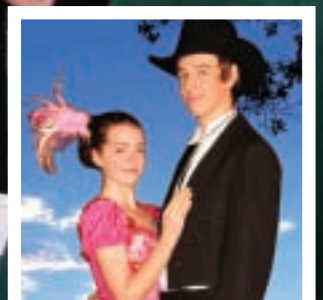
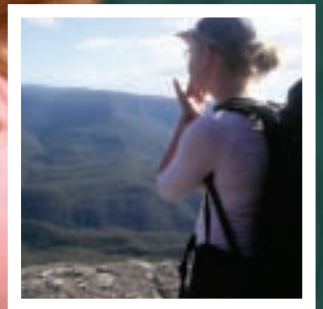


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From the Headmaster

Traditions and Values

It is my great pleasure to present to you this edition of Tartan Ties, a publication which brings our whole community together. In this edition, we touch upon some of the many and varied activities that take place in the school each day.

As we complete our twenty fourth year of delivering quality Christian education to students in south western Sydney, it is important to pause and take stock of all that has been achieved. During the recent Alumni Sports Day I enjoyed speaking with Alumni and their families, some of whom had never visited the Cobbitty site or who had not returned to it for some years. It is wonderful to hear these people express their amazement at the quality and range of facilities available to the students today and also to hear them comment on

both the innovations in the life of the school and the traditions being maintained.

It is important, as we consider the future and move towards our Silver Jubilee, to remember where we have come from and to acknowledge those who have supported the work done here thus far. It is also vital that we continue to thank God for his generous provision for this school and the ongoing blessings he showers upon us.

Tartan Ties is a wonderful means of communication with the school community, past, present and future. I know it is widely read in our community and that both the articles about current events and the Alumni News are examined with great interest by many. This edition also includes my Annual Report to the Macarthur community. Together these



publications highlight the many successes and achievements of our students, both current and former, and allow us all to be involved in our community.

Riley Warren AM

Headmaster

Council Profile: Mr Colin Lees

With over 13 years as a Business Manager in independent schools, including several years at Macarthur, and a commitment to Christian education, Colin Lees first joined our School Council in 1998. After a period of absence from 2003 to 2005, he returned to the Council as a representative of the Archbishop of Sydney.

Colin serves as the Business Manager at Tara Anglican School for Girls. He appreciates the opportunity that the Macarthur Council gives him to bring together his knowledge and skills in the areas of management and governance. "While I have an accountant's eye for detail, I am also able to consider issues from the 'big picture' perspective which is so important

in the strategic decision making process." His contribution to the work of the School Council, particularly through his service on the Finance Committee, has been invaluable to the development of Macarthur.

Family is important to Colin. He and his wife Joy have been married for thirty five years and they have three adult children, and one and a half grandchildren! Among their interests are his involvement in the Northmead Anglican Church, spending time with family, going to movies and eating out.

Having been both a member of staff and of the School Council, Colin has watched the Cobbitty Campus develop from open paddocks to the busy school we all enjoy today.



"It has been a great pleasure to be involved with Macarthur. The School Council and Headmaster have worked together to achieve marvellous things in the delivery of education, the provision of excellent resources and in bringing the message of Christianity to students and families."

From the Chaplain

C. S. Lewis' challenging description of Jesus Christ demands a considered response. "A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said wouldn't be a great moral teacher. He'd be either a lunatic - on the level of a man who says he's a poached egg - or else he'd be the devil of hell. You must make your choice. Either this is the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse...But don't come up with some patronising nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He hasn't left that open to us. He didn't intend to."

C. S. Lewis does not give us much room to move does he? The occasion of Christmas provides a perfect opportunity to consider

the claims and the person of Jesus Christ. It is a wonderful experience to give and to receive gifts, to be immersed in the celebration of Christmas but call to mind that Christ's first coming points to his coming again when each of us must give an account of our lives. When Jesus came to earth it was not his Godhood that he laid aside, but his glory. When Jesus came to earth he did not cease to be God; when he returned to heaven he did not cease to be human.

Henry Law once said, "In Christ Jesus heaven meets earth, and earth ascends to heaven." This being the case I urge you to give Jesus more than a passing thought over this period.



I wish you a happy and holy Christmas season and the opportunity for special family time.

Steven Davis

Chaplain

A Macarthur Young Leader takes up the Global Challenge

Each day our world and its people face many major challenges. Dealing with the global problems which confront our world, whether they be solutions to global warming, the development of new sources of sustainable energy or the eradication of diseases like Avian Flu often seem beyond us, but this year one of our Year 11 students, Joshua Fleming, has had the opportunity to learn more of these issues and work with other young people from over 100 countries towards a solution.

The Global Young Leaders Conference, held this year in Vienna, aims to educate and inspire young people to fulfil their roles as world leaders of tomorrow. During the conference each of the participants takes up a role as a member of the delegation for a particular country. Following

the model of the United Nations, these delegations research and debate a number of global issues from the perspective of the nations they represent. The participants learn a great deal about themselves and about the important work of individuals, diplomats and world leaders in seeking to achieve secure and peaceful resolution of global issues.

During the conference Joshua travelled extensively throughout Austria, Hungary and the Czech Republic, visiting museums and places of interest and developing a new appreciation of the varied lifestyles and environments experienced by the citizens of these countries.

"This conference has taught me so much," Joshua said. "I have seen so many things, made great new



Joshua with other representatives at the conference

friends and learned a lot about leadership and how I can impact on issues that will shape our world in the future."

Report Card Tanzania



Some of the students of St Michael School

It is now almost two years since the Macarthur Community committed their energy, time and money to supporting the work of St Michaels Secondary School in Tanzania. What has been achieved in that time? What are the future activities and programmes that the Macarthur community will be able to support?

During this year the visit of Archbishop Donald Mtetemela brought into sharp focus the contrasts which exist between the lives of children in Tanzania and the lives of Macarthur students here in Australia. He highlighted both publicly and in private discussions the poverty and lack of opportunity that exists for young people wishing to pursue education beyond their primary schooling year. But Archbishop Mtetemela is a man of great Christian faith and indomitable spirit, and he also spoke of his dreams and aspirations for the St Michael School and its students, particularly that those students should become the leaders and representatives of their nation both at home and abroad.

In 2006 the Macarthur community raised over \$40,000.00 for the construction of the Boy's Dormitory at the St Michael School. As reported earlier in the year, construction on this project is progressing, but faced with the challenges presented by a lack of building standards and the individual manufacture of each window and door to be included in the building, the work is slow and painstaking.

This year members of the Macarthur staff have been involved in the standardisation of the design of the school crest for St Michael School. Now that the crest exists in electronic form it can be used for a variety of purposes both by the Church Missionary Society (CMS) in Australia, by St Michael

School and by Macarthur. The other important innovation made in 2007 has been the development of a website for the St Michael School which has allowed a more effective link between the school and our community. Web address: <http://www.stmichaelsecondaryschool.org/>

To assist with the ongoing work of the St Michael community students, parents and staff of Macarthur have been involved in a range of fund raising activities including the Macarthur's Got Talent Show, a special donut day, an online auction of memorabilia and the Tanzania Trek. Funds from these events will help to fit out the new building when it is completed.

The recent launch of our latest project to assist the students of St Michaels Secondary School, sponsorship of students to cover their fees and boarding expenses at the school has allowed students and staff to provide immediate and much needed relief to these children and their families.

The final result on our report card:

A: Marvellous effort by all members of the Macarthur community to support and enrich the lives of the students of St Michaels Secondary School!

Well done!



Macarthur students are enthusiastic about supporting the children of Tanzania



Rebecca Thompson, Amy Swan, Michael Reeves and Daniel Taylor with Mr Jonathan Oliver at the Gold Award presentations in July

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

For many years the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards Scheme has been one of the most popular activities available to students. The students enjoy the opportunities that this scheme provide to be involved in a range of adventures, to learn new skills, to challenge themselves to continued improvement in an area of physical recreation and to serve their community.

Commencing in Year 9, students are invited to prepare for the Bronze Award. They learn about managing themselves and relating to others in situations that are physically and emotionally challenging. They also develop new skills such as First Aid and Life Saving which are relevant to their lives beyond the programme. This year, over thirty students have completed their Bronze Award. To gain the Silver Award participants complete a similar set of activities, but each is undertaken at a greater level of difficulty.

The final level of achievement under the Award is the Gold Award. Receiving a Gold Award is a great honour, given to less than 200 young people in New South Wales each year. Awards are presented by Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AM,

AC, CVO Governor of NSW at special ceremonies held at NSW Government House on two occasions each year.

This year four former students, Daniel Taylor (Year 12, 2006), Rebecca Thompson (Year 12, 2006), Michael Reeves (Year 12, 2006) and Amy Swan (Year 12, 2006) received their award in July and Renee Jones (Year 12, 2006) and Aleisha Chambers (Year 12, 2000) received their awards in November. Congratulations go to all the students who have achieved awards in the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards this year, particularly those who have received their Gold Award.



Amy Ward crossing a suspension bridge



Justin Bartlett, Joel Geist and Luke Hughes share a joke on the track



Ashleigh Walker enjoying the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's walk



We made it!



"This programme has taught me about myself, others and about the wonders of our world."



Duke of Edinburgh's hikes are full of challenges

Speaking Out

Macarthur speakers and debaters have shown they have plenty of important things to say in 2007, taking part in a range of competitions and regularly distinguishing themselves at the local and state level.

In the Infants School and Junior School, students from Year 1 to Year 6 compete in a school competition representing their class and year group. Competing in three divisions, the final round of the competition is held in front of families and community members and is judged by experienced public speakers from within and beyond the school. This is a toughly fought out competition and this year the winners were:

Infants School: Laura Perich, Years 3 and 4: Tahlia McCroary, Year 5 and 6: Courtney Cross.

Each of the finalists spoke with great conviction and confidence providing an evening of great entertainment for those who attended. The overall winner of this competition was Tahlia McCroary.

Our Year 8 debaters were undefeated throughout the season and were delighted to win their Final in November, gaining valuable skills in the art of oratory and debate. Matthew Cowper, Nathan Cooper, Bronte Naylor, Arabella Schofield, Rhys O'Shea, Amanda Zenkis and Ashlee Marson grappled with topics including the quality of television, the extent to which we should embrace the



Zachary Brown

American way of life and whether or not we are ever likely to save the planet. They trained hard and learnt that there are definitely two sides to every story!

Our public speakers had the opportunity to showcase their ideas and enthusiasm in Macarthur's House Public Speaking Competition in June, with competitors first running the gauntlet of their peers before speaking to a receptive crowd at the Finals. The competition is a great way for students to develop their ideas and passions as well as their speaking skills. This year we were delighted to award a new prize - Emerging Talent 2007- to Madelaine Gray. Other winners were Year 7 and 8 Arlene Dowling and Bronte Naylor, Year 9 and 10, Amy Ward and Jonathon Momsen and for Year 11 and 12, Zachary Brown and Courtney Dunn. The overall winner on the night was Zachary Brown, who had an excellent year in Public Speaking, progressing to the NSW semi finals in the Sydney Morning Herald Plain English Speaking. This was an outstanding achievement and reflects the development of some important public speaking tools, particularly his sharp wit and critical eye.

Other individual achievers include Amy Ward, who won the Rotary Macarthur Excellence in Speechcraft Competition, and Nathan Cooper, who won the local final of the Rotary Voice of Youth



Tahlia McCroary

Competition. Alexandra Cowan progressed to the Legacy Junior Public Speaking State Final for the third year in a row and was once again an outstanding competitor. The Legacy Junior Public Speaking Competition is NSW's most highly prized speaking award, and requires a huge amount of personal preparation for two speeches - one of them a two minute impromptu.

Jonathon Momsen and Madelaine Gray represented the School at the Year 9 Youth of the Year event, while Lloyd Grant and Brendan Hay stepped up for the Lions Youth of the Year. Adam Lardner delivered a terrific speech at the Rostrum Voice of Youth Competition and Alexandra Jez was eloquent at the Legacy Junior Public Speaking heats.

Competitors in the School Public Speaking Competition were: Sara Glynn, Zachary Brown, Courtney Dunn, Brendan Hay, Lloyd Grant, Amy Ward, Jonathan Bekes, Madelaine Gray, Emily Wheeler, Bronte Naylor, Arlene Dowling, Kelsea Boots and Christine Purvis.

The art of oratory is one that allows individuals to develop in many different ways, connecting hearts, minds and voices. Congratulations to all our speakers and debaters for 2007. May your voices continue to be heard.



Laura Perich

Music Performance



The Concert Band has performed at many events this year.

Music is an important part of the life of Macarthur and this year many of our students have had the opportunity to grow in confidence and skill in their music.

2007 has featured many concerts and special performances of

young people of all ages. Whether they have performed at the Year 12 Recital, have sung with choir or have been featured at one of our special events, each one has demonstrated their growing skills and confidence in performance.



The Junior School Choir performing at the Light Up Camden celebrations



Jacqueline Robertson plays her Chinese Harp for the students in her class



Amy Bartlett and Lawson Grant



Thomas Oliver performing at the HSC Recital Evening



The Middle School and Senior School Choir performing at the Light Up Camden celebrations



The Infants Choir performing at the Headmaster's Assembly



The Junior School Wind Ensemble provided foyer entertainment for the Year 5 and Year 6 Band Night



Sara Glynn performs one of her HSC pieces

Creative Arts Soiree



Carolynn Carpenter



Ryan Behringer

Each year, Year 12 students in Design and Technology and Visual Arts pour many hours of work into their major works for these subjects. Recently these major works were showcased at the Creative Arts Soiree.

Delighted by the individuality and high quality of student work, parents and students thoroughly enjoyed the evening. The innovation of the Design and Technology works rivalled those presented in the New Inventors; ranging from Ryan Behringer's modern shelving unit with reflective light that can be changed to suit your mood and taste to Reece Wagner's use of sustainable energy using Roof Whirly Birds.

Equally appealing were the Visual Arts projects. Tegan Blair,

Rachel Cooper and Raymond Kurniawan created some stunning photographic work while Lianne Tripodi Moy and Carolyn Carpenter's imagination emerged on their canvasses.

When the Design and Technology works were marked Zachary Brown and Emily White had their projects nominated for the DesignTech Exhibition at the Power House Museum and Emily's project will be on display from December. These students designed to meet a real need in society – Zachary has designed comfortable and attractive furniture using sustainable, environmentally friendly products and Emily has designed a Road Safety programme which teachers can use to educate new drivers!

Adieu Year 12

Year 12 is a time of transition for students. It marks the completion of their secondary schooling, new challenges and responsibilities as they plan for their future and, in a year like 2007, many have taken up their role as responsible citizens, casting their vote in a federal election.

The Year 12 Final Assembly provides the school with an opportunity to celebrate all that has been achieved and to offer best wishes for the future. The Year 12 Graduation Dinner brings together those who have been influential in the education of these students – their peers, their parents and their teachers. Speech Night provides their final opportunity to gather together as a cohort and to celebrate the achievements of the group.

As Year 12 departs it is good to recall all they have contributed to

Macarthur through their academic pursuits, sporting achievements, performances and involvement. They have enriched the lives of others and have helped us all to build marvellous memories to cherish in the future.

Where will Year 12, 2007 be in 2008? Many are waiting for the results of their HSC examinations to determine this, but some already have plans for next year.

Raymond Kurniawan, for example, plans to travel through Indonesia and China next year. This is part of a much larger plan to learn seven languages in the next ten years!

Courtney Rowe will begin 2008 as a Youth Ambassador for Campbelltown Council on a visit to their sister city Koshigaya, Japan.

Rosie Morison will travel in 2008 and has included a month at St Michael Secondary School in

Tanzania teaching English on her itinerary.

Sara Glynn and **Courtney Russell** have been selected to work as GAP students at schools in England during 2008.

Danielle Breckon has been awarded Early Entry into a Technology degree at the University of Wollongong.

Christopher Waites, Kristen Grant, Daniel Lyons, Matthew Withington, Leah Davies and **Leah Crestani** have all been granted conditional early entry to courses at the University of Wollongong or the University of Western Sydney.

No matter what their plans we wish all of Year 12 every success in their lives beyond Macarthur. Congratulations on all you have achieved thus far in your lives and best wishes for the future.

A Day in Transition



I can cook too!

At Macarthur creating a positive learning environment for the children is our goal. Transition begins the learning experience of many students and so the creation of an environment that offers fun and challenge in a safe environment is important. A day in Transition is structured to provide all this as well as developing the routine which is so essential to beginning at school.

8.25 am brings children bouncing up and down at the door eager to come inside. Some are bursting to share some wondrous thing that has happened since the class was last together, while others are excited to see friends.

The day begins with a welcome, checking the calendar and an overview of the day. Small groups activities take up a large part of the morning session, offering a variety of tasks to stimulate the mind of each individual. Drawn from different areas of the curriculum, the activities also encourage co-operation and the development of friendships and discourages bullying behaviours.

Recess brings the opportunity to play outside and it is with great joy that the boys and girls explore the climbing equipment, after washing their hands and enjoying their morning tea! The playground provides the opportunity to watch older children play and to learn about relating to one another.

Variety is the key to the activities of Transition. One of the many benefits of being part of a school community is having specialist teachers to introduce the children to Music and to challenge them with the great resources of our Library. The children also enjoy attending Assembly and Chapel.

Reading the Bible and sharing a prayer is a special time of discovery for the children. It is wonderful to see these boys and girls developing knowledge of the Bible and learning about Jesus.

Each week focusses on a different theme selected to fit with the children's interests and the curriculum. We will learn about subjects like the weather and the seasons, hot and cold, people who help us, our senses and many other interesting subjects. The



What can we find?



Look what I made!

children enjoy reading fairy tales, cooking, painting and building and learning to solve puzzles.

By the time lunch is over we are all growing weary and the focus of our afternoon is free choice play and the development of friendships. Transition children are terrific workers when it is time to pack up! Our day finishes with a story and song: "Good afternoon boys and girls. I will see you on your next day in Transition, when our fun begins again."



Whoa! This is fun.

Annie Get Your Gun



Frank, played by Brendan Hay, charms the ladies



Maarten Turner as Chief Sitting Bull and Robert Thompson as Charlie Davenport



Morgan Rafter and Bronwyn Lee were among the ladies in the Ballroom



Annie displays her medals



"I'm an Indian too!" says Annie. She is supported by Jayden Sierra, as Wild Horse, Brianna Iturra, a squaw, Maarten Turner and the Indian dancers.

With well known songs like No Business like Show Business and Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better this year's musical production Annie Get Your Gun was a great success. Those who had the opportunity to see the production will have clear memories of the very professional performance of the cast, particularly the leads Alexandra Cook who played Annie and Brendan Hay as Frank. An enthusiastic and committed team ably supported these two talented performers both on and off stage.

Student involvement was the keynote of this production. With six students joining the professional orchestra, other students assisting with the design and development of sets and props and with a student led and managed Backstage crew

this production provided the opportunity for a broad range of skills to be employed and enhanced.

Director of the production Mrs Nadine James was well pleased with the performances. "It was wonderful to have the Chapel filled for the performances every night. Members of the audience spoke of the excellent characterisation they saw each night. Many were so impressed that they came back several times – and our final performance was sold out after our first performance!" she said. "It is wonderful to work with such a talented team of young people and to be supported by committed staff members including Simon Denley, Music Director, Scott McGill, Technical Director and Judith White, our Producer."



"Let's go on with the show!" Robert Thompson, Alexandra Cook, Brendan Hay and Oscar Morphew



Annie returns to New York



Dolly Tate, played by Megan Evans, gathers the spectators for the show

Junior School Athletics Carnival

Infants School and Junior School Athletics Carnival

The annual Junior School Athletics Carnival was a great day and student involvement was excellent. Congratulations to the victors, Johnson House. Thank you to those staff and parent helpers who assisted on the day.

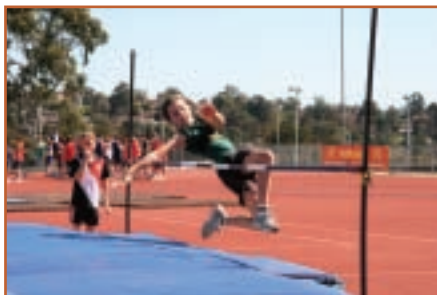
Age Champions were:

- 8/9 Yrs **Jaime McNamara**
Jhett Kellner
- 10 Yrs **Bessie-Lucile Platt**
Lachlan Roberts
- 11Yrs **Lucinda Cornwell**
Cameron Zadro
- 12/13 Yrs **Maddison Glendenning**
Teo Markou

The annual NASSA Junior Athletics Carnival was held on Tuesday 28 August. This year Macarthur Anglican School achieved its best ever result by winning the carnival. Our representatives did a wonderful job gaining the top results in nearly every event. The athletes had shown great commitment in preparation for the carnival, training twice a week for six weeks prior to the event.

There were some outstanding achievements on the day, with several Macarthur students breaking NASSA records. These include:

- Lachlan Roberts in the 10 Years 100 metres
- Teo Markou in the 12 Years 800 metres and in the 12 years 100 metres
- Ellie Beggs in the 12-13 Years Shotput
- Lucinda Cornwell in the 11Years 100 metres and in the 11 Years High Jump
- Emma Houghton in the 11 Years Discus
- Joel Sawyer 8-10 Years Turbo Javelin



Lucinda Cornwell competing in the high jump at the NASSA Carnival

CIS Representation

This year in the Junior School we have had some wonderful all round athletes. A number of students represented NASSA in various sports. Three students went on to represent CIS and all three came close to going that one step further and qualifying for their respective State teams.

Joshua Simat missed out on qualifying for the NSW PSSA Swimming Squad by several tenths off a second.

Teo Markou missed out on qualifying for the NSW PSSA Cross Country Squad but was a member of the winning team at the NSW PSSA Cross Country Carnival.

Ellie Beggs tried out for the NSW PSSA Softball team after being one of the standouts of the CIS team at the NSW PSSA Carnival and narrowly missed out on a place in this team.

This has been a very successful year of sport in the Junior School and I congratulate all of our athletes on their achievements.

Jonathan Beggs

K-6 Sport Co-ordinator



Abbey Glover in the high jump



Running hard for their House



Off to a flying start in the NASSA Cross Country



The Macarthur relay teams ready to compete at the NASSA Carnival

Athletics Carnival

Middle School and Senior School Athletics Carnival

The Middle School and Senior School Athletics Carnival was an excellent day of competition with students participating positively to earn points for their house. The winning house on the day was Barker.

Age Champion Athletics 2007

12 Girls	Ainsley Bell
12 Boys	Joshua Watson
13 Girls	Laura Seeney
13 Boys	Daniel Ingram
14 Girls	Alezandria Price
14 Boys	Adam Novek
15 Girls	Rhearne Ryan
15 Boys	Julian Oey
16 Girls	Tessa Stovell
16 Boys	Joel Geist
17 Girls	Olivia Hale
17 Boys	Brenton Anthony
18 Girls	Claire Haviland
18 Boys	Mitchell Ryan

The NASSA Athletics Carnival was held in July with one hundred Macarthur students making up the team for the competition. Daniel Ingram and Elyse Glynn both broke high jump records during the day and twenty eight competitors were selected to represent NASSA at the AICES Carnival. Daniel Ingram broke the Under 13 Years high jump record and Katherine Bullen broke the Under 14 Years shotput record.

Eight students competed at the Combined Independent Schools Carnival and brought home six gold, three silver and two bronze medals. Mitchell Ryan, Cassandra Staples, Rhearne Ryan, Gareth Mumby, Kasey Mumby, Daniel Ingram, Katherine Bullen, Elyse Glynn and Julian Oey competed at the NSW All Schools Athletic Championships in October, with outstanding performances from Mitchell Ryan who came first in the Under 19 Years 1500 metres and Julian Oey who placed first in the Under 15 Years 3000 metres.



Ainsley Bell in the Long Jump

Other Representative Achievements

There have been many great individual and team achievements in sport during 2007, including:

Jonathon Momsen and Claire Koski have been chosen as members of CIS Cricket teams to play in the All Schools Tournaments during 2007.

In the NASSA Cricket Competition, both the Junior and Senior teams were victorious. In fact, the Junior team were undefeated in their competition.

In Netball, Gabrielle Leahy was chosen as a member of the CIS Under 15 Years team to play at the NSW All Schools Tournament. In the NSW All Schools tournament, the CIS team was victorious.

Ashleigh Gawthorne was a member of the CIS Softball Development team. Her pitching and batting skills were an asset to her team.

The school's rowing team has gone from strength to strength. Charles French and Nathaniel Oliver won a bronze medal at the Independent Schools Rowing Championships in the Year 9 double sculls.

In the State Interschool Snowsports competition five Middle School students, Benjamin Kennedy, Matthew Wade, Adam Lardner, Edward Cosier and Elizabeth Lambert represented

the school in various disciplines. Elizabeth Lambert placed third in the State in Skier Cross and tenth in the State in Alpine Giant Slalom. Elizabeth represented the school at the Australian Interschools competition, finishing seventh in Australia for her age in Skiercross and eighth in Giant Slalom.

It is appropriate to recognise students who have excelled in their chosen sports outside of school. National representative honours have been awarded to Olivia Hale who represented Australia at the Junior World Championships in Karate in October and to Claire Koski, in Indoor Cricket for the Australian Women's team, which won the competition.

There are a number of students who have represented NSW at a National Tournament. Zachary Brown and Jonathon Momsen were members of the victorious Under 14 Years NSW Indoor Cricket team. Padraic Kearney, represented NSW in Judo, and Daniel Favretti and Dylan Maloney represented NSW at the Futsal National Championships. Dylan was also selected to represent NSW at a Futsal Training camp in Spain. Tim Ryan and Alexander Groth represented NSW Hockey in their National Championships in October. James Keane has been selected in the Under 18 Years Soccer team for Sydney United.

Foundation News

One of the aims of the Macarthur Foundation is to encourage effective relationships among all members of our school and wider communities. To this end I have been working on the compilation of the first edition of the Macarthur Anglican School Community Business Directory. The Directory provides an ideal outlet for those members of our school community who are business owners and operators to network and advertise within the school community. It provides a way by which we can 'support those who support us'.

Interest in this first edition of the Directory has been keen and over fifty advertisements have been placed. Distribution will take place in January 2008 to more than 700 current families, numerous Macarthur Alumni and former families, and more than 100 staff. In addition, it will be distributed at major school events such as Grandparent's Day. In total some 1500 copies will be distributed in this first print run of the Directory. Look out for your copy or call us and we will gladly post you one!

I urge all members of our school community to help us continue building a stronger Macarthur Anglican School family. You can help by always picking up your Macarthur Anglican School Community Business Directory before the Yellow Pages. We are

often referred to business providers upon the advice of our family and friends. We also know that word of mouth is the best form of advertising. When you have a good business experience after using your Directory, tell your friends! Tell the business owner that you came to them from the Directory. In doing this we help build our sense of connectedness and we continue to support each other.

The Macarthur Foundation is in the process of developing plans for 2008. I am excited by the educational opportunities available to our students and look forward to your support as we strive for constant advancement and improvement of Macarthur into the future.

Kate Jones

Director, Macarthur Foundation

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Staff Profiles



Andrew Wood

As his first year at Macarthur draws to a close, Andrew Wood looks back with pleasure on his early experiences in the school. Mr Wood has enjoyed working with the Year 5 children in his class, getting to know their families and becoming part of the supportive and collegial environment that exists at Macarthur. "I was attracted to Macarthur by its reputation for educational excellence and wonderful facilities," he says, "Since commencing here I have appreciated the highly professional support I have had both within the Junior School and from others, like the Information Technology team."

Mr Wood's background includes time living in Papua New Guinea, Scotland and Australia. In Scotland, Mr Wood worked in the building industry. Since coming to Australia, he has completed his teacher training at UWS and has worked at Teen Ranch at Cobbitty and Broughton Anglican College, gaining a broad experience base from which his students have benefitted.

Mr Wood and his wife Georgie have three children, a son Thomas, and twin daughters Amelia and Lucy. They worship at St James Anglican Church at Menangle.

During this year many students have benefitted from Mr Wood's work, both in his classroom, through his successful sport coaching and through his time at camp.



Helen Glover

Mrs Helen Glover commenced at Macarthur in 2003, bringing with her experience in the field of agriculture as well as her talent in dealing with people. She began as a receptionist, taking up a position as a teacher in the Science Faculty following the completion of her degree in science education.

Mrs Glover likes to work in environments which are caring and compassionate. "In my work as an Agricultural Advisory Officer with the Department of Agriculture I worked directly with farmers, helping them to eradicate diseases from their sheep flocks. Working at Macarthur allows me to teach and guide young people and encourage them to achieve their best."

In her work, Mrs Glover teaches not only secondary students, but is also working with Junior School teachers to develop a strong programme of Science for younger children. "It is wonderful to watch the younger children conducting experiments and discovering new things. I enjoy supporting the students as they learn and appreciate the opportunity to learn from other teachers in my faculty and in the Junior School."

Mrs Glover has two daughters, Abbey and Virginia who are students at Macarthur. She lives on a property with her husband Andrew and their girls, raising sheep and cattle.

When not studying or preparing for her teaching, Mrs Glover likes to spend time with her family camping and holidaying at the beach.



Scott McGill

Which member of our staff can solve a Rubik's Cube in about a minute? Who worked on the crew of the TV soapie *Neighbours*? Who has been recognised as an Apple Distinguished Educator, one of only six hundred across the globe? That would be our Mr Scott McGill!

Scott McGill, came to Macarthur in 2000 bringing with him experience as an Information Technology educator in the tertiary sector and his background in Audio Engineering in film and television.

"It is great to get to know the students through the musicals," he says. "Together we are building memories for ourselves and for the school community."

Working in a school also allows me to explore some cutting edge technology which the corporate world takes a long time to catch on to."

Mr McGill, his wife Meredith and his children Samuel, Eloise and Jemima like to go off roading and explore areas beyond the traditional tourist routes. Mr McGill also has a love of sport, particularly AFL and he and his children are keen followers of the Sydney Swans. His enthusiasm for sport extends beyond AFL to basketball, cricket and golf.

Mr McGill has a quick wit and agile brain. Mr McGill has a passion for strategic board games and for solving intricate problems in a simple and well-considered manner.

Alumni Sports Day a Spectacular Success

17 November brought an innovation in Alumni events – the first activity conducted at Macarthur for all Alumni. The day dawned bringing with it a haze that would clear to provide a very warm environment for the competition and fun of the day.

Over a hundred people gathered for the day, former students and partners, current students, staff, former parents, current parents and the children of Alumni. Those attending enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with others from their own year and from other years, eat another sausage sizzle cooked by Peter Toovey and have fun. Some travelled long distance to attend the day, coming from the Central Coast, Canberra and Darwin! Everyone had great fun during the day.

During the day the crowd was entertained by Optic Nerve, a band featuring Amy (Year 12, 2000) and Mark Ranftl (Year 12, 2001). Optic Nerve has recently recorded their first single which will be released throughout the world early in 2008. Celeritas, the rock band featuring



Food and drinks were an important part of the day



Some of the current students who participated in the day

Jay Seeneey, Justin Bartlett and Aaron Adammo from Year 11, 2008 also performed during the day. These two bands helped to add to the atmosphere and the audience were appreciative of their performances.

With George Shuter as referee, teams in the Austag competition competed with great enthusiasm and some skill! It was terrific to have teams from 1996, 1997, 1998, 2000 and combined teams from other years, as well as a team of current students in the competition. Particular congratulations go to Andrew Lubke (Year 11, 1991), our most senior alumni competitor.

While the games took place, others gathered under the trees to catch up with old friends and staff. This area was also the venue for a range of children's activities, including a Colouring Competition. Our judge, Rachel Freestone (née Ash, Year 12, 2002), selected the entries from Madison Hale (Year 4) and Flynn Jones (Transition) as winners on the day.

On the field, the competition was fought out with great determination with the final contested by the teams from 1996 and 1997. The victors on the day were the 1996 team, led by Alison Jennings.

If the success of the day can be measured in laughter and smiles, this was a fantastic day! It will be the forerunner for future events.

Thanks go to the committee who brought this day to fruition – Alexander Palmer (Year 12, 2003), Alison Jennings (Year 12 1996), Peter Buckley (Year 12, 1997) and Elissa White (Year 12, 1998). If you are interested in joining this committee in planning events for the future please contact Judith White: alumni@mas.nsw.edu.au



The finalists – the 1997 team led by Peter Buckley and the 1996 team led by Alison Jennings



This group of 1996 Alumni and their children enjoyed the day



Action on the field



Members of the 1998/2000 team

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Daniel Harsojo (Year 12, 2001) completed his degree in 2006 and joined CRAM (Creative Arts Ministries) an arm of Campus Crusade for Christ, Australia. He provides technical and personal support for ministries associated with this organisation, particularly those related to music and band performances. He also works with Christian schools, local churches and other established ministries, such as Youthworks, training people in the use of public address equipment and other areas and assisting in delivery of their ministry events. CRAM provides an internship for Christian people keen to work in this area of ministry and Daniel is involved in the training and ongoing support of these interns.

Ronnachai (Tony) Tosompark (Year 12, 2001) graduated from Macquarie University with a Masters degree in Arts and International Studies. Tony will return to Thailand for the first time since commencing his studies at Macarthur where he hopes to take up a position in Foreign Affairs for Thailand.



Shivaun Bromley (Year 12, 1998) has spent the four years since she completed her degree employed in Human Resource Management at IBM. She has recently stepped out into a small business venture in Melt Pizzas in Lane Cove.

Meijing (Shirley) Wang (Year 12, 2003) has completed her Bachelor of Business degree at Sydney University and is currently studying for her Masters degree.



Siobhan Papalia (Year 12, 2006) was selected as one of twenty four Australian Highland Dancers in the OzScot Australia team for the Edinburgh Military Tattoo, Scotland in August 2007. Since returning from Scotland in late August Siobhan has continued her Bachelor of Science degree.

Andrew McKinnel (Year 12, 2001) returned from a tour of duty in the Middle East in July, 2007. He has now returned to his former posting at Pearce RAAF Base in Western Australia.

Peter Buckley (Year 12, 1997) completed his studies for a Bachelor of Commerce during this year. He is now employed as a Business Development Manager with a major mining construction company.

Alison Barrett (Year 12, 1998) is a teacher at Beverley Park School in Campbelltown. Her work was recently recognised by Narellan Rotary Club with the award of the club's Pride of Workmanship Award.

Viktoria Zimmer was an exchange student at Macarthur in 2001/2002. She returned to Germany and completed her schooling, then entering Bielefeld University where she is studying Psychology with a special focus on Organisational Psychology. She has fond memories of her time at Macarthur and attributes some of her most valued personal skills to the period she spent studying here.

Rowena Dench (Year 12, 2004) completed her studies at the NSW Police Academy in Goulburn earlier this year and is now serving as a Probationary Constable at Fairfield Police Station.

Elizabeth Errington (Year 12, 1995) married Graham Gibbons earlier this year in a ceremony held in Kiama. Jillian Miller (Year 12, 1995), Siobhan Galal (Year 12, 1995) and Andrew Smith (Year 12, 1994) were all at the wedding.

David Sim (Year 12, 1994) was Acting Principal of Curran Public School during the second half of 2006, and has recently been permanently appointed as Deputy Principal of Liverpool West Public School, a school of about 600 students.

Tak Fai Lam (Jimmy) (Year 12, 1993) continues to make his mark in the electronics field. While working as a team leader with the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, he has had the opportunity to visit Montreal and work as a major developer of computer based games and animated movies. He is enjoying his opportunities to travel and thanks God for all he has been able to do in his work.

Nicholas Willey (Year 12, 1997) completed a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Biology in 2000 at the University of Technology Sydney and is currently working at the University of Sydney Plant Breeding Institute at Cobbitty in a programme called the Australian Cereal Rust Control Programme which assist wheat breeding companies to develop disease resistant wheat varieties. He has recently commenced a Master of Science in Agriculture. Nicholas is also Camden Local Controller for the State Emergency Service and has been involved in a number of small and major emergencies including the 2001 Bushfires in Warragamba and Silverdale and most recently the major flooding and storm damage in the Hunter Valley in June 2007. His love of bushwalking continues and in August 2006 he walked the Kokoda Track. He has also walked in New Zealand on the Milford and Routeburn Tracks as well as locally around the Blue Mountains and Sydney. During the summer and autumn months he also races an 18ft Careel yacht and has competed in six national titles and was successful on two of these.



Ryan Harley (Year 10, 1994) completed his schooling and went on to study Computer Science at Wollongong University. After graduating he accepted a graduate software engineering position at Motorola and was later seconded to Phoenix Arizona, where he met his wife of over three years, Karina. They have travelled

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extensively in the United States, Mexico and Peru. He is now working for Distra where he is a senior software engineer.



Kylie Elling (née Pascoe, Year 12, 1993) and her husband Lloyd have a 4 year old daughter Mikayla and a new son Joshua.

Matthew (Year 12, 1993) and **Leanne Richardson** (née Bayley, Year 12, 1993) have two children Liam and Hannah. Matthew is a Senior Environmental Consultant in Sydney.

Paul Waterhouse (Year 12, 1997) completed a Journalism degree at the University of Technology, Sydney and is now working as a producer on A Current Affair with the Nine Network.



In 2003 he completed a 115 day, 5,400 kilometre trek across Australia by bike, kayak and on foot which was filmed for Australian Geographic and aired on the Sky News Channel. He is a member of the Christians in the Media Church in Annandale.

Troy Hawkins (Year 12, 1998) operates his own graphic design business in Wollongong. After living in Wollongong for some years he is now building a house in Thirroul.

Kaley Harris (Year 12, 2003) graduated from UWS with a Bachelor of Communication (Public Relations). She is currently completing a Bachelor of Laws (Graduate) at Sydney University and working part time as Communications Assistant at National Breast Cancer Centre. Kaley is marrying Adam Payne (Year 12, 2003) on 5 July 2008.

Adam Payne (Year 12 2003) graduated with distinction from Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology) at UWS and also

won the Dean's Medal for this degree. He is currently studying Bachelor of Laws (Graduate) at Sydney University. He has recently taken up a position with a large law firm in Sydney.

Jessica Ackad (née Coultas, Year 12 1993) has now completed a Bachelor of Physiotherapy at Sydney University. She married Julian in 2005.

Catherine Crowley (Year 12, 1993) currently studying Bachelor of Arts/ Bachelor of Commerce at Wollongong University. She travelled to Russia early this year and plans to move to London next year.

Andrew Warren (Year 12, 1991) and his wife Jia Jia have recently been blessed by the birth of their daughter Yolande.

Lisa Hawkins (Year 12, 2002) attended Wollongong University, COFA and UTS after leaving school and graduated with a Bachelor of Creative Arts, majoring in Graphic Design and New Media in 2005. She worked part-time in different design fields as she studied working on publications, creative studio work and advertising. She has worked as a graphic designer for ABC Delicious Magazine, Australian Vogue Living, Australian Interiors and Gardening Australia. After graduating she worked for a graphic design agency and began establishing her own business which now operates in Mosman. These days, she is involved in company branding for businesses of all types, locally, nationally and internationally. She also enjoys the opportunity to collaborate with her brother Troy (Year 12, 1998) on some projects.

Belinda Pugh (Year 12, 1995) is teaching at Guise Primary School. She is engaged to Matthew White and will be married in April, 2008.

Jessica Nielsen (née Olsen, Year 12, 1999) is the Store Support Manager at a supermarket in Bowral. She is married to Timothy.

Adam Miller (Year 12, 1993) and his wife Trudy have a new daughter, Zara Elizabeth, born in September.

Kevin Oats (Year 12, 1992) married Clare in September this year. Darren Oats (Year 12, 1993) was Best Man and Cameron Sim (Year 12, 1992) was a groomsman.



Craig Little (Year 12, 1991) completed a Bachelor of Commerce majoring in Economics at the University of Newcastle after leaving Macarthur. He is married and has two children Morgan and Bayden. Craig has worked in the computer industry for some years. He is now the Australian and New Zealand Operations Manager for Hewlett Packard.

Lee Mayhew (née Newell Year 12, 2000) married Wayne earlier this year. She is living in Sydney.



Danielle Johnson (Year 12, 2002) recently became engaged.

Rachel Freestone (née Ash Year 12, 2002) recently married Robert Freestone (Year 12, 1998). With Rachel now a member of the staff of Macarthur, her bridal party not only included a number of former students, but Rachel was also greeted at the church by a large group of students from her class.



Michelle Eggert (née Young, Year 12 1993) is married with 2 children. She is a Senior Constable with NSW Police Force and she and her husband are soon to open a business in Campbelltown.

Renee Golding (née Young, Year 12, 1992) is married to Christopher Golding (Year 10, 1990). They have three daughters. Renee and Christopher work together in the family engineering business.

Carly Gregson (Year 12, 2002) is engaged to be married.

Matthew Payne (Year 12, 1999) has been accepted into Moore College for full time study.

George Katapodis (Year 12, 1995) has always dreamed of becoming an airline pilot. He began his training in 1993 in Year 10 and has finally realised his dream. In January 2007, he commenced employment with Regional Express as a First Officer (co-pilot) on the Saab 340 aircraft. He undertook an extremely intense three month training period which included theory courses for five weeks, then two weeks training in a full motion simulator. After the simulator training came five weeks of training in the aircraft on passenger carrying flights. You may well find yourself on one of his flights if you travel through regional NSW!

Nathan Stamatis (Year 12, 1997) is now based in Sydney again. He and his wife are expecting their first child in December, 2007.

Jennifer West (Year 12, 1997) is living and working in New Zealand. She is a Management Assistant for a large engineering company.

Laura Turner-Cooke (Year 12, 1997) recently returned to Australia after ten years working abroad. She is settling to life at home and assisting her mother in the family business.

Melinda Graczol (née Warren, Year 12, 1997) completed a double degree at UWS Macarthur, Law and Commerce. After two years in private practice, she has been working as a solicitor for the Director of Public Prosecutions. Melinda was married to John in November 2005 and is currently on maternity leave as a result of the birth of Maddison Grace, born on 21 January this year. John and Melinda live in Lurnea with their four dogs and are renovating an investment property on the NSW/Victorian border. John works as a tour guide at Bridge Climb and runs a 4WD camping business.

Frere Bentley-Woods (Year 12, 1997) completed a Tourism degree at UWS. After working with the Department of Primary Industries, she relocated to London in 2005.

She is now working in advertising on brands like Nike, Honda and Orange. She has travelled extensively in Europe and has recently undertaken a trip to Nepal and Tibet, which included hiking into Everest Base Camp. Her passion for horses has continued and she still rides and competes. She also does some teaching of show jumping when time allows.

Jennifer Irwin (née Sadlo, Year 12, 1997) has worked as an Accounts Clerk with a firm in Moorebank until recently. She was married to Shane in 2001 and gave birth to their daughter Makayla Jane in February.

Shannon Gilmartin has been building a career in the IT Industry for the past 10 years. She is currently a Project Manager working with the NSW Department of Community Services, where she is accountable for the Disaster Recovery Solution and a Mission Critical application upgrade deployment across the entire DoCS user community. Her qualifications range from Human Resources, Training and Project Management (University of New England) to IT specific methodologies including ITIL (Information Technology Infrastructure Library) and PMBOK (Project Management Body of Knowledge). Shannon is living in Sydney and has travelled across Western Europe and parts of Asia. She will be trekking in Nepal to one of Everest's base camps next year.

Bryce Pascoe (Year 12, 2005) has recently completed first year of academic studies (Bachelor of Arts) at the Australian Defence Force Academy, Canberra. Upon completion of his studies he will continue his training with the Royal Australian Navy as a Warfare Officer hoping to specialise in Anti-Submarine Warfare.

Sophie Little (Year 12, 1998) is now working as a Human Resource advisor with Heatcraft-Lennox International.

Beth Berriman (née Edwards, Year 12 1992) is married to Mark. She gave birth to a healthy daughter, Sophie Isabel, in August.



Stacey Kennedy (née Williams, Year 12, 1996) worked in Information Technology sales and marketing after leaving school. She has worked in London and travelled extensively. Stacey married Robert Kennedy in 2004 and they have one child, William, who is two years old. This year she has begun studying for a degree in social work at UWS. Stacey is expecting her second child.

Martin Gregson (Year 10, 1998) has worked with horses and has trained in powder coating metals. He is still involved in endurance riding and had success in this field. He will travel to Canada in December 2007.

Cassandra Martin-Young (née Martin, Year 12, 1996) married Andrew Young in October, 2007. Many of her school friends attended the wedding.



Katherine Buckley (Year 12, 2000) recently became engaged to Matthew Fielding (Year 10, 1996).

Bettina Zahra (née Catanzaro, Year 12, 1998) has two daughters Yasmin (6 years) and Maryam (2 years).

Simone Bennetts (née Wilson, Year 12, 1992) and her husband Clayton had their second child in August 2006. Hannah is a sister to Jack who is 4 years old. Simone continues to work in Human Resources for Macarthur Health Service.

Jodie Langston (née Grice, Year 12, 1992) and her husband Clay celebrated the birth of a baby boy Oliver in May 2007. Oliver is a sister to Abbie who is 3 years old. Jodie is currently working for McWilliams Wines.

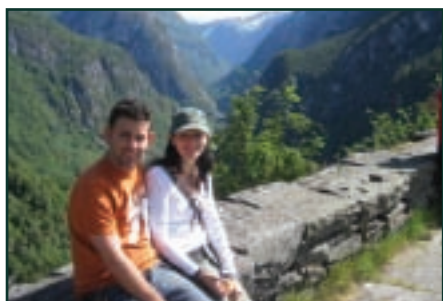
Beyond Macarthur: Working Overseas

There are many Macarthur Alumni currently working overseas. Some are involved in their own businesses, others are working overseas for relatively short periods on special projects and still others are building their lives and careers in other countries. In this edition we feature some of those working overseas.

Anthony Toovey: Regional Brand Manager, AXE (Lynx), Central and Eastern Europe

Anthony joined Unilever while still at the University of NSW, where he was studying for a Bachelor of Commerce (Marketing and Management). During his time at Unilever, Anthony has worked on several award winning campaigns like the Flora campaign incorporating Paul Mercurio, the Seven Deadly Sins campaign for Streets Magnum ice creams and he led the team that developed the Lynx campaign which won nine awards in Cannes in 2006.

Earlier this year Anthony took up his current position, based in Budapest. As part of his work, Anthony travels regularly to Warsaw, Moscow, London and Bucharest, overseeing the work throughout the eastern and central European operations. He will be based in Europe for the next three years.



One of the marvellous benefits of living in Europe is the opportunity to travel. Anthony and his wife Stephanie have already been able to visit Croatia, Norway and Germany.

What happens beyond the next three years? Anthony is

uncertain at present – it could involve further work overseas or more opportunities in Australia. Whatever it is it will bring new adventures and challenges.

Anthony offers this advice to other Alumni: “ You must acknowledge that success is made up of both hardwork and seizing the opportunities that you find in life. Sometimes getting ahead is about being in the right place at the right time and being willing to take risks that offer new opportunities.”

Kate Lea: Events Manager, Excel, London

After school Kate completed her degree in Business and Hotel Management through Hotel Intercontinental and Southern Cross University and she then spent over two years working as an event manager in Sydney.

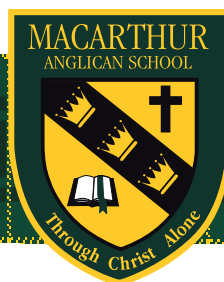


Kate worked in Whistler, Canada for six months and then moved to London where she took up a position as Sales Manager for the catering company at London Zoo, marketing and organising events. “This was a fantastic job not least because of the great and fun location I was working in.”, she says.

Kate is now working for the same company at Excel - the London equivalent of the Sydney Exhibition Centre, managing major events. She manages to fit in opportunities to travel and her favourite places have been Iceland, Turkey on Anzac Day, and Las Vegas.

Kate comments on her life and school, “It never fails to surprise me just how small the world is and that no matter where you are, you will run into someone who went to Macarthur. My year group stay in touch and provide a great network of support for one another.”

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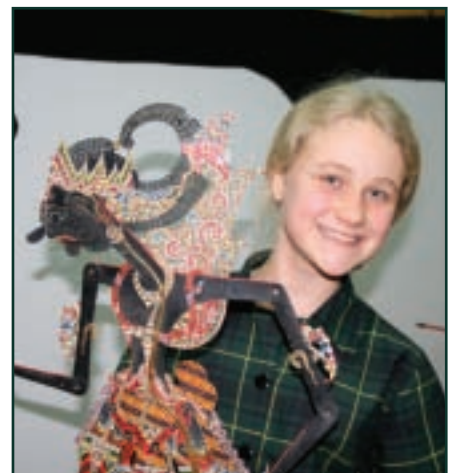
Mr Warren examines his new vehicle, a gift from Year 12, 2007



Marcus Kleinert in action during the NASSA AFL Carnival



Out and about in style in Sovereign Hill during the Year 9 History Excursion.



Arlene Dowling tries her hand with an Indonesian Shadow Puppet



Lining up at the Junior School Canteen



Catherine and Rosalie Baldwin Rowing for Macarthur in a recent regatta

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