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From the President

Happy New Year!

The first term of any school year is a busy one and 2005 proved no exception. The theme for this newsletter, Lent, reflects on this most significant period of the Christian calendar and I am delighted to share with you the activities of some of our Anglican schools in the Lenton period.

The work of the Network continues under the guidance of its Management Committee. In dealing with the day-to-day aspects of the Network, these meetings are conducted by teleconference. A limited number of face-to-face meetings are held to undertake strategic planning. One such meeting was held recently in Sydney. The Management Committee focused on planning for the future by looking at our charter as enunciated by our Vision statement. This was then correlated with our actions and achievements thus far within the Vision. It was gratifying to see that considerable progress has been made across all four dimensions of the Vision.

It is fitting, I believe, that the Network's first major project has been the establishment of a Chaplaincy Shadowing Program which commenced this year with six participants. It is anticipated that in 2006 a further fourteen Chaplains will have the opportunity to join the program. The Management Committee sees the recruitment and development of, and the caring for Chaplains as crucial for all Anglican Schools. The establishment of RevNet, an email sharing and seeking facility will enhance the support our Chaplains can provide to each other in their unique role within our schools. The feedback received so far shows that this initiative has been well received.



L-R: Malcolm Powys, Bruce Fairfax, Tony Horsley, Lynne Thomas, Peter Laurence, Peta Smith, Stephen Matthew

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The success of our conferences has been achieved through collegiality and I am pleased that the opportunity to share beyond these annual events is gaining momentum. Conferences provide a wonderful opportunity to begin supportive peer relationships for all sectors of our Schools - Chaplains, Heads and Governors. As we look to the future we recognize that the provision of quality Christian people in our schools as Teachers, Chaplains, Senior Staff, Heads and Governors is vital if we are to continue to fulfill our role in the mission of the Church. We must encourage Bishops and clergy to view these roles in schools as strategic and so they can encourage quality people to take up the challenge for all sectors of education.

I am greatly encouraged by the growing awareness of the existence and role of Anglican Schools as partners in the mission of the Church. At the request of the Archbishop of Brisbane, I was invited to speak at the Bishop's Conference in Adelaide earlier this month. I encouraged the Bishops' participation in our Conferences in order to provide leadership and to gain a greater understanding of the workings in Anglican Schools.

I believe the Bishops have grasped that they have an important role to play in the development of education funding policies at both Federal and State levels. I am encouraged by Archbishop Peter Carnley's suggestion that a working party of say, five Bishops and five representatives of Anglican schools might be convened to look at possibilities and approaches that are equitable and socially responsible. It is not intended that this group would lobby on behalf of all Anglican Schools. This group would seek to ensure that such a large component of the education

STATE REPORTS

QUEENSLAND

The Anglican Schools within the Diocese of Brisbane and the Anglican Schools Commission are focused on the implementation of the Diocesan Governance Canon adopted at Synod 2004. Support for governing bodies within the Diocese has been provided in many ways including professional development activities. Corporate Governance Courses, an initiative of the Anglican Schools Office in conjunction with Competitive Dynamics Pty Ltd and the Australian Institute of

Company Directors have offered Heads and Governing body members a two-day New Board Induction course designed not only to reflect best practice but also the Anglican Ethos and other important Mission-related items. Other activities during the first quarter of 2005 have included the annual Heads Dinner with the Archbishop, a meeting of Heads and developing the theme and program for the annual Heads Retreat to be held in September.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The 2005 school year commenced with a very successful Induction Day for teachers new to Anglican schools. Sixty teachers from across WA Anglican schools attended a one day programme at the Diocese of Perth's Conference Centre, Wollaston College. The Induction Day was organised by the Western Australian Anglican Schools Association (WAASA) and introduced teachers to the Anglican Church and our schools. This is the second year in which the programme has operated.

The Anglican Schools Commission of Western Australia has announced that it will open a new K-12 day and boarding school next year in the Swan Valley, the **Swanleigh Anglican Community School**. The Anglican Schools Commission has also honoured the retiring Primate and Archbishop of Perth, by naming a new K-12 school opening in southern Perth in 2007 the **Peter Carnley Anglican Community School**.

VICTORIA

It was pleasing that in September of last year, there was a special focus on Anglican schools at the opening service of the annual Synod. At the commencement of the service, the banners of all schools formed part of the procession, and in his address, Bishop Stephen Hale placed particular focus on our mission to engage young people. It is encouraging to have such a strong affirmation of the role of our schools in the mission of the Church.

The draft Guidelines for Anglican Schools has now

been considered by Heads and will be presented to the Archbishop in Council. Under discussion at the moment in the Anglican Schools Committee is how to establish effective processes for the establishment of new Anglican schools in growth corridors.

Four applicants for chaplaincy Bursaries were awarded bursaries for 2005. This program is supported by Anglican Schools as a means of increasing the number of Chaplains in our schools.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

At a recent meeting of the Anglican Heads Forum, we welcomed Philip Grutzner, the new Headmaster of St Peter's College. Chaired by Dianne Nicholls (Head of St Peter's Girls) matters discussed included chaplaincy, the purposes of funds allocated to an Anglican Education Trust, and the Anglican Ethos Statement for our schools. We are also looking to

benchmark staff and clergy concessions across our Anglican schools, and are investigating means of collective marketing.

As readers will be aware, we are without an Archbishop in the Diocese of Adelaide, and the new incumbent will probably not commence until the second half of 2005. We look forward to that time.

NEW SOUTH WALES

The 2005 AASN NSW/ACT meeting will be held in Newcastle at Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College on Friday 1st April. Chairs, Heads, Chaplains and teachers of religion are invited to this annual event which is now in its third year. Being near Easter, the theme is "Resurrection and Hope". The format for the evening will be similar to that outlined below:

- 5.00pm Registration & refreshments
- 5.30pm Worship
- 6.00pm The recent Pilgrimage of Hope tour to India & Europe by people from several schools - thoughts from and to a panel including Bishop Graeme Rutherford
- 7.30pm Dinner

Enjoy a night or two in the Hunter Valley. Contact Mr. Philip Goldsworthy for further details on principal@btac.nsw.edu.au

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industry, Anglican Schools, is recognized as such and considered when important funding decisions are made. While this is an important aspect, it is not the role of the Australian Anglican Schools Network but it is our responsibility to provide the tools so that informed decisions can be made.

It is my hope and belief that through our Network a greater opportunity for dialogue, sharing and understanding will be created, not just for Anglican Schools but also for the National Anglican Church. Perhaps with God's good grace we will focus on bringing his message of love and hope into the lives of all Australians, particularly those of the young.

Tony Horsley, President

CHAPLAINS SHADOWING PROGRAM

The Rev Nicole Colledge, St Paul's, Brisbane

I have paired with the Reverend Dawn Treloar from Overnewton College in Melbourne for the first phase of the Chaplaincy Shadowing Program in 2005. I will be visiting her at Overnewton in early May and then she will visit my School, St Paul's in Brisbane, a few weeks later. I have enjoyed having contact with a Chaplain from another state. Email is a wonderful tool for keeping conversation and communication open. I am excited about the shadowing concept "living" a day in a different school rather than simply visiting. My research area during the Program will explore the spiritual and faith development of Early Childhood (P-3) and primary years (4-6) through liturgy and storytelling. Although it's early days, I feel confident that this partnership will be valuable and rewarding.

SPECIAL MENTIONS

After thirteen years of outstanding work, **Mr John Leaver** finished his term as Executive Officer with the Ecumenical Association of Schools at the end of 2004. **Ms Angela Burn** was appointed to the role from the beginning of 2005.

Mrs Sylvia Walton will be retiring as Principal of the Tintern Schools at the end of this year. Sylvia has been an outstanding leader, being appointed as Principal of Tintern Anglican Girls' Grammar school in 1982. Sylvia has overseen not only the growth of Tintern, but also the establishment of the boys' only Southwood Grammar School as part of Tintern Schools.

Heads on the move!

Mrs Lynda Tooth	Macquarie Anglican Grammar School, Dubbo
Mrs Jann Robinson	St Luke's Grammar School, Dee Why
Mrs Judith Poole	Abbotsleigh
Mr Paul Kidson	Shoalhaven Anglican School
Mr Stuart Davis	Scone Grammar School
Mrs Susan Just	Canberra Girls' Grammar School
Mr Christopher Duncan	Lindisfarne Anglican School
Mr Allan Shaw	Executive Officer of AHISA
Mr Brian Rowe	Peter Moyes Anglican Community School
Dr Paul Hicks	Camberwell Grammar School
Mr Mike Clapper	Gippsland Grammar School
Mr Andrew Pullar	Moama Anglican College
Mr David Everitt	Cathedral College

WELCOME TO RevNet

The Network is delighted to provide Chaplains, Teachers of Religious Education, or other staff in Anglican Schools the opportunity to use a communication tool to share information and support each other. If you're not already using RevNet, contact Roseann Whyte at the Anglican Schools Office on rwhyte@aso.qld.edu.au providing your name, position, school and of course your email address. In less than twenty-four hours, you can be sharing information with your colleagues. Only those on this closed email list can send and receive messages. If you change your email address, you need to let us know so the list can be updated. Let your colleagues know this service is available!

Some comments from RevNet users!

*Love your work! I look forward to being a part of the network.
Sounds like a great service. Thanks for setting this up.*

If you are not already using RevNet - register today. Post a message to all other Chaplains throughout Australia on any topic you like.

Jesus said, "Humans give life to their children. Yet only God's Spirit can change you into a child of God." John 3:6

LENTON ACTIVITIES

The following are samples of Lenton activities undertaken in some of our Schools.

Radford College Canberra: Some rapid developments occurred at Radford following the Tsunami on Boxing Day. In conjunction with AngliCORD and the Bishop of Columbo, Fr Richard Browning will accompany three students to Sri Lanka to listen and build links with a school and a community so that the College can focus its response and support to Tsunami victims.

The Reverend Stuart Langshaw, Chaplain at **Trinity College Gawler**, states that they follow the Anglican-ordinary theme. On Ash Wednesday, they have penitential services for all students and this includes the imposition of ashes for those students who wish it. On Ash Wednesday, the School conducted ten liturgies on their four campuses and all students - 3300 of them, attended. During Holy week they set up a large, timber cross in the grounds of each of the campuses, and on the Wednesday of Holy week they place a purple cloth on each cross. On Maundy Thursday they add the superscription and the nails.

Each Lent, the students of **Walford Anglican School for Girls** support a project of the Anglican Board Mission. This year, the student leaders have chosen to support the Gimcheon Youth Mission in South Korea. The Reverend Chris Beal advises that the Mission was begun with funding from ABM last year and is now well and truly up and running with up to twenty young people involved in its program. Every child has a different story. Some have been deserted by parents, others are left with struggling grandparents and others are victims of abuse - the range of experience is heart-breaking.

Every child also has a hope for the future - to be (for example) a teacher, doctor or parent. After benefiting from the Youth Mission, one child has decided to become a priest. The program provides these children with surroundings suitable for study and safe play. It also provides nutritious food and counseling for those with troubles arising from difficult family situations or abuse. Every \$550 raised supports one child in the program for a year - just \$1.50 a day. Walford students have planned a series of fundraising activities.

VISION STATEMENT | AASN

Australian Anglican Schools Network, giving honour to God, putting God first and working within God's will, seeks to:

- Provide a forum at the national level for Anglican schools to facilitate discussion on spiritual, moral and values related issues as they have bearing on education.
- Be an effective network of General Synod of the Anglican Church.
- Achieve recognition of Anglican schools as part of the mission of the Anglican Church.
- Be a forward-looking, dynamic organisation aiming to develop a strong unity of purpose among Anglican Schools

(The Australian Anglican Schools Network was established in 1999)

CONFERENCE 2005 | 16-18 September Launceston Church Grammar School

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It is envisaged that the conference will provide delegates with an extended opportunity to probe the nature of Christian spirituality and the ways in which it might be nurtured in school communities.

Special attention will be paid to four main dimensions in which spirituality might find expression.

- A deepening relationship with God who is made known to us in Jesus Christ;
- A deepening relationship with others in ways that are compassionate and just;
- A deepening relationship with self in ways which are affirming and life giving;
- A deepening relationship with the natural environment in ways which are respectful and responsible.

Exploring these ideas will take place within the framework of the conference theme.

Heritage - mindfulness and celebration of our rich Anglican tradition.

Heart - finding ways in our school communities to give creative and profound expression to the heart as well as the head?

Horizons - catching a vision for new and transforming possibilities in nurturing spirit in our schools?

Keynote addresses will explore various aspects of the theme. Every effort will be made to ensure that the conference will be a cohesive and spiritually enriching experience for participants.

We expect about 180 delegates most of whom will be associated currently with Anglican schools around Australia



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as classroom teachers, senior teachers, principals and school chaplains. There are likely to be other delegates who are members of school governing boards and diocesan staff.

Four key note speakers will address the conference. They are **Dr Tom Wallace** Educational Advisor to Tasmanian Diocese, **Mrs Allison Bassano** Pastoral Dean and Special Education Specialist at Launceston Church Grammar School, **Rev Dr Gary Bouma** Department head at Monash University and recently elected UNESCO Chair, and **Dr Trevor Cooling** from the University of Gloucester and Educational Advisor to the Bishop of Gloucester. Each address will be 60 minutes, including a 5-10 minute question time followed immediately by a Small Study Group session during which delegates will be given opportunities to clarify ideas, and to explore new possibilities in reference to the keynote address.

I look forward to welcoming you to Launceston from 16th to 18th September.

Stephen Norris

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Planning Committee*



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