The College would like to congratulate Erin Morgan and Freya Croft who have been nominated for ARTEXPRESS. Erin completed a body of work in textiles responding to the 19th Anniversary of Gallipoli while Freya’s art work was a reflection of the influences and memories of her grandmother upon her life. The College would also like to congratulate Mel Jones who has been nominated for DESIGN TECH, a showcase of Major Works from NSW, which are displayed at the Power House Museum over the Christmas period. Mel designed and built the ‘STUD’ (Super Transport U Desire) which is a hand operated trailer, to store and transport her horse tack efficiently.

Congratulations to all art and design students who created outstanding work in 2008. We look forward to channelling the energies and inspiration of all students in 2009.

G.S.Thornton, Head of TAS

SUCCESS IN TAS (Technological & Applied Studies)

We are roaring towards the end of term and amongst all our activities I would remind you of the Whole School Carol Service on Thursday, December 4.

We have chosen the time of 5pm to include the infants students. This weekend I will have Boarders’ Chapel after dinner on Sunday.

UNIFORM CHECKS

Mr Miller and I have completed our uniform check and we very happy to see that most items were named and that students do have the correct uniform. Heads of House have been asked to follow up with those students missing items and we will carry out a similar activity early next term.

CHARLIE CLIFTON

Charlie has been selected in the NSW Country Under 18 Rugby tour of Argentina and Uruguay. He will be traveling overseas next week and we wish him well. Isaac Breen, a former Saints’ 1st XV player has also been selected. Well done!

YEAR 10 CAMP

Year 10 are off to our challenge/resilience camp at Katoomba next week. They will be doing creative challenges in the evening as well as outdoor activities including abseiling, rock climbing, canyoning and hiking.

ARTS AND ARTISTS WEEK

A reminder that all students are expected to take part in Arts & Artists week, the last week of term. It is important that students are appropriately dressed for activities which definitely means closed-in shoes, long pants in some circumstances and no girls wearing skimpy tops.

Thought:- Positive anything is better than negative nothing. Elbert Hubbard

TEXTBOOKS FOR 2009

2009 Text book forms were distributed on Monday, 17th November together with information regarding changes to ordering. Return of secondhand books for possible re-selling

Yr 10 - 21st November
Yr 7, 8, 9 and 11 - 28th November

Second hand Book Sale @ Evans House on Monday, 1st December - 2:00pm until 5:00pm. 2009 Textbook forms to be returned to Bookshop by 5th December or they can be submitted online anytime (including school holidays) to www.campion.com.au

Term IV Ends

Assessment Tasks

Friday 21 November
Yr 11 HSC Legal Studies - Hand In
Yr 11 (HSC) Business Studies - In Class

Monday 24 November
Yr 11 (HSC) Modern History - Hand In
Friday 28 November
Yr 11 (HSC) Agriculture - Hand In
Yr 11 (HSC) Physics - In Class
### Games

**ASC U15s v ORC RSL**  
Venue: ASC Stiles Oval  
Time: 8.45am

**ASC First XI v Blue Mountains Grammar**  
Venue: BMGS Oval  
Time: 10.00am  
Bus leaves: 7.45am  
Returns: 7.00pm

**ASC Opens v SSC Opens**  
Venue: St Stanislaus’ College  
Time: 9.00am  
Bus leaves: 8.30am  
Returns: 12.00pm

**ASC U16s v SSC U16s**  
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Returns: 12.00pm

**ASC U15s v SSC U15s**  
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**ASC U14s v SSC U14s**  
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Returns: 12.00pm

**ASC U13s v SSC U13s**  
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Time: 9.00am  
Bus leaves: 8.30am  
Returns: 12.00pm

**ASC Senior**  
Venue: BYE

**ASC Junior**  
Venue: BYE

### Touch Football

**Senior H (Mon 24) v Macas**  
Venue: Field 4  
Time: 6.35pm

**Senior R (Mon 24) v Simply Stumpys**  
Venue: Field 5  
Time: 6.35pm

**Junior (Wed 26) v Kelso High**  
Venue: TBC  
Time: 5.10pm  
Bus leaves: 4.30pm  
Returns: 5.55pm

**Senior Mixed (Wed 26) v Macas**  
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Time: 6.35pm

### Waterpolo

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### Basketball

**ASC First Girls (Thurs 20) v Libby Lot**  
Venue: Crt1  
Time: 6.00pm  
Bus leaves: 7.00pm

**ASC Cobras (JS) Thurs 20 v The Guyz**  
Venue: Crt3  
Time: 4.15pm

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### Careers with Mr Bruce Clydsdale

- Year 11 students have been given information regarding recent changes to tertiary entrance, especially universities. These changes are significant and students need to be aware of them.
- Any Year 11 student particularly interested in Medicine should see Mr Clydsdale regarding U.M.A.T. (Universities Medical Admissions Test) which must be undertaken by all medical applicants.
- Child Care (Dipl. Childrens Services) will be offered free of fees (due to Government funding) at Bedford College in 2009. See www.bedford.edu.au
- Rural Entry Scheme applications for Health Sciences at Sydney University are due 30 November for entry 2009.
- The Nursery and Garden Industry (Horticulture) is the fastest growing Primary Industry sector. Courses at Certificate level can be undertaken at TAFE. See www.ngina.com.au
- Sydney University Summer Schools in January offer intensive programs in HSC courses. See www.tsfx.com.au/nsw
- Plumbing Apprenticeship with Scott Mitchell Plumbing (Bathurst) - drivers licence required. Contact smplumbing@bigpond.com or Ph 6332 3452.
- Clerkship with McIntosh McPhillamy & Co. (Bathurst) - resume to be submitted by 28 November. Requirement is an applicant who intends to study Law. Applications Att. Paul Creman, McIntosh McPhillamy & Co, Solicitors, P.O. Box 33, Bathurst 2795.
- CAS Hawker Scholarships ($60,000) are available to undergraduate students and open 1 December closing 9 January 2009. See www.hawkerscholarship.org. Also information from Trustees Ph (08) 8127 1654
- Rural pharmacy Scholarship Scheme ($10,000pa) - see www.ruralpharmacy.com.au.
- Plant Science Scholarships at ANU are being offered for the first time for entry in 2009. See http://science.anu.edu.au/Scholarships.

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### CRAFT LEARNING CENTRE

**HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

**What:** Have lots of fun learning to sew, do patchwork, felting or cross-stitch  
**Who:** Children 12 years and older  
**Cost:** $15.00 per student for 90 min. + materials  
**Where:** The Craft Learning Centre, Shop 8, 9 George Street Plaza, Bathurst (behind the Coles Carpark)  
**Contact:** Leanne or Amanda on 63322550

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### Musica Viva Performance

There will be a performance at All Saints’ College by the Musica Viva in Schools group Sirocco on Wednesday, November 26 at 9.30am at the Bickerdike Centre.  
This performance is part of All Saints’ College music education program and builds on preparatory work done in the classroom. We would be delighted if you could come to the performance. There is no charge for parents/guardians and community members.

The cost for this concert is $5.50 and will be added to your child’s account. Transition to Year 8 students will be attending the concert.

Drawing on the music of Asia, Sirocco aims to express the concept of ‘Australia in Asia’ by producing dynamic eastern sounds with a distinctive Australian flavour.

Technology supports much of Sirocco’s repertoire, creating a dynamic blend of live and recorded pieces. This concert provides students with the opportunity to celebrate our diverse cultural heritage as well as sample a wide range of sounds and instruments.

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### Thank you to parents

Thank you to the parents that helped prune, mulch and tidy around the trees at the front of the school on the weekend. We will have another working Bee this Saturday, 23 November in the morning starting at 8am to finish the remainder of the trees.

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Medicare Teen Dental Vouchers

Many families will have received a “Medicare Teen Dental Voucher” for each of their children aged 12-17 years enabling them to have a preventive dental check to the value of $150. Vouchers issued this year expire on 31.12.08. The Greater Western Area Health Service (GWAHS) is encouraging all families with vouchers to ensure they take advantage of the preventive dental check and to ensure their children have an appointment before the end of the year.

The voucher can be used at your private dentist or a GWAHS dental clinic. Some private dentists may bulk bill but others may charge their normal fees and the parent can then obtain a refund of up to $150 from Medicare. Only check-ups, x-rays and preventive services can be claimed toward the $150. Fillings and extractions are not covered by the Medicare Teen Dental Voucher.

Dental clinics in the GWAHS bulk bill and do not charge any fees. Patients needing general dental treatment such as fillings and extractions can also obtain free treatment through GWAHS. To register for an appointment at a GWAHS Dental Clinic please call 1300 55 22 08.

You will need to give your child’s Medicare card number when registering. If you have lost a Medicare Teen Dental Voucher or require further information contact Medicare Australia on 132 011.

Polocrosse Training

In preparation for the Stannies Ag and Equestrian competition there will be Polocrosse training on Sunday, 23rd November at school. All are welcome including beginners. If you are planning on coming on Sunday please let Ian and Tina Webber know and contact them on 6337 7227 on the morning to find out if the grounds are suitable to play on. Don’t forget the 29th and 30th of November Stannies Ag and Equestrian Competition. Competition open to riders 10 years and over. Entries close November 19. Entry forms are available online at Stannies website |Cocurricluar|equestrian|2008 Ag and equestrian competition.

Dear All Saints College,

Welcome to the first E-bulletin for the New South Wales Parents’ Council. The information compliments the information that you receive in each term’s newsletter. It allows you to receive information that could benefit your school community. All feedback is welcome. We would appreciate you forwarding our e-bulletin onto other members of your community so they too can benefit from the information.

Government slashes student travel and back-to-school allowance

In its 2008 mini budget the NSW State Government announced changes to the education portfolio. To read a full speech transcript of the NSW Government’s mini budget click here and follow the main link to the 2008-09 Mini-Budget.

To read an outline of the educational changes from our website click here.

Weaknesses in the transport subsidy system have previously been identified. Even if students did not use the transport service that their pass allowed them to, the transport provider was continuing to be paid for it, wasting huge sums of taxpayer’s money. The State government was aware of this and failed to address the issue. An example of this is the failed T-card implementation. Free student transport has existed in our State for generations. It is disappointing to see it end.

The Council wishes to ensure that any cuts to the education budget by the two proposals are fully reinvested into NSW education across all sectors.

Interestingly the NSW Opposition Leader, Barry O’Farrell has stated since the mini budget announcement that his party would bring back free travel for school students.

How will your school be affected if the Schools Assistance Bill is not passed?

Well…your non government school may not receive the crucial government funding they require to operate. There are many outstanding issues with the recent School’s Assistance Bill, namely-

- The potential for manipulation and/or misinterpretation of data. It is imperative to compare like data from sources otherwise it is erroneous.
However, The Parents Council have supported the implementation of this Bill to ensure that schools federal funding sources (the main government funding source for non-government schools) continues to flow from 2009.

These issues must be addressed next year through consultation and regulations. We are also aware that the continuation of the federal funding is of great importance to many non-government schools. We welcome transparency across all sectors.

To view the progress of the proposed National Curriculum click here

**Do you have an interest in improving the resources for Special Needs students?**

Students with disabilities attending non-government schools receive a fraction of the funding received by their government school counterparts. New South Wales Parents Council has been advocating this inequity for many years.

We have meetings with relevant Ministers, some who have been newly appointed, to discuss and further raise awareness of the inequity. The parents involved with advocating this issue are passionate and would be grateful for additional support. If you are affected and wish for the situation to change or are interested in helping out in any way please contact us by emailing office@parentscouncil.nsw.edu.au.

**Nominations for 2008 Australian Vocational Student Prize**

The Federal Minister for Education has called for nominations for this year’s Australian Vocational Prize (AVSP). Students are to be nominated by their Principal for demonstrating exceptional skill, commitment and achievement while participating in a Vocational Education and Training (VET) in Schools program or an Australian school-based apprenticeship.

Up to 500 students are recognized annually with each winner being awarded a certificate and a $200 prize. The most outstanding student recipients are also eligible to receive the prestigious Prime Minister’s Award for skills excellence in School.


**Strong relationship with AIS**

Throughout the year the Council has met individually and as part of the non-government school educational sector with the NSW Association of Independent Schools. We are pleased and appreciative that consultations and feedback are sort from us by the sector. The relationship further highlights the importance and value placed by the sector and parents on strong parent-school partnerships.

**Parents’ Council Executive**

Do you wish to see change to the way your children’s schooling is resourced?

Would you like to have a say about education and curriculum?

The Parents Council Executive consists of a group of non-government school parents from around NSW. The parent group changes from year to year as families situations change. Your help in any form is very welcome. The Council exists for you and is part of you as a non-government parent. So contact us now to give something back to your and your children’s community by being involved with the Parents Council. Call us on 9955 8276.

**Parents’ Council meetings**

- Recent meetings the Council Executive have attended include-
- Meeting with Isolated Children’s Parents’ Council
- NSW Board of Studies
- Association of Independent Schools
- Quality Teaching De-brief
- Association of Heads of Independent Schools National Curriculum Board briefing
- Non-Government Schools Advisory Committee

Regards,

The NSW Parents Council