**HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL**

Mr Stewart Ross

**VISITOR PROCEDURE**

A reminder that all visitors to the school are to sign in at the Reception on arrival. This excludes parents dropping off or picking up their children.

**SOME MORE SUCCESS**

Nelson Parker has been successful in gaining a place at the Sciences Forensics Camp at The Armidale School. This is highly prestigious event and difficult to gain acceptance. Well done, Nelson. Chantal Hodson won the Lithgow Golf Club Junior Open Girls’ title recently. She carded an 81 to claim the title by one stroke. This continues her impressive year in which she won the 15 year Jack Newton Junior event and helped NSW to the State of Origin title over Queensland.

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**THE MOBILE BLOOD VAN**

Thanks must go to Alysha Bell for helping to organise the mobile Blood Van’s visit to the school yesterday. This has now become a regular event and all places for donations were booked out. This is an important community activity and I thank the senior students for their blood donation.

**NAPLAN**

Next week the NAPLAN tests – (National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy) will take place for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Results for parents will be available around mid September.

**Year 8 CAMP**

Year 8 are off to Kirrikee next week for their camp. We wish them well and I am sure they will have lots to talk about when they get back.

Thought: A wise man learns by the mistakes of others, a fool by his own.

Latin Proverb

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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 andGoulburn, 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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**Uniform Shop & Bookshop hours**

The opening hours for the Uniform Shop and Bookshop are as follows:

The Uniform Shop is open Mondays and Thursdays, 11am until 4pm.

The Bookshop is open Monday to Friday, 8.30am-8.50am, and at Recess and

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**Boarders’ P&F**

This Sunday, May 10th: Chapel Service at 10.30am followed by Boarders’ P&F meeting, 11am in the library. We plan to look at the Health Centre and discuss the renovations which will be taking place soon. N.B. There will be no BBQ after the meeting. Your son or daughter look forward to having lunch with you quietly after the meeting. Hope to see some of you there. Please contact me if you need to about anything. Russell Symonds 0428 964 225 bogandillon@activ8.net.au

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**College Calendar**

**Thursday 7 May**

Parent Supper Year 5&6

**Friday 8 May**

WAS JS Cross Country (BMGS)

Transition Mothers’ Day Morning Tea

Mock Trial 10.00am-1.30pm (CAD)

**Saturday 9 May**

Watson AhH Duty

Rugby ISA Round 1 Oxley (H)

Sunday 10 May

5th Sunday of Easter

Watson AhH Duty

Mothers’ Day Chapel 10.30 am

Boarding P & F

Nyngan Show

**Monday 11 May**

Parent Supper Transition & Kindergarten

Yr 8 Camp to Kirrikee

Nyngan Show

**Tuesday 12 May**

NAPLAN Testing (Yr 3, 5, 7, 9)

Yr 8 Camp to Kirrikee

ISA Rugby Trials

**Wednesday 13 May**

NAPLAN Testing (Yr 3, 5, 7, 9)

Yr 8 Camp to Kirrikee

Finance Committee

8.15 Staff Chapel

Yr 12 Celebrate Safely ( 9:30 - 11) TBC

**Thursday 14 May**

NAPLAN Testing (Yr 3, 5, 7, 9)

Yr 8 Camp to Kirrikee

AICES Football

**Friday 15 May**

Yr 8 Camp to Kirrikee

Dubbo Show

HICES Cross Country (BMG) JS

Saturday 16 May

Watson AhH Duty

Dubbo Show

Rugby ISA Round 2 Bye

Sunday 17 May

6th Sunday of Easter

Watson AhH Duty

**Monday 18 May**

Senior (Yr 11 & 12) Study Skills 1st Session - 7pm Library

**Wednesday 20 May**

Meet the Music Concert

8.15 Staff Chapel

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**Assessment Tasks**

**Friday 8 May**

Yr 11 English Extension (4th-8th May)

Yr 11 Chemistry Pd 2 or 3

**Friday 15 May**

Yr 11 ESL
NANNY NEEDED

The Nelson family are looking for a nanny to care for their 14 month old twins 3 days a week from July through to December (excluding school holidays). If you know of anyone who may be interested please contact Kay Nelson on ph: 6331 5886. M. 0422 338 487

WANTED:

Old riding boots, work boots, school shoe style shoes or gum boots.
Yrs 3-6 children will be needing these for a craft activity. If you have any unwanted boots or shoes could you please drop them off to Leonie Keogh in the Junior School office before the end of May.

TRIVIA NIGHT 2009

Saturday, 20th June
Get your tables of 8 ready
(Please book at Junior School Office)

FRIDGE NEEDED

The Senior School P&F urgently need a fridge for the Kitchen in the Bickerdike centre prior to the Art Show on the 12th June. If anybody has a fridge in good working order that they would be kind enough to donate to the school, please contact: Senior School Treasurer Tina Webber on 0439 564 639 or 6337 7227 (ah).
Dear Boarding Families,

Our next P & F Meeting is on Mother’s Day, Sunday 10th May at 11.00am in the Library. Make your own plans for lunch!!!

Please seriously consider the social gathering organized for all boarding families and boarding staff on Saturday 30th May 2009. It is a small fundraiser for our children’s benefit.

Any queries, please ring me.

Penny Hale

MINUTES ASC BOARDING P & F MEETING 14 FEBRUARY 2009

ALL SAINTS COLLEGE BOARDING BRANCH P & F

PRESENT: Bronanda & Brett Williamson, Jodie Jones, Sue Picker, John Morris, Liz & Peter Stewart, Glenys Haworth, Beverley & Paul Bosman, Russell & Kate Symonds, Eliot Sanger, Peter Miller, Jason Buckley, Naomie Fitzgerald, Penny Hale, Paul Woodhart, Ian Menzies

APOLOGIES: Anne Clifton, Jane Menzies, Tom Hale

Russell welcomed all especially new parents and Eliot Sanger, our new Head of Boarding.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Accepted by Sue Picker, Seconded by Naomie Fitzgerald

BUSINESS ARISING: Russell explained to new parents the ‘no tolerance policy’ of cars as outlined in previous minutes.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Funds in cheque account and interest bearing account amount to $15,194.84, with only one outgoing of $1500.00 for gym equipment. Money can be spent if need be but fundraising must happen. Accepted by Penny Hale. Seconded by Sue Picker

BOARDING REPORTS:

Lyon/Glenda Isbister - Everything is going really well. The home sickness is improving daily. Good numbers this term.

Marsden/Naomie Fitzgerald - Good numbers this term. Good balance of Year 11 and 12. 2 new staff. Sold chocolates in the holidays to raise money to revamp the house BBQ area. Enjoyed Valentine activity with Watson… a song and dance performance and presenting of a cupcake to the boys.

Britten/Jason Buckley - All settled in well. Good numbers and good staff. All going well.

Watson/Eliot Sanger - Started well – Year 10’s have settled in well. The boys have been quite receptive to some changes, introducing more structure in the house. A successful morning on Valentine’s Day with the boys cooking breakfast for Lyon House and attempting to sing. So far a good start to the year.

Contact Parents have been nominated for each year throughout the school.

Watson House/Penny Hale, Lyon House/Kate Symonds, Marsden House/Jane Menzies. Russell will endeavour to find a contact in Britten and advertise contact details in Revelations.

A lengthy discussion on boarders leave and the procedure. The form previously used for leave details is currently under review. The arrangements for leave is between the Head of house, parents and host. Parents can email if they are coming to Bathurst and intending on taking the student out. Each house has a book for signing as the student exits and returns.

A question was raised re the new system of ‘bed sheets’ now being supplied by the school. Some girls are struggling a touch, as they would prefer their own sheets especially as they match the doona.

The boys are fine.

Each student should have a mattress protector which is laundered once or twice a term. Towels and sheets are laundered weekly. Eliot has spoken to the laundry and they are happy to facilitate any student with allergy issues.

Paul Bosman raised the fact that the computers in Watson House do not work and have not worked for 15 months.

HEAD OF COLLEGE – Peter Miller

Peter would like to thank the Boarding P & F for the fans in the Dining Hall.

They have made an enormous difference.

1. A boarding student handbook is now available to all on request. It is a complete outline on all procedures throughout the boarding school.

2. Peter is delighted with the high level of support from parents re ‘no car policy’ for boarders. Taxi chips are available for town trips.

3. School Council has raised the Building Fund from $25 – $50. Any questions re this, please approach Peter.

4. Peter has a strong commitment to the ongoing upgrading of the school environment. He is meeting with an Architect this week re boys boarding for the future. Watson has 3 years left with the demountables. Refurbishment re girls boarding over next 6 years. He realizes that it doesn’t help the existing boarders but he is looking at securing the school’s boarding future.

5. Introducing parent suppers – small informal gatherings for parents. Finding dates is problematic; sensible dates will be set and invitations sent out.

6. Restricted Leave Weekends – These are marked in the calendar. These weekends are used for key events for boarders to enjoy, and sorting and cleaning up the boarding houses.

7. Computers in boarding houses – new computers for boarding houses are being allocated. Not sure as yet the numbers. Peter will touch base with Garry to support Paul Bosman’s request.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Question asked why dryers would be used on a hot sunny day??? No need to be. Boarders should limit their electricals and only use power boards. Fridges in rooms, not allowed. Dry cleaning – if handed in to the Head of House on or before Friday afternoon, it will be delivered to dry cleaner/Wizard on Friday afternoon and delivered back to school on Saturday.

Work Experience – can this be done during term instead of during holidays? Could possibly request leave during term if organized solely by the parents. The risk assessment is too large for the school and the child protection and accident risk!!!! Would it be possible during Arts and Artists week? Yes, that could be possible.

Arts and Artists week is being reviewed this year. It could be a 3 day programme and whether Year 11 will be involved is yet to be resolved. Ian Menzies wanted everyone to be aware that his two girls will be practicing ‘gymnastics on horseback’ which is done without helmets. This practice is allowed during that routine only.

Peter has a new system in place for the horse paddocks. ‘The Horse Hotel’. He has had each paddock numbered and a paddock issued. A student’s horse must be booked in at the school Reception with horse details, name, vet etc filled in on the required sheet so if there are any mishaps the details are there. Glenda has handed to Russell quotes for new taps and bowls for Lyon and Marsden. Russell will communicate with Tom and Peter.

Russell mentioned he would like to start up a Parent Liaison Committee once again which involves 2 parents who meet on a needs basis with Head of College or Head of Boarding re issues communicated to them by other parents that they perhaps don’t want to raise at our meetings out loud.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday 10th May 11.00am
Students are invited to attend Tad Pietrzykowski “How to Create a Graphic Novel” Workshop to be held on Saturday, 16th May 2009 at Bathurst Regional Library.

Tad Pietrzykowski is the internationally acclaimed author of the Dark Nebula graphic novel series. The interactive workshop will educate participants on the techniques for plotting an idea, writing the novel, illustrating and coloring the novel. The 3 hour workshop will be structured in a unique manner with the use of technology, professional guidance, interactive activities and light refreshments.

DATE:         Saturday, 16th May 2009       1:00pm-4:00pm
VENUE:      Bathurst Regional Library
CONTACT: Bathurst Regional Library       (02) 6333 6281
COST:        FREE