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Cover photo: Thomas Geyer competing in the Junior School InterHouse Swimming Carnival.
“What the school stands for to thousands of Australians can never perish. It has its immortality in the lives of men all over the world. Clean work, clean sport, clean lives have been the ideal of every headmaster who has guided its destinies, and though individuals may have failed to attain to this ideal, the general opinion has fostered this spirit, and that is what lives on though individuals perish.”

This text has been taken from the 1919 Bathurstian. It was written immediately following World War I when the school was about to temporarily close due to the hardships of war as well as a bout of influenza that saw student numbers plummet to a level below viability in that day.

Since 1919 All Saints’ College has changed in many ways influenced by wider social and educational changes. The curriculum and opportunities for students are now more extensive and the school has been co-educational for 35 years. However, the school retains a strong commitment to boarders from rural and metropolitan areas, it maintains a high standing within the Bathurst community and the pastoral support for students is second to none. In short, despite the passing of over 90 years the essence of All Saints’ College remains unchanged.

These values and opportunities are captured in the quarterly publication of VIM which is returning after a two year absence. It is an important means of communicating with our wider community the experiences of our current students as well as past students as they step beyond our wonderful school.

The 2009 HSC results were outstanding and are a reflection of the outstanding effort and commitment invested by our students with the caring and professional teaching, support and guidance provided by our staff. Once again students from All Saints’ College have exceeded expectations and achieved extraordinarily well in the 2009 HSC. There were 64 students in the class of 2009. The following summarises some of their achievements:

- 20% of students achieved a UAI of 90 or more.
- Almost 40% of students achieved a UAI of 80 or more.
- Jessica Alamyar (Oberon) was Dux of All Saints’ with a UAI of 99.25.
- Two students, Jessica Alamyar and Rachael McKenzie, had the distinction of being placed on the Premier’s All-Rounders List, with a Band 6 result (90% or more) in 10 units (5 courses).
- Students achieved 41 Merit Listings across a wide range of courses. This is well above expected based on the state pattern.
- All Saints’ College consistently achieves one of the highest proportions of Merit Listings amongst country schools. Almost one third of our students received a merit listing.
- All Saints’ College presented students in 32 courses and, of these, an outstanding 25 were above the state mean, some by astonishing margins. For example, the mean mark in Modern History was 88 (12 above the state mean), with seven Band 6 (90% or over) results. This represents over three times the state pattern. There were also seven Band 6 results in General Mathematics, which represents over three times the state pattern. Legal Studies achieved an average 12 above the state mean and Japanese Beginners achieved an average 10.25 above the state mean.
- Because Band 6 results (Merit Listings) concentrate on the top students, some consider that a more meaningful statistic is the proportion of students in the top two bands (a mark of 80 or more in a 2 Unit course). The following courses all had at least half (and in some cases all) of the All Saints’ candidature in the top two bands: Agriculture, Ancient History, Biology, Design & Technology, Drama, English (Advanced), English Extension, Geography, History Extension, Information Technology, Japanese Beginners, Legal Studies, General Mathematics, Mathematics Extension, Modern History, Music 1, Music 2, Music Extension, and Visual Arts.
- The above results are testimony to the dedication of the staff at All Saints’ and the commitment to excellence fostered amongst the College community. Attention to individual students and the encouragement of students to take responsibility for their own learning through a collaborative approach lies at the heart and soul of this success.

We are particularly proud of our ‘average’ students who have achieved results that are well beyond average. At this time it is pleasing to speak to students and learn that they have gained entry into their preferred university courses. We wish all our students continued success in the future.

Mr Greg Jones
(Director of Curriculum)
From the Chaplain

In a rush and personal

A 13-year-old at a formal meal spills her main course all over her new white dress. Meat, gravy, peas and carrots, the lot seem to cascade with the white noise and personal immensity of Niagara Falls. Later she recalls this as one of her darkest moments, yet when challenged about ‘that week’ there were a hundred other good things that happened. This, however, overshadowed them all.

My dad had an arthritic finger joint and he told me one cold morning that it seemed to occupy his attention more than the thousand parts of his body which worked without pain.

Surreal painters have captured this strangeness in their art. A manure heap in the corner of a field will dominate the canvas, obliterating or obscuring the flowers, whereas in the real landscape the manure heap is quite small.

In the New Testament, especially in St Paul’s writing, there is an emphasis on giving thanks. Paul writes to the assembled Christians at Phillipi: ‘Rejoice in the Lord always and again I will say rejoice.’ In the Psalms we read: ‘Serve the Lord with gladness…’ and ‘This is the day which the Lord has made..let us rejoice and be glad in it.’

The writer of the Psalms and St Paul knew even more than our generation, what pain and suffering were and what an imperfect body was.

So when we meet to acknowledge God’s presence - in Chapel, Church or Cathedral begin by ‘counting your blessings’.

Thanksgiving is an attitude of life that recognises that everything is a gift and that all good gifts come from God. And that it takes time to recognise these gifts.

Importantly in a school context it is an attitude which has to be taught; complaining comes naturally as does haste. Each generation has to learn to look and to be grateful; in doing so we grow to be aware of the needs, sacrifices and the hidden endeavours of others. We also become aware of the sacrifices which other generations before us made.

So next time before we complain, pause.

The English poet and cleric George Herbert wrote: ‘O Lord, you have given me so much; please grant me one thing more – a grateful heart.’

I say Amen to that.

Plaque Dedication

On the last day of Term 1, Maundy Thursday, members of staff and family gathered to dedicate a plaque. The plaque was in memory of Derek Richards who was, for 16 years, a member of the teaching staff at All Saints’ College.

Derek was much loved as a Maths teacher, Head of a boys’ day house - Tracey House - and one who understood the ever changing minds of teenagers. Derek was born in 1946 and passed away in 2005 after a long wrestle with cancer.

At the dedication, one of his colleagues Mr Neil Inglis, reminded those present of Derek’s contribution to the College.

May Derek rest in peace.

The Reverend Paul Woodhart (College Chaplain)

Cross-Curricular work

Year 1 has been completing a unit of work on Aquatics in their PDHPE lessons. On Friday, 26th February, it was wonderful for the class to have some ‘special guest’ teachers for the lesson.

Years 9/10 Physical Activity & Sports Studies (an elective class for Senior School students) has been working on a Sports Leadership unit and as part of their course we combined the two classes to collaborate in achieving our very separate objectives. It was fabulous to see the Year 1 class receiving one-on-one teaching and the Years 9/10 students doing an excellent job of catering to all the different ability levels, from teaching simple kicking technique right up to how to dive.

This is one of the incredible strengths of our school; the community involvement of Senior and Junior School students in the learning process. An invaluable experience for all involved!

My thanks to Kay Nelson and Years 9/10 PASS for their preparation, enthusiasm and commitment to this activity.

Mr Eliot Sanger
All Saints’ at the Show

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

All Saints’ girls make District Hockey Teams

Clare Watt: Under 18 State Championships & Western Conference Teams;
Madison Hall: Under 15 Whites Team; and

Erin Cobcroft: Under 11 Whites Team;
Simone Gardner: Shadow for Under 11 Whites, Under 11 Greens Team; and
Ella Menzies: Under 11 Whites Team.
Grandparents’ and Special Friends’ Day

On Friday, 26th February, Grandparents and Special Friends were invited to join our Year 5 and Year 8 students for a day at school. This is 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 weather was fine and clear for the large gathering of Grandparents and Special Friends who came together from all across the state.

The programme of events included a tour of the school for the 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. We look forward to continuing the relationships built on this day into the future.

Meet a Member of College Council

The Very Reverend Andrew Sempell, Member of Council since 2002 & Deputy Chair since 2007

As the Dean of All Saints’ Cathedral, Andrew Sempell, has been a member of the College Council since moving to Bathurst in 2002. Andrew has been actively involved in the life of the Council through its normal operations as well as serving Chair of the Strategy and Governance Committee, (a sub-committee of the College Council). Andrew is also a Director of the College Foundation.

Andrew’s interest in the school extends beyond Council. He and Rosemary are also parents of Kate, who is in Year 10.

Another interesting connection with the College is through Rosemary, whose great-great uncle, John Shedden Adam (1868-1941), was an old boy of All Saints’. He became an architect, and subsequently designed the College Chapel, the school extensions to Esrom House and the Boer War Memorial in the College dining room.

Although the purpose of this section is to ‘Meet a Member of College Council’, on this occasion we are also saying farewell to Andrew. He is to take up a new position as the Rector of St James’ Church, King Street, Sydney on July 1st this year.

We are all grateful to Andrew for his enormous contribution to the life of our school over the last few years. We wish him, Rosemary and Kate all the best for their move. We are also very pleased that Kate will be able to stay at All Saints’ College as a boarder until the end of this year.

Introducing our new Chef

Staff and students have been enjoying meals from the College’s new chef, Darrin Masters. His background in some of Sydney’s top restaurants, including Cottage Point and The Boat House, has brought fresh and new flavours to the five star meals that Darrin and the kitchen staff have been serving up over the last several months.

Darrin’s aim is to give students restaurant quality food as well as nutritionally balanced meals and a few tasty treats. Menus are inspected by a nutritionist.

Darrin also holds Food Community Meetings with students to discuss what they would like to see on the menu. People with food intolerances are well catered for.

Darrin and his staff cater for breakfast, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, dinner, dessert and supper. Menu delicacies include Sweet & Sour Pork, Chicken Tenders with Bell Peppers, Chilli Con Carne and Braised Lamb Shank with Preserved Lemon and Cous Cous.
Looking at reasons for Underachieving

As a parent and a teacher, I have always been somewhat concerned when I read students’ reports that state a student was “capable of doing better”; “they had yet to reach their potential.” What does that mean? It does not necessarily mean that they are lazy but more likely they are unmotivated. The current idiomatic phrase is that they are underachieving.

The study of student underachievement has a long educational history, and is at the forefront of current educational study and debate. Research indicates students are motivated when they find a task meaningful, believe that they have the skills to do it, and find their efforts supported by those around them. Similarly, we now know there are some clear reasons causing student underachievement.

Critical issues impacting negatively on student achievement include poor self-esteem and a belief that they aren’t “good” at something, which then becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy. This last issue is a particular trait of underachieving boys. The possible reasons for this poor self-esteem are many, and can sometimes stem from early experiences or a sense of comparison with higher achieving peers. Nevertheless, to build positive self-esteem it is crucial that strengths of students are identified and reinforced and weaknesses addressed.

A lack of skills is another reason that students don’t achieve as well as their parents and teachers would like and often they become masters at hiding their weakness. Hopefully our House system at school and the close association of Heads of House and tutors means that House staff know individuals well and over time can identify where problems may occur and try to rectify them by recommending a course of action.

Many students who struggle with disorganisation, will see their grades and marks suffer as a result. Like any other skill, organisation comes more easily to some students than others. It is probably a generalisation to say that girls tend to master this skill better than boys. Fortunately, this skill can be learnt and we try to teach it not only in the classroom but with specific programmes as part of our pastoral care. Mrs Jenny Lavoipierre, in particular, runs sessions for senior students on this issue as well as time management as part of our Stepping Through the HSC Program.

Finally, students need academic and emotional support, although not all needs can be met within the run of daily class activities. This support takes the form of encouragement, structure, reinforcement and, where needed, assistance. This is something that must be happening at home as well as at school. At All Saints’ College we have developed a team approach to these needs. The Student Support Team comprised of Jenny Lavoipierre (ILC), Margy Croft (Learning Support Specialist) and Ellen Robinson (Counsellor) specialise in providing support for individual student needs, their class teachers or even families.

At the end of this term, Senior School teachers will be participating in a staff development day which will address some of the issues of underachievement - particularly in boys. Some staff have also attended commercial in-service courses on girls/boys underachievement and given presentations at school on this important area. It is something we are keen to address.

Outstanding 2009 School Certificate Results

Our School Certificate results were excellent with all courses achieving results well above state average. History and Geography produced outstanding results at the “top end” with more than three times the expected number of Band 6 (90+) results in comparison with the state pattern. All other courses were excellent with Science almost three times the number of Band 6 results compared to the state pattern and over twice the number of Band 6 results for Mathematics and English.

Overall, 45% of our students achieved a Band 6 in at least one course.

Congratulations to Amanda Burbidge and Noah Betar, who achieved six out of a possible six Band 6 results; Shannon Hurley, who achieved five out of a possible six Band 6 results and a Band 5 in the sixth course; and Nicholas Milligan and Catherine Loneragan who achieved four out of a possible six Band 6 results and a Band 5 in their other two courses.

Special mention should be made of Tara Chan who, in Year 8, has completed the School Certificate in Mathematics as an accelerated student, and has achieved a Band 6 result.

Results for all students were very positive with scores below 60% less than one-third of the state pattern. Our “average” students also performed well with all means above the state, generally by around 6 to 7%. Our students have achieved success across the full range of abilities.

Congratulations to all students on their success in the School Certificate and I look forward to outstanding results in the 2011 HSC.

Band 6 (90+) results were achieved by the following students: Camilla Barton (History, Geography, Computing); Noah Betar (English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography, Computing); Amanda Burbidge (English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography, Computing); Jessica Carter (History, Computing, Mathematics); Tara Chan (Mathematics); Olivia Chua (Mathematics, Science, Computing); Anthony Cozens (Mathematics, Science); Thomas Foxwell (Computing); Samuel George (Geography, Computing); Arianne Gilani (Science, History, Geography); Hannah Guest (Computing); Thomas Hines (History, Computing); Shannon Hurley (English, Science, History, Geography, Computing); Lauren Kelly (English, Science, Computing); Melanie Kennard (English); Catherine Loneragan (Mathematics, Science, Geography, Computing); William McAloney (Computing); Nicholas Milligan (Mathematics, Science, Geography, Computing); Melissa Paul (History, Computing); Shelby-Louise Roberts (English, Computing); Jessica Symonds (English, Computing) and Clare Watt (Science, Computing).

Mr Greg Jones (Director of Curriculum)
Senior School Captains’ Report

Very busy term

What a busy and exciting term it has been! It’s hard to believe it’s already over!

The Swimming Carnival in Week 3 was the first InterHouse event of the term and the demonstration of each team’s sporting spirit was immense. This day was coincidentally also the day of the Long House Valentine’s Fundraiser. Well done to the Year 11 Long House girls for organising what has become an annual tradition of selling and distributing carnations on Valentine’s Day.

The WAS Swimming Carnival at St Stanislaus’ College and the ISA Swimming Carnival at Homebush were also successful days for the All Saint’s swimming team. Congratulations to Isabella Marshall for making it through to the CIS Swimming Carnival in a number of events.

This term has seen several students excel in a variety of different fields.

Katherine Schwab (Year 12) has made it through to the national level of World Skills (Food & Beverage Section).

Congratulations also to Cameron Watt (Year 12) for making the NSW Country Schools cricket team - something that has not been achieved by an All Saint’s student for a few years now.

During this term Motivational Media, a large travelling education company, set up their massive screens and sound systems in the Bickerdike Centre and delivered an inspirational and moving production called “True North”. The production taught the importance of friends, personal values and setting goals in finding our “moral compass” and making the most of the life we are given.

Grandparents’ & Special Friends’ Day was held on Friday, February 26th. The day proved to be an enjoyable one for many grandparents and special friends of students in Years 5 and 8 as they explored the College and revisited the classroom! The day was topped off with a delicious lunch under a marquee on the front lawn and the opportunity to meet and mingle with other students and members of staff.

The last week of term was the week of the annual Literature Festival and this year we were fortunate to be visited by several notable authors and journalists including Scott Monk and the Australian Swimming gold medallist, Lisa Forrest. Year 12 English students attended a seminar on “Belonging” with Lisa and Scott, their advice and creative ideas will be of great value over the course of the year. The younger students also attended engaging and insightful writing workshops with Lisa and Scott, as well as cartoonist, Dave Hackett (Cartoon Dave).

All Saints’ celebrates books and reading

The annual All Saints’ College Literature Festival played host to Olympian and author Lisa Forrest, author and journalist Scott Monk and author and cartoonist Dave Hackett.

Students in Years 7-10 attended talks by all three authors and attended one writing workshop.

Dave Hackett, better known as Cartoon Dave, had all the Junior School students shrieking with laughter at his drawings and sound effects.

During the week, Year 7 magazines were judged by former All Saints’ student and Editor of Style Magazine Jaqui Greig (nee L’Estrange).
All Saints’ students Max Hope (Year 9) and Michael Waldren (Year 8) have had a busy holiday period performing well at representative level.

Michael was the sole Bathurst representative for Western Zone NSW at the Under 14s NSW Zone Championships held in Bowral in January. He scored an impressive 72 not out in Western’s win against Newcastle and averaged 46 for the carnival. Western Zone were knocked out of the final on a countback by North Coast who went on to win the title.

Michael then teamed up with Max to represent the Mitchell Cricket Council in the Western Invitational Zone Titles held in Orange. Both boys performed well with Michael finishing second for the most runs for the tournament scoring 181 at an average of 60 with a top score of 70. Max had a top score of 50 and scored 90 runs. He also took out the bowling average taking 8 wickets at an average of 8.

Mitchell took out the tournament defeating Illawarra in the final by 3 runs. Mitchell were bowled out for just 121 and Illawarra were cruising at 2 for 106 before a dramatic batting collapse starting with a catch each to Michael and Max to see Illawarra lose their last 8 wickets for 12 runs to finish just short.

Esther performs at Edinburgh Tattoo

Congratulations to Esther Dean (Year 11) who has just returned after performing in the Edinburgh Military Tattoo in Sydney.

Esther had a fairly prominent role in the OzScot Australia performance, and she helped out with teaching the dance to the other 125 dancers from all over Australia and Scotland. She also appeared on the ‘7pm Project’ on Channel 10.

The Tattoo had 1500 performers from Scotland, Norway, New Zealand, Switzerland, Tonga, USA and Australia.

The photo below shows Esther walking on for the Finale (front row on RHS - with flag)

Esther’s next Tattoo will be Rotterdam in the October school holidays.

The completion of a flexible learning space was made possible through the generosity of the P&F association. The P&F contributed new tables and chairs to this room that whilst looking sharp also enable teachers and students to adjust the space to suit their learning needs.

This complements the recently added mini lab of computers and interactive whiteboard to facilitate on demand computer access for Year 7.
Long House’s Carnation Drive

a huge success

Long House organised the annual All Saints’ College Valentine’s Day Carnation Drive this year after many years of Rutherford House taking on the task.

The event was organised by the Year 11 girls, particularly Rosie Barnett, Shannon Hurley, Meg Jones and Kate Loneragan. Approximately 318 carnations were sold and distributed on Friday, 12th February.

Funds raised will assist with the improvement of Long House facilities.

Age Champions

12 Years: Isabella Marshall
13 Years: Nicholas Peterson & Emily Sinderberry
14 Years: Angus McClelland & Lucy Hobson
15 Years: Jack Ison & Erin Brouff
16 Years: William (Flin) Sharp & Freya Roebuck
17 Years: Jake Thornton & Lauren Kelly
Opens: Harrison Phillips & Katie Menzies
Winning House: LONG
**Barton House Working Bee**

On Saturday, 13th February, amidst all the rain, a small band of Barton students and parents set to work to improve the Barton House areas.

Most of our volunteers worked at painting the Nissen Hut. Everyone worked tirelessly to get the first coat on the walls. Pegs were set up for the boys to hang their hats and coats during the day, the fan was repaired and the lockers were set up in a new position and labels attached for quick identification.

Meanwhile, the girl’s section of Barton was cleaned from the windows to the kitchen sink. The locker bases were repaired and moved into their final position and labels were attached for easy identification.

We would like to thank all the parents and students for all their help on the day. We couldn’t have achieved all we did without your assistance.

Lesley Tinker  
(Head of Barton House)

**Jesus Racing Team**

All Saints’ College provides its students with a variety of experiences that shape their development. Some of these experiences occur in the normal routine of the school day through the curriculum and co-curricular activities as well as in other areas of the school such as Chapel or informal interactions with others.

In an effort to provide an even greater variety of experiences to students we have regular visitors to the school who address a range of student related issues. This year we are co-ordinating this programme under the title “All Saints’ Presents…”.

On Monday, 15th February it was “All Saints Presents the Jesus racing team” for Years 10 to 12.

**Motivational Media**

The school organised for Motivational Media to attend on Friday, 19th February, to screen their presentation of “True North”.

Motivational Media use three huge screens and a Bose amplification system to address issues pertinent to teenagers in a way that is interesting and eye catching for this generation.

“True North” contained powerful images about the value of planning for our lives, avoiding and minimising harm, and making good choices in relationships with others.

It focuses on four specific areas:

* Goals - setting goals to give purpose and a sense of achievement;
* Values - Who are we and ultimately what we will achieve is closely related to the principles and ideals that we use to determine our actions;
* Friendships - It is very easy to get caught up with the crowd which may not be the correct direction; and
* Direction - It is impossible to move our lives forward unless we know which way forward is.

The students found the session interesting and pastoral care periods over the following week focused on discussions about the issues raised in the presentation.

Stewart Ross

**Year 11 Geography Excursion**

On Wednesday, 17th February, the Year 11 Geography class travelled to the Bathurst Weather Station. When we arrived, we were met by Mr Menzies, who operated the weather station for many years, sending the data to the Bureau of Meteorology twice daily.

We received a guided tour and learnt many interesting things about climate change, meteorology and how weather stations operate.

On the way back to school we stopped at Annie’s Old Fashioned Ice Cream Parlour for refreshments.

Shannon Hurley
Assembly for 2010 Scholarship Winners

On Tuesday, 2nd March, the Senior School gathered to acknowledge our 2010 Scholarship winners at an assembly in the Bickerdike Centre.

The scholarships presented included Academic, Music and Isolated Children’s Parents Association (ICPA).

Students sit the ACER (Australian Council for Educational Research) exam in the preceding year to qualify for a scholarship. Music students sit additional music papers and an audition.

Dr Peter Miller presented the certificates. Mrs Paula Elbourne (representing the Foundation) also presented the Bean Scholarship. This is a Foundation scholarship for the top History student in Year 12 and was this year shared between Emily Brouggy and Claire Anthes.

The parents of the scholars were invited to attend and to join staff for a celebratory morning tea after the assembly. Our congratulations to all of our new scholars.

Equestrian at Stannies

A great weekend was enjoyed by riders, parents and spectators with some great results being achieved by all in attendance:

- **Anna Carter:** 1st 45cm Showjumping/5th 70cm Showjumping/5th Bending/3rd Barrell Race/3rd 70cm Showjumping (Power and Speed).
- **Maddison Jones:** 2nd 90cm AM7 Showjumping/1st Six Bar jumping.
- **Courtney Old:** 1st Bending/1st Flag Race/2nd Barrell Race.
- **Alice Woodlock:** 4th 90cm AM5 Showjumping/4th 70cm AM2 Showjumping.
- **Sophie Stockman:** 1st 70cm Combined Training/2nd 1B Dressage/2nd 2A Dressage/2nd Six Bar jumping/4th 90cm Showjumping.
- **Emily Sinderberry:** 5th 45cm Combined Training/3rd 45cm

Year 11 Biology Excursion

On Tuesday, 2nd March, the Year 11 Biology class carried out field work at O’Connell, where we were guests of Dr Johannes Bauer and his family. Dr Bauer is an eminent ecologist who is currently working for the United Nations in Port Moresby. He talked to the students about the Reduction of Emissions through Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD) programme in which he is currently engaged in Papua New Guinea. This programme aims to help developing countries conserve their rainforest, thus reducing carbon emissions as well as preserving biodiversity and benefiting local people.

It was fascinating to hear from someone actually involved at a high level in the reduction of carbon emissions - something students are used to hearing about in theory. Dr Bauer also discussed bushland regeneration on his property, as well as his thoughts on sustainable living.

We then carried out ecological field work in bushland on the property. This involved measuring various environmental factors, as well as sampling plants and leaf litter organisms.

I would like to thank our laboratory technician, Meg Hitchick, who is also a qualified and experienced Science teacher, for her great work in organising and running the activities.

The students enjoyed a barbecue lunch on the verandah of the Bauer’s beautiful home.

I would like to thank Dr Bauer and his family for their hospitality, and Dr Bauer for sharing his wisdom with us.

Marcus Croft
Dubbo Beef Spectacular

Congratulations to:
* Harry Webber - third in Paraders;
* Matt Elias - Steer Judging Section - third with ‘Benji’;
* Julian Gaal - Steer Judging Section - fourth with ‘Durk’;
* Danielle Plummer - final of the Senior Judging/first with her less than 12 month Heifer/fourth with her less than 18 month Heifer; and
* Stephanie Ferguson - Champion Junior Judging.

Finally, after the steers were “no more”, Jock Suttor, Kylie Stevenson and Bill Hurley with ‘Nigel’ were placed fourth with sixth, tenth and eleventh positions.

A thank you to Mrs Leanne Ferguson for organising the excursion.

First IX Cricket lose final

All Saints’ went down by five wickets in a tense final at St Pat’s Strathfield.

All Saints’ won the toss and batted in apparently good conditions, but early wickets and finals pressure limited All Saints’ total to just 66. The slow outfield made the score worth about 100 under normal ground conditions, but this was still unlikely to be enough. Michael Waldren batted intelligently once again for 32 not out.

The boys showed great courage and determination to reduce St Pat’s to 4/29 to be in control of the match. Immediately followed an unfortunate circumstance leading to a dismissal being missed by the umpires, which would have seen St Pat’s at 5/29 and in deep trouble.

To make the final was a stunning performance from this group, which was the youngest team in the competition, coming from the smallest pool of players at any of the competing schools. There is much expectation for next season.

Garth Dean (Coach)

Success at the Bathurst Show

Congratulations to the following students on their recent success at the Bathurst Show:
* Emma Keene: 1st Junior Judging; 1st Young Country Achievers; Intermediate Champion Young Country Achievers; Parading Finals for Hereford Junior Muster.
* Julian Gaal: 2nd Young Country Achievers; 2nd Cattle Paraders; Participation in Young Musters.
* Alice Woodlock: Highly Commended Young Country Achievers.

Alliance Francaise excursion

On Friday, 12th March, Mrs Memory Sanders and Mr David Pike took two Year 9 students, Lily Douglas and Camille Hines, to Alliance Francaise. The Alliance Francaise de Sydney is the leading French language school in Sydney. The students and staff were taken on a tour of the Centre and learnt about three French speaking countries (Canada, Algeria and Cambodia) or “francophones”. Information was presented via slideshows, games and activities that covered topics such as the Vancouver Olympic Games, Algerian culture and traditional Cambodian games and dance.

The group then learnt a bit about France (naturally!) and were engaged in a French trivia activity.

Afterwards, everyone was treated to a traditional French lunch at the Little Snail Restaurant. Some of the dishes included snails, pate and creme caramel.

A lot was gained from this experience and by all reports it was a very enjoyable day.

The students would like to thank Mr Pike and Mrs Sanders for organising the day.
On Friday, January 29th, the Year 11 Ancient History class went to the Bathurst Art Gallery to view a display of ancient artefacts from Sydney University’s Nicholson Museum.

With artefacts such as an Egyptian mummy, a bust of a Roman Emperor and various ancient tools, the students learnt much about the impact of science on archaeological analysis, and the ethical questions surrounding the ownership of history.

Many thanks must go to Mr Brad Hammond from the Bathurst Art Gallery for his enjoyable and informative tour.

Mr Spencer Goddard
**Netbooks bringing change to the Library**

The new library netbooks are changing the way students work in class as well as private study periods. Students have adapted readily to the smaller screen and like being able to take a netbook to a quiet spot of their choosing, within the Library, to do their work.

**Introducing our Canadian Exchange Teacher**

Hello, my name is Diana Gowans and I am an exchange teacher from Calgary Canada.

My husband and I have embarked on a teacher exchange for the 2010 school year to share professional knowledge and learn more about the culture of Australia.

I also am a scuba instructor so we hope to get to the ocean on our holidays.

I am looking forward to learning more about the similarities and differences in our school systems during my year at All Saints’ College.

**Public Speaking and Debating**

The InterHouse Public Speaking and Debating Competition was held on Tuesday, 9th March, and most staff were impressed with the quality of the speaking and debating. Best speakers were:

* Year 7 - Conrad Meulman and Patrick Fisher.
* Year 8 - Jacob Thompson.
* Year 9 - Olivia Fisher.
* Year 10 - David Grant.
* Year 11 - Arianne Gilany.

In the Debating Competition, points were awarded for outstanding debaters in each age group. Those that were singled out include Madison Hall, Georgia Pickford and George Storrier (Year 8); Erin Brouff, Camille Hines, Fiona Alamyar and Charlotte Anlezark (Year 9); Kylie Stevenson, Freya Roebuck, Kirsten Dukes and Niemah Hope (Year 10); Rosie Barnett, Clare Watt and Bonnie Riley (Year 11).

Thank you to Mrs Tessa Jones who organised the event.

Thank you to all who participated in the InterHouse Competition, with particular thanks to the House Captains who were responsible for persuading everyone to participate.

The staff were particularly pleased with those who had never spoken before, but were willing to get up in front of their peers and talk or debate.

In many debates and speeches there was evidence of thought and planning.

Houses need to remember that there are points for up to three speakers in any age group, so you can always pick up points for having the maximum of speakers. It is often this that can make the difference between coming first or second.

This year there was more of a spread of wins and points across the Houses in both Speaking and Debating.

In Year 11 for instance each House won one debate and had an equal number of Public Speakers in that Age group.

In Year 9 Long won two and Bean one.

In Year 8 Bean won two and Long one.

Barton picked up points for having the best speaker even if they did not necessarily win the debate.

So when everything was counted up the results were as follows:

In third place Barton; second Long; and this year’s winner - Bean House.

*Mrs Tessa Jones*
The Junior School:
Fantastic Learning Community

The Junior School continues to grow in numbers and the students here continue to prosper and flourish. One of the key things that makes All Saints’ College Junior School such a popular and supportive learning environment is the fantastic sense of community we have amongst not only the students but amongst the parents and extended families of the school. We are all in the “learning journey” together and providing children with a rich and engaging environment to learn, explore and discover both at school and at home is alive and well in our community.

Our Parents’ and Friends’ Association has been doing a terrific job fundraising and I am always pleased to see the support and community spirit displayed by all families at such fundraising events. These funds continue to provide useful resources that are used to enhance the teaching and learning experiences both inside and outside of the classrooms. We are in the process of building four new vegetable gardens behind the Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 classrooms which will extend the classroom outside. The materials for these garden were purchased from funds raised by the Whole School Parents’ and Friends’ Association who also support the Junior School in many ways.

In Term 3, I will be joining with some other Junior School staff to present a parent forum on Cybersafety. A child’s learning involves teachers, students and parents working together. This Parent Forum will provide an opportunity for parents to learn what we are doing at school to provide students with the skills to navigate through today’s world of technology. It will also provide parents with some ideas of how to support their children by providing a safe “computer” environment at home.

I encourage parents to become involved in their child’s education at All Saints’ College and to be active contributors to our learning community. Our students are little sponges who will often absorb more than we give them credit for. The more the community works as a team in their “learning journey” the more successful their learning experiences will be.

—we are all in the ‘learning journey’ together and providing children with a rich and engaging environment”

FROM THE HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

On Tuesday, 23rd February, the Junior School community enjoyed each other’s company at the annual Picnic on the Oval.

The Junior School Parents and Friends Association provided a sausage sizzle and we were delighted to have Annie’s Ice Cream selling their delicious ice cream treats.

The picnic was very well attended and I would like to thank the Junior School P&F Committee and their helpers for all of their preparation and work on the night.

Chris Jackman

Picnic on the Oval
On Friday, March 19th, the Junior School basketball team called the Leprechauns played the Grand Final against the team, Nothing But Net.

The game was very close up until the last two minutes. Due to sheer determination and excellent skills the Leprechauns won 24-19.

Well done to the team and to the coaches, Will McAloney and Joshua Porter. The parent/grandparent cheering was very loud and enthusiastic. Thank you to everyone for their support.

Mrs Kay Murray (Basketball Co-ordinator)

Mrs Leanne Ferguson, (All Saints’ Science and Technology teacher) brought in three water samples, each from different sources - rain water, town water and bore water.

The students tasted and described the water and tested its pH level.

Finally they added dirt to a water sample and filtered it to make it drinkable.

On Monday, 22nd March, the members of the Junior School equestrian team gathered on Stiles Oval for a training session led by Mrs Nicole Stockman and Mrs Ruth Crampton.

The riders practiced a wide range of skills and certainly enjoyed each other’s company and passion for horses. We intend on holding another training day this year and I encourage anyone with a horse who is keen on developing their skills and joining the equestrian team to come along and participate.

Chris Jackman

On Saturday, 13th March, the Years 3/4 Handball Court lines were repainted.

It was two years ago that they were set out in red, and whenever the students have a chance they play ball: before school, at recess and during the lunch break.

The lines needed a repaint and who better to help than Matthew Jackman and Amelia Sanger. They had to set out the tape and black in the lines. Well done for another two years. Father Paul
On Monday, March 22nd, Year 6 travelled out to Blayney Wind Farm. We have been studying renewable and non-renewable energy sources in Science.

We were met by Mr Leo Pearce who showed us around the facility. It was very interesting learning about this type of energy generating method.

Did you know that there are 15 towers and that it cost 18 million dollars to build? The turbines can supply 3500 homes with energy for a year.

Year 6 asked some very insightful questions and extended their knowledge about renewable energy.  

Mrs Kay Murray

Concert Band goes to the Show

It was a big day for the Junior School Concert Band on Friday, 5th March.

The rain came down and so the Junior School had their assembly in the Chapel. The Junior School Concert Band presented some of their items, one of which was ‘Surfing in the USA’. They were preparing for the Bathurst Show.

As it was still raining when it was time for their Bathurst Show performance, the band members gathered in a marquee to make their debut.

They were ably conducted by Mrs Elizabeth Randall and their music could be heard as far away as the Poultry Pavilion. Well beefed out, band members.

Father Paul

Students in Years 3 and 4 recently attended the annual outdoor education camp at Lake Canobolas, near Orange.

The weather for the camp was superb and the children thoroughly enjoyed exploring a wide range of outdoor educational pursuits including orienteering, building a camp fire, making damper and first aid.

The evening programme was also great fun and included highlights such as the camp concert, toasting marshmallows and the Great Teddy Bear Competition.

We were very fortunate to have an enthusiastic group of parents who assisted during the three days and I would like to thank Mrs McEwen, Mrs Jardine, Mr Jarvis, Mr Gardiner and Mr Pandoulis for their help and support during the camp.

Mr Phillip Cant
Congratulations to Thomas Geyer (Year 5) on his remarkable swimming achievements in the All Saints’ InterHouse Swimming Carnivals over the last three years - two records broken in 2008; six in 2009 and six in 2010. In this year’s carnival Thomas (entering in the 11 Years Boys events) took 1.18 seconds off the 50m freestyle record; 7.42 seconds off the 50m breaststroke; 1.16 seconds off the 50m backstroke; 9.3 seconds off the 50m butterfly; 7.44 seconds off the 100m freestyle and over 11 seconds off the 4x25m medley.

RESULTS: Boys 11 Years 50m freestyle 35.02 (36.2), Boys 11 Years 50m breaststroke 43.31 (50.73), Boys 11 Years 50m backstroke 44.84 (46.0), Boys 11 Years 50m butterfly 41.90 (51.2), Boys 11 Years 100m freestyle 1.20.47 (1.27.91) and Boys 11 Years 4 x25m I.M. 1.31.14 (1.42.93).

Thomas has been a member of the Bathurst Swimming Club for approximately five years (about half of his life!!). His training four to five days a week has certainly paid off. There is every chance that Thomas will follow in the footsteps of one of his favourite swimmers, Ian Thorpe, and end up representing Australia in the Olympic Games in the future. Go Geyer!!

Who says we CANT swim!

For those of us old enough to remember “The Sound of Music”, we know that there was the von Trapp family of singers. Here at All Saints’ we have the Cant family of champion swimmers.

In the recent Junior School InterHouse Carnival, Benjamin, Sophie and David were all Champions in their respective age groups. Well done!!

Entomology in Year 2

Wednesday, 24th February, saw excited Year 2 students arriving with praying mantis, Vine Moth caterpillars, moths’ wings, ants and much more, for a morning of investigation into insects.

Using the SPECTRA programme, children rotated through a variety of activities including sketching of varieties of beetles, observation and sketching of insects and their wings requiring careful observation with the aid of magnifying glasses and magnifying boxes, research using the internet into insect pests and research and discussion on the question: Why are insects important?

The two hours flew quickly with inspired children producing some amazing results.

We were very grateful for the help Mrs Hope, Mrs Reynolds and Mrs McLean gave us as it helped the groups remain focused and able to complete a high standard of work.

Mrs Gabrielle Darlington and Mrs Ruth Clements
Year 6 students show off their new jersey

Thursday, 11th March was an exciting day for Year 6 students with the arrival of their 2010 jersey.

Year 2 learn about all things insect

On Monday, 15th February, 2C and 2D students went to the Orange Agricultural Research Station. When we arrived we met Dr Fletcher. We crossed the road, went up the stairs and into the Entomology room. It smelt like Grandma’s house because of the naphthalene to keep insects out that would eat or damage the insect collection.

Dr Fletcher talked about the bugs in the collection and told us that the collection started in 1890. Then we were able to look at the trays of insects. We saw some stick insects, butterflies including Monarch Butterflies, moths, a half European wasps nest, many other beetles and bugs and the biggest cockroach in Australia.

The biggest insect was a stick insect and the smallest one was a parasitic wasp that lays its eggs in another insect’s eggs. Angus thanked Dr Fletcher for telling us all about the insects. When we left the Research Station we hopped on Barney’s bus and went to Gosling Creek Reserve for recess. We played for about 15 minutes after eating morning tea.

Then we travelled back to school. Some final comments about our trip:

Matilda: Exciting!
Eliza: I enjoyed looking at the insects.
Sara: I learnt that a butterfly is a higher order of moth.
Angus: I thought the giant cockroach was creepy.
Harvey and Natalia: It was great.

Compiled by Year 2
Year 5 learn all about
Australian Customs

On Monday, 15th February, Year 5 were treated to a visit from an Australian Customs Marine Unit member, Sarah Bromage.

Sarah came to talk to the class about her experiences aboard the Oceanic Viking in the Southern Ocean and trips to Antarctica. Not only did Sarah share stories, answer questions and show fantastic photographs of her journeys, she also brought with her some of the safety equipment she uses on the ship and allowed students to try it on.

Sarah has also allowed the class to borrow an Australian Customs Flag and the blue and yellow CCAMLR flag that the Oceanic Viking flies while patrolling in the Southern Ocean, for the duration of our Antarctica study.

Year 5 students were very excited and appreciated the opportunity to be able to ask questions and learn from someone who has had first hand knowledge and experience in the Antarctic region.

Pancake Tuesday

Year 2 classes enjoyed sifting, beating, stirring, pouring, flipping and, best of all, eating pikelets which they had made for Pancake Tuesday.

This was a great introduction for our 'Celebrations' unit on Easter. We discussed the reason for Shrove Tuesday and the 40 days until Easter. It was also a fantastic way to make procedure writing meaningful and stimulating. They had a lot of fun and it was a delicious activity!  

Gabrielle Darlington and Ruth Clements

After School Co-ordinator

My name is Larissa Boylan and I am extremely excited to be the new After School Care Co-ordinator here at All Saints' College.

Originally I am from Canada, but three years ago I moved to Bathurst after meeting my husband, Ashley, in London while I was on a teaching assignment.

Since living in Bathurst I have taught in two schools, but since having our son, Nathanael, 16 months ago, I decided that I wanted to work part-time so I could still be at home with Nate.

The After School Programme is off to a great start this year! We have been having playing outside, doing our homework as well as inside activities such as building blocks, drawing and computers.

I am looking forward to a great year.
Pittwater House students visit for games

On Wednesday, 3rd February, Year 6 students from Pittwater House School visited All Saints’ College for some friendly games of cricket and softball. The games were played in fantastic spirit and the students thoroughly enjoyed each other’s company. A special thank you to the parents who assisted with the sausage sizzle after the games. Chris Jackman

The Junior School InterHouse Swimming Carnival began with much hype amongst our Infants students. All Kindergarten and Year 1 students presented themselves for the splash and dash 15m race across the pool. The events were contested in great spirit and all left with a sense of achievement and a lovely yellow ribbon to begin or add to their collection.

Once the Infants students departed the serious competition began. This year it was decided that all students would swim in a freestyle heat. This inclusion saw all students from 8-12 years swim competitively in at least one race in their respective age groups. This was a fantastic addition to the programme ensuring that all students were involved in some healthy competition.

Again, this year, we saw some terrific individual performances. We were very fortunate to witness Thomas Geyer at his best. Thomas not only won every event he competed in but astonishingly broke every record. This is an outstanding achievement and I wish Thomas every success for the 2010 season.

Rachel Corbett-Jones broke away from the blocks in blistering speed in the 9 Years backstroke to take out first place and a new record - well done Rachel! A huge thank you must go to all competitors who competed throughout the morning regardless of the outcome and to all of the staff and parents who assisted in the smooth running of the carnival.

Congratulations to Esrom House who again this year won the InterHouse Trophy.

New records 2010

**Thomas Geyer:** Boys 11 Years 50m freestyle 35.02 (36.2), Boys 11 Years 50m breaststroke 43.31 (50.73), Boys 11 Years 50m backstroke 44.84 (46.0), Boys 11 Years 50m butterfly 41.90 (51.2), Boys 11 Years 100m freestyle 1.20.47 (1.27.91) and Boys 11 Years 4 x25m I.M. 1.31.14 (1.42.93);

**Rachel Corbett-Jones:** Girls 9 Years 25m backstroke 24.95 (25.0).

Kay Nelson
Boarding at Saints’...  
Great place to be

Boarding at All Saints’ in 2010 is best described as a nurturing and close-knit relationship between the young people and the staff who care for them, as we strive to provide a ‘family-like’ approach to boarding. The boarding community within All Saints’ is a significant group representing approximately one-third of the Senior School population. We currently have 95 boarders across four Houses. Families continue to be drawn to the school by our welcoming atmosphere and caring environment. It’s a great place to be!

Boarders are housed in junior and senior houses for boys and girls - Britten House (junior boys) led by Mr Jason Buckley; Lyon House (junior girls) led by Mrs Glenda Isbister; Watson House (senior boys) led by Mr Eliot Sanger and Marsden House (senior girls) led by Ms Naomie Fitzgerald. The girls’ Houses are located in the purpose built facility behind the Music Centre and adjacent to the Bickerdike Centre. The junior boys’ facility is in Bradwardine House at the top of the hill, with the senior boys being located in the facility behind the school pool and Watson Oval.

The last 12 months have seen significant improvement to the systems and facilities provided for our boarders with work being conducted in all boarding houses. Britten House has received new bathroom facilities and an internal make-over with the layout of the dorms and common spaces. Lyon and Marsden Houses have received new basins, bench tops and taps, provided by the Boarding P&F, and will soon receive new carpet to the common spaces of the Houses. Watson House has received new carpet in most of the common spaces; new showerheads; a digital projector, DVD and sound system; window fittings and alarm system to improve security; and it has been painted throughout its interior.

Boarding at All Saints’ is still all about the experience. There are strong, positive relationships within the boarding community and lots of opportunities for experiences that may not otherwise be available. There are Boarders’ Day Trips; House-based activities; Theme Nights; and of course the benefit of the extended boarding family in which to flourish.

### Boarding families “get-to-know-you” evening

On Saturday, 27th February, a large contingent of members of the All Saints’ College boarding family converged on the magnificent property of Wendy and Nigel Wass in Nyngan for a wonderful get-together, and in many cases a “get-to-know-you” evening.

For city folk like us, the weekend was not only a great chance to witness the spectacular country west of Bathurst, but also to spend some quality time with our son, and also with other boarding families, in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

Gathering at 5.00pm on the edge of the slightly closer than usual Bogan River, families had travelled from far and wide for the function. In what was a “Boarding League of Nations”, Sydney, Bathurst, Carcoar, Dubbo, Condobolin, Nyngagee, Warren and Nyngan were all represented.

As night fell, Nigel and some outstanding assistants fired up the barbie ensuring nobody was left hungry, and whilst the Mums and Dads enjoyed the good food and great company, the Year 9 boys and some younger siblings held an impromptu game of rugby on the lawn. Some of us then were fortunate enough to head back into town and stay in the excellent cabins at the Riverside Tourist park, run by All Saints’ parents Dione and Jack Carter, before heading off in the morning.

It was fantastic to have both Dr Peter Miller and the Director of Boarding, Eliot Sanger, and their families join us, as too the President of the Boarding P&F, Russell Symonds, and the President of the School P&F, John Morris. Their attendance and words on the night were greatly appreciated by all.

As well as thanking the Wass family again for their hospitality, thanks must go to everyone who bought along food, families and friendship and made the night the success it was.

Karen & Glenn Pallister (Wahroonga)
On Saturday, 30th January, the boys’ boarding houses, Britten and Watson, travelled to Wade Park, as part of the Restricted Leave Weekend activities, to watch the NSW Waratahs take on the might of the Fiji Warriors in a lead up match to the Super 14 Rugby competition commencing later in February.

It was an exciting, if not fairly one-sided, affair with the ball being run by both teams at every opportunity and both teams running their bench players. We had the opportunity to watch the likes of Al Baxter, Berrick Barnes, Phil Waugh and Kurtley Beale up close on a beautiful sunny evening in Orange.

The Waratahs won the game 83 points to 15.

The highlight for many of the boys was meeting and having photographs taken with many of the players as they thanked the crowd after the game.

It was a fun evening and we enjoyed each other’s company as we cheered on the Waratahs in their victory.

We look forward to our next outing!

Eliot Sanger

On Sunday 14th March, we kicked off our new Boarders’ Day Trip programme with a trip to Sydney to visit the Sydney Aquarium and the IMAX Cinema.

This programme is designed to give boarders the opportunity to get off campus on a range of activities approximately once a month. It is intended to be completely voluntary, low cost and on a ‘first in, best dressed’ basis. There are up to 23 places (one coaster bus full) on any of the varied list of trips.

Some of these activities may include trips to Sydney, walks in the Blue Mountains, picnics in varying locations, etc.

We all had a wonderful time on this first outing seeing the many species of aquatic life in the fantastic exhibits set up at the Sydney Aquarium. The highlights included the sharks, the ‘glow-in-the-dark’ jellyfish, the crocodile, the ‘Undersea Walkway’ and the Dugongs. For a couple of us it was our first trip to Sydney and indeed the city. We enjoyed a ‘make-your-own’ lunch, provided by the school’s catering staff before making our way around Darling Harbour to the IMAX Cinemas to witness the incredible 3D spectacle that is ‘Alice in Wonderland’. It is a truly amazing film and everyone was ‘wowed’ by the special 3D effects.

At the conclusion of the film we boarded the bus and had a short but enjoyable tour of Sydney’s ‘Rocks’ area, Macquarie St, The Domain and Mrs Macquarie’s Chair where we enjoyed the incredible views of Sydney Harbour, the Opera House and the Sydney Harbour Bridge, before heading home.

It was a great day and everyone had a wonderful time. I would like to thank Lyon Tutor, Ella Ricketson, for assisting me throughout the day and of course all of the Boarders who joined me for the day in making it such a successful start to our Boarders’ Day Trips programme.

We look forward to our next day trip in the first half of Term 2.

Eliot Sanger

(Director of Boarding)
On Saturday, 13th February, Sally and Sam Allcorn brought their daughter Lydia Kate to the College Chapel for Baptism. It was a delightful occasion and present were members of Sally and Sam’s family as well as Sally’s colleagues and their families from the Infants School.

Sally and Sam were married at Molong earlier last year by the College Chaplain, Father Paul.

The Porter Family recently took part in the Bathurst 2010 Relay For Life which was held on Saturday, 20th March.

Relay For Life is a fundraising event for The Cancer Council to help defeat cancer. Funds raised through Relay For Life are spent on cancer research, education, support services and advocacy.

Congratulations to Spencer and Rachel Goddard on the birth of their baby boy, Nicholas James, at 10.59am on Friday, 18th December. Nicholas weighed in at 8 pounds 2 ounces and is 50cm long. Mother and baby are doing well.

Congratulations go to our Kindergarten teacher Kate Keene on her marriage to Patrick Bird. Kate and Patrick’s wedding took place at The Pavilion in Tamworth on Saturday, 12th December, 2009.

Sarah, a past student of All Saints’, was appointed Bookshop Assistant in 1999. After the birth of her first son, Sarah job shared this position with Mel Gee.

Prior to being appointed to this position she was Head of Marsden House and her knowledge of school procedures helped her settle into the Bookshop position quickly.

Sarah with her bubbly personality was a pleasure to work with and she carried out her duties enthusiastically and very efficiently.

As well as being responsible for the day to day operation of the Bookshop, mail and newspapers she was also the Private Vehicle Conveyancing rebate co-ordinator and organised health insurance for the overseas students.

Sarah hasn’t left All Saints’ altogether as she has joined the teaching staff of the College (replacing Mr Wayne Feebrey who is on long service leave for the year) and we wish her well.

Mel joined the All Saints’ team as the Bookshop Assistant on June 1st, 2001. She soon became an integral part of the College.

Her expertise in the cutting edge of technology has helped a lot of technophobic colleagues over the years. Although Mel was known as the Bookshop Assistant this in no way fully describes the role she played at Saints’. She, along with Sarah O’Neill with whom she job shared, was responsible for the mail - incoming, outgoing and internal; the distribution of newspapers; departmental stationery requirements and was the overseer of all the photocopiers and their consumables.

Mel is well into the next phase of her life and I hope she will enjoy the many opportunities that will present. We wish her well.

Margaret Simmons

Sarah O'Neil

Vale - Sarah O’Neill

Vale - Mel Gee
**Former student crowned Royal Showgirl**

A former student of All Saints’ College has triumphed at the Sydney Royal Easter Show.

Clare McDonald took out the title of 2010 The Land Sydney Royal Showgirl.

During her time in Bathurst, Clare participated in the Royal Bathurst Show Young Country Achievers Competition and was Champion in 2001 and 2002.

According to the former chief steward of the Young Country Achievers, Alan Boyd, her experience in that competition held Clare in good stead during the interview process at the Sydney Royal.

“Her grounding here in Bathurst obviously gave Clare the encouragement to have a go in the showgirl competition,” Mr Boyd said.

“She was crowned the Condobolin Showgirl and has now gone onto take out the state’s top award.”

Clare McDonald (nee Raffin) was a student at Marsden School, Bathurst, in 1954-55. Her late father-in-law, Archdeacon Bill Arnold, was widely known throughout the community.

**Dubbo Reunion Dinner**

The Annual All Saints’ College Dubbo Reunion Dinner was held at the Castlereagh Hotel in Dubbo on Saturday, 13th March 2010. Whilst this year was a smaller group than usual (34) everyone enjoyed the fellowship immensely.

Head of College, Dr Peter Miller attended and was able to give the latest report of happenings at All Saints’. Gai Sullivan won the raffle. It is hoped the OBU will soon receive a contribution as a result.

**OAM and community award for Ruth Arnold**

Ruth Arnold of Wellington took out the “Daily Double” on Australia Day when she was not only awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) but was also named as Wellington’s Citizen of the Decade. She was recognised for her many years of dedicated work as a swimming instructor, and helping disabled people to make use of the swimming pool.

Ruth said she was “very humbled” to receive the awards, and while she had known about the OAM in advance the community award had been a complete surprise.

Ruth Arnold (nee Raffin) was a student at Marsden School, Bathurst, in 1954-55. Her late father-in-law, Archdeacon Bill Arnold, was widely known throughout the community.
In Memory of
Val Malone

The presentation to Val, at the Senior School Speech Day 2009, of the ASC Council Award for Outstanding Performance or Service, was a fitting tribute to the wonderful contribution Val had made to the College over her 17 years as Infants Co-ordinator.

Val began teaching Kindergarten in 1986 and began many of the traditions that continue to this day in the Infants School. She initiated the Thanksgiving Service, the Kindergarten Nativity Tableau in the Carol Service and lobbied for, planned and initiated the Transition to School programme which is such a vital part of the school to this day.

With energy and enthusiasm she produced and directed a number of Infants School musicals, writing a couple of them herself.

For many years Val co-ordinated and coached T-ball, was a Tournament of the Minds facilitator and Developmental Speech and Drama involvement in the Bathurst Eisteddfod. She encouraged students with ability or a keen interest to develop their skills and gain certificates in Speech and Drama through external examinations. She set up her own studio - Studio Alkira, and this work occupied much of her time once she’d retired. As this operated at the College it enabled Val to keep in touch with many of the staff and students in the place that had been such an integral part of her life.

As we reflect on Val’s amazing contribution to the life of All Saints’ it is the students who have been the greatest beneficiaries. Her wide teaching experience started the Kindergarten children on their successful educational paths. She sought out avenues for diagnostic help for students with learning difficulties as well as promoting and encouraging the gifted and talented students in her class.

This interest, concern and help continued with many as they moved on through school, into tertiary studies and beyond. Her colleagues also benefited from her knowledge and experience. Val unstintingly gave of her time and resources to mentor new staff members and give helpful advice, inspiration or a listening ear to all.

Val had suffered and persevered through ill health over her last few years and she passed away peacefully on Tuesday, 15th December, 2009. Her son, Lloyd, at her funeral service, spoke of the boundless love Val had, not only for her own family but for the many students she had taught over the years. Once they had moved on from Kindergarten Val continued to follow their progress and often had words of encouragement or guidance to set them on the path to fulfilling their dreams. Parents often sought her out, whether to let her know of a past student’s progress or looking for advice on issues concerning their children.

“One, two, three - freeze” could instantly silence a class of boisterous, exuberant children and have them awaiting instruction or direction. Not only was it a means of gaining attention but also set the bounds in which her students were truly free to enjoy school, learn and interact with others. Her firmness and love resulted in her students loving, respecting and valuing her in return and many, over the years, kept her informed of the paths their lives had taken.

All Saints’ is the richer for Val’s life and contribution. Her memory will live on in the hearts of all with whom she was involved and, as the Val Malone Prize for Creative Arts is awarded each year at the Junior School Speech Day, we will be reminded of that particular aspect of her life that was dear to her heart.

Farewell, dear friend. I, for one, will miss you!

Ruth Clements

Back to Saints’ Reunions

The following groups will be having a reunion on the weekend of September 4th/5th at All Saints’ and all ex-students of the following years are invited to join their year group. The reunion dinner will be held in the school dining hall on the Saturday night. The following day is the Spring Fair and all Old Bathurstians’ are welcome.

40 Year reunion: Marsden and All Saints’ please contact Anne Llewellyn at annellew@ 026332733.

30 Year reunion: All Saints’ please contact Scott Gardner at s.gardner@saints.nsw.edu.au or 026332733.

20 Year reunion: please contact Zac Leman who is coordinating the reunion at zac.leman@optusnet.com.au or mobile 041120665.

10 Year reunion: please contact Memory Sanders m.sanders@saints.nsw.edu.au or 63327343.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Term 2

May 10
- Year 8 Camp
- 15s AICES Netball

May 11
- NAPLAN Tests Years 3, 5, 7, 9
- Year 8 Camp
- ISA Rugby Trials
- Years 11 & 12 Parent Supper

May 12
- NAPLAN Tests Years 3, 5, 7, 9
- Year 8 Camp
- Meet the Music

May 13
- NAPLAN Tests Years 3, 5, 7, 9
- Year 8 Camp
- Ascension

May 14
- Year 8 Camp
- Year 7 Vaccinations

May 15
- Rugby ISA Round 2 v CCGS (H)

May 17
- 2010 Enrol to Vote Week

May 19
- Yr 9 and 10 Parent Supper

May 20
- JS HICES Cross Country (ASC)
- Yr 11 Primary Industries Workshop

May 21
- Year 11 Parent Teacher Interviews
- Year 11 Primary Industries Workshop
- Festival of Art Opening

May 22
- Presentation Ball
- Festival of Art

May 23
- Festival of Art

May 25
- Wired - Brainstorm Productions
- Years 9-11 Period 5 & 6 Discovery Concert

May 27
- Year 12 Advanced English Excursion
- Years 11 & 12 FACTS Day at CSU

May 28
- Big Night Out

June 1
- Coonabarabran Equestrian Event
- JS P&F Meeting
- Year 7 Information Night
- JS Athletics Heats

June 3
- Questacon ‘Smart Moves’ 9.30-10.30 Years 7-10

June 4
- Confirmation Service 7pm Cathedral

June 5
- Rugby ISA Round 5 v Oxley (A)
- Coonabarabran Equestrian Event

June 6
- Coonabarabran Equestrian Event

June 7
- Coonabarabran Equestrian Event

June 8
- P&F Meeting

June 9
- Science Competition

June 10
- SS Athletics Carnival

June 11
- AICES Open Tennis
- Boarders Depart 3.30pm

June 15
- JS Athletics Carnival

June 17
- Years 7 and 8 Parent Supper

June 18
- Year 7 Parent Teacher Interviews
- House Music Festival

June 19
- JS Trivia Night
- Rugby ISA Round 6 v Chevalier (h)
- Boarders Restricted Leave
- Junior School P&F Trivia Night

June 20
- Boarders Restricted Leave
- Years 5 & 6 Choir to Cathedral

June 21
- VET Hospitality Work Placement

June 22
- Year 7 Spelling Competition
- Writing Competition
- VET Hospitality Work Placement
- Yamaha Music Festival

June 23
- VET Hospitality Work Placement
- AICES Open Netball
- WAS Chess Tournament

June 24
- Term 2 ends
- VET Hospitality Work Placement
- Years 11 & 12 Biology Excursion