MOCK TRIAL
Last Monday, All Saints’ participated in the first practice round of Mock Trial against Kelso High School. The team consisted of Melanie Lo and Charlotte Brew as barristers, Maddie Cox as solicitor, Alex Jolliffe and Tom Nokes as witnesses and David Mackender as court officer. We acted as the defence in a case involving bailment for reward. Basically, we acted on behalf of Parker Prestige Car Services. The plaintiff claimed that he had delivered his red M3 coupe to our premises for a car service and that it had been stolen from our premises after the service had been carried out. Although the plaintiff admitted to leaving a spare set of keys in the glove box we were still held responsible for the theft and had to pay $150,000 in costs and damages. We lost the trial 219 points to 213 but it was a great experience and we had lots of fun.

RYDA
Yesterday the Year 11 students, with Mr Warren Stocks and Mrs Gillian McAllister, attended the RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) programme at Mt Panorama. This is a one day programme that delivers practical road safety information which targets young driver attitude and awareness. RYDA is for students aged between 16 and 18 and includes 6 sessions on vehicle safety, driver fatigue, effects of medicinal drugs and alcohol, hazards, distractions, risks, reaction time and choices. It is designed for senior school students as they begin to drive or travel as passengers in cars driven by their peers. It is all about safety and making good choices. One session was delivered by 2 speakers who had quite an impact as they talked about the experiences of being a crash survivor. One young woman who spoke is now a quadriplegic and the other is a parent whose 18 year old son was killed as a result of a road accident. This was an emotional and hard-hitting session, sending a clear message that “accidents do happen”. The favourite activity of the day had to be when each student was a passenger in a Police car being driven at speed along pit-lane and the students had to guess the stopping distance — another eye-opener as it is invariably further than people think! It was an invaluable experience for our young drivers. RYDA deliver these programmes throughout Australia and all the students took away some extremely important messages from a well-organised day.

FAST FACT
Only 30 per cent of Year 12 students who are currently accepted into teacher education courses would make the cut under wide-ranging reforms announced by the State Government yesterday. The NSW Minister for Education, Adrian Piccoli, announced a range of initiatives on Wednesday that would restrict the entry of Year 12 graduates into teacher education courses, based on their HSC marks. Students would need to achieve marks of more than 80 in three subjects, including English, to be admitted into a university teaching degree. Trained teachers would also need to pass a literacy and numeracy test before their final-year professional experience placement in a school. Once they had finished their course, university teaching graduates would need to demonstrate an “aptitude for teaching” to determine their suitability for entry into the profession. SMH 6th March

Thought for the day: Nine-tenths of education is encouragement. Anatole France
"...this son of mine was dead and has come back to life! He was lost and is found!" (Luke 15:24, CEV)

Many would be familiar with the story of the Prodigal Son. It’s a story of a young man who asks his father for his inheritance whilst the father is still alive so that he can do what he wants with it now. I suppose he had grand plans of using the money to establish himself in business or farming so that he would have a great fortune when he was old. Instead he squandered his money on a life of partying and found himself broke and homeless. He decided to return to his father to ask for a job as a hired hand. His father responded in a way that surprised everyone; he welcomed his son with open arms, calling his family to a great celebration. We can see the fathers joy expressed in his words above.

This story has great significance for those of us, including me, who came to faith later in life, for it is a story of God’s forgiveness which is offered to us through Jesus Christ. It does not matter what we have done, where we have been or who we have been with. God will welcome us back with open arms. Jesus restores us. There is great rejoicing in heaven!

Many think it is too late for them, that God wouldn’t want them anymore. I know that this was a common thought among the inmates that I ministered to in Bathurst gaol. The truth is that it is never too late. God’s forgiveness is there for all who turn to him. May you turn to him today. God bless you,
Rev. Tony Card.

Thought for the week: “I’m convinced that nothing can separate us from God’s love in Christ Jesus our Lord: not death or life, not angels or rulers, not present things or future things, not powers 39 or height or depth, or any other thing that is created.” (Romans 8:37-39)
Equestrian Team bring home ribbons from State Championships

Last week ten members of the Senior School equestrian team, along with three junior members travelled to the Sydney International Equestrian Centre to compete at the State Interschool Championships.

With over 500 riders from schools all over NSW vying for State Titles and a spot on the Nationals Team, it proved to be an exciting week with a very high standard of competition.

Depending on what events the girls were contesting, some were there for the entire five days, others for one or two.

The competition began on Thursday with the Eventing and Combined Training Competitions, followed on Friday with the Show Riding, and Saturday and Sunday saw the Dressage and Showjumping events bring the week to a close.

With too many results to list individually, here are the rider’s best results from the competition:

Mollie Gorman & Scarlett: 1st 80cm 2 Phase Showjumping, 1st 80cm A2 Showjumping

Lyndsay Menzies & Denis: 2nd Senior Prelim 95cm Eventing

Sophie Stockman & Inky: 9th Senior Pre-Novice 1.05 metre Eventing

Sarah Farraway & Wisdom & Bundy: 2nd Prix St George Dressage, 1st 3D Dressage, 1st 3C Dressage, 1st 2B Dressage, 1st 2D Dressage

Skye Ramsay & Cobalt: 13th Senior Prelim 95cm Eventing

Catie Crampton & Amigo: 5th 80cm Intermediate Combined Training

Libby Crampton & Sammy: Competed 60cm Intermediate Combined Training

Amber Stockman & Simba: 1st Place 95cm Intermediate Prelim Eventing

Madi Sinderberry & Leroy & Sam: 2 X 2nd place finishes in the 1.10m and 1.20m Showjumping

Maddison Harley & Gem: 1st 2 Phase 80cm Showjumping

The girls are to be congratulated on how they conducted themselves over the course of the event, at times under horrendous weather conditions. They all showed great sportsmanship and horsemanship and not to mention that they all looked outstanding in their uniforms.

The team are now preparing for the upcoming Scots School Showjumping Day on the 17th March.
For something a little different this year we are introducing a new section...

PRE LOVED ART FOR SALE

This is a great way for parents and friends of ASC to sell .... any unwanted art!

As tastes and decor change, I’m sure a lot of people have a few paintings that are not hanging in their homes anymore or like a few of us ... sitting in a cupboard ......
So, why not let someone else enjoy them?

Only genuine paintings accepted - no prints

For more information
Maggie de Vries: m. 0448 329 308
Come and experience life as a CSU student for a day at MyDay Nursing / Paramedic Bathurst

Did you know that with a degree in Clinical Practice (Paramedic) you can work in occupations such as:

- Ambulance officers
- Paramedics
- Emergency response personnel
- Defence forces medics

Find out more about our courses:

- Bachelor of Nursing
- Bachelor of Clinical Practice (Paramedic)

When: Thursday 14 March, 2013
10am – 2pm
Where: Charles Sturt University – Bathurst Campus
Panorama Ave, Bathurst
Dress: Casual clothing. Please note that closed in footwear must be worn as a requirement of the day.
Food: BYO or food and beverages can be purchased from the on campus food outlets

See your Careers Advisor for a Registration Form or register your interest at: www.csu.edu.auContacts/register-for-myday
Bathurst & District 2013 – Saturday 16th March

1 in 2 Australians will be diagnosed with cancer before the age of 85. This startling statistic means that you or someone you know will be touched by this disease.

How can you help?

1. By **donating to our team** - All Saints College
   - Click on: 
     - Type in our team name (All Saints College) and then click on: **Find**
     - Fill in your details and follow the prompts (have your credit card handy)
   - Alternatively, you are most welcome to make a cash donation at the Junior School Office

2. By **joining our team** - All Saints College
   - Click on: 
     - Type in our team name (All Saints College) and then click on: **Find**
     - Fill in your details and follow the prompts (have your credit card handy as you will be required to pay your $20 registration fee – you can also make a personal donation to the team at this time)
   - Fundraise
   - Participate in the All Saints College team in the Bathurst & District Relay for Life on Saturday the 16th of March 2013

If you have any questions at all please don’t hesitate to contact me by email: Sophie.Hanigan@saints.nsw.edu.au
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