive experiences for our residential students.

It has been a great start to the new year and we look forward to the many things in store as we continue to make All Saints’ boarding a wonderful learning and supportive environment for our young people and their families.

All Saints’ supports the ICPA at State Conference

The 39th Annual State Conference of the Isolated Children’s Parents’ Association was held in Lightning Ridge in south-western NSW on Tuesday, 15th and Wednesday, 16th March 2011.

The ICPA supports children and parents in isolated areas of the country to access appropriate and continuing educational opportunities by lobbying the government for assistance in the many and varied ways that are required when facilities are so far away. All Saints’ is pleased to offer a number of ICPA scholarships each year.

It was a pleasure to make the trip across the State to represent All Saints’ and join the ICPA delegates and other representatives from Boarding Schools as we support our boarding families from all around NSW. Motions were presented and debated over the two days that included issues involving allowances, boarding, Agricultural High Schools and Hostels, communications, Country Areas Programme, distance education, early childhood, rural schools, special education, tertiary education and travel.

If any of our boarding families would like more information on the ICPA or other organisations that might provide assistance for educational access, they should contact me or Brian Plummer, President of the All Saints’ Boarding P&F.

The 40th Annual State Conference is scheduled for Bourke in 2012.

Mr Eliot Sanger
(Director of Boarding)
On Saturday, 6th March, there was a gathering of the All Saints’ College community at the home of Kate and Russell Symonds at Condobolin. It was a very friendly get-together with families travelling from Sydney, Bathurst, Tottenham, Nyngan and Condobolin to attend the event. Drinks and nibbles were enjoyed by the pool, followed by a sit-down barbecue dinner under the stars in the lovely garden at “Bogandillon”.

We would like to thank Kate, Russell and Jess Symonds who worked tirelessly to make the night a success and the Condobolin mums who supplied the salads and desserts. Congratulations to Max Eggleton (Year 12) who celebrated his 18th birthday with friends, family and a chocolate mud cake.

A special thank you to Gillian and Watson McAllister who attended as the staff representatives.

 Plans are underway for the next boarding function - possibly the Riverside Caravan Park at Nyngan during the mid-year break.

Mrs Wendy Wass

On Monday, 4th April, the boarders had their formal end-of-term dinner in the dining room. They were dressed magnificently in all their finery! Eliot Sanger and Gillian McAllister thanked the boarders for the term and the four leaders - Amanda Burbidge, Hannah Doolan, Brendan Farr and Max Eggleton - said a few words of thanks and talked about the highlights of the term.
Valentine’s Day

On Valentine’s Day, traditionally the girls go across to the Boys’ House and sing to them. This year they once again dressed up in red and pink pyjamas, dressing gowns etc. They sang a specially composed song to all the boys at Watson House. Each boy and each member of staff was then presented with a Valentine’s Day card made by the senior girls. Attached to each card was a heart-shaped chocolate!

Water-slide fun

The first weekend of Term 1, which was restricted leave for the boarders, was a fun-filled weekend with lots of games and activities. This weekend allowed the boarders to mix together and get to know one another a little better. The senior leaders organised games and Eliot Sanger organised the water-slide. The students had a great time on the water slide as it was a pretty hot weekend.

House spirit on show

The Year 12 boarders dressed up for the Swimming Carnival in their House colours - costumes, face paint, etc. They had a wonderful time cheering on swimmers or swimming themselves - great fun was had by all on the day and it was a wonderful occasion with lots of loud noise and House spirit!
Testimonial Dinner for Bruce Clydsdale

Close to 100 people - family, friends, teaching colleagues (past and present) and students (past and present) - attended a Testimonial Dinner for Bruce (“Boppa”) Clydsdale at the Bathurst Convention and Function Centre on Saturday, 26th February.

Senior School Captains, Samuel George and Arianne Gilany, spoke of the high mutual respect that Bruce and students had for each other in all aspects of life at the College.

A “Roast and Toast” by Mr Rob King and Mr Wayne Feebrey was a very insightful and humorous tribute to Bruce’s various roles at All Saints’ over his 35 years there.

In his reply, Bruce outlined the changes that have occurred during his time at All Saints’, his philosophy on education and the challenges that both educators and students face in the 21st Century.

It was a great evening and everyone who attended enjoyed Bruce’s retirement dinner immensely.

Mr Bob Poole

New Drama Teacher

All Saints’ College was delighted to welcome Mrs Zoë McGirr to the position of Drama Teacher.

Zoë is a passionate educator and practitioner of Drama, Media and various Creative Arts. She holds a Bachelor of Communications and Bachelor of Teaching from Charles Sturt University, and studied acting at the National Institute of Dramatic Arts (NIDA).

Zoë graduated from the McDonald College of Performing Arts and has performed and worked in various roles within the arts industry for many years, including her most recent position as Academic Tutor in Media Production and Presentation at Charles Sturt University - Bathurst.

With her husband, Stephen, and son, Phoenix (who has just started “big school” at All Saints’ College) Zoë plans to move to the family farm in Eglinton and looks forward to finding the balance between rearing cows and teaching drama.

“All of my achievements up to now have prepared me for a life where I can hold a top hat in one hand and a drill in the other…I am very excited by the challenges of teaching here and look forward to a fulfilling career as part of the All Saints’ family - GO SAINTS!”

New Head of Girls’ Boarding

The College community welcomed the new Head of House Girls’ Boarding, Mrs Gillian McAllister.

Gillian grew up in Ardross, Ross and Cromarty in the north of Scotland. She went to Dunfermline College of Physical Education in Edinburgh and two years after graduation emigrated to Australia with her husband, Watson.

Gillian has taught PE and Health Education in Glasgow, Sydney, Perth, Darwin, Adelaide and Melbourne - in that order!

Gillian has been Head of Boarding at four schools over the past 20 years.

Vale - Allan Miller

The All Saints’ College community was saddened to hear of the passing of Allan Miller. Allan retired as Maintenance Supervisor at the end of 1998 after 25 years of service to the College. Allan’s funeral service was held at St Barnabas’ Church, Bathurst, on Friday, 4th February.
Abercrombie House P&F Function

On Saturday evening, February 12th, the All Saints’ College Whole School Parents’ and Friends’ Association held a cocktail party at Abercrombie House, the stately 1850s mansion owned by the Morgan family. The evening was a total and complete success.

Over 200 guests left with a sense of pride in what is a definitive Bathurst historical landmark, and its place in Australian History as well as its connections in the All Saints’ story - something so many of us were unaware of.

The event would not have been the success it was without the tireless and selfless help given to us by so many people. Assistance from parents, teachers, students and families made the evening successful and for that I thank you all.

Mr John Morris (P&F President)

The US Teaching Connection

Mr Joseph Panganiban is the current student teacher in the All Saints’ Music Department. He is a fifth year Music Performance-Percussion and Music Education student at the University of Iowa in the United States.

Joe was originally from Chicago, Illinois, USA where he began studying music in his second year of grammar school. While at university, he performed with several ensembles such as the University of Iowa Symphony Band, University of Iowa Symphony Orchestra, Percussion Ensemble, Latin Jazz Ensemble, UI Percussion Ensemble, UI PanAmerican Steel Band and the University of Iowa Hawkeye Marching Band.

Joe has also taught at several schools instructing high school drumlines such as the Prairie "Hawks" Marching Band in Cedar Rapids, Iowa andWilliamsburg Marching Raiders from Williamsburg, Iowa.

Joe is very excited to be part of All Saints’ College and is working with the students in both the Senior and Junior School. He will be on campus until the end of May.
The Good ‘Ole Days

The following article is a reminiscence from Mr Robert Beck (Class of ’40). It was part of a series in the OBU VIM.

“I was at All Saints’ College in the Watson era; Mr McLeod was the Deputy Headmaster; very Scottish, he was a hard but very fair man. As my name was Robert Bruce, I had no trouble with him at all and we were good mates. I resided in the Tower near the Library.

John and David Leitch and David Oliver were mentioned in the last VIM; I was good friends with them and sat next to David Oliver.

The Leitchs’ came from Moree way and David was Dux of the school - very, very brainy he later went on to become a doctor. He would help any backward student like me at any time.

David Oliver came from the Brewarrina area and was a very hardy boy. He could take a lot of stress and knocks on the football field and nothing would worry him. At school he loved aeroplanes and he used to make model ones and fly them around. On leaving school, he joined the Air Force and went to England; I understand he did not make it back from World War Two.

One early morning a horse got onto the school grounds, David went down in his pyjamas, caught the horse, tied his pyjama top around its neck and jumped on its back. The horse took off, galloped towards the ramp, jumped it then headed flat out back towards Bathurst. By this time all the boys were looking out of those big long open windows in the dormitories, watching.

David stuck to the galloping horse for about half a mile, but then came off. He came back all gravel-rashed, bleeding but also had managed to untie and bring his pyjama top back with him.

While this was going on, Mrs Watson (the Headmaster’s wife) was walking through the long pergola of roses that led back from the church, and of course she saw nothing! She was a great lady and was always on the boys’ side. She would always find out from the boys’ parents when their birthday was and she would make them a cake. The boys would get such a surprise; they never seemed to know how she knew when their birthday was.

My brother Fred came to All Saints’ from 1939-40. This was around the same time Bex Tablets came out. My brother then became ‘pills’ and I became ‘tablets’. All these things one does not seem to forget, and they were certainly the “good ‘ole days”.

Jake Thornton
(ASC 2002-2010)

On Friday, 25th March, Recruit Jake Thornton completed basic training for his Gap Year with the Australian Army and marched out at Kapooka in Wagga Wagga. Jake was part of Charlie Company and his platoon was the youngest ever (as well as having the most ever girls) to complete the training.

Basic training was full on - 6.00am to 11.00pm every day - and included fitness, weapons training (rifle, machine gun, night-vision goggles, etc.), medical courses, parade drill, as well as navigation and field operations. Jake now heads to Albury for a month of employment training as an Administration Clerk before being deployed to his permanent station for the rest of the year.

In anticipation of completing basic training Jake said, “I think that when I march out it will be the proudest day of my life.” The Platoon marched out in full dress uniform accompanied by a military marching band. It was certainly a proud moment for all the recruits and their families.

Cameron Picker playing for Eels Toyota Cup side

Height : 176 cm
Weight : 88 kg
Position : Halfback
Rep. Honours : NSW Country, NSW CIS
Junior Clubs : Bathurst Panthers
Previous Clubs : Nil

Cameron often played a utility role in 2010 but is keen to hold down the halfback position this season. He is studying at university for a degree in Business and Commerce.
John Herbert Suttor - formerly of ‘Brucedale’, Peel

John had been a valued member of the All Saints’ family for many years. He was first a parent, as his boys, David, Angus and Andrew, attended the school. John was also a Council Member and a founding member of the All Saints’ College Foundation for a number of years. He and his wife Marg were very involved in the College Parents’ and Friends’ Association and their interest in the school continued with their grandchildren, Phoebe and Jock, who are both present members of the school. John and Marg’s property, ‘Brucedale’, was used for the House Cross Country and WAS Cross Country track for many years. Past students remember running through the paddocks and along the river banks on the property. The course ‘literally sorted the men from the boys’ and it has been recorded that

Andrew Suttor actually ran the senior course barefooted.

‘Brucedale’ was also used for many different functions run by the school parent body with the Suttors most accommodating hosts. Bridge parties, Euchre nights and Musical Soirees were held there over a number of years.

All members of the All Saints’ College community pass on sincere condolences to the extended and immediate members of the Suttor family.

Dubbo Reunion Dinner

A Dubbo Dinner was held on Saturday, 12th March, with 59 ex-students (and partners) of All Saints’ College and the former Marsden School attending. Jasper Croft (ASC 1964-66) was the very entertaining Special Guest this year. The Dinner will be repeated again on the second Saturday in March 2012. We are looking forward to another successful evening. Please come!!
OBITUARY - Heather Paul

Heather Paul, the first girl to attend All Saints’ College as a student, died peacefully on 3rd February 2011, five days before her 93rd birthday.

In her student days no one could have foreseen that Heather would become one of the few members of our armed forces in World War II to see an enemy fighter pilot stooging around at low level with the canopy of his Zero pushed back, peering down at her through his goggles. Nor that she would meet with genuine active headhunters during her war service.

Born in Cooma on 7th February 1918 Heather was the eldest child of the Reverend Lindsay and Gladyis Watson. She had two brothers, Stan and Ian. The family moved to Bathurst in 1923, when the Reverend Watson, his wife and Mr Colin McLeod financed the re-opening of All Saints’ College on its current site after it had closed during World War I. All Saints’ College was to be Heather’s home for the next 24 years.

Heath attended school in Bathurst, first at All Saints’, then at Pixie Ladies College in William St, near Piper St, which she walked to and from - about five to six miles a day. She became a boarder at Marsden School for her final years when she enjoyed tennis, netball and hockey.

After finishing school Heather trained as a physiotherapist at Sydney University where she continued to play tennis and hockey. She then worked as a physiotherapist at a number of hospitals in Sydney, the Children’s Hospital in particular.

As with so many of her generation World War II had a dramatic and lasting impact on Heather’s life. On its outbreak she joined the army as a physiotherapist. She was posted to the 119th Army General Hospital in Darwin early in the war after most of the women there had been evacuated. It has been reported that only about 50 women remained, including about 16 nurses and some essential civilians, mainly telegraphists and phone exchange operators.

Heather was one of only two physiotherapists in Darwin during its bombing and was in a slit trench during one of those raids when she saw the Zero pilot staring down at her. It was to her continuing chagrin that the presence of the two physiotherapists was not mentioned in any of the published accounts of the bombing of Darwin.

Heather was also somewhat scornful of those who joined what became known as the “Adelaide Stakes” at the time. In the chaos after the early bombing raids, something confused orders had been issued to withdraw to the south. Some troops took these a little too literally and didn’t stop until they reached Alice Springs, or in some cases, Adelaide.

Heather was with the 119th AGH in Darwin and later in very primitive makeshift conditions in Adelaide River to which it was hurriedly relocated after the first raids. She remained there for about 12 months before being posted back to Sydney, which included a considerable period spent at Concord Hospital.

Heather later served a longish stint with the 2/6th Army General Hospital, initially on the Atherton Tablelands near Cairns. Even there the war was not without its dangers. She was told after she disembarked from the back of an army truck that she had just missed stepping on a death adder by inches.

Heather remained with the 2/6th AGH as it moved up through the islands of what is now Indonesia in support of our troops during the later stages of the war, including periods at Moratai and finally at Labuan in Borneo. It was there that she encountered and photographed some Dayak headhunters, native tribesmen who had been co-operating with Australian commandos behind the front lines.

Heather made many lifelong friends during her time as a physiotherapist and while in the army. In later years when family responsibilities eased, she often attended the 119th AGH annual reunions. These, run on a voluntary basis in a private home, welcomed anyone associated with the hospital at the time of the bombings. There she not only reminisced with former workmates, but also became reacquainted with many former patients, including a number of US airmen who attended at different times.

After the war, Heather resumed work at Hornsby Hospital. In February 1949 she married Norman Paul of Bathurst where they made their home. Over the next six years they had three sons, and Heather embraced the roles of wife, mother and homemaker, at all of which she excelled.

Heather was always one to put others, especially her family, ahead of herself. She was devoted to her husband, children, and later, her grandchildren. She loved to cook, and was self-taught, although initially it was a steep learning curve. When Heather married she knew more about cooking and catering for an entire school than she did about feeding a husband and then a young family.

Heather was a keen social tennis player, playing weekly until well into her 70s. Once her sons were in high school, Heather took up golf with a passion and enjoyed many years of camaraderie. After Norman retired in his 70s they were keen early morning players for years, including on frosty winter mornings.

In the 1980s Heather and Norman, who had been a prisoner of war in Changi, enjoyed their only overseas holiday, first by visiting Singapore and Malaysia, and then Japan.

In the days before the internet had made it so much easier, Heather spent countless hours over more than a decade completing a family history that filled four albums.

In her 70s Heather endured a very complex neck operation and its ongoing after effects with great fortitude.

Unfortunately this brought to an end the tennis and golf she loved so much, but she was able to continue gardening and took up Mahjong which she played on a weekly basis until her 90s.

In her late 70s and early 80s Heather cared for Norman at home single-handedly in his final years. She continued to walk down town, generally once or twice a week, until she was 92. It was only then that she could be persuaded to accept meals on wheels. Heather was able to stay in her own home until halfway through her 93rd year, when she broke her hip in a fall. After a spell in hospital, Heather spent the final few months of her life in the care of a local nursing home.

All her life Heather maintained a keen interest in All Saints’ and Marsden, helping with fundraising and attending many reunions and other events.

In accordance with her wishes she was farewelled at a quiet family-oriented funeral on 8th February 2011.

Farewell Heather - a caring wife, devoted mother and grandmother and gracious friend. You will be sorely missed.

The Paul Family

Class of 2006 Five Year Reunion

The class of 2006 Five Year Reunion is on Saturday, June 25th 2011 at the Oxford Hotel in Bathurst.

Dinner starts at 6:30pm - 9:30pm. Friends and family are welcome to attend afterwards.

The cost is $40 per person and this includes champagne on arrival, appetisers, main and dessert (people to pay on arrival).

The class of 2006 extends the invitation to ASC Staff to attend.

We need RSVP numbers by June 1st. For enquiries email amyndimos@gmail.com

Sants’ on Facebook

All Saints’ College Bathurst now has a Facebook site for everyone to access. Just click on the LIKE button and you can access stories and details about upcoming events at the College.

We welcome anyone getting in touch with us with information on careers, marriages, births, deaths, change of address details so we can put them in our news section.

Email obu@saints.nsw.edu.au

http://www.facebook.com/pages/All-Saints-College-Bathurst/157525194295651
Family and friends were shocked to hear that Neryl had passed away in her sleep during the morning of 2nd November, 2010.

Neryl had been living in Albury, and was in Dubbo helping her mother, Mrs Knight, move into a retirement village, and with her siblings to give their Mum a little 92nd birthday party. She was to return to her home the next day and had many new plans for her 70th year.

Neryl attended Marsden School from 1953, starting in First Year and continuing on to gain her Leaving Certificate in 1957.

She was a very thorough and conscientious student throughout those years and, on leaving Marsden, trained at the Bathurst Teachers College. This was the starting point for a very successful teaching career.

While at Marsden, Neryl was a very staunch supporter of Suttor House, excelling in all sports and inter-House activities, leading and encouraging her teams to victory as Captain. In 1957 she was the overall Captain of Suttor House.

Neryl was also a very capable and understanding Prefect, helping and guiding students through their days at Marsden during 1957.

As a Life Member of Marsden Old Girls’ Union (M.O.G.U.), Neryl supported the group over the years and attended reunions whenever possible.

While living in Dubbo she did much voluntary work and pursued a wide variety of interests and activities. Neryl was a parishioner at Holy Trinity Anglican Church and was an active church member helping with church-related functions and activities. She dedicated a great deal of her time taking part in research to help in compiling a history of the Bush Brothers’ pastoral care in NSW. For many Marsden pupils in the 1950s, the Bush Brothers were a huge and influential part of Anglicans’ lives in the western areas.

Neryl’s funeral service was held at Holy Trinity Church and conducted by Reverend Diane Beal, who had been Neryl’s friend from the time when Neryl taught Diane’s children at school. During the service, reference was made to her days at Marsden with her sisters, Heather and Kay, and of her long-time friendships formed with other girls at the school. Gwenda (Fisher), Judy (Penzer) and Rae (Lemon) were at the service. Condolences sent by other ex-Marsden long-term friends have been received from Papua New Guinea, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania and several in NSW. Precious and treasured friendships indeed!

Psalm 121 was featured in the service (and “our” version was read by her niece, Melanie Murray, who had also attended Marsden).

Neryl was devoted to her beloved Mum and all her family, and especially as a loving mother to David and Rosanne, and Nanny Neryl to her four beautiful grandchildren: Eloise and Nicholas Paine and Aiden and Lauren Robinson.

Neryl will be remembered for her devotion to her career, her resilience and positive attitude, and her unconditional loyalty and love to her family, friends and acquaintances. And at all times we will remember that friendly smile and “all the little things” that Neryl did.

A poem (by Margaret Lindsay) says it all:

The little things
Are most worthwhile -
A quiet word,
A look, a smile,
A listening ear
That’s quick to share
Another’s thoughts
Another’s care.........
Though sometimes they may seem quite small,
These little things mean MOST OF ALL.

Roslyn and Stephen Morley at Bruce Clydsdale’s Testimonial Dinner.

The Morleys’ was the first ASC x ASC marriage after the two schools, Marsden School and All Saints’College, amalgamated.

Kristie Llewellyn (ASC 1999-2000) and husband Steve Innes who were married on 2nd October 2010 at Bathurst.
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