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Dear Parents,

This is the final issue of *PLC Connections* for the term. As this busy term draws to a close, I have enjoyed walking through the College grounds and taking pleasure in the beautiful spring flowers.

This week all families will receive a copy of the second issue of our school magazine, *PLC Connect*, which gives a glimpse of some of the teaching and learning activities that have been happening at PLC Sydney this year. I hope you enjoy the read!

For Year 12 girls, this term is their final term as in-class students because next term will be dominated by Higher School Certificate preparations and examinations. I am always anxious for them at this stage of their schooling. The year is such a hard one and demands more of them than any university year to follow.

Continuous assessment, along with the trial and public examinations, is an exceptionally large call on qualities of perseverance and concentration. Throughout the year, the students have had to support one another, as well as display these qualities of resilience, and no more so than at this closing period of the academic year.

I am sure everyone joins me in sending my very best wishes to each Year 12 student as she enters the pre-examination study weeks and then the examination period which follows.

I hope all students and their families enjoy a refreshing holiday break and I look forward to seeing you next term.

Dr William McKeith
Principal



PLC Sydney in bloom this spring

The Chairman of College Council, Rev. Peter Hastie, is currently in East Timor meeting with the Education Minister and other authorities, trying to resolve some of the difficulties we have been experiencing with our programmes and security of staff at our schools in Dilli.



Take up the challenge

BOARD OF STUDIES APPOINTMENT

PLC Sydney parent, Mrs Rose Cantali, has recently been appointed by the Minister for Education and Training, John Della Bosca, to the NSW Board of Studies to represent parents from NSW independent and Catholic schools.

Her nomination was made by the NSW Parent Council, where she is currently a member of the State Executive and PLC Sydney's parent representative.

The Parent Council has not had a representative for over ten years and this appointment will give parents and staff a direct link to the NSW Board of Studies.

In her new role, Mrs Cantali hopes to communicate the views of parents to the NSW Board of Studies.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Congratulations to the following students for achieving some outstanding public speaking results in the various eisteddfau:

St. George Eisteddfod

Neha Goswami (Year 11): second place in Public Speaking
Alexandra Catterson (Year 7): second place in News Reading.

Ryde Eisteddfod

Charlotte Hazzard (Year 11): first place in Shakespearean Performance, first place in Prose Speaking and third place in Australian Poetry.

FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVERS TRAVEL INTERSTATE

Wishing the two 2007 Future Problem Solving teams all the best as they compete in the national finals in Perth over the holiday period.

GAPALA & DHARPALOCO DANCE FOR PRESIDENT BUSH

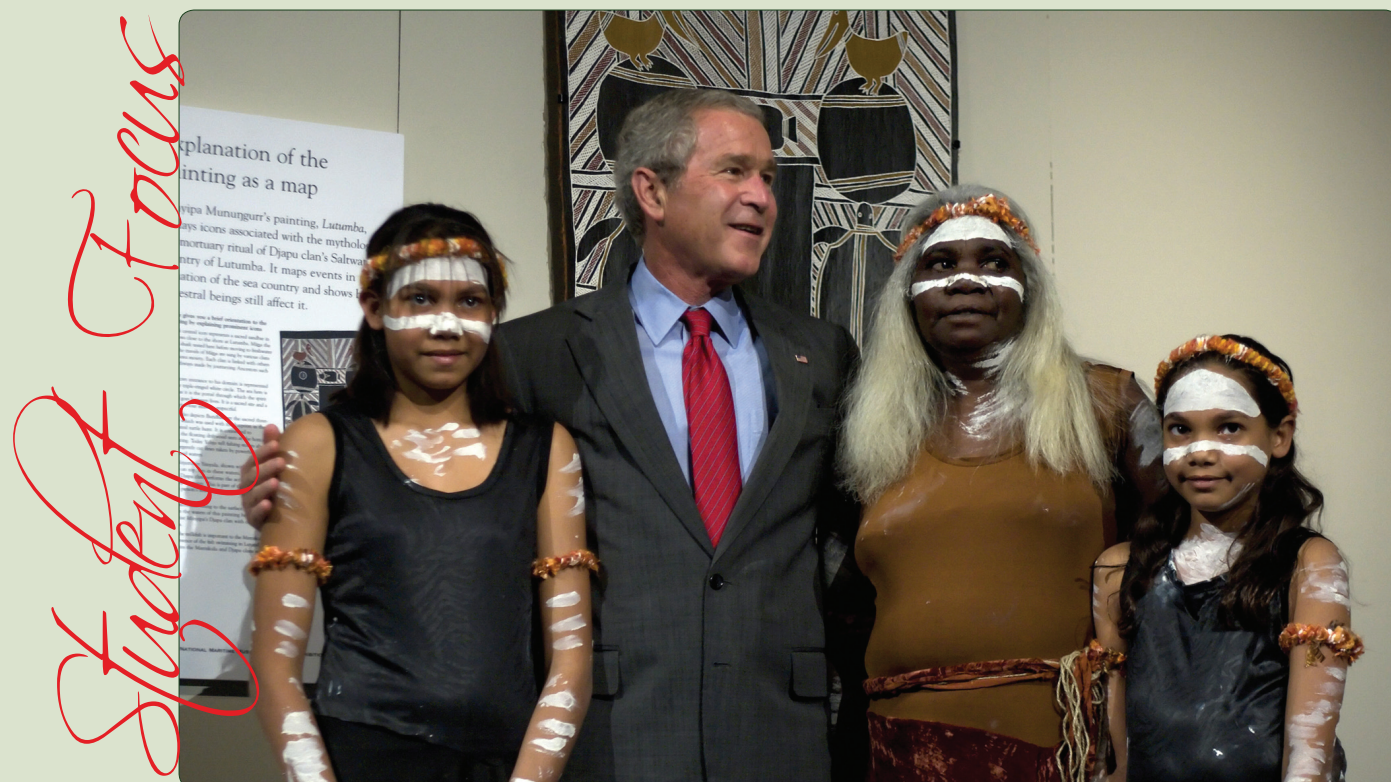
On Thursday 6 September, Gapala Yunupingu (Year 7) and Dharpaloco Yunupingu (Year 5) performed a traditional dance for APEC dignitaries, including President George Bush, at the Australian Maritime Museum. The foreign leaders had gathered at the Museum to view the *Saltwater* exhibition, a collection of bark paintings of Sea Country by Yolnu people.

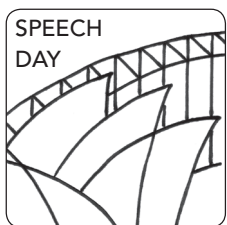
The paintings represent work by artists from Yirrkala in Arnhem Land which explores the sea, the creatures who live in the sea and the relationship between the Yolnu people and their world.

Sisters, Gapala and Dharpaloco, are Yolnu and their dance recreated elements of one of the paintings which represents a Crocodile's nest. Both students were asked to dance at this special event by their grandmother who was also part of the traditional dance.

Gapala, who was born in Arnhem Land and moved to Sydney when she was three years old, enjoys sport, particularly traditional dancing, basketball, netball, athletics and swimming. Swimming, says Gapala, is connected to her totem – the crocodile:

'Aboriginal people have totems – one animal that they can't eat that represents them. Mine is the crocodile. My Dad's Mum's Dad's totem was a crocodile and we follow it on through our family. The crocodile means that I'm a strong swimmer and I'm fast,' said Gapala.





Term 4 will conclude with the PLC Sydney tradition of Speech Day at the Sydney Opera House on Monday 10 December 2007, commencing promptly at 10.00 am.

Speech Day is a compulsory College event for all students in Years 3 to 12. Prize winners and Year 7 to 11 student rolls are

taken prior to the commencement of the proceedings. Prizes cannot be awarded to students who take leave from Speech Day without the written approval of Dr William McKeith.

Please ensure that holiday arrangements are made to commence after Monday 10 December 2007.

EFFORT RATING ASSEMBLIES

Years 10 and 11

Final effort ratings for the year will be made available to students over the coming weeks and following this, the names of those girls eligible for an effort rating certificate will become apparent. At this time an invitation will be forwarded to parents inviting them to attend the relevant effort rating assembly to be held on Friday 16 November 2007. A short morning tea will be held at the conclusion of each assembly.

The aim of the effort rating scheme is to reward students who are making maximum effort and motivate students who are making little or no effort. The scheme does not consider the academic ability of each student. We can't hope for more than every student giving her maximum effort in her studies and we firmly believe that if each student does this, our results will improve.

In Year 10, to receive an effort rating certificate, students need to achieve a '1' rating in any subject, three or four times during the period from Term 4, Year 9 to Term 3, Year 10 (with students needing to achieve a '1' in Term 3, Year 10 to be eligible).

In Year 11, students who receive a '1' rating in any subject, two or three times in the first three terms, including Term 3, will receive an effort rating certificate at this special assembly.

If your daughter is successful in achieving an effort rating certificate this year, I hope you will be able to accompany her to the effort rating assembly on Friday 16 November 2007.

Ms Dale Anthony, Head Teacher Curriculum



MACINDOE LIBRARY HOLIDAY USE

Macindoe Library will be open for Year 11 and 12 students during the last week of the holidays: Monday 8 October to Friday 12 October, from 8.30 am to 3.30 pm each day.

PLC SYDNEY ROWING OPEN DAY

Saturday 22 September

All students in the Learn to Row programme or any student wanting to try rowing must attend the Rowing Open Day. It will be held at Drummoyne Rowing Club, Henley Marine Drive Drummoyne, from 7.30 am until 11.30 am. Girls are to wear PE clothes (bike pants, tights or PE tracksuit - no skirts) and bring a hat, water bottle and spare set of clothes. A barbeque brunch

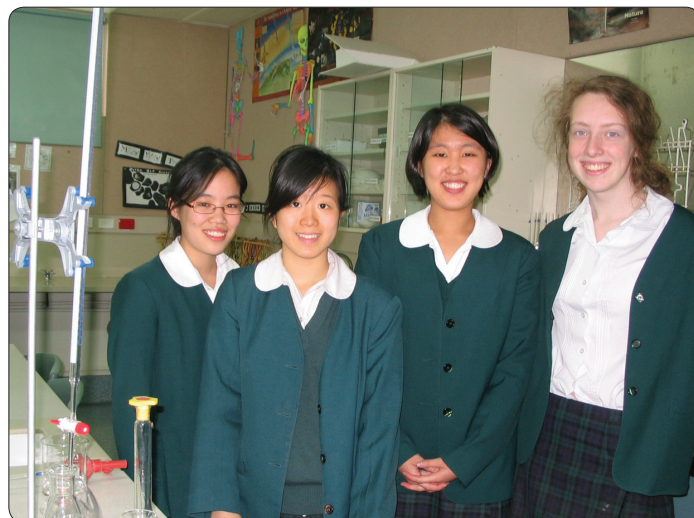
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will be provided, beginning at approximately 10.30 am. Rowing families are very welcome to come. Current Year 9, 10 and 11 rowers and coxes are also invited to attend the Open Day to assist the new students in their orientation into PLC Sydney rowing.

ROWING STATE REPRESENTATION

Gabriella Poletto (Year 11) was selected as the NSW Women's Youth Eight coxswain, after competing at the 2007 Youth Cup Rowing Regatta, held at Nagambie Lakes, Victoria this September. The Youth Cup is an international regatta, with all Australian and New Zealand states competing. Gabriella was one of only two school girls selected for this crew. She successfully coxed her crew to third place, behind New Zealand and Tasmania. Congratulations Gabriella on a fabulous achievement!

RACI CHEMISTRY QUIZ



Year 11 and 12 students who received High Distinctions in the RACI National Chemistry Quiz

Our Year 11 and 12 Chemistry students competed in the Royal Australian Chemical Institute's (RACI) National Chemistry Quiz in July this year. There were 35 926 entries in the Year 11 section and 20 608 entries in the Year 12 section, from Australia and overseas.

The RACI states that the aims of the quiz are clearly related to 'Science for Everybody', which is a national aim for science education. This quiz provided students with the opportunity to participate in an external competition which stimulates and challenges them beyond the curriculum.

The top 10% of students in each state are awarded a High Distinction, the next 15% in the state received a Distinction and the next 15% a Credit. Congratulations to everyone who participated. There were some outstanding results, listed below:

Year 11

High Distinction: Grace Leo and Nancy Ma

Distinction: Jennifer Catterson and Jessica Cheung

Credit: Maggie Butcher, Soraya Campagna, Lauren Killin, Renee Petrin and Stephanie Ralph

Year 12

High Distinction: Bethia Cho and Lucy Ivers

Distinction: Abigail Moore, Lucienne Shiu and Kirsten Tran

Mrs Jaya Chowdhury, Head of Science Faculty



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Trusting God when we're Stressed

Christians believe that God is sovereign and in control of their lives. So for Christians, when stress overwhelms us, it is likely that somewhere along the way we are failing to trust God...

For those who are following Jesus, stress can have a positive side. It can serve as a reminder that we have drifted away from God. This is not meant to mean that a stress-free life in Christ is easy to obtain. Sometimes we blame God for the hardships in our lives. 'Just trust God more and you'll never deal with stress again!'... If only it was that simple. What should we do then? What's the right way to handle the things we have to cope with?

The Bible recommends taking everything to God in prayer:

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

This verse is comforting because God promises us that He will take care of all our problems.

Worry! Stress! Frustration! As exams approach, these emotions can build up quickly. Lack of trust in God can worsen the stress a person might have. On the other hand, in the face of all our problems, God says:

For I am the LORD, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, 'Do not fear; I will help you'.

Isaiah 41:13

So don't stress as the exams come nearer. Be confident, do your best and know that God is with you.

Prayer of the Week

Dear God,

Thank you for being King over every situation.
Thank you for taking us by the hand and leading us through every difficulty.
Thank you for your promise to help us.
Help us to trust in you always.

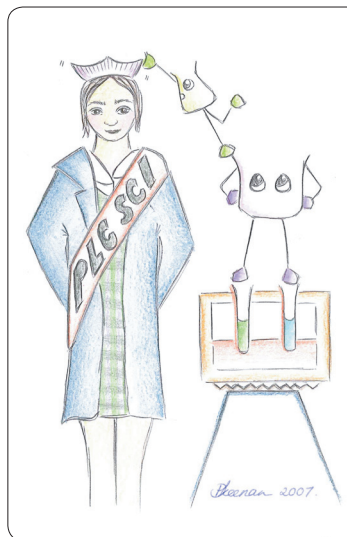
Amen.

Winkei Lee, Year 10



UNIFORM STORE HOLIDAY TRADING HOURS

The Uniform Store will be open on Tuesday 2, Wednesday 3 and Thursday 4 October, from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm.



PLC SYDNEY SCIENTIST OF THE YEAR

The PLC Sydney Scientist of the Year is an inaugural new initiative from the Science Faculty which will recognise prize winners from Years 7 to 11. The evening will be held on Thursday 25 October from 5.00 pm until 6.00 pm in the Audrey Keown Theatre and ABC personality Adam Spencer will be the special guest speaker. Parents and friends of prize winners are most welcome to attend.

PET SHOW



Amanda Hamilton (Guide Dogs NSW/ACT representative) and a student organiser at Pet Show

Pets were primped, balloons were filled with air, food was prepared and Year 9 was pumped! A gloomy start to the morning was no hurdle for the organisers of Pet Show, Ms Summer Howarth, Mr Gavin Sinclair, Mrs Katie Marquez and students.

The students managed to remain optimistic and occupied. Each Year 9 tutor group had been tirelessly organising their two stalls of one game and one food. Some of these creative and scrumdilyumptious stalls included Create a Cookie, Greek Stall, Fairy Floss, BBQ, Balloons, Face Painting and a very efficient environmentally friendly Car Wash.

Fun was experienced by all with pets, particularly at the Pet Parade. Animals ranged from chickens to birds to cats and dogs. One of the many highlights of the day was the guest appearance by the two NRL Bulldogs mascots, Mason and Harry, two very excitable and energetic bulldogs. The Live Auction was a roaring success, with very sought after merchandise creating a lively atmosphere.

All in all, the occasion was an immense achievement, with the day raising just over \$17 000. All funds will be donated to Guide Dogs NSW/ACT, along with an extra \$7000 raised by tutor groups prior to the Pet Show.

Jacqueline Rogers and Ellena Winstanley, Year 9

CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT



Strings Quartet performing at the Chamber Music Concert

While many people were heading home for the APEC long weekend, approximately 30 talented and dedicated young PLC Sydney chamber musicians gathered on the Thursday evening to play for a small but very appreciative audience of parents and friends in the Audrey Keown Theatre. Playing the music of Mendelssohn, Mozart, Schubert and other works, the students from Years 5 to 12 presented some beautifully polished performances. Thank you to all the students for working so hard throughout the year and to Mr Andrew Basile, Ms Monique Curiel, Ms Ros Jewkes and Mr Michael O'Dea for tutoring each of the small ensembles.

JSHAA PERFORMANCE

Congratulations to all the students in Hamilton Strings, PLC Sydney Voices, Cantabile and the PLC Armidale Folk Group for a super evening of music making at the Sydney Town Hall last Wednesday night.

All the performances were wonderful and very entertaining. Thanks must also go to the Music staff, Mr Michael O'Dea, Ms Casey Parsons, Mr Andrew Basile, Ms Fiona Clouston, Mr Stuart Pavel and Miss Joanne Scott (PLC Armidale) for their excellent work with all students leading up to and including this evening.

STUDENT JOURNALISM FORUM

PLC Sydney recently hosted its third Student Journalism Forum on Wednesday 29 August. The student run forum provided the opportunity for students from a variety of schools across Sydney to hear the advice and experiences of practising journalists. This year, the forum consisted of four workshops covering the main fields within the industry: broadcasting, online, photography and print.

The speakers were ABC political reporter Stephen Chase, online editor of News.com.au David Higgins, freelance photographer Lisa Hogben and lecturer in journalism and writer for Canberra Times Jenna Price.

The journalists spoke about the demands of their field and provided *hands-on* activities. Whether students were creating their own photo-stories or being provided with inspirational advice on being curious about the world, everyone left with a deeper awareness of this competitive industry.

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I would like to extend thanks to both the presenters, students and staff who helped to facilitate the evening.

Eugenia Lee, Publications Captain 2007

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

PLC Sydney is delighted to be putting forward a press delegation for the first time at The Hague International Model United Nations (THIMUN) in Singapore in November. Students will be involved in contributing to the writing, photography and layout elements of the daily newspaper, Munity-East, which will report on both the events and issues that will be explored at the conference.

Our team consists of Grace Leo, Jessica Ouyang, Renée Klioufis and Ice Nakwichian. We would like to wish both the press delegation and our THIMUN debating team, representing Thailand, all the best in their preparations for this exciting event.

Belinda Corfield, College Crow Coordinator

DRUG EDUCATION A PRIORITY



Year 8 students learning about standard drink sizes and the impact of alcohol on the female body

A significant issue for teenagers today is alcohol abuse. It has received much coverage in the press recently and has been a high priority in this year's Pastoral Care programme at PLC Sydney. Following presentations to Year 11 and staff by Mr Paul Dillon from the National Drug and Alcohol Centre, Year 11 students trained by Paul worked with Year 9 students during several Pastoral Care sessions to understand more about alcohol: legal issues, standard drink measurements and personal safety. Year 9 appreciated the peer learning, finding Year 11 students 'more relatable', 'more casual but still informative' and the experience 'not as awkward as a class situation'.

Research has shown that when correct information about alcohol is given to students prior to experimentation, it is effective in building resilience. Hence, Ms Gitte Stokback from the Breakfree Foundation gave a presentation to Year 8. This presentation covered the physical, social and emotional health concerns associated with alcohol consumption, as well as the legal issues associated with underage drinking. Students were able to see the size of standard drinks and understand the impact alcohol has on the female body. Year 8 found the 'hands on stuff' very informative and the real stories 'very good'.



Mrs Annie Welch with a Reception student at the opening of Kidzart@plc

One of the favourite and fun exhibitions on The Adelaide Perry Gallery's calendar, *Kidzart@plc*, was opened on Tuesday 11 September 2007 by Professor Ian Howard, Dean of the College of Fine Arts UNSW. Professor Howard spoke of the three *Hs* that all artists utilise in the making of art. The *head* for imagination and development of conceptual ideas, the *hand* for dexterity and skill needed to manipulate material practice and the *heart* that impassioned the artist and fires their desire to make art.

He was very impressed by the skilful manipulation of materials that our PLC Sydney students employ in their art making, while still retaining their natural expressive qualities, imagery and the integration of cultural and historical studies.

Many Year 6 students hosted the exhibition and Junior School Captain Juna Xu represented the students by thanking Professor Howard for his attendance and Mrs Annie Welch for her drive and enthusiasm.

TALENTED JUNIOR SCHOOL CRICKETERS

Congratulations to the following students for being selected for the 2007 and/or 2008 NSWCIS Primary Girls' Cricket team: Anais Alonso (Year 4), Pooja Halasagi (Year 5), Emma Duncan (Year 5) and Samantha Coulson (Year 6). These students will compete at the NSW Championships and will be coached by Ms Jane Wilson from the PDHPE Faculty.

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

The 2007 Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) attracted entries from approximately 420 000 students from 3687 schools worldwide, making it the largest competition of its kind in the world. This year, 561 PLC Sydney students from Years 6 to 12 entered. This is a very large number of candidates compared to the vast majority of schools who only enter a small percentage of their most capable students.

The AMC is a wonderful mathematical problem solving experience. The questions always generate a great deal of interest and discussion among the students and their teachers, who continue to grapple with the more difficult problems long after the event.

Our girls have once again shown themselves to be very capable mathematical problem solvers. The total number of awards was very close to our highest ever and is clear evidence of the spirit and determination of our students and teachers.

Andrea Xiao of Year 9 was awarded the Rosemary Moffat Shield for the most outstanding performance by a PLC Sydney student, as she was placed in the top 50 Year 9 students in NSW and received a prize. In addition, eight High Distinctions (top 2% in their Year in NSW), 74 Distinctions (top 15%, but not in top 2%) and 192 Credits (top 50%, but not in the top 15%) were awarded to PLC Sydney students.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier's Reading Challenge is over for another year. This is the fourth year that the Junior School has participated. Students who completed the Kindergarten to Year 2 challenge had to read or experience 30 books from a set list, five of which were allowed to be personal choice books. Students who completed the challenge for Years 3 to 9 had to read 20 books from a set list, five of which were allowed to be personal choice books.

This has been our best year yet, with a total of 306 students in the Junior School completing the challenge. Seventy-four of these students were from Evandale. Every student in six out of the ten Upper Primary classes completed the challenge this year, compared with two classes last year. Many students will now be eligible for a Gold Award, as this will be the fourth year they have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Sandra McMullan, Junior School Librarian

WELCOME TO THE PLC SYDNEY STAFF BODY Miss Sarah Cox, Social Science Faculty



Miss Sarah Cox has recently completed a Diploma of Education, having previously attained a Bachelor of Commerce and gained experience working with the NSW Chamber of Commerce, Tourism Australia and the Australian Trade Commission. She is looking forward to joining the Social Science Faculty and the opportunity to share and develop her knowledge at PLC Sydney.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Marking the Rite of Passage



Muck-up day in 1948, taken in front of the Biology Hut. Photo loaned by Gwen Bosler (née Stuart)

Completing secondary school is a major event in life. It is a rite of passage that we mark with activities both serious and light-hearted: a chocolate morning tea, a graduation dinner, a luncheon at the Principal's house, a muck-up assembly, a formal final assembly, the HSC exams and perhaps a schoolies trip interstate or overseas. But in years gone by, different activities marked the end of high school...

Mary Mortlock (née Harker), student 1933 to 1940, recalls, 'It was a set thing that every year when the Leaving Certificate exam was over she [Miss Eldershaw, Senior Mistress] would take Form 6A away for a weekend... In 1940 we went to Austinmer, to a cottage owned by a cousin of my mother's.

'In my Leaving year we all took a double-decker bus from the city to a cottage at Paradise Beach, at Pittwater, where one of the girl's parents had a cottage,' remembers Winsome Menzies (née Wood), who left in 1947. Mrs Dixon, the French Mistress and Mrs Davies, an English teacher, were their chaperones. The girls stayed about three days and enjoyed swimming and using the two boats to row to nearby Clareville to buy ice creams from the general store.

Helen Humphreys (née Neal) remembers there was a muck-up day in 1968. By 1989 this tradition took the form of a muck-up assembly in College Hall where the Year 12 students borrowed teachers' clothing and presented a mock assembly. Lisa Jenns (née Bartle) said that 'The School Captain took the role of Dr McKeith, who was Principal in 1989, while Mrs Moffatt, the Deputy Principal, was played by the Vice Captain. This had been a tradition for a number of years.' Lisa also recalls that some students went to Queensland, which was starting to become a popular destination – what we now refer to as schoolies.

The activities associated with completing high school vary from school to school, family to family and girl to girl. But they are once only events, so embrace them with enthusiasm, revel in the time together with school friends and enjoy them in the spirit they are intended!

To read a longer version of this article and to view more photographs, visit <http://www.plc.nsw.edu.au/public/ArchivesHistory.pdf>

YEAR 11 SUPPORTS BIRLA CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

During 2007, Year 11 students have undertaken a very successful fundraising campaign for Birla Children's Village in Hanoi, Vietnam.

Recently the students held a 24 hour rowathon in Thompson Hall and raised over \$2000.00. Two rowing machines were kept going for 24 hours. The under 19 machine successfully surpassed the record set by Roseville in rowing for 337 065 metres at an average split of 2 minutes and 7.1 seconds. The second machine was used for sponsorship and undertook a more scenic but still challenging pace.

Year 11 has also been very busy organising a fashion show for Friday 19 October in the Audrey Keown Theatre. The show will feature some fantastic clothing and entertainment and funds raised will be contributed towards the maintenance of the children's accommodation. An order form for tickets is enclosed in this newsletter. Good seats are still available and the support of the PLC Sydney community would be greatly appreciated.

Tutor groups have also held some very original and profitable lunch time stalls and the Birla committee has held two very successful homebake stalls where caramel slice and chocolate brownies gathered lengthy queues.

Funds raised have been used to purchase school uniforms, stationery, books and clothing items for the 110 children at Birla Children's Village. This week we received some fantastic photographs from the director of Birla, Dr Diep, who is very grateful and proud of the relationship with PLC Sydney.



Birla children receiving school materials donated by PLC Sydney Year 11 students

Following on from a very successful visit by Year 11 in April, another group of Year 11 students, joined by some Year 10 students, will be visiting Hanoi in December. They will be carrying on the work started by the April group. The December project will revolve around helping to improve the children's accommodation and spending some quality time with some unique children.

CRE8IVE LIFE WORKSHOPS

Help your children build a solid bridge into adolescence and beyond by enrolling them in a fun, creative two day workshop for all kids to explore who they are, their strengths, their vision and bringing their dreams to life. Call (02) 9798 3049 for more details.

FUTURE DATES		
Thu. 20 Sep.	Year 4 on-campus activity: Chicks 'R' Us Year 4 classrooms	8:23 AM - 3:04 PM
	Kidzart@PLC (concludes Fri. 21 Sep.) Adelaide Perry Gallery	8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Fri. 21 Sep.	Year 4 on-campus activity: Chicks 'R' Us Year 4 classrooms	8:23 AM - 3:04 PM
	Year 12 Visual Arts off-campus activity: Julie Rrap Retrospective Museum of Contemporary Art, Circular Quay	12:36 PM - 3:05 PM
	Year 12 sleepover Thompson Hall	5:30 PM - 8:00 AM (Sat.)
Sat. 22 Sep.	Learn to Row Open Day Drummoyne Rowing Club	7:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Mon. 24 Sep.	Year 12 lunch with the Principal Arlington	12:32 PM - 1:20 PM
	College Council meeting McQueen Seminar Room	6:30 PM - 9:00 PM
	Year 12 Boarders' Farewell Dinner	5:30 PM
Tue. 25 Sep.	Year 12 Graduation Dinner Le Montage, Leichhardt	7:00 PM - 12:00 AM
Wed. 26 Sep.	Year 12 final assembly Thompson Hall	10:45 PM - 12:30 PM
	Year 12 parents and student luncheon Courtyard Room and Bursar's Courtyard	12:30 PM - 1:30 PM
	Year 8 camp preparation seminar Audrey Keown Theatre	1:20 PM - 3:00 PM
	Duke of Edinburgh: Tasmanian Overland Track information session 2 Audrey Keown Theatre	5:30 PM - 6:15 PM
	Year 8 Camp parent information evening Audrey Keown Theatre	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Thu. 27 Sep.	Meitoku exchange parent information evening McQueen Seminar Room	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Fri. 28 Sep.	New Caledonia tour departs (returns Fri. 5 Oct.) Final day for Reception to Year 11	
Mon. 1 Oct.	Vacation Care commences (concludes Fri. 12 Oct.) Hamilton Hall	8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
	Artistic gymnastics holiday gym day Thompson Hall	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Tue. 2 Oct.	Tennis Camp commences (concludes Fri. 5 Oct.) PLC Sydney	8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
	Artistic gymnastics holiday gym day Thompson Hall	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Sat. 6 Oct.	Artistic gymnastics holiday gym day Thompson Hall	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Mon. 8 Oct.	Artistic gymnastics holiday gym week commences (concludes Fri. 12 Oct.) Thompson Hall	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
	Swimming Camp (PLC Sydney squad) commences (concludes Fri. 12 Oct.) JD Oates Aquatic Institute	8:30 AM - 1:00 PM
	Rhythmic gymnastics IGSSA squad training (concludes Sat. 13 Oct.) Thompson Hall	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Wed. 10 Oct.	Learn to Row camp commences (concludes Fri. 12 Oct.) Drummoyne Rowing Club	
Sun. 14 Oct.	Boarders return	1:00 PM
Mon. 15 Oct.	Term 4 commences (all students to return in summer uniform) Rowing parent support group meeting Marden	7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Tue. 16 Oct.	Morning tea with Head of Senior School for 2008 Year 7 parents	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
	Year 9 Music recital College Hall	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Wed. 17 Oct.	Boarders' Chapel Service Studio Theatre	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Thu. 18 Oct.	Year 10 PDHPE off-campus activity: indoor rock climbing The Ledge, Sydney Uni	10:55 AM 12:30 PM and 1:25 PM - 3:00 PM
Fri. 19 Oct.	Year 11 Visual Arts off-campus activity: Julie Rrap Retrospective Museum of Contemporary Art, Circular Quay	12:36 PM - 3:05 PM
	Birla Fashion Show Audrey Keown Theatre	6:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Sat. 20 Oct.	Tennis/kanga (cricket): JSHAA Week 1	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
	Cricket/water polo: IGSSA: Week 1	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Mon. 22 Oct.	Senior School Science Week	
	PLC Sydney Swim Club committee meeting JD Oates Aquatic Institute classroom	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
	Year 12 (2008) information evening Audrey Keown Theatre	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Tue. 23 Oct.	Year 10 off-campus activity: ten pin bowling AMF Bowling, South Strathfield	8:25 AM - 10:10 AM
	Year 11 Visual Arts off-campus activity: Julie Rrap Retrospective Museum of Contemporary Art, Circular Quay	10:07 AM - 12:30 PM
	Year 9 PDHPE on-campus activity: aqua aerobics JD Oates Aquatic Institute	11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
	Year 9 PDHPE on-campus activity: yoga College Hall	11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
	Year 9 PDHPE off-campus activity: lawn bowls West's Sports Club	11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
	Year 9 PDHPE off-campus activity: body combat Five Dock Leisure Centre	11:10 AM - 12:30 PM
	Exhibition opening: <i>Here and Now - Contemporary Women's Art</i> (concludes Friday 2 November) Adelaide Perry Gallery	7:00 PM
Wed. 24 Oct.	Year 10 PDHPE on-campus activity: yoga College Hall	11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
	Year 10 PDHPE on-campus activity: aqua aerobics JD Oates Aquatic Institute	11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
	Year 10 PDHPE off-campus activity: lawn bowls West's Sports Club, Croydon	11:00 AM - 12:35 PM
	Year 10 PDHPE on-campus activity: funk dance Thompson Hall	11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
	Year 10 PDHPE off-campus activity: gym circuit Five Dock Leisure Centre, Five Dock	11:10 AM - 12:35 PM
Thu. 25 Oct.	2008 Years 4 to 6 Orientation Audrey Keown Theatre	8:00 AM - 10:30 AM
	Senior School photos <i>Sunken Lawn (Thompson Hall if wet)</i>	8:30 AM - 3:00 PM
	Year 10 PDHPE off-campus activity: ten pin bowling AMF Bowling - South Strathfield	10:55 AM - 12:30 PM
	Scientist of the Year ceremony Audrey Keown Theatre	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM