The Old Bathurstians’ Reunion Dinner was held recently for the class of 1958 and 1998.
Dear OBU member,

This letter is to inform you that this will be the last hard copy of the OBU VIM in its original form. As you can well appreciate, the cost of printing has escalated in recent years, making such publications (along with postage costs) very expensive to produce. As well, with only two publications a year a lot of the news is very ‘old-hat’ by the time it reaches you. Could all members please complete the address update form on the Old Bathurstians’ Union section of the website so that we can update our files.

In this modern technological age, most people now have access to computers and the Internet. All Saints’ has a website (www.saints.nsw.edu.au) that constantly updates news items as they happen – along with photos, photo galleries and video clips. Hopefully, you are checking the website out frequently. It is the intention of the Publications Department (Bob Poole and Cherylene Anderson) to do the same thing for the OBU. Although there will no longer be a VIM as such, there will be regular updates. This will open up many new initiatives that we are sure you will greatly appreciate.

If you go to the website you will notice over on the right-hand side a heading Home. Under this is a heading – Old Bathurstians Union. If you click on this you will be directed to a sub-heading – News. Updated items will be found there.

It is important that we have all email addresses so please go the website, click on the Old Bathurstians’ Union (as noted above) and complete the information form at the bottom of the page and click the Submit button. It is also essential that if you have a news item (and photographs) that you send it to obu@saints.nsw.edu.au ASAP. Every effort will be made to put it on the website the day it is received.

If for some reason you are unable to access the school’s website please contact Memory Sanders at the College by post at All Saints’ College, Locked Mail Bag 9, Bathurst. 2795. NSW. Australia.

Yours sincerely,
Memory Sanders,
OBU Committee Member

**Obituaries**

**DOUG KILLEN 1975-2009**

**KILLEN, Douglas Geoffrey Lyle (Doug).**

Late of Dee Why. Aged 33 years.


I had the real pleasure of coaching Doug Killen in the First VI at ASC for several years. In that time Doug moved from a tear-away fast bowler with a lively, and energetic cricket mind to a wiser, but still a tear-away fast bowler who could also hit the ball out of the ground when the mood took him. He toured with the ASC first xi on their tour to New Zealand and he was one of the most consistent and important members of the team.

He combined with his friend Nathan Hansen to lead the team to defeat the very strong Auckland HS tea’ a team that boasted three under 19 New Zealand representatives inn their side.

Reputations never meant much to Doug and when his team fell behind the required run rate and were down to 8 for 102 chasing 186 he and Nathan Hansen strode to the wicket and began placing balls to all parts of the ground, ignoring that this wasn’t meant to happen to such exalted cricket nobility.

Doug was a team leader and a team player. He always had time to help the younger players and on days that were hot and long, he would always come steaming in from a long run-up and deliver the ball at top speed, getting it to whiz about the batsmen’s head.

He would then chase enthusiastically for whoever else may be bowling and throw back to the keeper with an arm that was straight, fast and true.

Doug Killen will be missed as all good people are missed. Not for major deeds done that change the shape of the world but for the energy in which he approached life and for the generosity of spirit which was his trademark.

Tony McLaughlin

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**MARJORIE EMMS NEE MORLEY**

Born 15th September, 1915 at Warne Street Wellington, NSW. Grew up on a farming and grazing property at Maryvale, NSW.

Attended Marsden Anglican Girls School, Bathurst where she completed her Secondary School Education.

Married Albert Emms 31st August, 1938 in the Chapel at All Saints College, Bathurst where Albert was a teacher. Children Michael and Diana born 1941 and 1944.

Albert went to England to serve his country in the Combined Air Services and Marjorie went first to Wagga Wagga and then back to Geurie to live with her brother Mick (Eric).

Albert returned from war and took up a position at All Saints College as Bursar and Marjorie around 1950 took on the position of secretary to the headmaster at All Saints.

The two remained at All Saints for the rest of their working lives retiring in 1975 - 6. Daughter Diana having moved to England with her husband, Marjorie and Albert settled in Warialda to be closer to son Michael and his family, wife Marion and their children, Sue, Eric, Gill and Linda. Marjorie was much involved with her grandchildren here and in England, teaching the girls the niceties of sewing etc and how to be nice young ladies and gentlemen. During their time in Warialda Albert passed away and shortly after Michael and family moved to Singleton where Marjorie eventually joined them. For a few years she then spent her Aussie winters in England with Diana and family until frailty took over and she went into Alroy Nursing Home, then to Calvary in Cessnock.

Daughter Diana, husband Twink, children Felicity, Jeremy and Catharina. Marjorie has 7 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Marjorie lived a full and happy life, and she was and is much loved by her extended family.
ALAN KELL, 1920-2008

ALAN KELL could disturb passengers in his car while driving down Parramatta Road. He was frequently distracted by buildings being erected on both sides of the road.

Building and buildings were in his blood. Buildings such as the War Memorial in Hyde Park, the Grace Building and the interiors of the House of Representatives and Senate chambers in the new Parliament House in Canberra were built by Kell & Rigby, the family firm.

When representatives of the four largest shareholders were asked to introduce themselves at a company meeting some years ago, the first three said they were directors. The fourth announced himself as “Alan Kell: occupation, carpenter”. He wasn’t particularly religious but liked the idea that Jesus was a carpenter.

The construction industry is notoriously tough. Competition is fierce and trade unions have been strong. Kell, fondly known as “AB”, navigated the difficulties with grace. During his time with the company, Kell & Rigby were often called “the gentlemen builders”.

Alan Blair Kell was born in Burwood, the second son of William, a builder, and his wife, formerly Isabelle Blair, the daughter of a mayor of Burwood and one of the first females Sydney municipal drivers.

William and his partner Les Rigby were busy expanding their building company, Kell & Rigby, which was in its 10th year when AB was born and will celebrate its 100th year in 2010.

Young Kell left school at 16, after boarding at All Saints College in Bathurst, and began his apprenticeship in Kell & Rigby’s joinery shop at Railway Crescent, Burwood, while studying at Sydney Technical College. He became an accomplished joiner and carpenter. He played first-grade rugby as a second-rower and represented NSW. He also loved the snow.

At 21, Kell joined the Army Engineers as a lieutenant, heading to Papua New Guinea to build roads and bridges. He spoke little afterwards about the war, and never of being mentioned in dispatches for bravery when he removed an active hand grenade from a dead soldier.

One point he did mention was that the soldiers’ letters home nearly always mentioned the crying babies they heard when passing through villages; this made them all homesick.

He could be comfortable in his own company. On rest and recreation leave in Townsville, most of Kell’s comrades-in-arms went to the pub for beer and cigarettes, while Kell sat in the gutter with an ice cream.

He attended church in Burwood almost every Sunday, sometimes twice, and was made an elder, then a deacon in his early 20s. He wasn’t philosophical about religion, but liked its sense of community. When a young member of the family asked what would happen when he died, AB said: “I don’t know, actually.

Kell had met Jessie Davidson, a nurse from Wellington, before the war and proposed in a letter from New Guinea. They were married at St Stephens in Macquarie Street during the war.

He was back home in the family business when his father died unexpectedly.

Too young to run the company himself, Kell enlisted Roy Thornton to guide Kell & Rigby through those years. In the first few months he had to borrow money to pay wages, vowing never to be in that position again.

After Thornton handed over to Kell, the company entered a period of prosperous growth which lasted for several decades.

At one point in the 1970s, Kell & Rigby was putting on an average of 70 new apprentices every year. Every morning at work he would walk around the joinery shop, plant and equipment to make sure it was in order. On site visits, he would walk over the whole area.

He told his foremen in 1967: “Always be satisfied with the job you have done. We are a fortunate mob; we can see the results of our labours but, of course, so can everybody else for the next 50 years or so.”

Kell was chairman of the woodchopping competition at Sydney’s Royal Easter Show for 14 years. He was involved in the Uniting Church’s aged care arm, a member of Rotary and on the boards of the Granville College of TAFE and the Western Suburbs Hospital.

He was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia in 1998 for service to church and community.

Alan Kell is survived by his sister, Jean; children Robert, John, and Judy; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.
Former All Saints’ College student Isaac Breen joined the NSW Country Cockatoos under 18s in their three-week tour of South America in December last year.

The 18-year-old Bathurst talent spent last year working as a jackaroo in place where they don’t play any rugby union, but Breen had previously done enough to impress NSW Country coach Dave Conyers that he was worthy of a place in the squad.

“I went to America last year with the same team and then I came home and played a few club games for uni halfway through the year and then Dave Conyers asked me if I wanted to go to South America and I said ‘sure’,” Breen said.

Before leaving for the trip last year, Breen said he was looking forward to the trip under the guidance of Bathurst based Conyers and expected the first couple of games to be the toughest as he got back to match fitness. Still, his time in the Northern Territory has kept his fitness up.

“I’ve been chasing cattle around and I’ve been going for runs and stuff in the later part of the year with a couple of blokes to try and keep a little bit fit,” he said.

“It’ll be a bit of a concern [playing very little rugby in the last year] but I should be half fit. It will just be the match fitness that will let me down a bit, but I will pick that up pretty quickly,” Breen said.

The former All Saints’ College student said he didn’t know what to expect from the Argentinean and Uruguayan teams they will face but he said he knows his visiting squad won’t have any easy games.

However, the side will also get a few days off to travel and see the sights and Breen said he was looking to make the most of that opportunity.

“We are based in Buenos Aires and travel out every day from there and then we go to Uruguay as well,” he said.

“It will be good rugby, a lot better than what it was in America last year. Both countries have a strong union culture so it will be a good challenge.

“I’ve heard a lot of stories that it’s a nice culture there, good people and a beautiful country, so I can’t wait to get over there. It will be good.”

Breen already knows one of the new faces, his friend and former All Saints’ team-mate Charlie Clifton, who was a late call up to the NSW Country squad.

“Charlie is going over and I haven’t seen him in a while so it will be good to catch up. He’s a quality player and I’m looking forward to catching up and playing some footy with him,” he said.

Jessica Richards advises growers over genetics

Jessica Richards (ex-ASC 1994-1999) advises wool growers to consider genetics when looking into mulesing following her research on the future of merinos.

Almost 80 years after it started, the debate on mulesing has come full circle.

Livestock research officer with the Orange Department of Primary Industries Jess Richards has been looking into the future of merinos.

To do that, she had to look at the past. Ms Richards explored trials of merino sheep from the 1930s to see how sheep reacted to flystrike.

In the 1930s the practice of mulesing was introduced and minimised the rate of fly strike. However, Ms Richards unearthed a report from the Join Blowfly Committee from 1940 urging the use of genetics.

“The museling operation must not be regarded as an alternative to the policy of breeding towards plain-breach sheep,” the report read.

“Genetics are a permanent solution,” Ms Richards said.

DesignTech selection for Melanie

Melanie Jones, a Year 12 (2008) Design and Technology student at All Saints’ College has had her Major Design Project selected for DesignTech.

Her aesthetically horse tack trailer (Super Transport You Desire - STUD) has drawn the eye of everyone who has seen it wondering how they were ever going to fit their horse inside it. Of course, the miniaturised looking horse float is designed to specifically transport the horse tackle required to saddle up and maintain up to two horses.

Mel found herself having to carry the heavy and awkward equipment across undulating ground to her horse to go riding. This process was not only difficult but also time consuming, reducing the amount of time she could spend with Robbie, her trusted steed.

Mel’s design solution will be on display in Parkes early this year. Once a date has been announced it will be posted on this website.
Ian commenced at All Saints’ College in 1983 as a tutor in Bean House (Watson). Ian and the Assistant Head of House, Grant Andrews (English teacher), learnt very quickly the responsibility of running a House as soon as after his arrival, the Housemaster, Trevor Press, was laid up in hospital in traction! Two of the other Housemasters (Darby Ross and Tessa Harmer) at the time were also out of action with surgery and a broken pelvis. During his early days in Bean House, Ian and Grant spent many a weekend on canoe and fishing trips with the Bean House boys. This love of the outdoors later was welcomed by Neil Derrick, Chris Robinson, Roger Herbert, and in more recent times, Ian Isbister. The Year 7 camp at Peel in 1984 was the “beginning of a beautiful friendship” and in 1985 Ian was married to Tessa Harmer in the College Chapel by the Chaplain, Father Richard Stamp.

In 1988, Ian and Tessa (with 18 month old Tim) moved back on campus and ‘resurrected’ Wade House into a junior girls’ boarding house. Having completed his Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Computing and his Diploma of Education, Ian did part-time teaching in those subjects (and later Science), hockey coaching and bus driving, whilst also looking after his son and daughter, Chloe. In 1990, Ian and Tessa moved to Lyon House where he again supported his wife in her role as Head of House - as well as looking after an addition to the family, Melanie.

As Kim Trouncer, Lyon House Captain recalls in the 1990 Bathurstian: “A very big thank you to Mr Jones for all the time, effort and hard work that he put into developing a garden outside Lyon House. It brought terrific improvements to the overall appearance of Lyon House…anyway girls, just wait till Mr Jones’ roses grow, you won’t have to walk all the way to the Science blocks!”

Ian’s sporting contribution to All Saints’ has been consistent and varied. For over 15 years he has coached and co-ordinated hockey, for five years cricket, and for one year both! He has been a representative WAS and AICES hockey coach and district umpire in both codes. Ian was also publicity officer and umpires convenor for the Bathurst Hockey Association at various stages.

Along with Wal Murray he was instrumental in setting up the All Saints’ Cricket Club, which contains staff, students, ex-students and members of the Bathurst community.

The Cricket Club has a very good standing in the Bathurst community and is both a good support and advertisement for the College.

Ian has taken the 1sts Hockey to two Premierships and four semi-finals in the Bathurst town competition. He has organised hockey tours to the Southern Highlands, Queensland and New Zealand. He coached the team to a creditable third place in the SCEGGS Redlands Carnival at Homebush in 1998, where Lisa Perry was named player of the tournament. Ian has also been a WAS and AICES hockey coach. After David Ashton (English teacher) left in 1999, Ian took over the 1sts cricket team and further developed their talents. Huw Blood, Joe Webb and David Hitchcock were all selected as WAS representatives.

In 1999 Tessa and Ian swapped roles and Ian took over the running of Kemmis House with Ben Barrington-Higgs (Higgsy) as his Assistant. Together they took the boys on trips to the beach and blackberry picking. He introduced Pay TV to the boys so they could watch sport all weekend! Jake Shoemark (Kemmis House Captain) recalls how successful their chocolate drives were and how they contributed to the fence around Watson Oval. Ian also continued to be Long House Housemaster and saw the House to supremacy in 2001.

In 2002, under the leadership of Tim Wright, Ian became Senior Head of House, continued to coach cricket, look after Long House and run Kemmis House. In 2003 he was ably supported by Phil Howes, his new Assistant, and his wife Shobana and young son Josh. Kemmis House continued to watch and play sport and in 2004 the House boasted eight of their number being in the 1sts cricket team.

In 2005, with the reorganisation of boarding to Senior and Junior Houses, the family moved across to Watson House (coming full circle). Ian continued as Watson Head of House (Years 11 and 12 boys) and also Director of Boarding. He resumed also the coaching and co-ordinating of the 1sts hockey team. The boys in Watson valued his firm but flexible approach. As always the Jones’s was a ‘home away from home’ and many a student or staff member could be found drinking coffee and having a ‘yarn’ with them at any hour of the day or night.

Ian is a man of many talents. He was always willing to go on Outdoor Education camps and ran the Year 8 Camp at Kirriokee for some years, such was the confidence that Ian Isbister had in him. He was the Gap co-ordinator, spending much time driving to Sydney to collect and look after the new gappies.

Before we had a caretaker Ian would take it upon himself to roam the College grounds at night and check everything was right, challenging any unwanted person.

A talented musician, Ian was a member of the Concert Band, Jazz Band, Choir and the Symphony Orchestra and regularly took students with him to the RSL Band (for which he was Treasurer) in town each Wednesday. He was a great supporter of music within the College and was always present on band tours and outings, taught music and helped out with HSC performances.

Much of the work that Ian did was behind the scenes. Never desiring accolades, he supported a number of new staff into their roles within the College. Much of the development of specific events today are a result of his planning and organisation.

He was a talented Maths teacher, willing to take on board new ideas and embrace technology with his use of the interactive whiteboard and Moodle.

Whether it was driving a bus to Condonbolin or taking a House out to dinner, nothing was ever too much trouble for Ian. Acting in a staff melodrama, being President of the Staff Association, talking to students, doing duty for another member of staff or having all the boarding students or campus staff over for dinner, were all areas Ian embraced. Ian, Tessa, Tim, Chloe and Mel were always part of All Saints’ and willing to give for the good of the College. We wish Ian well in his new endeavours.

Bob Poole
Ian, affectionately known as ‘Mr Izzy’, joined All Saints’ College in 1995 having arrived from Tumut High School where he was Head Teacher of Mathematics and Outdoor Education Co-ordinator. Ian’s love of Mathematics permeates his classroom. His witty jokes and play on words complement his delivery of mathematical terminology and formula. His students adore him and love coming to class where they know that they will learn, while having fun.

Ian became Head Teacher of the Mathematics Department in 2003 and has been a source of energy, innovation and inspiration to his staff. He has encouraged them and selflessly and freely shared his wealth of knowledge. He has taught every level of Mathematics at All Saints’ and his impeccable organisation and humble leadership of his academic staff is the envy of many. His Grandparents’ & Special Friends’ Day and Orientation Day lessons have had the old and young alike bemused, entertained and in stitches of laughter. He has also committed himself to the Independent Learning Centre (ILC) for the past two years where his expertise and experience has been invaluable, inspiring students to become self motivated to achieve their goals. He is the consummate professional where he has students begging for more - what a gift!

Ian’s talents do not end in the classroom but extend well beyond the blue horizon. His love of travelling, camping, four wheel driving and discovering God’s amazing Australian continent see him regularly, with Glenda his wife, disappear for weeks at a time to journey across the desert - a favourite haunt.

He has shared this interest with the whole College for the last 13 years by developing an exemplary Outdoor Education programme at All Saints’. Year 7 students begin their outdoor learning experience with a week-long base styled camp where they learn necessary bush survival techniques. Spending a night or two away from base camp in Years 7 and 8 leads students to the point where, in Year 9, they are packed up and sent out on a five-day trek through the Snowy Mountains, carrying their tent, food and supplies - an experience of a lifetime.

Ian has been instrumental in developing the Outdoor Education programme giving students the opportunities to grow in confidence, self esteem and leadership. He has also co-ordinated Activities Week, implemented map and compass courses, managed the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, organised retreats and training days for staff and boarders alike and founded the All Saints’ Bushwalking Club in 2001. All of this clearly shows his commitment to and genuine love for the All Saints’ community. He has undoubtedly embedded the Outdoor Education programme indelibly into the culture of the College and on the lives that have experienced it.

Hundreds of students have directly benefited from Mr Izzy’s management, commitment, enthusiasm and love of the great outdoors. His desire to see students enjoy a positive experience of Australia’s outback without having to pay thousands of dollars, led him to create the Outdoor Equipment Shed. Backpacks, tents, japaras, long-johns, trangiers, etc. were purchased, cleaned, racked and catalogued. Students were provided with this equipment, saving parents a small fortune. His wise management of such equipment has been a time consuming
and sometimes frustrating task, but he graciously gives his time to ensure that parents and students receive the very best for their camping dollar. Every student has Mr Izzy to thank for the extraordinary camping experiences they have enjoyed over their time at All Saints’.

Ian has also been an integral part of the boarding community. He was Head of Kemmis House (1996-1997) and again involved from 2000 when his wife, Glenda, was appointed Head of Lyon House. He has been a father figure to many of the boarders and has organised many fun weekends of canoeing, water skiing and camping at Dunn’s Swamp.

On behalf of the All Saints’ community, may I take this opportunity to sincerely thank Ian for his outstanding contribution. He has touched the mind, body and spirit of students and teachers alike with his wit, charm and generosity. The College is indebted to his service and he will be sorely missed. We wish him good health, happiness and God’s speed as he will undoubtedly venture across another desert somewhere in the great outdoors.

Greg Thornton

Vale - Robert Poole

Bob’s resignation from teaching at the end of 2008 marks the end of a 40 year career in the profession during which he has worked in both the Public and Private Education sectors in urban and rural regions of NSW. For the past 17 years, here at All Saints’ College, he has taught principally in the HSIE Department but his talents and interests have brought him into contact with every member of the College community. There would not be a student in the College from Transition to Year 12 who does not know ‘Pooley’.

Bob’s teaching talents are legendary. His most outstanding achievements have been at the senior secondary level, particularly in the subject of Legal Studies, for which he has been able to attain that most sought after of accolades - first in the state by one of his students in the HSC (2 Unit). Other notable achievements by his students have been seventh in the state (3 Unit) as well as first in the Western Region (2 and 3 Unit) over a number of consecutive years. Each year the Legal Studies results have been well above the state average and many achieve Band 6 results. While most teachers would be proud to emulate these results in one specialist teaching area, Bob has been able to replicate these achievements across a number of senior subjects over the years, most notably in Geography, Drama and People and Events History.

All this is the result of Bob’s dedication to excellence. His classroom preparation is second to none and the material he presents to his students is comprehensive and contemporary. He has maintained a consistent level of Professional Development and made his own contributions by writing for the Journal of the Legal Studies Association of NSW. He has been a HSC marker for both Geography and Legal Studies for many years, and organised HSC study days for schools in the Western Region for which he resourced speakers such as Tim Anderson of the Hilton Bombing (1978) fame.

When faced with the daunting task of having to teach Drama at the HSC level, Bob prepared himself by attending numerous weekend/holiday workshops at the National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) and the Sydney Theatre Company. He also directed two All Saints’ drama productions - “Away” in 1993 and “The Heartbreak Kid” in 1995. Commitment such as this has been inspirational to his students, many of whom have gone on to achieve at high levels in occupations based on areas of interest introduced to them through Bob’s teaching.

Apart from his very significant contribution at the senior teaching level, Bob has also taught a variety of HSIE subjects to junior secondary classes including Geography, Commerce and Australian Studies. In all this he has been a team player, willing to work collaboratively through the sharing of ideas and resources.

While Bob’s teaching record has been outstanding, the most tangible record of his work at All Saints’ will undoubtedly be his contribution to school publications, a role he will continue in 2009. As Editor of The Bathurstian, for 17 years, and the VIM, for 6 years, he has endeavoured to record the multitude of events that make up the daily life of the College. As school photographer, he has attended hundreds of diverse events ranging from Valedictory Dinners, Presentation Balls and Music Soirees, through to Easter Hat Parades and Pet Days. Throughout the year he and his publication team draw together thousands of documents and photographs which chronicle activities within the College and provide an invaluable record of its achievements. Each December when The Bathurstian is released, students flick through the pages of this visual feast eagerly looking for their name and face among the hundreds. The Yearbook becomes a treasured memory of time spent at school and is referred to for years to come. The quality of this publication is acclaimed far beyond the gates of All Saints’ and the evolution of The Bathurstian under Bob’s editorship has been remarkable.

Bob has always been an active member of the Staff Association and over the years has organised many social functions. His aim was to be inclusive of all who contributed to the functioning of the College and in order to achieve this he took the time to canvass opinions and suggestions. For the last two years, Bob has taken on the role of President of the Staff Association and these basic principles of inclusiveness have continued in this new role. Staff members have appreciated his willingness to listen and liaise with the College Executive on a variety of issues. His ability to seek consensus and negotiate diplomatically has resulted in many positive outcomes.

Professionalism and care for others have been the hallmark of Bob’s career. His passion for teaching is exemplified by the great satisfaction he derives from the achievements of the individuals he teaches. Outstanding results have been the trademark of his work, but nothing pleases him more than good results from average students. He will be remembered by his students for his ability to challenge and inspire through encouragement and subtle good humour. He has been a mentor to many, both students and staff. His compassionate, empathetic and perceptive nature has meant that he has been there to support others through difficult times.

We thank Bob for his energy and enthusiasm over the past 17 years - he has made an enormous contribution to the College. He and his family have been an integral part of All Saints’ and we also thank Diane, Amy, Rhys and Emily for their contribution and support.

As he moves into semi-retirement we hope he finds the time to watch a few of the hundreds of movies he has ready to view and to make a few cappuccinos for his friends. All the best Bob. Olga McKinnon
Foundation Stone laid at Chapel

On December 19th, 1908, Bishop Camidge laid the foundation stone of the College Chapel. It was not on the present site, but located at the present Bathurst High School which was formerly the site of All Saints’ College.

The finances for the Chapel were raised by the old boys and it was built under the leadership of the fourth Headmaster, Mr H. E. Britten. The architects were Messers Power and Adam and the builder was Mr W.A. McLean. The estimated cost was 800 pounds. The building took some time to complete and was eventually dedicated by Bishop Edward Camidge in 1909 and on October 9th of that year the first service was conducted by the Chaplain Canon Thompson. So began the daily use of the Chapel by All Saints’ students.

The present Bathurst High site was purchased by the Department of Education in October 1919 and it was not until 1923 that Bishop Long requested: ‘permission to have the whole fabric of the school chapel removed at the cost of the Church and re-erected elsewhere’. Planning and fundraising began and by September 1924 the tender for removal had been granted to H.A. Stanley of Bathurst, and the original architect, Mr J.S. Adam had oversight of the project.

The Chapel was then re-built, slightly enlarged and with some additions, and re-dedicated on November 25th, 1925. Present at the occasion were the Archbishop of Sydney, Bishop Long of Bathurst, Bishop Le Fanu from Brisbane as well as Archdeacon Oakes along with many Diocesan clergy and College supporters.

The Chapel is situated at the front of the College and can be seen from Eglinton Road. It is a fitting reminder of the centrality of the Christian Faith to the College and of the many connections which the College has with the Diocese of Bathurst. The Chapel is used formally six times a week and has been a welcome protection from the Bathurst weather for many Baptisms, Weddings, and Memorial Services.

In February, 2009, the College Commencement Service will be held in the Chapel grounds and repair work will be carried out on the Chapel and surrounds.

The Reverend Paul Woodhart (College Chaplain)

New staff member

Megan (Meg) Hitchick (nee Sinclair) is an ex-student of All Saints’, Class of 2000. She is married to David, and they have a one year old son, Finlay.

Meg has studied Science (Geology) and Education, and has recently moved back to Bathurst after living in Western Sydney for several years.

Meg will be working with Kath Kearney in the Science Department as a Laboratory Technician, three days per week (Monday - Wednesday).

IT Scholarship

Congratulations to Lachlan Webb (Year 12 - 2008) who has been accepted in the Bachelor of Information Technology (Business Services) course at Charles Sturt University (Bathurst).

Lachlan was also successful with his application for a $30,000 scholarship, funded by IBM in partnership with Country Energy and the NSW Department of Lands, and has an excellent chance of gaining employment with them at the end of his degree.

Well done Lachlan and all the best in your upcoming tertiary studies.
The 2008 HSC results are excellent 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 2008 Higher School Certificate.

There were 66 students in the class of 2008. The following summarises some of their achievements:

• Annabelle Kennett 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). Lauren McAloney achieved four Band 6 results and a ‘notional Band 6’ in her fifth course, Extension 2 Mathematics.

• Students achieved 33 Merit Listings (35 if you count two notional Band 6s in Extension 2 Mathematics) across a wide range of courses. This is 25% above expected based on the state pattern. All Saints’ College consistently achieves one of the highest proportions of Merit Listings amongst country schools. Over a quarter of our students received a Merit Listing.

• All Saints’ College presented students in 31 courses, with highlights including Design and Technology (10% above state average) and 2.7 times the expected number of Band 6 results (compared to the state pattern); General Mathematics with a massive 3.7 times the expected number of Band 6 results; Advanced English, Hospitality and Visual Arts all an excellent double the expected number of Band 6 results.

• 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, Design & Technology, Drama, English (Advanced), Japanese Beginners, Legal Studies, Mathematics Extension, 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’. We wish all our students continuing success in the future.

Merit Listings:
William Chan (Chemistry, Mathematics Extension 2 (notional));
Freya Croft (English Advanced, Legal Studies, Modern History, Visual Arts);
Kacie Fulton (Visual Arts);
Josephine Haley (Mathematics General);
Melanie Jones (Design & Technology);
Annabelle Kennett (English Advanced, Hospitality, Mathematics General, Modern History, Visual Arts);
Lauren McAloney (Biology, Chemistry, Chinese Continuers, English Advanced, Mathematics Extension 2 (notional));
James McDonald (Mathematics General);
Angus McDowell (Mathematics General);
Erin Morgan (Visual Arts);
Jessica Morgan-Thomas (Legal Studies);
Rebecca Plummer (Agriculture, Mathematics General);
Emily Poole (Legal Studies, PD/Health/PE, Visual Arts);
Shane Rees (Mathematics General);
Elizabeth Sinclair (Entertainment Industry);
Tegan Taylor (English Advanced, Hospitality);
Jane Watt (Drama, English Advanced); and
Lachlan Webb (Mathematics General).

Mr Greg Jones (Director of Curriculum)

First hat-trick for Andrew Dean (OBU-2008)

Andrew Dean has produced outstanding bowling figures recently getting a hat-trick. Dean plays Bathurst District Cricket Association second grade for Rugby Union and on Saturday he helped his side to dismiss St Pat’s for 124 while chasing a target of 355 in their first innings.

His figures of 5-43 from 11 overs were his best of the season and his first wickets since the Christmas mid-season break, signalling a strong return to form for the 19-year-old.

“Yeah it was my first hat-trick ever and I haven’t got wickets this side of Christmas so it was good to get some form and a few wickets,” Dean said.

However Dean had something special up his sleeve for his final two overs and on the advice of his captain Kesh Pillai, he bowled over the wicket rather than around it and it immediately paid dividends.
‘Right Here – Right Now’
(What was, what might be & what will be)

A short address to the staff, students and friends of All Saints’ College, Bathurst on the occasion of the school’s Commencement Service for 2009

By Christopher Morgan, author/editor of the forthcoming third volume of The History of All Saints’ College (in progress) who is also Past President, Bathurst District Historical Society

Sometimes, when we start to think about this moment in time – ‘right here – right now’ – we come to realise that we are actually occupying a space in our lives which is the exact junction between the past and the future and it follows therefore, that whatever we do now has to be both a response to our past, our journey so far, and critical to our future, to the road ahead, and the chapters of our stories which are yet to be written.

By acknowledging our existence within this exact junction, this single moment in time, we allow our minds to become quite still, we pause to reflect on what was, and what will be – and we therefore transform ourselves into historians – because that, really, is what a historian is – someone who chooses to reflect on what was and to record – to write down – those reflections – or as one noted Australian historian would say; ‘to impose the order of the artist on the chaos in the human scene’ - and thereby perhaps to influence what will be – and so there could never be a better time to reflect on themes of history than at a Commencement Service such as this wonderful and uplifting one which reflects after all the incredible gift of the Diocese of Bathurst to the community at large through the provision of this fine school.

But sometimes, when we hear the word ‘history’, or we are told that someone or other is coming to speak to us about some bit of history, our hearts just sink don’t they – and we look up to the heavens and pray for some kind of relief from the likely tedium – the boredom of the dry historical account which surely must follow – am I right?

Bad history, or boring history, seems very remote from our lives ‘right here and now’. But good history has the opposite effect. It becomes interesting, meaningful and relevant and helps us understand the world around us. My task this morning is to try and give you just five minutes of good history. I hope I can do it.

During the most pivotal years of my life – my school years – and particularly those crucial, critical years – Year 9 and Year 10 – I encountered four historians who changed my life and in a strange way – only just apparent to me now – each of them created a connection for me with All Saints’ College.

The first was a man named Harry Nicholson. He was a teacher of history at Cranbrook School where I was a boarder from Year 3 to Year 12. Nicholson had taught my father before me and there was something special about having a link like this across the generations – and when he was teaching me he often made some reference to how my father responded to the same challenges all those years before. Nicholson taught me that to be a historian – or anything at all for that matter ‘you have to be your own man’ ‘You have to develop your own opinion based on factual information’ but that ‘your opinion, at age 15 or 16, should still be being formed and you shouldn’t presume to know it all’. Just the other day I was reading through some material about events taking place at All Saints’ College in 1970 as part of the bicentennial celebration of the arrival in Australia of Captain James Cook – and there amongst it was a story about my Mr Nicholson visiting All Saints’ College with a major exhibition of world maps and charts from the time before, during and after Captain Cook. A few years later he gave me one of the maps during a clear-out of old stuff in his school office. Nicholson also gave everyone in my class in Year 8 a book called “The Way it Was – A Source Book for Australian History for use in Schools” which was written by someone named T J Barker who was very influential later in my life.

The second historian was another of my teachers at school and was a colleague of Harry Nicholson’s. He was very young – only a few years older than me. He was the Housemaster of my boarding house for some time and taught modern history. His method of teaching was direct and in-your-face and he challenged us boys to think for ourselves and to find out the facts before jumping to conclusions. He made the learning of history fun. He left Cranbrook and we lost touch. He came to All Saints’ College, he is still here, our two daughters were born in the same year and they met on the first day of Transition at All Saints’ College and struck up a friendship, they are in the same class and the friendship, like that of their fathers, endures. The historian in question is, of course, Mr King.

The third historian was one I never met but who owned the house my family now owns. He was Professor James Stewart, a world-class Archaeologist and expert on...
Ancient and Medieval Cyprus. His father and two uncles were old boys of All Saints’ College and two of his grandchildren are also alumni. In 1952 Professor Stewart became involved in the teaching of ancient history and archaeology to boys from All Saints’ through an archaeology club which met at the school. He eventually helped found the society. Years later I studied archaeology at Sydney University and worked on some of the ancient objects which those All Saints’ boys had studied in Bathurst all those years before.

The forth historian who links me to you was the late Theo Barker, author of many books including the one Harry Nicholson had given me as a boy. Theo Barker was senior lecturer in history at Bathurst Teachers College and Mitchell College which eventually became Charles Sturt University. He wrote Volumes I and II of A History of Bathurst. Right at the end of his life he asked me to write a third volume of this work and carry on the series he had begun. Just a few weeks ago I was commissioned by Bathurst Regional Council to get on with this work. Theo’s history books followed a much earlier work on the history of Bathurst by Charles Sloman, old boy of All Saints’ and co-author of the original version, with Watson Steel of the history of All Saints’ College which was published in 1936. And here am I trying to compile the updated version of both Sloman and Steel’s book on All Saints’ and Barker’s history of Bathurst as well.

The point of these observations lies in the intersection of the stories – the crossing over of the threads - the linkages between the events over time and space.

The same thing happens at school all the time. You are surrounded by references to the people and events of the history of the school which are regarded as important. It is as if you are encased in a historical matrix and everywhere you look there is a reference or a clue to those who were there before you. For the historian interpreting all these references is like trying to complete a giant jigsaw puzzle. Every tree and every pathway and every building was laid out by someone with some special purpose or as part of some special vision. Every building was named and every plaque unveiled to honour someone who really mattered to the school community, or who helped the school, perhaps at a critical time, or whom the school wanted you to remember. The school history resonates with the names of these people of responsibility and action. You see it in the names of the prizes at the end of the year, or in the names on the Honour Rolls and Honour Boards in the Dining Hall.

The names of the houses are a case in point aren’t they: Britten; Evans; Tracey; Watson; Bean; all distinguished teachers and Headmasters of the school and spanning its journey of a hundred and thirty-five years: Glover and Lyon; heads of the old Marsden School: Rutherford – a great benefactor of the Diocese and a member of the Councils of the schools and Marsden; our first great Bishop: Barton; the family whose land the school now occupies: Esrom; the historic house at the core of the school; and Bradwardine; The magnificent old home of the Suttor family; The magnificent old home of the Suttor family (the younger) and Long deserve special mention for the remarkable fact that each of these men, old boys of the school, became Australia’s Official War Historians for the First and then the Second World Wars. C.E.W. Bean was the one who brought order to the chaos of the Gallipoli Campaign and then spun the legend of the Anzacs from the threads of history he had untangled. Manning Clark described the work of these two men as having the same sense of tragic grandeur in their dealing with the awful yet heroic stories of war. Gavin Long’s advice to writers of history was ‘just tell the story, and don’t try to lead in with some momentous remark’.

There are of course many names and many dates which come to mind in such a history. We often hear about that first day of school in January 1874 when the school itself commenced. There were seven boys in the school on that first day and Henry Kemmis was the Headmaster and as we all know the school room was a rented space in The Oddfellows Hall’ of all places, in Keppe Street. One of those seven boys became Premier of New South Wales – The Hon. Sir Charles Wade.

The School moved into its own buildings a year later in 1875. Every Sunday from 1874 onwards the school boys came to this Cathedral for Services of Worship and later, to St Barnabas Church. In 1908 the foundation stone was laid for the School Chapel – so this year is its 100th birthday – a fact not lost on the wonderful Father of the Lord Bishop would agree is a comfort to all of us.

During this Commencement Service we have allowed our minds to become quite still, just as historians do, and we have paused to reflect on what was, and what might be, and what will be. In this single moment in our lives we have been invited to reaffirm our commitment to doing the best that we can and making the most of the opportunities given to us, in this magnificent, proud and historic school of All Saints’ College.

And I dare not ask how many bricks are in these walls for fear that some of you may have been counting them.

May I offer very best wishes for the challenges of the year ahead and thank you for the opportunity of giving this brief address to the school
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