I trust you enjoy reading this edition of Tartan Ties, the last one under my Headmastership.

I look back on many years of similar publications - the first in green and called Macarthur News. Tartan Ties is several generations on but it continues to keep the wider school community in touch with what is happening in Macarthur.

It seems farewelling a Headmaster is a never-ending event! I have been able to catch up with many folk that have helped form the School we have today - former parents and staff members and those in the wider community that have supported us. I have been particularly delighted to see countless alumni. What a joy to see them successfully building their lives on the firm foundations laid at Macarthur - I could wish for little else.

Macarthur is solidly founded on Christian principles and is a ministry of the Anglican Church of the Diocese of Sydney. With twenty years hindsight I can see how God’s hand has guided us. He has prospered us and blessed us because we have remained faithful and proclaimed His gospel of grace through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. It has been wonderful to see the lives of many of our school community change because individuals have come to know Jesus in a personal and therefore special way.

As I retire the school moves on. Mr David Nockles has been an inspired choice and the School will flourish under his leadership. The great traditions and programmes of our school will remain, but new and exciting ones will be introduced to the benefit of all. There will be challenging times ahead but I know that while we remain faithful God will continue to bless us.

I want to thank the school community, for the expressions of goodwill, for the unexpected gifts, for the trust that has been placed in me and for a wonderful twenty years as Headmaster of this outstanding school.

Riley Warren AM
Headmaster

Friends from Across the Globe

This year Macarthur has hosted visits from representatives of two of our link schools overseas.

During August, our community enjoyed the opportunity to get to know Mr Bernard Mgeni, Headmaster of St Michael School in Tanzania. As part of his three week visit, Mr Mgeni met with staff and students, observed lessons and helped to put into place the planning for the 2009 Mt Kilamanjaro adventure.

Our community also welcomed Ms Marta Tasko, Deputy Principal of Levay Josef Reformatus Gimnasium and Ms Szilvia Durda an English teacher from that school. These ladies were also able to observe lessons and were involved in the Leadership Camp and many other events on our school calendar.

Cover Photo: An opportunity to share a quiet word with the Headmaster
Farewell Mr Warren

Earlier this year Alicia Watson joined the Macarthur School Council. She has long had an interest in Christian education. When the opportunity arose for her name to be presented to the Archbishop of Sydney for consideration for the Macarthur Council she was keen to be considered for this role.

“I have known both the Headmaster and Dr Allan Beavis, Chairman of Council, for many years and have great respect for the work that has been done at Macarthur under their leadership”, Ms Watson said. “This is a very exciting time for Macarthur, with a change of Headmaster imminent, and I look forward to the challenge that overseeing the academic, spiritual and financial development of the School in this new phase of its development will involve.”

Ms Watson is a professional fundraiser and operates her own consultancy, What'sOn Consulting, which specialises in major gift and capital fundraising for Christian organisations. “I am particularly interested in supporting and developing the fundraising culture of Macathur,” she commented.

Ms Watson has served on the South Sydney Regional Council of the Diocese of Sydney since its inception and is a Church Warden and Synod representative in her local congregation. “My trust in Christ as Saviour and Lord is central in all I do in my life and I look to him to lead me in my involvement with Macarthur Anglican School as in all other areas.”

The final months of 2008 have been marked by many events which have brought together members of the School community and the wider community of the Anglican Church to congratulate the Headmaster for all he has achieved in his twenty years of service to Macarthur.

Concerts, dinners, a cocktail party and church services both at Cobbitty and at St Andrew’s Cathedral in Sydney have provided the opportunity for many families and students, past and present to offer their words of thanks to Mr Warren.

The members of the School community have an overwhelming sense of gratitude for all that has been achieved over the past twenty years and are thankful to God for Mr Warren’s commitment to his work of Macarthur.

Current parent, Pat Lorenz, President of the Parents and Friends Association joined former parents Jenny and Paul Phillips at the Cocktail Party

John and Mary Harper and Sister Jackie Cameron at the Cocktail party held in Mr Warren’s honour

Council Profile: Ms Alicia Watson
From the Chaplain

Over the years there has been some wonderful commentary on the meaning of Christmas, bringing a superior perspective to this annual event. I write superior because so much is lost in the tinsel, stress, hustle and shopping. Consider the following:

CS Lewis in the twentieth century said, ‘God became man to turn creatures into sons; not simply to produce better men of the old kind but to produce a new kind of man.’

Martin Luther in sixteen century wrote, ‘The mystery of the humanity of Christ, that he sunk himself into our flesh, is beyond all human understanding.’

Anthanasius writing in the fourth century commented, ‘Christ became what we are that he might make us what he is.’

One of my favourite quotes from the seventeenth century is from Thomas Watson who was a remarkable Cambridge scholar and Pastor imprisoned for his faith. He said, ‘Christ took our flesh upon him that he might take our sins upon him.’

Watson reminds us that ‘God became man’ in the person of Christ and had the goal of the cross for its focus. Watson’s comment draws the others comments together.

Christmas is about the Saviour who came into the world not just as a baby in the feed trough but as the one whose throne was the cross.

Give thanks this Christmas for his gifts to you!

Steven Davis
Chaplain

North Queensland Outreach

Fifteen very excited Year 6 students and three staff set out from Macarthur early in Autumn Term to visit the aboriginal settlement of Yarrabah and to explore the Daintree Rainforest. The journey provided a unique opportunity for this group of students to learn more about their country and the people who live in it, and challenged their independence and their perceptions of what is most important in their lives.

The connection between Yarrabah and Macarthur is gaining strength and the hospitality extended by the church community was overwhelming. Our students were able to examine traditional Aboriginal arts and crafts and participate in spear throwing at the community museum and wonderful meals, including dishes of dugong and turtle.

During the visit the Macarthur students spent time with the children of Yarrabah, enjoying their company and learning about the realities of life in a remote community. Like many who have not experienced life in such a community, the Macarthur students were challenged by the living conditions and the life style of the aboriginal children, but, were able to move beyond their differences quickly, developing a deep respect for this community.

One of the highlights of the visit was the opportunity to visit a number of sacred sites during the stay and to have the significance of these sites explained by Mr Willie Gordon, an elder of the community.
In 2009 Macarthur will launch a new direction in the Visual Arts and Design and Technology faculties as these two disciplines merge to form the Faculty of Technology and Creative Design. This new multi-discipline faculty will provide students with a broad range of learning opportunities in the technical and creative aspects of design delivered in multipurpose design studios.

“It is my goal that the Technology building will become the aesthetic and functional focal point of the School,” said Mr Quentin Hordern who will lead the new faculty.

“Whether students are interested in artistic design or the more technical, computer-based design techniques the facilities available in our studios will allow them to express their creativity. As a single faculty, the staff will have the opportunity to use a broader range of their skills in delivering their lessons. Students will also benefit from the opportunity to consult with staff with a broad range of specific skills working as a team. Recent changes in the Design and Technology curriculum had brought an increased focus on contemporary ideas and creativity of design. To continue to enhance the delivery of this curriculum, it will be important that a broader range of creative techniques are available to our students and this multi disciplinary approach will assist this process.”

During 2009 students will observe both physical changes to the current facilities in this building and in the manner in which the curriculum in this area is delivered. Parents will also have the opportunity to observe the changes during a series of display evenings planned for this faculty during next year.
In 2008 the Macarthur community has enjoyed two opportunities to appreciate the depth of talent in the School, through the productions of Oliver! and Alice in WonderlandJr.

Oliver!

Oliver! brought together a talented team of students from the Middle School and Senior School who committed themselves to a broad range of tasks that all helped to ensure that each performance was outstanding. With students on stage, backstage, assisting with choreography, in the orchestra, conducting warm up sessions and managing lighting and sound, this production continued the tradition of student involvement which has become a feature of Macarthur productions.

The performances featured several outstanding cameo performances. Robert Thompson played a convincing Fagin, and Oscar Morphew and Alana Drew caused much mirth in their roles as Mr Bumble and Widow Corney. In the role of Nancy, Annaleize Hambling amazed as she performed some of the show’s favourite songs, including As Long as He Needs Me and Oom-Pah-Pah. In a production full of stars, the cameo role of Bette, performed by Megan Evans was also a highlight.

Although only in Year 7, Jonathan Nash-Daly is no stranger to the stage and he displayed great maturity in his role as Oliver. Audiences were particularly charmed by his rendition of Where is Love? and enjoyed his duet, Consider Yourself, with the Artful Dodger, performed with a touch of mischief by Jayden Sierra.

The students of the Orchestra, Backstage and Sound and Lighting Crew were professional in their approach to their roles and supported the on stage performers well.

Congratulations to Director Mrs Nadine James, Musical Director Mr Richard Coward and the members of the production team on the professionalism of this production, particularly when faced with the adversity of loss of lighting and power during one of the performances!
**Alice in Wonderland Jr**

Under the guidance of Miss Fiona Coleman a team of Junior School students, staff and parents came together to bring to life the Lewis Carroll story, *Alice in Wonderland*. Each performance brought new highlights – the enchanting voice of Alice, performed by Justice Massaad, the powerful presence of Emma Nockles as the Queen of Hearts, the lively, spirited depiction of the Caterpillar by Madeline Sawyer, the persistent tardiness of the White Rabbit, performed by Jonah Gray, the constant presence of the Cheshire Cats, played by Abbey Bamford, Brittany Barrett and Monique Perkovic and the humour of the Tweedles, Renee Cowper and Courtney Cross.

One of the outstanding features of this production was the colour brought to the stage by the costumes and sets and congratulations go to those who designed and made these.

The audience was truly transported to Wonderland and completely enchanted by all they found there. The cast played to packed houses each night, a testament to their skilful and professional performance.

What a marvellous opportunity musicals offer to our student to demonstrate their varied talents and build their confidence!
Junior School Athletics Carnival

The annual Junior School Athletics Carnival was held during Winter Term and, with house points on offer for every event, the competition was intense at all ages. The student participated with enthusiasm, keen to achieve their best and help their house into a winning position. Age Champions were:

8/9 years: Matilda Offord
Joshua Azzopardi

10 years: Madison Hale
Jhett Kellner

11 years: Bessie-Lucille Platt
Lachlan Roberts

12/13 years: Courtney Cross
Cameron Zadro

There were five records equalled or broken on the day:

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Heber house were victorious on the day.

Middle School and Senior School

On the second attempt, the Middle School and Senior School Athletics Carnival took place at the end of Winter Term. House spirit was peaked and students were keen to be involved. In a close race between the Houses, Barker were victors.

The Age Champions were:

12 years: Kaylie Ekinci
Tynan Williams

13 years: Katherine Harris
Teo Markou

14 years: Charlene Lubke
Gareth Mumby

15 years: Alezandria Price
Adam Novek

16 years: Kasey Mumby
Luke Hamblion

17 years: Tessa Stovell
Justin Dixon

18 years: Olivia Hale
Joshua Fleming

From these competitions a large team of students went on to represent Macarthur successfully at the NASSA Athletics Carnivals and to represent NASSA at the CIS Carnivals.
Annual Sports Awards Dinner

The Annual Sports Awards Dinner, one of the fastest growing and most popular events of the school calendar, this year attracted more than three hundred and twenty attendees. Parents and supporters enjoyed the opportunity to gather in the gymnasium to celebrate the achievements of Macarthur’s young sportsmen and women and to hear the uplifting address delivered by Ms Sarah Ryan OAM, former Olympic swimmer and Gold Medallist at the Athens Games in 2004.

2008 has been a great year for sport at Macarthur. There have been many outstanding individual performances and excellent results in team sports and events. The commitment and enthusiasm of the participants and the efforts of coaches and supporters in achieving these results were acknowledged during the evening.

Ms Sarah Ryan OAM encouraged the students to remember to enjoy their chosen sport and to maintain balance in their lives between their education, sports training and their family. She reminded them to value the support offered by others to their sporting development, particularly their parents.

During the evening the Headmaster was presented with a copy of a book about AFL, a sport he is passionate about, which had been signed by six members of the Sydney Swans team.

Snowsports Successes

In one of our newest sports, Snowsports, our students achieved remarkable results this year. Forty students competed at the Regional Interschool Championships in July, with many gaining places in Moguls, Giant Slalom, Alpine, Skiercross, Snowboard Cross and Snowboarding in their various divisions. The students competed as individuals and also earned points for their teams, with the Macarthur Junior School Team finishing fourth overall in the competition. The Middle School and Senior School teams were also well placed.

Thirteen students from Macarthur were then selected to compete Interschools Snowsports Competition, where they again competed with great success. Five of these students were selected to compete at the National Interschools Competition where they again achieved great results, with the Alpine Giant Slalom team of Diana Lambert, Montana Byers, Paige Perich and Emma Cosier finished seventh in Australia and Diana’s time placed her fifth fastest in Australia for her age. The Moguls team of Montana Byers and Diana Lambert finished fifth in Australia with Montana’s score placing her tenth in Australia. Edward Cosier finished fourteenth fastest in Australia for Snowboard Giant Slalom and eighteenth fastest in Snowboard Cross.

Montana Byers from Year 6 has been identified for the Athletes of the Future programme conducted by the NSW Institute of Sport, which allowed her to participate in a camp in September co-ordinated by the Australian Olympic and World Cup assistant coach.
At Macarthur we seek to recognise and accommodate the various learning needs of our students and the GATEway (Gifted and Talented Education) programme provides special learning experiences for our gifted students. The GATEway programme was commenced with the introduction of GATEway 5 in 2005 and has grown from there to become a multifaceted programme of learning experiences both within and beyond the classroom.

GATEway 5 and 6

In the GATEway 5 and 6 classes students are challenged to go beyond the set syllabus to investigate the complexity and background of each area of study. During 2008 GATEway 5 have learned about hexademical numbers, the numerical system that underlies so much of what happens on our computers for example the determination of colour, and Antarctic explorers, studying what motivated these individuals and the significance of their achievements within the context of the world at that time. The students of GATEway 6 have also had an interesting year, experimenting with micro-organisms, examining the nature of disease and learning about the manner in which bacteria function through a series of experiments and research projects. These learning experiences challenge the thinking of these very able students, encouraging in them a desire to learn that will continue throughout their lives.

Honours

During Year 7 and 8 students may be selected as members of the Honours classes. These classes, which operate for English, Mathematics, Science, Geography and History, continue the enhanced learning experiences offered in Year 5 and 6. The students look beyond the basic elements of the curriculum to broaden their learning. The development of a vehicle powered by a mousetrap in Science, applies the laws of Physics and allows the students to experiment to find the most suitable design to maximise speed and distance travelled for example.

GATEway Quest

Enjoying new learning experiences is not restricted to the classroom, and each year the GATEway Quest programme attracts students from Year 2 to Year 8 both from Macarthur and other schools in our area to investigate and enjoy new learning experiences outside school hours. Conducted on a Saturday, the programme offers a broad range of activities which stimulate the young minds of those who attend and broaden their knowledge and skills. In 2008 the range of courses included an introduction to the life of reptiles, an archaeological dig, considering the science of cooking and learning to produce a short film. Those who attend enjoy the activities and are keen to try something new each year!

GATEway 8

The challenges of the GATEway programme brings Macarthur students into contact with those from other schools who enjoy similar learning experiences. During GATEway 8 teams of students from the Junior School and the Middle School pit their thinking skills against students from other schools. This year the theme for these days was the Olympics and the day included a demonstration of Judo by Padraic Kearney, our own national Judo Champion. During the days, the teams worked together to solve problems based upon each of the Gardner Multiple Intelligences. They also had great fun!
As I write this my final Annual Report to the family of Macarthur Anglican School, I find my mind filled with many wonderful memories that span my period as Headmaster. Over the past twenty years I have seen many students pass through the School. I have had the opportunity to share the joy of parents watching their children successfully reach the completion of their schooling. I have enjoyed following the progress of our students both while they were at school and as alumni well beyond their Macarthur years. Especially, it has been my pleasure to get to know the diverse and rich blend of people who make up Macarthur Anglican School. I have been honoured to serve as Headmaster since 1989 and thank the School community for the support you have given me during this period and the good wishes offered for my retirement.

Over the past twenty years I have seen Macarthur grow from a small secondary school, still building its reputation and identity in the community of western Sydney to the Transition to Year 12 school we have today; a reputation for success and achievement in a Christian environment that extends far beyond this region. How has this been achieved? It is through the efforts of those who make up the Macarthur Anglican School community – the students and former students, the parents and former parents, the past and current staff, council and faithful supporters who have all contributed so much to making Macarthur the fine school it is today.

My retirement has resulted in some important School Council decisions this year, most significantly the appointment of Mr David Nockles as Headmaster from 2009. I am delighted with this decision. During my career I have mentored many men and women and have, with great pleasure, watched them move into significant leadership positions both in this school and beyond it. Since his appointment as Deputy Headmaster in 2002, Mr Nockles has demonstrated his commitment to Macarthur, his depth of educational understanding, his extensive and diverse talents as a leader and manager and his vision and energy. All of these are very important traits for a Head to display and I am confident that he is well equipped to lead Macarthur into the next phase of its development. It is natural, of course, that Macarthur will be different under his leadership and I expect that there are exciting times ahead for the School.

The 2008 Headmaster’s Report will provide you with an overview of the activities of this year. I commend it to you.
Learning is a lifelong process. No matter our age, each day we learn new things and enrich our lives through new experiences. At Macarthur it is our goal to establish in each of our students, no matter their age or their level of academic ability, a love of learning new things and a desire to continue learning that extends beyond the classroom. Innovative teaching, excellent resources and high standards assist our students to achieve their personal best. The encouragement to attempt new things allows our boys and girls to discover their untapped talents and unknown abilities – to their delight and surprise.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Higher School Certificate

The 2007 Higher School Certificate results saw a number of pleasing improvements on those of 2006, with a significantly higher percentage of the cohort gaining a University Admissions Index (UAI) in each of the top three bands across the state and with well over seventy percent receiving first round offers from universities. The 2007 Dux of the School was Zachary Brown.

During 2008 a number of strategies were implemented and refined to support students to achieve their best. The Board of Studies Liaison Officer for the Macarthur Region was invited to explain the assessment and examination process to parents and students in Year 11. Many parents and students expressed their deep gratitude at having the whole HSC process demystified and their study aims clarified. Champ Camp (study camp) again proved popular with Year 12, providing an excellent opportunity to reinforce their learning under the guidance of their teachers prior to the HSC. Supervised study nights were also well used by many students, allowing them access to school resources outside normal school hours.

Over the months of preparation for the HSC many family members and friends of Year 12 students have had the opportunity to enjoy the wonderful performances of the Music and Drama students and many were also able to view the stunning artwork and Design and Technology projects prepared by Year 12 during the CREATE exhibition held in September. The graduating students of 2008 have been justifiably pleased with their efforts during the year and are now awaiting their examination results.

School Certificate

The 2007 School Certificate results were very pleasing as the table below indicates:

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NAPLAN Testing

More than a million Year 3, Year 5, Year 7 and Year 9 students from every state and territory in Australia sat literacy and numeracy tests (NAPLAN) on the same days (May 13-15) for the first time in 2008. This initiative of the Australian Government has ended the Basic Skills Testing for Years 3 and 5 and the SNAP and ELLA for Years 7 and 8 in NSW.

Across the board Macarthur’s results were very impressive, particularly in Year 7 and Year 9 where in a number of cases our students excelled in the top band (compared to state averages) by more than 100%. In Year 3 Macarthur students also excelled in the top band for all competencies except spelling and in Year 5 Macarthur students are well ahead of state averages. Planning for 2009 includes the need for enhancement of the development of spelling skills in Stage 1 of the School (Year 1 and Year 2), supported by further development in this area in Year 3.
It is clear that Macarthur is adding value significantly to student performances compared to the state. This can be mapped on the results attained by individual students by comparing these results with those achieved in previous statewide testing, and was provided to schools as a grade point improvement in the results. The table below shows the comparative grade points that Macarthur improved compared to the rest of the state:

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**ENHANCED LEARNING PROGRAMMES**

This year professional development of the Macarthur teaching staff has focussed on four key questions: ‘What Makes a Successful School?’, ‘What is a Christian View of Work?’, ‘How do we minimise Occupational Health and Safety Issues?’ and ‘How do we envision Macarthur’s Future?’ Valuable discussion led to a number of plans to be implemented over the next twelve months.

One innovation that will be of particular interest to many parents is the decision to move to a staged-based approach to curriculum in the Infants School and Junior School in 2009 (Early Stage 1: Kindergarten, Stage 1: Year 1 to Year 2, Stage 2: Year 3 and Year 4, Stage 3: Year 5 and Year 6). This approach will allow greater differentiation of classroom activities that will promote more individualised learning and will be more enquiry-based.

Macarthur students enjoy a diverse range of learning experiences in their classrooms and this is enhanced with excursions and other events. Students in Years 11 and 12 (Stage 6) had their horizons expanded by a visit by former student Kevin Yeoh (Year 12, 1996), who spoke of his experiences as a member of the Prime Minister’s 2020 Summit. His expectation that Asia will be of even greater trading and economic significance to Australia certainly stimulated the thinking of many senior students. He strongly encouraged our students to undertake some tertiary studies in Asian history or languages.
This year our debaters have had the opportunity to learn more of their craft outside the classroom, building their confidence and skill. Their enthusiasm and positive approach resulted in the opportunity to compete in the finals of the Chapman Cup, a statewide debating competition conducted among independent schools, in which they were victorious.

Our staff are encouraged and supported in their efforts to model learning to their students. Several teachers are currently working to improve their professional qualifications and this year has seen three of our staff complete the grueling requirements of full accreditation through ISTAA (Independent Schools Teacher Accreditation Authority). Ongoing support has been provided for newer and less experienced teachers employed at Macarthur and they have enjoyed the opportunity to share their experiences and learn from their experienced colleagues during the year.

One of the goals for 2008/9 has been the installation of fixed digital projector in all classrooms across the School. This programme will allow the teachers to present students with an even greater range of learning experiences in the classroom. To date, approximately seventy percent of classrooms have these facilities installed and portable units are available for other classrooms.

**MUSIC AND PERFORMANCE**

With two musicals in 2008, in addition to a full round of concert performances, many of our students have been very busily involved with music this year. In addition to their usual round of Music performances, the Senior Choir and the Concert Band have performed in several eisteddfods. The choir performed at the Wollongong and City of Sydney Eisteddfods and was recognised with a second and third place respectively in the Own Choice section. The Concert Band and Stage Band also had success in the City of Penrith and the Macarthur District Eisteddfods, with the Stage Band achieving first place in both these events and the Concert Band achieving a third and a first respectively in these competitions.

Oliver! and Alice in Wonderland Jr were both outstanding musical productions. To heighten our student’s appreciation of theatre a student-centred approach was taken for both these productions, with students involved in almost every facet of the show. The performance by the Junior School cast at the JSHAA Music Festival earlier in the year drew praise from many quarters. A Midsummer Night’s Dream, performed during Spring Term, gave students further opportunities to demonstrate their talents in presenting a Shakespeare classic tale.

Concerts throughout the year have been much enjoyed by those in the audiences. In particular, the innovative Festival of Music, held on Foundation Day provided a marvellous opportunity for parents and the School community to enjoy the music created by students of all ages. The atmosphere on the evening was very relaxed and all who attended left glad they had. It is an event that every family should include on their calendar for 2009!
CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Under the leadership of the Chaplain, the Christian work of the School continues each week through Chapel Services, Bible Study groups, OASIS, JAM and camps. A number of staff members lead these groups and student leadership is also encouraged and supported. The annual Oasis Getaway Camp conducted for Middle School and Senior School students was again well attended.

The Macarthur Family Chapel continues to grow with Sunday morning congregations averaging over one hundred adults and with a strong children’s programme. Each week a children’s talk is presented, generally by a Macarthur staff member. The congregation again conducted the Holiday Club during the July holiday period, with up to three hundred Macarthur Infants School and Junior School children involved in the programme each day.

SPORT

While Macarthur has always been committed to supporting students as they develop all aspects of their talents, recent years have seen Macarthur sportsmen and women reach new levels of achievement. 2008 has been marked by successes in all fields of sporting endeavour by students of all ages and these were celebrated during Winter Term at the Annual Sports Awards Dinner. It was a great pleasure to have Ms Sarah Ryan OAM as our Guest of Honour this year. Her comments about her career as a professional athlete and her Olympic achievements were very inspiring. She encouraged our students to take advantage of their opportunities, both educational and sporting and to value the efforts of those around them who support their sporting efforts.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Each year our students from Year 3 to Year 12 attend outdoor education camps. They enjoy the opportunity these camps provide to make friends and learn new skills, growing in confidence in themselves and others. Our students retain many happy memories of the 2008 camps.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme continues to be a popular activity with students from Year 9 to Year 12. The students have enjoyed a range of opportunities to explore the outdoors, particularly the Gold Expedition which took...
the students to the South Island of New Zealand where they hiked, biked and canoed for fourteen days. This year has again seen a number of students receive their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award, most notably Justin Holbeck who is the first student from Macarthur to complete this Award during Year 12.

GO OUT TO SERVE

The sense of service our School seeks to engender in our students comes directly from the example of our Lord Jesus, who came to serve mankind by seeking and saving the lost.

Each year, Year 11 students complete at least twenty-five hours of Community Service. In addition to this, a team of students continues to serve in Thailand each year, working alongside the team from Pacific Academy in Vancouver to support the work of Varee School, the McKean Leprosy Hospital and to support the Hill Tribes villagers. Next year, this visit to Thailand will see our students supporting the efforts of a former student, Linda McIntosh (née Newport 1994) and her family who are serving as missionaries in Thailand.

2009 will also see the first group from Macarthur visit St Michael School in Tanzania. Thanks to the support offered by the Macarthur community, this school is flourishing and students who were once uncertain about their continued education are assured of completing their studies. During the visit to Macarthur earlier this year by Headmaster Mr Bernard Mgeni, details of the visit were confirmed.

The Tanzania Trek again provided the opportunity for students to give their time and money in support of St Michael School. Over $13,000.00 was raised this year that will assist with the extension to the Boy’s Dormitory which has recently commenced.

Our community also benefits from the service of past and present parents and students. Each year large numbers of people in our community volunteer to help in classrooms, in the canteens, assisting with preparations for our musicals and sporting events, assist with book covering and in the library and support the agricultural show team. I would like to acknowledge and thank all those who provide their time as volunteers to support the work of this school.
**ALUMNI**

Each year Macarthur hosts reunions for its former students and this year two were held. Students who completed their studies as members of the 1988 and 1998 cohorts were both welcomed for reunions. These ten and twenty year reunions provide a great opportunity to learn more of what our alumni are doing with their lives. Many are working as teachers, lawyers and accountants while others are serving in the fields of medicine, human resources management and working with non-government philanthropic organisations. They operate businesses, are self-employed, and provide trade services in the community.

For the Silver Jubilee year the Alumni Association has put in place a scholarship for Year 11 and 12 and will also sponsor a prize for Speech and Award Night as well as conducting their very popular Family Fun Day. They are truly seeking to serve this community through their work.

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Our school collects fees and receives grants from governments. These funds are used to employ staff, provide educational materials, service bank loans for the School’s buildings and maintain the grounds and buildings. In addition, families and others in the community contribute to the ongoing development of Macarthur through their contributions to the Building Fund. During 2008 42 % of families made building fund contributions, a slight increase on 2007.

The Parents and Friends Association also supports the work of the School. This year they have carried out the renovation of The Cottage which now houses Café Macarthur, the Uniform Shop and the Office of Advancement. This renovation has proved to be of great benefit to the community, particularly through Café Macarthur which has become a popular spot for staff and families to enjoy a well earned break from their daily routine.
OUR STUDENTS

The School is located in what is currently a semi rural environment, with a falling percentage of school age children in it. While this is set to change dramatically as the new housing developments, which will neighbour our Cobbtitty Campus, begin it will be important for us to develop new drawing areas. The current pattern of drawing areas is indicated on the graph below.

THE FUTURE

2009 will be a year of great celebration marking Macarthur’s Silver Jubilee. Many special events are planned including the visit to St Michael School and climbing Mt Kilimanjaro. As Macarthur celebrates its twenty-fifth anniversary, there is much to remember. The School has grown from a small secondary school to a large Transition to Year 12 school during this period, offering a wealth of programmes and learning opportunities (including outstanding public examination results) to its students unlike any school in the region, while at the same time offering a positive and encouraging environment in which fine learning can occur.

Next year Macarthur will have a new Headmaster, Mr David Nockles. After a full and extensive search the School Council chose our Deputy Headmaster. It is often difficult for a new Head to follow a long standing Headmaster. Mr Nockles is not me and will not try to copy my way of doing things. He is his own man and has his own excellent ideas. He is a generation younger than me and so will bring fresh approaches that will be good for the School. It is natural and right that changes will come. I commend him to you for your support and prayers - I know he has mine.

IN CONCLUSION

Throughout my years at Macarthur, I have seen our school as part of the wider ministry of the Anglican church in our Diocese of Sydney. To that end we have taught our boys and girls about God, and His Son Jesus Christ. While it would be true to say that not every student has valued this element of our school, we have been able to teach them things about Christianity that they may otherwise never have heard. It is my hope that our students will reflect on what we have taught them about Jesus and His love for them and that it might influence how they choose to live their lives. Our faithfulness to God has been given back to us in countless ways by Him in His many generous provisions for us at Macarthur.

Macarthur students continue to go forth from the School as capable, well-educated and well rounded individuals who are articulate, ready and confident to take their place in the world, many with their faith strengthened. It has been my great pleasure to serve here as Headmaster for the past twenty years. I leave happy and content wishing the Macarthur community, past, present and future, continued success and God’s richest blessings.

Riley Warren
Headmaster

Infants School children display their work during their fortnightly assembly
Annette Fitzgerald

Mrs Fitzgerald began at Macarthur in 1997 after an extended teaching career with the NSW Department of School Education. With her wealth of teaching experience and an aim to develop a good working relationship with her students, Mrs Fitzgerald was soon recognised by students of all ages as a talented and effective teacher.

During her years at Macarthur Mrs Fitzgerald has been Co-ordinator of Heber, Peer Support Co-ordinator and Head of Year. This year she has taken up the position of Year 7 Head of Year, providing the nurture and encouragement needed by these students as they commence their secondary studies. Mrs Fitzgerald observes, “Carrying out my responsibilities as a Head of Year has been a great joy. I have grown as a person and as a teacher as I have worked closely with students through this role.”

Mrs Fitzgerald’s talents have led her to be involved in the organisation of several musicals, to manage several International Music Tours, to coach the Macarthur Dance Ensemble and organise the annual Hungarian Student Exchange. This role is particularly close to her heart as it allows her to reconnect with the land of her birth.

Outside school Mrs Fitzgerald likes to travel and spend time with family and friends. She and her husband enjoy spending time with their two daughters and Mrs Fitzgerald loves to attend the opera, ballet and symphony performances.

Fiona Coleman

Miss Coleman began as the Junior School Music teacher in 1999 and formalised the Music programmes from Transition to Year 6. She also designed and developed the band and string programmes into the form they take today.

With a background in piano and voice, Miss Coleman completed a Bachelor of Music Education (Hons) at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music. Her skills as an accompanist are greatly valued by the students at Macarthur and she worked as a professional accompanist before commencing at the School. Miss Coleman has operated a piano studio for over ten years.

Miss Coleman grew up in the Camden area. She has four brothers and sisters, who all demonstrated musical ability when younger.

Performance is a special love for Miss Coleman. She was a member of the Conservatorium Choir and performed in musicals throughout her secondary school years. At Macarthur she has directed and produced three Junior School musicals and was Music Director for Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe in 2002 and has trained and conducted choirs of students of all ages. “It is a delight to see these young students developing a love of music and building their confidence and ability in performance. I also draw great pleasure from seeing the students who began their performance career in the Infants School achieving great things in music as senior students.”

Geoff Kibblewhite

Mr Kibblewhite, the Farm Manager at Macarthur, works alongside Mr Gower and Mrs Glover in Agriculture and supports Mr Ash’s work in Earth and Environmental Science.

Mr Kibblewhite has worked as a telecommunications technician and manager for over thirty five years before working on a local olive farm and joining the staff of Macarthur in 2003. He loves the rural setting of the School and the opportunity it provides for students. “It is wonderful to see the students become confident in handling animals, whether they are members of the agricultural show team or Kindergarten children getting up close to farm animals for the first time. Many children these days do not have pets and it is rewarding to watch them enjoy the experience,” he says.

Mr Kibblewhite has helped to organise the planting of over eight hundred trees in the paddocks and around the School perimeter, which will provide a windbreak for the grounds and shade for students and animals. He is very keen to see further greening of the School environment including the installation of water tanks and greater use of solar power.

Outside Macarthur, Mr Kibblewhite likes to work on his own farm, raising cattle and breeding yabbies and to spend time with his family. Mr Kibblewhite and his wife are keen travellers and Queenstown in New Zealand is among their favourite destinations.
Year 12 Bid Macarthur Goodbye

Year 12, 2008 have now completed their studies and their Higher School Certificate examinations. Their contribution to the School through their academic efforts, their music, sport and community service activities have been immense and some of these achievements have already been acknowledged beyond the School.

Rosalie Baldwin, who only took up painting recently, prepared three magnificent canvases as her major work for Visual Art. Her artwork has been nominated for ArtExpress, the annual exhibition of HSC artworks placed on public display in NSW. Rosalie’s musical talents have also been enjoyed by many audiences and her ability has been acknowledged with her acceptance to the Sydney Conservatorium of Music for 2009.

Students in this art class had the opportunity to work through many different media and Andrew Ingram selected film as his preferred form of expression. His DVD, I Wanted the Impossible Once, was entered into the Robin Anderson Film Awards, a national competition for Year 12 students. Andrew received the award for Best Cinematography in this competition, and the award was presented by famous Australian filmmaker Gillian Armstrong. His film was screened at the Dendy Cinema in Sydney.

In Design and Technology Naomi Alexander’s innovative and cost efficient design of a stair lift for wheel chairs has gained significant recognition from the markers and has been short listed for inclusion in the DesignTech exhibition to be held at the Powerhouse Museum from January, 2009.

Alexandra Cooke is well known in the Macarthur community for her talent as a performer. She has auditioned for and been accepted to the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) for 2009.

Jonathan Hartono’s academic achievements have been acknowledged each year at Speech and Awards Night. He currently has two universities very interested in him for 2009, having been offered scholarships by both the University of Western Sydney and the University of New South Wales based upon his selection of courses with one of these institutions.

Justin Holbeck will receive his Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award from the Governor of NSW, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO at Government House Sydney early in 2009. Justin is the first Macarthur student to complete this prestigious award during his Year 12 year.

Music and Community Service have been significant for Lloyd Grant throughout his time at Macarthur and his voluntary work performing in local nursing
homes is well known and greatly enjoyed. This year Lloyd has been nominated for the Order of Macarthur Award which recognises the outstanding voluntary contribution made by residents to the Macarthur community.

Emma Smith has also had her service to the community recognised with a Commendation Award for her work with the SES during the Sydney floods earlier this year.

Keiran Tisdale is a talented motocross rider and during 2008 was a semi-professional member of the Suzuki racing team. He has been invited to join this team again in 2009 and will compete in competitions in Australia and overseas during next year.

Kyle Johnson recently competed in the Open Division of the NSW Pistol Shooting Championship, winning two Bronze Medal for his efforts. He looks forward to pursuing his sport in 2009.

School Captain 2008, Joshua Fleming, will mark the inauguration of the United States President with a visit to Washington to attend the prestigious University Presidential Inaugural Conference.

There will also be plenty of adventure ahead for Peter Hilt in 2009 as he completes a Gap year in Ecuador.

He will work as a volunteer on community service projects sponsored by Antipodeans Abroad. He also hopes to become a competent Spanish speaker while he is away!

There are many other students who are awaiting news of all that is ahead of them in 2009. A number of students have been offered early entry to universities in NSW and others have committed to other areas of study and fields of employment beyond school.

**Year 12 Bid Macarthur Goodbye**

**Reunions 2009**

**Class of 1999**

10 Year Reunion Cocktail Party

(Dress code: Smart casual)

Saturday 7 March 2009 6.30pm

Macarthur Chapel precinct

$40 per head

RSVP 23 February 2009 to Judith White: alumni@mas.nsw.edu.au or (02) 4647 5333

**Class of 1989**

20 Year Reunion Dinner

Saturday 21 February 2009 6.30pm

Macarthur Rehearsal Hall

$60 per head

RSVP 9 February 2009 to Judith White: alumni@mas.nsw.edu.au or (02) 4647 5333
The Year 10 Formal and Year 12 Farewell Dinner

There is always a sense of anticipation connected to the major formal events in the life of the School.

The Year 10 Formal, which marks the end of the School Certificate, provides the students with a night of memories and fun, highlighted by their arrival in vehicles of all styles. This year, the arrival vehicles included motorbikes, vintage cars and trucks of several sizes.

Held in Wollongong again in 2008, the Year 12 Graduation Dinner brings together students, parents and staff to honour Year 12 and their contribution to the School. This year’s Farewell Dinner was a wonderful evening: one that students will remember well into the future.

Calling all Foundation Students!

Foundation Student Picnic Day

Sunday 22 February from 12.00 noon
Bring your family along and enjoy the beauty of the Cobbity Campus.

Contact the Office of Advancement for Details
(02) 4647 5333
Email: advancement@mas.nsw.edu.au
Increasingly, former students are returning to Macarthur as parents. There are currently twelve families in the School with at least one parent who was a former student of Macarthur, and their children are enrolled in a range of years from Transition to Year 12.

Why do these parents enrol their children at Macarthur? Here are just a few of the comments they offered.

Danielle Davidge (Year 12, 1991) enrolled her son Jacob into Year 7 in 2008. “I wanted to give Jacob the best chance at getting a great education and to allow him to experience the same environment I enjoyed as a student. I was pleased to find that several of the teachers who had taught me are still at Macarthur. I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Macarthur and I’m sure Jacob will too. He certainly had a good time at camp this year and particularly enjoys playing soccer, and hearing stories about his mother!”

Chris Patterson (Year 10, 1989) was a Foundation student of Macarthur. He now has three children at Macarthur: Amelia (Year 2) and twins Sophie and Thomas in Transition. His children were registered when they were born, so sure were he and his wife Vicki that they wanted the family to enjoy a Macarthur education. “Macarthur has a wonderful reputation in the community for offering a great education in a Christian environment – just what we wanted for our children. It has been wonderful to see the School grow from its humble beginnings in Narellan to the place it is today, with its first class facilities at Cobbitty.”

Alana Perish (née Norman Year 12, 1991) registered her children Layden and Zara at Macarthur when they were born. Alana was keen for her children to have a similar educational experience to that which she had enjoyed. “I want my children to be educated in a caring, safe environment. There is a wonderful sense of community at Macarthur and the children are enjoying learning from dedicated teachers. I appreciate the professionalism of the staff and the love of learning they instill in my children.”
Despite the threatening clouds, the relocation of the activities of the Alumni Family Fun Day to the gymnasium provided wonderful entertainment for all who attended.

The jumping castle was very popular with the children, as were the other activities organised by Mrs Elling (née Pascoe, Year 12, 1993), while the Sausage Sizzle cooked by Mr Toovey and the availability of great coffee was a hit with parents and grandparents who attended.

“Our aim is to provide a relaxing and enjoyable day for the whole school community,” said Elissa Gale (née White, Year 12, 1998), a member of the committee. “We know many former students are bringing their children back to Macarthur and it is the Committee’s aim that they will associate many happy memories with the School and with the Alumni Association.”

Mr Daniel Ash (Year 12, 1999), Mr Moroney and Mr Shuter all helped out during the day.

Jackson Pidgeon with his prizes from the colouring competition.

Mrs Elling helped the children with their activities.

Mr Toovey, chef extraordinaire!

Reba Lubke enjoyed climbing and sliding.

Don’t miss this event in 2009!
Alumni News

**Byron Mark** (Year 12, 2001) is leading a busy life. He plays in an eleven piece funk band called ‘The Bakery’. See their clip at www.myspace.com/thebakerysydney. They recently launched their first album and have toured touring from Canberra to Brisbane. He still performs with **Luke Koteras** (Year 10, 2002) and earlier this year they completed a one month gig in Phuket, Thailand. Byron is also in a trio called “Catch 3” that plays corporate gigs of groove/jazz/soul/funk styles. His funk/fusion band “dlivr”, featuring **Yvette Siladyi** (Year 12, 2000) and his brother Nicholas Mark (Year 12, 2006) is still working around Sydney. Byron also performs in an African/Reggae band called “Survival Reggae”.

**Joshua Gray** (Year 12, 2000) holds a law degree from the University of NSW and a Commerce degree from the University of Wollongong. He will begin working in a law firm in Sydney in 2009. Joshua was in Vienna representing the University at a moot in Vienna earlier this year – their team was placed thirty second in a field of over three hundred teams. Since then he has travelled to Japan and is studying Mandarin in China for three months.

**Sarah Hunziker** (née Lindsay, Year 12, 1994) is living in Seoul with her husband, Leighton, and her two sons. Sarah completed a Bachelor of Business in Marketing at Southern Cross University Coffs Harbour after leaving Macarthur and then worked in the marketing department at Yokahama Tyres organising events, motor sport sponsorships and promotions, designing brochures, a website and carrying out general marketing activities. She and her family have settled into a church in Seoul which has 50,000 members (mostly Korean) and they attend the English service held for one hundred and fifty people each week. They started a Sunday School for their children to attend and now have other families attending. Sarah and her husband host two bible studies in their home each week-one during the day for mothers and one in the evenings for couples. Sarah is expecting her third child during December.

**Nicholas Thompson** (Year 12, 2003) has completed an Arts degree, majoring in History, Philosophy and Politics. He will graduate from the Royal Military College in Duntroon next year and will then take up a post as a Lieutenant in the Army.


**Mitchell O’Connell** (Year 12, 2004) is currently completing Honours in Biochemistry at the University of Sydney. His project involves structural analysis of DNA. He has receive two scholarships to aid his studies this year. He plans to undertake a PhD.

**Lauren Wasson** (née Walker, Year 11, 1999) married David Wasson in 2005. Lauren is working as a team secretary in an accounting firm and she and David have bought their home in Padstow.

**Renee Peddie** (née Walker, Year 10, 1995) married Greg Peddie in 2007. They have settled into their home at Padstow Heights and Renee works as a secretary in a recruitment company.

**Rebecca Mendonca** (née Herd, Year 12, 1993) is living in Vancouver, Canada with her husband and daughter. She visits her parents in Cobbitty often and enjoys catching up with old friends from Macarthur.

**Christopher Gordon** (Year 12, 2000) is currently studying engineering at the University of Technology in Sydney.
Jodie Yeatman (née King, Year 12, 1988) and her husband celebrated the arrival of their daughter Lauren Emma Yeatman on February 18, 2008.

Thomas Oliver (Year 12, 2007) and Bianca McGrath (Year 12, 2007) gained places in Sydney Theatre School’s Diploma of Theatre Performance earlier this year. This is Australia’s only production-based training course for those wishing to pursue a career in professional acting.

Matthew Withington (Year 12, 2007) received an Academic Excellence Scholarship for 2008 from the University of Western Sydney.

Rachelle Slattery (née Clarke, Year 12, 1999) married Warren Slattery in 2004. They have two children, William who is two years and Amelia six months. She also has a step-daughter, Georgia who is twelve. They live at Eagle Vale and Rachelle is working part time for Qantas, as well as completing a degree in Medical Science at the University of New England.

Tristan Clarke (Year 12, 2003) has recently bought a house in Griffith. He completed an apprenticeship as a maintenance fitter and is working for an irrigation and pump company.

Cameron Ferris (Year 12, 2004) recently announced his engagement to Kristy Lee. They will be married in January, 2009.

Christopher Wynn (Year 12, 2002) completed an Arts degree with honours majoring in Government and International Relations and a minor in Chinese. He did a one year exchange in Beijing and will shortly go to Bangladesh to work for a year in their Comprehensive Disaster Management Programme.

Luisa Adesso (Year 12, 2001) is working as an occupational therapist at Liverpool Mental Health Service and will shortly move to Sydney West as a senior clinician.

Sarah Hatch (Year 12, 2001) After two years at John Therry Catholic High School, Sarah now works at St Catherine’s Anglican School in Waverley. She teaches Ancient History, Mandatory History and Elective History to students in Year 7 - 12. She also received her Gold Award for the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, just in time for her twenty fifth birthday.

Glen Toovey (Year 12, 1998) recently announced his engagement to Lillian Van Ree.

Matthew Simpson (Year 9,1997) has recently returned to Sydney after working in Melbourne for several years. He is a segment producer for Channel 9 and works on the Mornings with Kerrie-Anne show.

Matthew Perry (Year 12, 2003) is working at the University of Wollongong. Earlier this year he and his wife Joanne celebrated the arrival of their son William James Perry.

Ainsley Atkinson (née Noakes, Year 12, 1994) is taking a break from teaching at the Illawarra Grammar School to care for her identical twin boys, Toby and Mitchell.

Rebecca White (Year 12, 1999) is engaged. She and her fiancé have built a house at Elderslie and moved in a few months ago. She is working for Accent Carpets in Warwick Farm.

Lisa Jeffree (Year 11, 1999) has recently been appointed as Executive Assistant Director of Planning at Wagga Wagga City Council. She has also bought a house in area.

Adam Payne (Year 12, 2003) and Kaley Harris (Year 12, 2003) were married on 5 July 2008. They met and began dating at Macarthur (thanks to some encouragement from Mr Rex Harris)!

Andrew San (Year 10, 1999) is completing a PhD in Finance at the University of New South Wales. He hopes to complete it by the end of next year and begin working in Funds Management or Investment Banking.

Alex San (Year 12, 1997) is employed in the sales and marketing field and is currently the product manager for Acer at Ingram Micro, a computer wholesale distribution company.

Brooke Murphy (née Gilliver, Year 12, 1994) is a proud mum of three fast growing boys, as the accompanying photograph shows.

Amy Maloney (née Donaldson, Year 12, 1997) recently gave birth to a son, Lachlan James Maloney. This is the first grandchild for Mrs Sharon Donaldson who will be known to many former students.
Linda McIntosh (née Newport, Year 12, 1994), her husband Jim and their five children Conan, Angus, Hamish, Lillian and Torin have recently begun missionary service with OMF in Thailand, after ten years working in Yackandandah operating a dairy farm. Their work will involve delivery of a theological course to local students and providing vocational training.

Major Alexander Palmer (Year 12, 1993) has recently become engaged to Vanessa Murray.

Peter McLean (Year 12, 1998) recently addressed the students of Year 12 at their annual luncheon. He offered words of encouragement for their studies and spoke of his studies in environmental management and of his work with the Keep Australia Beautiful, NSW.

Joanne McKell (Year 10, 1989) is employed as a personal assistant in a corporate finance company. She has travelled extensively since leaving school.

John McKell (Year 10, 1992) is employed in finance with a major bank. He was married to Lara in November, 2007.

Peter McKell (Year 12, 2006) is studying for a degree in Business and Financial Management at the University of Western Sydney.

Mitchell Crowle (Year 12, 2002) After leaving Macarthur Mitchell completed an Advanced Diploma of Design at Billy Blue School of Graphic Arts and then completed a Bachelor of Design through Swinburne Institute of Technology in Melbourne. He now works for a boutique graphic design studio where he works on the Australian Traveller magazine and a number of other travel based magazines. He also works freelance and produces a magazine entitled “Unfinished”.

Ryan Harley (Year 10, 1994) and his wife will soon be experiencing the great joys of parenthood.

Louise Wearn (Year 10, 2001) completed her schooling at St Pauls and then spent a GAP year in the United Kingdom after finishing school. She is now a carer for those with disabilities and also does some modelling. She is also studying Art.

Mitchell Wearn (Year 8, 2001) also completed his schooling closer to home and then had a GAP year in Canada, working in YMCA camps. He is now an apprentice builder specialising in historic buildings.

Rachel Morris (Year 12, 2003) graduated from Sydney University with a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in psychology and sociology. She has recently entered the Graduate programme offered by Hasbro, a games manufacturing company.

Simon Flatman (Year 12, 1991) who trained as a printer is now the manager of the Pre-press division of his company.

Gavin Watson (Year 12, 1991) began his working life as a chef and is now manager of the Garrison Support Unit at HMAS Penguin. He is married with three daughters.

Danielle Hick (Year 12, 2002) completed a Diploma of Business after leaving school and then commenced work as a secretary with Harvey Norman. Earlier this year she took up the position of National Business Support with Delonghi Australia. She enjoyed the opportunity to travel to England and Europe in 2007.

Melissa Turner (née Crowle Year 12, 196) recently gave birth to Alicia Grace Turner. At three months of age she appears to have both her uncles, Jason (Year 12, 1994) and Mitchell (Year 12, 2002) doting on her and her grandparents are very thrilled.

Robert Mann (Year 12, 2003) recently completed his Master of Teaching and is now travelling in the UK where he plans to teach as well as travel.

Joel Ennis (Year 12, 2000) was recently married Elizabeth Saunderson. After honeymooning in Hawaii, they have made their home in Camden.

Benjamin Davis (Year 12, 2003) has been accepted into the Australia-Indonesia Youth Programme as a Youth Ambassador to travel to Indonesia later this year.
Around the School

Justin Bartlett and Morgan Rafter working with children from Year 3 during Science Week

James and Harrison Rogan with their Dad at the Father’s Day Breakfast

Daniel Favretti and Mr Jones following the Year 12 versus Staff Soccer game

Jasmine Sherrell, Frankie Neschi and Benjamin Durman shopping for Father’s Day

The Book Fair is always a popular spot at Book Week

Julius Emanuel working on a project with a student from Nihon the Third High School

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