**HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL**  
Mr Stewart Ross

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The Glover girls (and parents) also knitted and donated many beanies, scarfs, pyjamas and an assortment of clothes that we gave away on the trek. Other highlights included making “High Camp” where we were in the shadow of two of the highest mountains in the world – Annapurna South (7219/m) and Machapuchre (6993/m) and spotting Rhino while on Elephant Safari in southern Nepal. (Some photos included in this edition).

**TALK OUT LOUD**  
Did you realize that 1 in 4 young people experience a mental health problem in any given 12 month period. Red Cross in partnership with beyondblue has developed a program and the Talk Out Loud crew will be visiting the school on May 7th for Yrs 9 – 11. We feel that this is a very worthwhile initiative and vital in today’s community.

**STUDY SKILLS**  
We are planning to rerun the study skills programs that Mrs Lavoipierre delivered to Seniors last term in the next few weeks. I ask that Yrs 11 and 12 please note these dates when they are advertised and attend these helpful seminars.

**FOOD AND WINE FESTIVAL**  
Just a reminder that the Festival of Food and Wine is on Friday, 8th May at 6:30pm. This is a free of charge gathering and would be a great way to round off the week. Please contact Scott or Belinda in Reception ASAP if you would like to attend.

**Thought:** If you can imagine it, you can achieve it; if you can dream it, you can become it. William Arthur

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**Year 8 Kirrikee Camp 2009**

The travel times for camp have been finalised. Students will need to meet at 5:45am on Monday, 11th May in the school car park to enable roll marking and loading of luggage, for a 6:00am departure. This will ensure we arrive in plenty of time for expedition preparation in the afternoon. We will be travelling to Kirrikee via Oberon and Goulburn, so any students living out of Bathurst along the route may organise a pick up to save an unnecessary trip to the College.

**IMPORTANT.** There will be a gear check, gear issue and pack at the College on Friday, 8th May during periods 5, 6 and 7. ALL students will need to bring ALL their clothing and equipment for camp on this day. Their gear will then be secured at school over the weekend so that nothing is left behind.

We plan to be back at the College by 5:00pm on Friday 15th May. Please ensure arrangements for collecting your child if a day student, at this time,

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**P & F MEETING**  
The next P & F meeting will be Tuesday, 5th May at 5:45pm in the Senior Library. We will be taking a tour of the College Health Clinic at 5:55pm with discussions to follow regarding the proposed renovations.

I hope to see many parents there.

Regards, Anne Clifton

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**Registars Corner**

**Welcome to new families**

Welcome back to Term 2 and a particular welcome to our new families:

Joanne and James Michael – Emma (Year 6) and Joshua (Year 4) have moved to Bathurst (in the last week).

Caroline and Tony Card – Thomas and Isabelle (Year 5) another new family into the area this time to Oberon (again within the last couple of weeks).

Edna Dennis – Bianca (Year 7) boarding from Walgett.

Gabrielle and Mark Chalker – Maddison (Year 7) boarding from Bigga.

Karen and Andrew Mitchell – Trent (Year 8) boarding from Theresa Park.

Lucinda Cummings – Mikaela (Year 9) from Bathurst.

Kim and Craig Marks – Georgia (Year 10) boarding from Warren.

Along with the All Saints’ Community we welcome you all and wish you every happiness and success here at the College.

**Applications for Kindergarten and Transition 2010**

Due to the high demand for Junior School places and the importance of planning for your child’s future care and education we are calling for applications for Transition and Kindergarten for 2010. Already we have had a huge number of Transition and Kindergarten applications and, unlike previous years, we are planning on interviewing this Term. This allows everyone time to plan. So for those interested in these years please forward to me your child’s application (if not done already). We will be closing applications on May 29, 2009.

Interviews will be conducted over the following weeks. Places will be offered as soon as the interviews have been completed. As with previous years, if someone applies after the closing date they will be interviewed and will be eligible to join the waiting list.

So I know whether or not your child is continuing from Transition into Kindergarten, could you please confirm your intentions to me in writing.

**Year 7 Information Evening**

Watch this space for more information relating to the Year 7 information evening coming up - June 2nd. All Year 6 parents and students are welcome and encouraged to be there as there will be invaluable information to share.

**Contact Registrar**

As always please do not hesitate to contact me for any information either on 6332 7313 or email j.thompson@saints.nsw.edu.au

Jane Thompson

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**Sports Draws**

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The **NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM**

The NYSF offers students, currently in Year 11, a unique opportunity to test drive careers in science, engineering and related disciplines.

For twelve days in January 2010, you’ll come to Canberra or Perth and live on campus as a university student. You’ll meet a range of scientists and researchers, visit them at work and do the kinds of things they do every day. You’ll debate the hottest topics in science and engineering and pick up valuable skills to give you that edge through Year 12 and beyond. But it’s not all work – there’s also time for fun and to get to know the other students, including activities such as a trivia quiz, barbecues, disco and a range of sports.

Interested?? See Mr Inglis for further information.

**SCIENCE OPPORTUNITY FOR YEAR 9 STUDENTS - The Siemens Science Experience**

A three-day hands-on practical science program, will be conducted during 2009/10 in a number of Australian universities for students who will be entering Year 10 in 2010. Each program includes a wide variety of practical activities, excursions and career information together with interesting presentations by leading Australian scientists and engineers.

For further information and application forms talk to your Science teacher or Mr Inglis.

N. D. Inglis, Head of Science

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**All Saints’ College Festival of Food & Wine**

in conjunction with Elliot Rocke Estates Mudgee and Alliance Catering

**Friday, 8th May 2009**

6.30pm for 7.00pm at the College Dining Hall

A selection of Elliot Rocke premium wines will also be tasted. Finger food provided. Please join us for an enjoyable and informative evening. The night will also see the launch of the latest ASC labelled white and red.

The night is free of charge.

All members of school community are welcome to attend

All funds raised will go towards funding the refurbishment of the Health Centre (Clinic).

RSVP to Reception by Friday, May 1 2009

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**All Saints’ College Bathurst**

Eglinton Road Bathurst NSW 2795
All Saints College has a large representation in the cast of the Carillon Theatrical Society’s production of Les Miserables, to be staged at the Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre in May.

The large size of this production means that the lead characters and children will perform in two teams with alternate performances.

Patrick Sinclair stars as one of the main characters, Jean Val Jean, and is in TEAM 2 with his son Baden (Year 6) playing Gavroche, Sophia Grant (Year 5) playing young Cosette, and Sarah Morris (Year 7) playing young Eponine.

Erin Cobcroft (Year 4) will also be playing the part of young Cosette and will be performing in TEAM 1. Erin is unavailable to perform on Fri, 8th May and will be replaced by Sophia.

Niemah Hope (Year 9) can be seen in each performance in the chorus, and she is exceptional to watch as understudy to the role of Eponine.

Greg Jones pops up here and there as various characters in the chorus and the odd All Saints’ parents and ex-students can also be found.

For a Great night out or matinee performance come and see your fellow students, teachers or friends in Les Miserables.

Team 1: Friday 8th, Saturday 9th and Thursday 14th at 7.30pm
Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th Matinee 1pm
Team 2: Thursday 7th at 7.30pm, Saturday 9th and Sunday 16th Matinee 1pm, Wednesday 13th, Friday 15th, Saturday 16th at 7.30
Understudies will Perform on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th at 7.30pm.

National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy 2009
Letter to Parents

In May 2009 the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be introduced for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools. This program, which has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers, will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools.

In New South Wales the NAPLAN tests have replaced the Basic Skills Tests (BST), English Language and Literacy Assessment (ELLA) and Secondary Numeracy Assessment Program (SNAP).

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the agreed national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of this National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

The tests will be conducted across Australia on the same days for all students according to the following timetable:

Tuesday, 12 May – Language Convention test (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and a separate Writing test.

Wednesday, 13 May - Reading test

Thursday, 14 May - Numeracy test (Number, Algebra, function and pattern; Measurement, Chance and data; and Space)

In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not used. For the calculator test the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

Friday, 15 May - A ‘catch-up’ day is scheduled for students who missed a section of the test or were absent on a particular day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if they are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or if they have significant intellectual and/or functional disability.

Students with confirmed disabilities or difficulties in learning are expected to participate in the tests. Special provisions which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom will be provided for students by the school. Large print, Braille and black and white versions of the test are available for students with vision impairment.

Access to special provisions and exemption from the tests must be discussed with your school’s learning support team and the school Principal, and a parent/carer consent form must be signed. Parents also have the right to withdraw their child from the tests. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests you must sign a parent/carer consent form. Consent forms are available at your school.

Please make an appointment with the Principal of the school your child attends if you would like further information about your child’s participation in the National Assessment Program.

Additional information can be found at: http://www.naplan.edu.au/parents/parents.html
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