It was my great privilege to be asked to be the guest speaker at the Camden ANZAC Day Ceremony held at the Cenotaph in the Equestrian Park opposite the RSL Sub Branch, having had no military experience myself (too young for National Service and too old for the Vietnam War ‘lottery’). However my time in Papua New Guinea allowed me to visit many parts of that country that saw conflict and where our Australian troops fought. I well remember visiting Bita Paka out of Rabaul where the first Australian blood was shed and casualties recorded in the First World War.

Also around Rabaul I saw the World War II tunnels dug by the Japanese in the volcanic hills to hide their mini subs and landing craft - found still intact in the tunnels. In the jungles of New Guinea I also saw crashed or shot down allied and Japanese aircraft. Visiting the beautifully kept war graves in Wewak, Lae and Port Moresby and seeing so many headstones brought the whole sense of sacrifice home to me in a quiet way. We are fortunate that almost all of our Australian battles have been fought offshore. Nevertheless the freedom, culture and way of life we share and value have come at a price and still today there are Australian servicemen and women defending us and helping to protect others who would love to have the freedom we so enjoy.

Our own ANZAC Day Ceremony held around our Memorial Wall allowed us to reflect as a school on the sacrifices of Australians over the years. Our guest speaker was Major Alexander Palmer, Officer Commanding Operation Support Squadron, 17th Signal Regiment and the Catafalque Party was made up of his soldiers. Major Palmer, who was School Captain of Macarthur in 1993, gave a thoughtful address that will soon appear on our Website. It was a pleasure to be able to have him return to Macarthur and address us.

Also returning for the ceremony were Flying Officer Lisa Donaldson (Year 12, 2000) and Leading Aircraftsman Andrew McKinnel (Year 12, 2001). Rosalie Baldwin (Year 12) played the Last Post and Rouse superbly. This year we had Mr Cartwright play the Lament on the Bagpipes. Our Pipes and Drums band is progressing well and I fully expect them to be part of our ANZAC Day ceremony next year. I believe our students really appreciate the way our school takes so seriously the commemoration of ANZAC Day - a fine Macarthur tradition.
School Photographs

School photographs will be taken on Thursday 22 and Friday 23 May. Infants School and Junior School class photos, individual photos and the majority of group photos will be taken on Thursday 22 May and Middle School and Senior School on Friday 23 May.

An envelope for individual photographs will be issued to all students in early May and is to be used for your order. Prices of the photographs are clearly marked on the flyer. Please note that the photographers have asked that each child being photographed must have a completed envelope. If you have several children at the School payment may be placed in the eldest child’s envelope. If no payment is provided prior to the photograph there will be no opportunity to make late orders.

All students must wear full winter uniform and are asked to arrive five minutes before the scheduled photograph time. Infants School and Junior School students will be called for as needed. Transition 3 Day children will have their class photo and individual photos taken on Friday 23 May.

Times will be displayed on the notice boards around the School and provided to Tutors/Class teachers for reference. Group photographs will be taken at the western end of the Administration Centre. After the Year group photograph has been taken, students will then proceed to the Chapel foyer where individual portraits will be taken. Separate envelopes for family photographs (siblings only) are available and can be collected from the Reception desk in the Administration Centre. These should also be handed to the class teacher or tutor as soon as possible.

Family photographs will also be taken in the Chapel foyer on both days, at lunchtime, to enable Transition 2 Day and Transition 3 Day children to be in the family groups on the day they attend school. Group photographs taken on these days will be displayed at school once they have been returned by the photographer so families can view them and place their orders.

David Nockles
Deputy Headmaster

Please continue to support these missionary families with your donations and your prayers.

Jono, Amy, Lili, Isaac, Brie and Abe Vink
who work with the Church Missionary Society in Tanzania
javink@cms.org.au

Mike, Chantelle and Rachel Keith
who work for the Bush Church Aid Society in Lightning Ridge
mckeith@westnet.com.au
“How can I know for sure that I’m going to go to heaven?”

“I’ve just seen that movie on the passion of Christ, and I was really overwhelmed by what Jesus went through for me. But I’m still not sure what I need to do to be saved, and I really want to know.”

My friend asked the most important question any person can ever ask and let me assure you that God wants you to know the answer. Jesus said,

“How can I know for sure that I’m going to go to heaven?”

That’s God’s promise.

Suppose one day that your best friend came to your house and offered you a gift. What would you have to do before it became yours? Would you have to pay him for it? Or would you tell him to take it back to the shop so you could go there and buy it for yourself? No, of course not. All you would have to do is receive it. Your friend had already paid for it, and now it will become yours if you accept it.

In a far greater way, this is what Jesus did for you. He paid the price for your salvation by His death on the cross - not part of the price, but all of it! Now God offers you salvation as a free gift. All you have to do is receive it by trusting Jesus and what He did for you.

The Bible says,

“Youth and all who received him, to those who believed in his name, be gave the right to become children of God” (John 1:12).

This is what God promises you - and He cannot lie. By a simple prayer of faith ask Christ to come into your heart today - and He will.

How to become a Christian is a significant matter to address and question to answer. Do you want to know more about what it means to become a Christian? Because Christ died, your sins can be forgiven, and because He conquered death you can have eternal life. Please contact me by email on sdavis@mas.nsw.edu.au to learn more.

STEVEN DAVIS
Chaplain
**SUBJECT SELECTION INFORMATION EVENING**

**YEAR 8 AND YEAR 10**

Students in Years 8 and 10 and their parents are invited to attend an information evening concerning subject selections for the next academic year, to be held on Thursday 12 June 2008 in the School Chapel. This is a most important occasion to obtain information for next year’s studies.

Information for Year 8 parents and students will commence at 7.30pm, and for Year 10 parents and students at 8.30pm. This will also provide the opportunity to outline the arrangements for the change from Year 10 to Year 11 this year.

Students should note that they should be dressed in their school uniform on this occasion.

Faculty Heads, Heads of School and Heads of Year, will be available to assist with information. A Studies Handbook will be distributed, one to each family.

A selection form will also be distributed. This form will need to be returned by Friday 20 June 2008.

**ANDREW KOKIC**

**Director of Studies**

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**NAPLAN NUMERACY TESTS**

Families are reminded that NAPLAN Numeracy Tests will be held on Thursday 15 May.

Students in Years 7 and 9 have been issued with a note during their Mathematics classes which explains in detail the requirements of the tests and provides strategies for the preparation they should undertake. This has been pasted into their books. Parents are requested to sign this note. A copy of the note has been placed on the Mathnet page of the school intranet site for your convenience.

Please read the note carefully and encourage your son or daughter to be well prepared for these tests.

**FREDA LAURENSON**

**Head of Mathematics**

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**ROSTRUM VOICE OF YOUTH**

Three Year 8 students represented the School in the Junior Rostrum Voice of Youth competition at St Gregory’s College last term. Jake Gonzo, Biannca Furchtmann and Arlene Dowling, three of our most promising young orators, spoke on the topics “Deeds not words”, “The good news is...” and “Out of this world”.

Biannca was awarded runner up over all and spoke with quiet confidence and a nice presence. The adjudicator reserved a great deal of praise for Jake and Arlene also, describing them as outstanding natural speakers only needing to ‘tweak their technique slightly to perfect their style’.

Congratulations to these students for their effort on the night and the time spent in preparation for it.

**CATHYRN TAYLOR**

**Public Speaking Co-ordinator**
OASIS KYCSTART WEEKEND IN THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

Last weekend, a group of students and staff set out for the Blue Mountains to stay at ‘Waratah House’ Katoomba.

We left the School late Friday afternoon and arrived at our destination, a house with a fire and heaters in each room, late in the day.

We played games, watched movies, slept, and set out for ‘Kycstart’ Youth Convention on Saturday morning. We met up with 3000 other young people and had a time of singing, Bible teaching and generally a really good time.

Saturday afternoon was free time and we went to the Scenic Railway and the Skyway, a bushwalk, picnic at the park in Katoomba followed by a game of football and soccer. The evening was filled with making pizzas, two movies and some meaty discussion and sharing.

Sunday morning saw the group set out for the Convention again and face the traffic on the road back to Cobbitty. A great weekend was enjoyed by all who attended.

Steven Davis
Chaplain

NASSA Netball Gala Day
On the last day of Summer Term a team of eleven girls competed in the NASSA Netball Gala Day held at to the Anne Clark Netball Centre.

The team competed in six matches against other NASSA schools, playing with great sportsmanship and enthusiasm. Rachel Newton and Courtney Cross were both chosen to represent NASSA in the next level of competition. Congratulations girls!

The members of the team were:

Victoria Kennett-Smith
Rachel Feeney
Rebecca Lanham
Emma Houghton
Jordan Parker
Montana Byers

Rachel Newton
Hannah Ebeling
Courtney Cross
Emma Cosier
Sena Kosaroglu

Lyn Dench
Coach

Winter Uniform
Families are reminded that the change to Winter Uniform occurs on Monday 12 May
Please ensure that you have all your uniform requirements by this date.

Enter to Learn
Go out to Serve
Macarthur marked ANZAC Day with services for the Infants School and Junior School and the Middle School and Senior School which were held this week.

**Infants School and Junior School**

During the service for Year 2 to Year 6 the Junior School prefects presented prayers, the Ode and explained the significance of the Last Post and the Lament before these were played. Mr Coward played the Last Post on the bugle and Mr Cartwright performed the Lament on the bagpipes.

Mr Richard Hooper, a member of the History faculty, addressed the students about the importance of ANZAC Day. He highlighted the meaning of courage - that having courage does not mean not being frightened, but being willing to do what is right despite your fear.

**Middle School and Senior School**

Middle School and Senior School students gathered at the Memorial Wall on Lone Pine Drive to remember the fallen. The Catafalque Party for the ceremony were provided by the 17th Signal Regiment based at Holsworthy Barracks and were under the direction of Lance Corporal David Ulrich.

The address for the day was delivered by Major Alexander Palmer, Officer Commanding, Operation Support Squadron, 17th Signal Regiment. Major Palmer, a former student of Macarthur, spoke about the indomitable spirit of those who serve and have died for their country. He emphasised to the students that he had learned about this sense of commitment and determination as a student at Macarthur and that he believed that those traits so valued by Australians and often referred to as the Anzac Spirit were present within the School community. Wreaths were laid by members of the School community and local dignitaries.

**Camden ANZAC Service**

Members of the School community were very involved in the Camden ANZAC Day commemoration. Mr Warren delivered the address at the service held in Camden and members of the Prefect body joined the march and laid a wreath. Other students who are Cadets also took part in the service.

**Timothy Cartwright**

**Head of Middle School**
Congratulations to Rosalie Baldwin (Year 11) who performed the Last Post and the Rouse at St Paul’s Cobbitty on Sunday. She was also a featured performer at the Lions RSL ANZAC Service in Erowal Bay on Friday and in the service held at Macarthur on Monday.

Joshua Fleming (Year 12) has been invited to attend the University Presidential Inaugural Conference in the USA in January 2009. As part of this conference he will meet congressmen and women and other leading decision makers and will be on the National Mall as the President of the USA in sworn in. He will also attend the Inaugural Ball.

**WINTER UNIFORM**

The changeover date for Winter Uniform for all students is Monday 12 May, 2008. The dress and bearing of students contributes to the disciplined atmosphere at Macarthur and has a direct, positive influence on student’s conduct in lessons.

- Winter uniform includes the school blazer, which should be worn every day.
- The blazer should be worn while travelling to and from school on public transport.
- Students who drive or are driven to school should also wear their blazer every day.
- On the way to school the jumper is not to be worn on its own, but may be worn under the blazer.
- A black overcoat may be worn over the blazer, but not instead of the blazer. A black scarf may also be worn.

Parents are asked to check the length of trouser, pinafores and skirts. A good way to check the length of a pinafore or skirt is for the student to kneel on the floor. With the back straight, the hem should just brush the floor.

We depend upon parents to help maintain the standard of uniform. Please see that your child leaves home well-dressed - that is they are wearing no non-uniform items or jewellery, top buttons are done up, shirts and blouses tucked in and shoes are cleaned.

**David Nockles**

_Deputy Headmaster_
RETURN FROM THE EUROPEAN ADVENTURE
During the term break a group of eighteen senior Modern and Ancient History students took part in the History European field and site study for 2008. The tour group visited Munich, Rome, Pompeii, Paris and London, viewing sites of historical significance from ancient and modern times.

Among the highlights of the tour were visits to the many ancient sites in Rome, including the Colosseum and the Roman Forum, a tour of the Vatican Museum, the Sistine Chapel and St Peter’s Basilica. Pompeii provided a glimpse into the past as the group walked the ancient Roman streets, inspected the houses, shops, bakeries, amphitheatres, market places, fast food restaurants and the centre of government, that were frozen in time when Mt Vesuvius erupted in 79AD.

In Paris the group visited the Eiffel Tower, walked the Champs Elysees, viewed the Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame, the Louvre, Napoleon’s Tomb and the Palace of Versailles. In London, a ride on the London Eye gave the group a bird’s eye panorama of this historic city. A visit to the Imperial War Museum provided excellent resources on World War I and II for our Modern History students, while the British Museum provided further opportunities to view ancient artefacts, artworks and the treasures from past civilisations.

The tour was a highly successful and enjoyable event for all involved, which was summed up by one of the students who said that the tour “was the best experience of my life”.

Paul Stevens
Faculty Head History and International Studies
Grandparent’s Day 2008 was celebrated with enthusiasm on the last day of Summer Term. Over four hundred grandparents came to school to learn with their grandchildren.

The morning commenced with a welcome from the Headmaster and Concert that featured many of the co-curricular groups within the School. The grandparents were treated to choral band and orchestral performances and were treated to a special performance by the Ingleburn Pipes and Drums. The concert concluded with the Infants Dance Group wowing the audience with ‘Twist and Shout’. Many of the grandparents were twisting and dancing along in their seats!

After a sumptuous morning tea grandparents went with family groups to classrooms in order to engage in learning together. A wonderful time was had playing ‘old fashioned’ games. Marbles proved to be hit with a number of grandfathers displaying a keen sense of competition and engaging in heated discussion of the rules. Grandparents were astonished by the way we use technology in the classroom. Numbers of them were amazed when their photo was taken, printed and presented to them, ready for them to make a picture frame with their grandchild all in the span of five minutes.

Whatever the activity, all grandparents seemed very pleased to be able to spend just a little time with their grandchildren and to take time to sit, talk and share the Macarthur experience with other grandparents.

Susan Ash
Head of Infants School
**CROSS COUNTRY FUN FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE INFANTS SCHOOL AND JUNIOR SCHOOL**

It was pleasing to see so many of the Infants School and Junior School children involved in the Cross Country Carnival. There was a spirit of sportsmanship shown throughout the day as they encouraged each other regardless of house. Although the honours of the day belonged to Heber, congratulations go to all houses on their excellent performances.

Age Champions were:

- **Transition/Kindergarten**: Tamika Mansell, Jonah Veckranges
- **Year 1**: Crystal Elliott, Liam Wright
- **Year 2**: Emma Taylor, Samuel Nockles
- **8/9's**: Matilda Offord, Samuel McGill
- **10's**: Cailin Pascoe, Braylin Altobelli
- **11's**: Bessie-Lucie Plat, Lachlan Roberts
- **12/13's**: Abbey Bamford, Jeremy Watson

Jonathan Beggs
K-6 Sport Co-ordinator
CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT

This week the students and staff who travelled to New Zealand for the Gold Duke of Edinburgh’s visit came together with family and friends to recall the challenges of their journey.

Special Guest for the evening was Mr Pat Farmer MP who the group met during their New Zealand adventure.

The evening was filled with reminiscences and laughter as family members had the opportunity to view photos and listen to stories.

Mr Farmer spoke to the gathering about his New Zealand adventure and others he has had in the past. He encouraged the young people to continue to challenge themselves and reminded them that, having now achieved so much in completing their trek, to draw on the same resilience and strength when confronting the academic challenges that lie ahead.

He particularly encouraged these young adventurers to never forget the thrill of reaching the top of a mountain or finding out what is on the other side of a hill - the sense of adventure and determination which will give them the strength to take on any type of challenge that life may present to them in the future.

Congratulations to those who have now finished their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award. To those finalising some areas required to achieve this - keep striving.

SCOTT BEDINGFIELD
Gold Award Co-ordinator
FROM THE STAFFROOM IN MISKOLC

After a long and complicated trip, we have now arrived in Hungary and I have begun teaching classes. Already we have met many staff and some of the students. During our introduction to the school I greeted the students in Hungarian and everyone seemed quite surprised and delighted!

I have met up with David, Peter and Gabby and of course Ben and Emily. They are all doing well and send their greetings to their friends in Australia.

Today I went to five classes and taught one of them. Tomorrow I will teach all classes and I am looking forward to it with cautious optimism and a few nerves.

Greetings to all at Macarthur! Áldás Vekésség. Szia!

JOLYON HORDERN
Exchange Teacher

FOR YOUR DIARY

May
1  4.30pm Year 6 Parent Forum
2-4  Dads and Daughters Camp
6  PFA Term Forum and General Meeting
8  Year 7 Parent-Teacher Evening
10  Scholarship Examination for Year 7, 9 and 11, 2009
13  Scholarship Recital Evening
14  National Testing Day for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9
17  GATEway Quest
22  Year 6 Parent Forum
24  Music Scholarship Auditions
27  Year 11 and 12 Musical Recital

June
4  Year 12 Luncheon
12  Middle School and Senior School Athletics
Subject Selection Evening for Year 8 and Year 10, 2009
13  Junior School Athletics
14  PFA Trivia Night
16  Middle School and Senior School Public Speaking Finals
20  Foundation Day
27  End of Autumn Term

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