Welcome to another edition of Tartan Ties. I trust that it will once again provide a glimpse of the breadth and depth of the opportunities available at Macarthur and celebrate the wonderful and diverse achievements of our students.

I want to applaud the entire Macarthur family for the ever-strengthening sense of community which is developing. The newly reformed and invigorated Parents and Friends, under the leadership of the Committee and its President, Patricia Lorenz, has flourished. A very successful and oversubscribed Trivia Night along with regular coffee mornings, the Term Forums and other gatherings have demonstrated the effectiveness of this group in engaging parents and other supporters of the School.

The establishment of the Friends of Macarthur is further evidence of the growing community spirit, and has resulted in the donation of over $80,000 to the Building Fund, the Scholarship Fund, the Library Fund or the Endowment Fund. On behalf of the School community I wish to offer my deepest appreciation to those who are supporting Macarthur in this way.

The generosity of the Parents and Friends and the Friends of Macarthur means we can add funds to those already received from the Federal Government under the Building the Education Revolution and the Digital Education Revolution, allowing us to ensure that the new facilities match the high standards of buildings and resources already in the School.

For all of your ongoing support, I thank you!

Dr David Nockles
Headmaster

Mrs Michele Thomas joined the Macarthur Anglican School Council in 1994, when the School only offered classes from Year 7 to Year 12 and was located on a small site in Narellan.

“In my years serving on the Macarthur School Council there have been many changes in the governance, management and operation of Macarthur – the introduction of the Junior School, the relocation to Cobbitty, a new Headmaster, five different Chairmen of Council and changes to the style of governance used at the School. Importantly, despite all these changes, Macarthur has continued to have a commitment to delivering a high quality education to all its students in a Christian environment.”

Mrs Thomas and her husband live in Wattle Grove, where Mr Thomas serves as a Baptist pastor. They have three adult children and Joanne, their youngest, is a former student of Macarthur. Mr and Mrs Thomas have six grandchildren.

Cover Photo: This photograph of the School was taken by Molly Morphew as part of a Year 9 Visual Arts project.
From the Chaplain

There has been some great sadness in the media lately as people are confronted with their own frailty or the frailty of those they love. This is a common experience for us all, at one time or another.

I am painfully aware that as I get up to speak or preach I am facing groups of people who carry lots of scars and who are asking lots of questions like:

Where is God?
Is He fair?
Can I trust Him to do right by me?

The average Christian frequently encounters the typical heartaches of life; the miscarriage, the lost job, the auto accident, the rebellious son or daughter etc. These events do not make the ‘front page’ of our lives; indeed, they are often buried within a broken or confused heart.

It may be that, like the prophet Habakkuk, we feel God is silent or inactive; that He doesn’t care. We might even cry out; You don’t listen… you don’t save…(Habakkuk 1:2-3) Is this overstepping the mark? I don’t believe so.

God wants us to be honest with him. God wants us to have a real relationship with him not just one built on ceremony or ritual. God wants us to trust him.

In the things that really matter God has revealed Himself but for everything else, He has determined that these are not for us to know. We think that because God doesn’t do what we expect Him to do He’s not doing anything. We think that because we can’t see the sense in what He’s doing that He hasn’t got his finger on the pulse. Both conclusions are wrong because God’s ways are surprising.

God wants us to trust Him because He is trustworthy and has shown that over and over again. (Isaiah 55:8-9, Deuteronomy 29:29.)

Steven Davis
Chaplain

Expanded Learning Opportunities

The senior years of secondary schooling provide the opportunity for students to begin to tailor their learning to suit their interest and goals.

As students prepare for their first major external examinations in Year 10 and Year 12, it is important that they are encouraged in their efforts and have every opportunity to achieve their best. It is with this in mind that the subject offering for Year 9 and Year 11, 2010 has been broadened to include a number of new subjects.

In the Faculty of Technology and Creative Design new subjects will operate in Year 9 and Year 11 in 2010. Photography and Digital Media has proved very popular with Year 9. Software Design and Development and Design and Technology (Textiles) will also be offered in the faculty for Year 11.

Two other subjects are returning to the Year 11 curriculum offering: Society and Culture and Drama. These subjects have both proved popular in the past and a number of students have elected to pursue them in 2010.

“Macarthur students have a broad range of interests and it is good to be able to provide them with additional learning opportunities. Over the coming years we will reassess the subject offering as the number of students entering the senior years continues to increase,” said Melissa Gould-Drakeley, Dean of Studies.
Building for the Future

As a result of the Commonwealth Government’s Building the Education Revolution Funding programme Macarthur has received funding for two significant projects:

Renovation and Refurbishment of the Technology and Creative Design building

This building work, which has now commenced, will involve the creation of a new computer classroom space, the provision of a clean workshop and design space and development of another technology to be used for digital media and displays.

The renovations will meet the needs of the new subjects, Textiles and Design, Software Design and Development and Photographic and Digital Media that will commence in Year 9 and Year 11, and provide a greater variety of choices within existing subjects in the faculty.

This work will be funded under the National School Pride Programme and it will also fund a new outdoor learning and a lunch area will also be built behind the Junior School Canteen. This area will be concreted and fixed tables and seating will be installed so that two classes can be accommodated in this outdoor space. Construction of these new facilities has now commenced.

Construction of Additional Permanent Junior School and Middle School Facilities

The Primary Schools for the 21st Century Programme will fund a series of major building projects including:

- An extension to the Stoddart Centre Library to accommodate the Junior School Library within this facility
- New classrooms for Year 5 and 6
- A multipurpose teaching space for use by the Junior School

This programme will begin late in 2009 or early in 2010, with the relocation of a number of demountables. Extensive planning is currently taking place to ensure that disruption to classes is minimized but some relocation of classes will be inevitable during the construction process.

Reunions 2010

Twenty Year Reunion: 20 February, 2010
Ten Year Reunion: Saturday 13 March, 2010

For further details call (02) 4647 5333 or Email alumni@macarthur.nsw.edu.au
or visit www.macarthur.nsw.edu.au
2009 has brought some significant changes to the structure of the School, including the introduction of House Tutor Groups for Year 5 and 6 and the appointment of Heads of House who offer pastoral support to students in the Middle School and Senior School.

These changes have brought a greater focus on the House system and the building of House Spirit. To assist in developing House Spirit a series of House Barbeques for students from Transition to Year 12 and their families were held during Autumn Term.

These barbeques provided a marvellous opportunity for parents and students to get to know others in their House and were greatly enjoyed by those who attended them. With well over one hundred people at each event, it was wonderful to see the enthusiasm with which students and parents worked together on activities for their House and cheered on those who represented them in team events. Overall these have been very enjoyable evenings!

Thanks go to the Heads of House, Tutors, House Captains, Vice Captains and Senior students who helped to make these evenings such a success.

Students, former students and parents worked together on the games and puzzles during the Barker and Broughton Barbeque.

Laetitia Lorens, Olivia James, Chelsea Dickenson and Lucy Webster working together on their creation.

Shaun Carpenter, Sabrina Martinez, Robert Thompson and Alana Drew shot for the stars with their paper planes at the Hassall and Heber barbeque.

Johnson and Marsh launched their new mascots at their barbeque.

Tobias Howard and Ashleigh Sherrell as the Prince and Princess of Broughton.
2009 saw some significant changes to the Athletics Carnivals with students from Year 3 to Year 12 combining to cheer and support each other and display their House spirit, particularly during the relays.

Year 7-Year 12 Athletics Carnival
The Year 7-12 Athletics Carnival was held over two days and gave students the opportunity to compete in all events possible. Marsh House were able to continue their run of victories although there were only two hundred points separating first and third at the end of the relays.

Age Champions were:

8 years
Bessie Platt
Andrzej Prociuk
9 years
Maire Playford
Tynan Williams
10 years
Ainsley Bell
Teo Markou
11 years
Laura Seeney
Gareth Mumbry
12/13 years
Aleazandria Price
Adam Novek
13 years
Kasey Mumbry
Stuart Kenny
14 years
Tessa Stovell
James Keane
15 years

Year 3-6 Athletics Carnival
The Year 3-6 Carnival was held on Thursday 18 June following the wonderful opportunity to combine with older students on the previous day. Hassall House were victorious on the day, although the Shield was hotly contested by all the Houses. Student involvement and House spirit were the mark of the day.

Age Champions were:

8 years
Caitlin Sendt
Samuel Nockles
9 years
Georgia Brown
Jacob Beggs
10 years
Matilda Offord
Lucas Messer
11 years
Cailin Pascoe
Jhett Kellner
12/13 years
Rachel Newton
Lachlan Roberts

There were four records broken on the day:

Lachlan Roberts
Senior 200m
28.80s (old), 28.64s (new)
12 years 100m
13.97s (old), 13.85s (new)
Rachel Newton
Senior 200m
32.02s (old), 31.46s (new)
Senior 800m
3:06.85m (old), 2:55.97m (new)

Congratulations to all record breakers, our age champions and all students for the involvement and attitude that made the Carnival such a successful one.

Congratulations go to all age champions and event winners and to those who qualified to represent Macarthur at the NASSA Carnival.

Lawson Grant takes on the high jump.
Zachary Brown with the Johnson mascot
Georgina Barrey, Abbey Glover and Virginia Glover cheering for Heber
The Macarthur Cross Country Carnivals were held during Autumn Term and students of all ages enjoyed the opportunity to participate and represent their House in these events. The overall Champion House for the carnivals was Marsh.

The Age Champions were:

**Transition**
- Boy: Alexander Giakoumelos
- Girl: Sophie Ristancevski

**Kindergarten**
- Boy: Thomas Patterson
- Girl: Sophie Patterson

**Year 1**
- Boy: Jonah Veckranges
- Girl: Tamika Mansell

**Year 2**
- Boy: Liam Wright
- Girl: Crystal Elliott

**8/9 Years**
- Boy: Benjamin Tisdale
- Girl: Erin Bagley

**10 Years**
- Boy: Daniel Blachura / Lucas Messer
- Girl: Matilda Offord

**11 Years:**
- Boy: Emmanuel Pediotis / Braylin Altobelli
- Girl: Cailin Pascoe

**12/13 Years**
- Boy: Lachlan Roberts
- Girl: Victoria Kennett-Smith

The Age Champions for the Year 7 to Year 12 Carnival were:

**12 Years**
- Boy: Jordan Spencer
- Girl: Bessie-Lucile Platt

**13 Years**
- Boy: Kym van den Heuvel / Tyanan Williams
- Girl: Maire Playford

**14 Years**
- Boy: Teo Markou
- Girl: Katie Harris / Shannen Lillis

**15 Years**
- Boy: Gareth Mummy
- Girl: Micah Dibella

**16 Years**
- Boy: Michael van den Heuvel
- Girl: Emma French / Alexandria Price

**17 Years**
- Boy: Stuart Kenny
- Girl: Kasey Mumby

**18 Years**
- Boy: Justin Dixon
- Girl: Elizabeth Lambert

Following these carnivals nearly one hundred and forty students were selected to represent Macarthur at the NASSA Cross Country Carnivals. From this competition thirty-six students went on to represent NASSA at the CIS Cross Country and Kasey Mumby went on to represent CIS at State level where she was placed nineteenth out of one hundred and one runners in her age group.
Ten performances full of colour, humour and adventure – this is what greeted audiences during the performances of The Wizard of Oz during Winter Term. After months of preparation, a team of over one hundred staff and students from Year 5 to Year 11 came together to bring to life the adventures of Dorothy, a Kansas farm girl, as she seeks to follow her heart desire and learns that there really is no place like home!

This musical production was a milestone for Macarthur and highlighted the synergies to be gained by bringing together students and staff from throughout the School. “It was our goal that this show should present something truly unique in the history of musical drama at Macarthur”, said Mrs Nadine James the Producer/Director. “The Wizard of Oz has challenged all those involved to strive to achieve their best and the excellence of their efforts have been acknowledged by very appreciative audiences.”

The story line of The Wizard of Oz highlighted the versatility of the lead performers as their characters moved from Kansas to Oz. The characterisation of Scarecrow, played by Ryan Tegel, a newcomer to onstage performance, Tinman, performed with confidence and skill by James Murdoch and Cowardly Lion, so beautifully portrayed by Alexandra Ede was excellent. Brittany Green as Glinda, Matthew Cowper as the Wizard and James Lane as the Emerald City Guard also contributed to the endearing characters portrayed. Each of these actors left a lasting impression on the audiences as they sustained their characterisation throughout the show.

The youthful and naïve Dorothy, played by Jessica Heap, captured the imagination of audiences as she faced the many and varied challenges of her return to Kansas. Jessica’s performance demonstrated her maturity as an actor as she portrayed a broad range of emotions on stage. Her rendition of Over the Rainbow was particularly stirring.

Throughout the performance the beauty and light of Oz was contrasted with the dark and chilling world of the Wicked Witch. This role required a strong performer and Megan Evans truly brought this character to life before our eyes during every performance. The richness and depth of her performance must be commended. Megan’s performance included her rendition of the Witch’s Revenge, a song she wrote for the musical in collaboration with Jonathan Bekes. These two talented students have truly used their musical skills to enrich the show.

The Wizard of Oz performances have again highlighted the depth and diversity of talent of our students, parents and staff. Whether on stage, backstage, in the orchestra or through their involvement in set design, construction, lighting and sound each contributed to the overall excellence of the show. Well done to all those involved.
Scarecrow, Ryan Tegel and Dorothy, Jessica Heap in the Apple Grove

There is no place like home – Professor Marvel, Matthew Cowper, Hunk, Ryan Tegel, Hickory, James Murdoch, Zeke, Alexandra Ede, Uncle Henry, James Lane, Aunty Em, Brittany Green and Dorothy, Jessica Heap, reunited after the adventures in Oz

Munchkins, Amy Cooper and Madison Hale escort Dorothy, Jessica Heap along the Yellow Brick Road.

Wicked Witch, Megan Evans orders the Winkies to prepare for the end of the Oz travellers.

Tinman, James Murdoch, gets cleaned up in preparation for meeting the Wizard of Oz.

The Jitterbugs dancing up a storm.

Jayden Houghton, Mayor of Munchkinland, celebrates the death of the wicked witch.
Birthdays are always very special times and Macarthur’s recent Silver Jubilee celebrations provided a great reminder of all that has been achieved at the School since its establishment in 1984. Well over 1500 people attended the day and were treated to a broad range of displays, performances and activities which showcased the many aspects of the life of Macarthur.

“Despite the weather, the day was a great success and I want to thank students and staff for all they did to make this such a special event.” said the Headmaster. “Many of our visitors commented upon how pleasant and happy our students were on the day. They were also impressed by the variety of opportunities available to the students here.”

During the Thanksgiving Service held on the day the Silver Jubilee Quilt, prepared by current and former parents, staff and students, was presented to the Chairman of Council, Dr Allan Beavis. This quilt commemorates the many activities in which students have been involved over the past twenty-five years.

The Headmaster with Canon Alan Patrick, Foundation Chairman of Council and Dr Allan Beavis, current Chairman

School Captain, Elyse Glynn, Headmaster and Thomas Patterson, a Kindergarten student and son of one of Macarthur’s Foundation students cut the Silver Jubilee cake

The Lubke children enjoy bartering in the Indonesian Market place with Maclean Cowan and Elias Hordern

Members of the Model Club, James Hadjimichael, Connor Newdick, Joel Daws and Robert Keane demonstrate their recent creations.
Silver Jubilee Dinner Dance

On the evening of Foundation Day many members of the School community enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate Macarthur’s birthday at the Silver Jubilee Dinner Dance. Staff, Council members, current parents, alumni and former parents enjoyed a pleasant relaxed evening which featured performances by Mahogany, a vocal group which included two former students Fay (Year 12, 2003) and Helen Fiso (Year 12, 2005) who wowed the audience with their performance. This was a great night of friendship and celebration.

Silver Jubilee Quilt

For the past twelve months a dedicated band of current and former parents, staff and alumni have spent many hours designing and constructing the Silver Jubilee Quilt presented to the Chairman of Council, Dr Allan Beavis, at Foundation Day. The design of the quilt depicts the many aspects of the life of the School both currently and over the past twenty-five years and is now hanging in the foyer of the Administration Centre of the School.

Dr Beavis commented, “This is a wonderful gift which provides a visual reminder of all that Macarthur stands for. I offer my thanks to all those involved for their effort in bringing this project to fruition.”
Language Adventures in Malaysia

Earlier this year a group of students from Year 10, 11 and 12 had the opportunity to broaden their Indonesian language experience and cultural understanding during a visit to Malaysia.

"Malaysia and Indonesia are very alike in their language and cultural background. The experience gained during this visit is invaluable to language students in the Senior School," said Mrs Gould-Drakeley, Head of Languages.

During their stay the students had the opportunity to visit major cultural sites, national parks and sanctuaries in and around Kuala Lumpur and Penang. They also visited the Teluk Bahang, where the students had the opportunity to spend time with students and learn more about their lives. “The students presented a display of martial arts and traditional drumming. We also had the opportunity to see their marching corps perform the routine they were to present in the National Marching Titles. As we talked with the students it became clear that they had quite similar interests to us,” said James Murdoch, one of the tour group.

U-Turn the Wheel

Our roads hold many unexpected risks for young drivers and at Macarthur we want to ensure that our students are well prepared to deal with the challenges of driving a motor vehicle.

In conjunction with the Rotary Club of Camden and the local Police, Macarthur recently hosted the U-Turn the Wheel programme which seeks to educate Year 11 students about safe driving.

During the day the students heard from local police about the risks associated with speeding, learned about simple vehicle maintenance from a motor mechanic, tried their hand at changing a tyre and gained insight into the dangers associated with sharing the road with haulage trucks.

Several of the students commented on all they learned about sharing the road with trucks. “I didn’t realise how much space it takes for a truck to turn or slow down. It makes you think twice about getting too close to such big vehicles on the road.”
For Children from Transition to Year 6
Making Music is Fun!

Music is an integral element of the learning of children from Transition to Year 6. Whether they are involved in singing in Transition to Year 1, the Year 2 recorder programme, learn the keyboard in Year 3, or develop their skills on a string or band instrument during Year 4, 5 and 6, they are also developing an appreciation of the joy that comes with working together to create a beautiful sound.

For many of these students the richness of the curriculum programme is enhanced with lessons delivered by specialist music tutors who visit Macarthur each week. It is these tutors who nurture the interest of the children and assist them to enhance their skills. Peripatetic lessons are available to students from Kindergarten and will be tailored to suit the learning needs of the individual student.

Children love to perform and at Macarthur we seek to provide a broad range of performance opportunities for our budding musicians. The children can join one of the performance ensembles that include the Early String, Early Choir, the Chorale Ensemble, the Recorder group and the Preparatory Band and Orchestra. Through these ensembles they are able to develop their talents and learn to work with others in creating beautiful music and have the opportunity to perform at many school events, like Grandparent’s Day and the Music Festival. One of the performance highlights of 2009 for the Year 6 students in the Chorale Ensemble was the opportunity to travel to Queensland on the 2009 Music Tour.

Individual performance is also encouraged and this year a large number of students auditioned for the Junior Recital, held in May. This was a thrilling evening where parents and friends were able to see just what wonderful performers the students are. One of the highlights of this evening for the pianists was the opportunity to perform on the Bechstein Grand Piano recently acquired by Macarthur.

Rachel Feeney performed on the acoustic guitar at the Junior Recital
Each year families provide significant financial support to Macarthur Anglican School through their fees, contributions to the Building Fund and other donations. The Friends of Macarthur has been established to acknowledge the very generous philanthropic donations made by current and former families, alumni and staff to the ongoing development of infrastructure, programmes and projects of Macarthur Anglican School.

Earlier this year a Cocktail Party was held to launch the Friends of Macarthur and since then quite a number of families and supporters have made the $1500.00 per annum commitment that qualifies them as Friends of Macarthur. Some of the donations received have been well in excess of this sum. Later this year, a sponsored dinner will be held to acknowledge these supporters.

Peter Johnson and Chris Patterson, current Macarthur parents, were instrumental in establishing the Friends of Macarthur. Peter commented, “My motivation in encouraging the establishment of the Friends of Macarthur was two-fold – to ensure that we are continuing and developing the legacy left for us by former Macarthur families who invested so much in getting the School to where it is today and to make sure that my children and their classmates have a broad range of high quality facilities and resources available to them as they learn. We have built a connection to this community and want to see it continue to grow and develop.”

If you would like to become a Friend of Macarthur for the 2009/2010 Financial Year or if you are able to support the School through smaller donations in the support of the many wonderful projects that will benefit our current and future students in their learning please contact the Office of Advancement: advancement@macarthur.nsw.edu.au or call 4647 5333.

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Breakfast with the Headmaster

During 2009 Dr Nockles has been meeting with families over breakfast in Café Macarthur. During 2009 ten breakfasts will be held with five to eight families being invited to attend each one.

The Headmaster’s Breakfasts are informal gatherings at which parents have the opportunity to learn more about the future directions of Macarthur and can share their ideas with the Headmaster. These events have also provided a wonderful opportunity for families to get to know one another and for the community to gain insight into the goals Dr Nockles has for the School.

For those families who have not yet been invited to a Headmaster’s Breakfast there are still some opportunities this year and breakfasts are planned for every month next year. If you would like to attend one of these breakfasts please contact the Office of Advancement (4629 6270) for further details.
Amanda Clark
Mrs Clark came to Macarthur from Arndell Anglican College in 2007. “I was attracted to Macarthur for its reputation for academic success, its dedicated staff and its fantastic facilities. One of the special things about working at Macarthur is being able to work alongside staff who genuinely care about the students they teach and who are very supportive of each other.”

In 2008, Mrs Clark moved from teaching Year 3 to the GATEway class, a position that she enjoys greatly. This year Mrs Clark hopes to complete her Master of Gifted Education degree, a course that has taught her much about working with gifted children. “It is a privilege and great fun to teach the GATEway class. I love working with children and am always keen to see them challenge themselves and achieve their best. The students challenge themselves everyday and this keeps me alert and focussed on offering them activities and ideas that extend their mind and their experiences. Sharing with these students in enrichment activities like Tournament of Minds and the Da Vinci Decathlon has also been great.”

Outside school, Mrs Clark likes to travel and spend time with family and friends. She and her husband are also enjoying the challenges of renovating their home.

David Stewart
Mr David Stewart is a relatively recent arrival at Macarthur, having commenced in the position of Finance Manager in 2008. Many of our community may not have seen or met Mr Stewart as much of his work is carried out behind the scenes in the Accounts office at the School.

For Mr Stewart, the opportunity to work close to home and family in an organisation that provides an important service to the community were major attractions to working at the School. “The School is a tremendously supportive environment to work in. I have enjoyed the challenges over the last year – it is rewarding and refreshing to realise that your work contributes directly to families and the community.”

Mr Stewart and his wife have two young boys and he enjoys spending time encouraging his boys to pick up one of his favourite hobbies – golf. “I enjoy ruining a good walk by taking my golf clubs with me – one day I hope to provide my kids with a living example of how not to play golf.”

Mr Joly Hordern
Mr Hordern commenced in the Mathematics Faculty at Macarthur in 1998 after many years teaching in state secondary schools. “I was looking for a change of environment, to a school where students are keen to learn. Macarthur has also given me the opportunity to speak openly with students about issues from a Christian perspective.”

In 2009 Mr Hordern has added the role of Year 12 Advisor to his other responsibilities which include being Assistant Faculty Head of Mathematics and Prefect Master. “Watching students grow and mature, particularly when they are faced with difficult personal challenges is very special. I love working with the prefects and also enjoy camps and the opportunities they provide to get to know students in a different context.”

One of the special experiences Mr Hordern has had at Macarthur was the opportunity to visit The Lévay József Református Gimnásium School, Miskolc, Hungary during 2008. “My time on exchange in Hungary was a highlight of my time at Macarthur and provided me with the privilege of living and working in a new and different environment.”

Mr Hordern and his wife live in Camden and attend a local church. He numbers one son, a dog, a cat and three chickens, named Huey, Dewey and Louie among the members of his household. He loves to travel and enjoys following the fortunes of the Wallabies and the Waratahs.
Alumni at Work

Timothy Bailey (Year 12, 1999)  
Industrial Designer/Engineer  
Qualifications: B. Industrial Design

Tim Bailey has always had a keen interest in solving problems, particular when the results benefit others. For the past two and a half years he has worked for Hawill Tool Design, a small company located in Ingleburn. Hawill specialises in the design of moulds which are used to produce different components/products made from plastic. At Hawill Tim is contracted to work for various Sydney based companies, which include ResMed who design and manufacture ventilators and humidifiers for people who suffer from sleep apnea. He is currently working with Cochlear Limited who specialise in the design and manufacture of implantable hearing devices. Tim works with the Production Support department as one of a team of engineers who assist up to two hundred operators to hand assemble the hearing implant.

Tim takes great pleasure from seeing someone using a product or device he has designed. He is particularly enjoying the project with Cochlear Limited. “It is very satisfying seeing an operator use a device I have designed which not only helps them do their job more effectively but also assists them to make a device which helps people who suffer from partial and total hearing loss. Giving the ability of hearing to those who have never experienced sound makes a huge difference in their life.”

Lauren McKnight (née Ferris) (Year 12, 2002), PhD student, Medical Research, Centenary Institute  
Qualifications: BSc (Advanced) (Immunology) Hons Class I + University Medal

Lauren McKnight is currently completing her PhD in Immunology, studying immune regulation in asthma, a project she began in 2006 in her Honours year. As well as full time research in the laboratory she is a tutor at UWS and the University of Sydney. Next semester she will work as a lecturer and course co-ordinator for the School of Psychology at UWS to teach the Genetics for Psychology course.

“I became interested in Immunology after taking it as an elective in the second year of my undergraduate degree. I love the complexity of the immune system, and it is a very strong research field in Australia. I love studying allergy, as it should be a preventable disease, as it rarely occurs in the developing world. We don’t quite know enough about it yet to know how to prevent it! I took on the tutorials and lectures when the opportunity presented itself, but I have found that I really enjoy teaching and so I am looking at an academic career.

Drive can be difficult to maintain as a PhD student, as the thesis deadline is a bit flexible and seems so far away! However, when you read other people’s research and get intrigued by a question, it makes you want to do the research and get answers. I’m also motivated when I hear about people whose lives are made so difficult by allergy, I just want to figure it out and make a difference. The scientific community here at the Centenary Institute is also a fantastic environment and fosters that drive for research. When it comes to teaching, I find the drive a lot easier. The feedback is a lot more obvious and you do all you can to get the students excited and enjoying the subject.”
Cassandra Bradshaw (née Muir) (Year 12, 1995) and her husband Julian have recently celebrated the arrival of their son, Hudson. Hudson is brother to Paige and Georgia. Cassandra was also recently named as a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club of Springwood.

Joanne Sinclair (Year 12, 1996) is a Senior Constable with the NSW Police. She is employed full time as an analyst with Gangs Squad. She has a son Ryan who is three and a half years old.

Anthony Toovey (Year 12, 1996) and his wife Stephanie are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter Dahlia May Toovey who was born in Prague on 31 March, 2009. Dahlia is the grand-daughter of Mr Toovey who many alumni will remember fondly.

Glen Toovey (Year 12, 1998) recently married Lillian. The bridal party included Glen’s brothers Anthony (Year 12, 1996) and Andrew (Year 12, 2000).

Jennifer Irwin (née Sadlo) (Year 12, 1997) and her husband Shane have recently welcomed their second child Cooper into the world. Cooper is a brother for their daughter Makayla who is now two.

Kyle Johnson (Year 12, 2008) Kyle is a member of the Rangers Pistol Club and was recently named 2009 Champion for Junior Sport Pistol and 2009 Champion for Junior Air Pistol. He was awarded first place in Sport Pistol (individual), first place in Air Pistol (individual), first place in Team Air Pistol and the overall highest aggregate score for the weekend. Kyle has also been selected for the third year in a row as a part of the team to represent NSW in the Tri-State Championships in Adelaide in June 2009.

Courtney Rowe (Year 12, 2007) completed the Aged Care TAFE course in 2008 and qualified for employment in the hospital system. She is now at UWS completing a Bachelor of Nursing and is employed part time at Carrington Nursing Home in the dementia unit.

Lauren Wasson (née Walker) (Year 10, 1998) and her husband David have a new son Lucas.

After graduating from Macquarie University and Sydney Missionary Bible College, Kristen Young (née Gatenby) (Year 12, 1991) and her husband have published two Bible Study resources for students from Year 7 to Year 12.

Recently Alumni from 1991 held an informal reunion at Mt Annan Botanic Gardens. Over ten families attended the picnic which was organised by Alana Perish (née Norman) and a great day was had by all.

Rebecca Wallace (née Williams) (Year 12, 1997) and her husband William recently announced the birth of their third son Jack.

Julia Forgach (Year 12, 2008) is travelling overseas at present. After several weeks in the UK she has taken up a position managing a business in Greece until the end of October, 2009.

Rachel Bell (Year 10, 2002) was recently named Most Outstanding Hairdresser in the Local Business Awards for 2009.

Crystal Scocco (Year 11, 2005) has completed her Certificate II and III in Music Performance and her HSC at the Australian Institute of Music. She also holds a Certificate in Property Practice/Certificate of Registration, which allows her to become a qualified Real Estate Agent, with the Real Estate Institute of NSW. Currently she is working as a Conveyancing/Commercial Litigation Legal Secretary for a Sydney law firm.

Jennifer Keene (Year 11, 1993) was an exchange student at Macarthur. She gained a Bachelor’s degree from Portland State University with a major in English and a minor in Professional Writing and graduated Magna Cum Laude. She has also started a Master of Arts in Teaching programme at Pacific University Oregon.

Justine Morrison (née Weekes) (Year 11, 1988) has worked in the recruitment industry for many years and since 2002 has owned an agency in Campbelltown (Morrison Recruitment) with her husband. She has also just started working part time as General Manager for Campbelltown Uniting Care. Justine has two children who both attend or attended Macarthur Anglican School: her daughter finished in 2008 and her son is in Year 9 in 2009.

Byron Phillips (Year 12, 1993) has done special FX make up for Film and Theatre and directed a stage version of To Kill A Mockingbird. He does voice work for radio and can be heard every month on Captain Pat’s show on 91.3FM. With his wife Kerry he owns Lollipops Playland and Cafe at Leumeah which caters for children’s birthdays, discos and private functions. Byron and Kerry have a two and half year old daughter Harmony Alice and live in Camden.

Elizabeth Blowes (Year 12, 2006) is studying Social Work at the University of NSW. She has a high distinction average so far on the course and was recently named in the Dean’s Honours List for outstanding academic achievement.

Emma Smith (Year 12, 2008) is currently completing an Advanced Diploma of Events Management at Wollongong TAFE, which is full time for two and a half years and also completing a Bachelor of Business Administration at Wollongong University. Her studies keep her busy, but Emma is enjoying the combination of practical and theoretical learning this mix is bringing.

William McCormack (Year 12, 2002) was recently married to Kiena. They are currently building a home in Camden.
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Samuel Riordan (Year 12, 2000) spent some time in the USA last year working for Senator Richard Lugar, Chairman of the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee. During his time there, Samuel attended a meeting between Steven Smith, Australia’s Foreign Minister and the Senator.

Carolyn Samsa (née Fisher) (Year 12, 1998) and her husband Alan recently became parents for the first time with the arrival of their son Oliver James.

Kelly Holcroft (née Kwiatkowski) (Year 12, 1988) welcomed the arrival of her daughter Isla earlier this year. Kelly says that Isla is very healthy and super cute!

After several years of hard work Andrew Turner (Year 12, 2004) and Melissa O’Connell (Year 12, 2007) recently purchased a home in Camden.

Kate Drury (Year 12, 2005) is currently studying for a Bachelor of Nursing at the University of Technology.

Alison Drury (Year 10, 2006) is in her first year at the University of Western Sydney studying a Bachelor of Natural Science (Animal Science). When she finishes she hopes to pursue a career in zoo-keeping (in particular reptile keeping). She recently returned from Armidale where she was part of the Intercollegiate Meat Judging Team for UWS - competing against nine other universities judging beef, lamb and pork carcasses.

Stacey Kennedy (née Williams) (Year 12, 1996) is married to Robert with two children four year old William and Isla who is one. She is half way through a Bachelor of Social Work at UWS. Prior to entering university, marriage and children she ran the IT Helpdesk for a real estate firm in Sydney for six years and also worked for this company in London and travelled extensively through Europe and USA.

Tamryn Anderson (Year 12, 2003) completed a Bachelor of Creative Arts - Acting at Wesley Institute in 2006, having gained a scholarship for her studies there. Since leaving Wesley she has worked professionally on television and modelling. This year she will graduate from Lidcombe Design with a Diploma in Interior Decoration and Design. She is currently teaching performing arts skills and is the creative director of True Blue (a youth mission team). In April this year she became engaged to Konstantin Kyselov and they will be married in November.

Andrew McKinnel (Year 12, 2001) recently left the Air Force after seven years of service. He has taken up a position as a private contractor as the Aviation Field Manager on a United Nations airfield in Sudan. He and his wife Megan have settled in Perth and plan to continue their lives in Western Australia.

Holly Daly (Year 12, 2003) graduated from Macquarie University this year and is now teaching Social Sciences at Riverside Girls High School.

Patrick Daly (Year 12, 2005) is now living in Perth and has recently become engaged to Amanda Wyatt.

Lee Mayhew (née Newell) (Year 10, 1998) and her husband have recently celebrated the birth of their first child.

Natalie Swindale (née Hodge) (Year 12, 1996) and her husband Paul recently marked the birth of their third child, Harrison. He is brother to Lachlan and Mia. Natalie is a teacher at St Peter’s Primary School.

Emma Clinton (née Quinn) (Year 12, 1994) and her husband recently celebrated the arrival of a daughter Annabel May. Annabel is a sister to two year old Lucinda Rose who is a very attentive and loving big sister!

Jennifer Kandalaf (Year 12, 2003) has established a hair salon in Liverpool which is now in its third year of operation. In 2008 it won the Liverpool Business Award for Hairdressing and the People’s Choice Award in this competition. She has also worked in Property was placed as a senior in her department. She is looking forward to travelling to Hawaii to celebrate New Year.

Allison Robinson (née Macdonald) (Year 11, 2000) is practice manager at a veterinary clinic in Penrith. She is a qualified veterinary nurse and is currently completing a Diploma in Practice Management through UNE. She has two children Travis who is five years and Alissa who is four and has recently remarried.

Justin Holbeck (Year 12, 2008) recently received his Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award from the Governor of NSW, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC, CVO. Justin is the first Macarthur student to complete his Gold Award while still at school.

Lian Gooden (Year 12, 1999) is teaching at a Christian school in Adelaide, after teaching at a special school for four years. She teaches English and Mathematics and looks after the secondary special education department of the school. She is getting married in September. Lian has found a great church to be involved in and is looking to do some mission work with a social justice outcome in the future.

Jacob Thompson (Year 12, 2008) is now appearing in a show - his first paid performances.

Thomas Hawthorn (Year 12, 2008) was awarded an undergraduate scholarship by the University of Sydney for 2009 in the field of Veterinary Science.
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Lisa-Maree Elder (Year 12, 2005) completed a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Media and Communications in 2007, with Southern Cross University. At present she is studying for her Master of Primary Teaching degree with the Australian Catholic University, and should complete it this year. It is her dream to come back to Macarthur to teach.

Aaron Horton (Year 10, 1996) and his wife Martine recently celebrated the arrival of their daughter Edith Maya. Maya is a new sister for their son Cooper.

Daniel Duffield (Year 12, 1992) and his wife are expecting the arrival of their sixth child in February, 2010.

Christopher Wright (Year 12, 2005) recently completed his degree at Charles Sturt University and has taken up a position as a Constable with the NSW Police, in the Bankstown Local Area Command.

Jason Carter (Year 12, 2002) completed a Bachelor of Civil Engineering (Hons) at the University of Wollongong and is now in Tasmania where he works with a consulting firm dealing with issues regarding water management. He has bought a house in Invermay and is renovating it, with the help of his dog Baked Spud.

Julie Shannon (née Rainey) (Year 12, 1994) and her husband Peter are working as house parents at Christ College Brecon, Wales, a school which dates back to the time of Henry VIII. As well as their own children Jacob (8) and Isabella (6), they care for seventy day and boarding students. They are currently on summer holidays and enjoying the break if not the weather. Julie says the pupils are lovely and that it is a very pretty place to live and work. Peter teaches Maths and Julie is teaching Geography – putting into practice what she learned at Macarthur. Their children attend a primary school nearby and learning Welsh among their studies.

Jodie Yeatman (née King) (Year 12, 1988) and her husband Steven are now the proud parents of William, born in August, a brother to Lauren who is now eighteen months old.

Joseph Bevitt (Year 12, 1997) has been appointed as Executive Officer, Excellence in Research for Australia and the NSW Synchrotron Consortium at the University of Sydney. He is also secretary of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute (RACI) NSW and treasurer of the Australasian Association for Institutional Research (AAIR).

Rachel Clegg (Year 12, 2006) is currently completing a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture at the University of New England. She was recently elected to chair the Agricultural Youth Society with her local Show Society.

Mahogany

Mahogany - Helen, Faye, Trina and Maureen Fiso

When Faye (Year 12, 2003) and Helen Fiso (Year 12, 2005) entered Macarthur in 2002, they brought with them their beautiful voices and a quiet charm that helped them to make many friends. The Macarthur community quickly learned about the amazing singing talent of these girls and their sisters Trina and Maureen.

Mahogany was formed under the guidance of Mr Rex and Mrs Norma Harris. During their career the girls have had many significant performance opportunities including for Faye and Helen, performing with Michael Jackson during his last Sydney concerts and, for Trina and Maureen, appearing with Mariah Carey during her last tour. They have also performed in the Christmas Concert held at the Sidney Myer Music Bowl in Melbourne and at the Young Australian of the Year Awards in Canberra. One of the highlights of their careers was the opportunity to perform at the Welcoming Ceremony of the 2000 Sydney Paralympics Games.

Mahogany won the Australian Club Entertainment Awards Best New Talent category in 2006 and have been nominated for the Australian Entertainment MO awards in 2008 and 2009. The girls have also performed in Canada and the USA.

“We have all taken the opportunity to broaden our options for the future by studying and pursuing careers. Maureen holds a Bachelor of Education and is a primary teacher, Trina completed a Diploma of Business and is employed as a Customer Service Officer with the NRMA, Faye has completed a Bachelor of Business and is currently completing a Master of Teaching and is working as a singing coach and Helen is a student, completing Bachelor of Business (Human Resource Management).

Our passion for performance comes from being able to contribute to peoples’ lives through music and having the power to connect with people through song. It is great to feel that people find enjoyment in what you are doing and that they are gaining something when you are on stage performing, whether it is pure enjoyment or inspiration to pursue what they may love to do in life.”
Around the School

Joshua Wallace, Christos Bevitt and James Keane at the Year 12 Luncheon.

Emily Szalajko helps herself to her lunch.

Joshua Cairns enjoys the Centre for Early Childhood play equipment.

Michie Playford visited the Auburn Mosque on a Studies of Religion Excursion.

Tyson Hooker and Andrzej Prociuk on the Geography excursion to the Blue Mountains.

Cristian Almerico had fun at the Transition-Year 2 Sports Day.

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