

From the President



ABOVE: 1. Lynne Thomson, President AASN & Ros Christie, Conference Manager, BBC Management at the 2006 AASN Conference at Shore School, Sydney, 2. View from Shore School, 3. Peta Smith, Executive Director, Anglican Schools Commission, 4. Attendees at the AASN Conference Dinner.

The 2006 Australian Anglican Schools' conference – Salt and Light – was a huge success – with excellent keynote speakers (the Most Reverend Dr Peter Jensen, Linda Kurti, the Right Reverend John McIntyre, the Reverend Richard Pengelley, Peta Smith and John Scott), helpful workshops, plenty of opportunity to meet and chat, rousing services and a magnificent setting. There was ongoing comment from participants about just how smoothly the conference ran and this was in no small measure due to the hard-working conference committee. Our special thanks to Tim Wright who took on the role of Conference Chair and also hosted the conference at Shore School. This is a big undertaking and Tim managed it with his usual engaging flair. And to the conference committee members – Philip Goldsworthy, Carol Bower, Jann Robinson, Paul Kidson, Malcolm Powys and the Reverend Matthew Pickering, ably supported by Ros Christie, thank you for all that you did to further the work and strength of our network.

Attending this conference provides a great opportunity for people involved in Anglican schools to get together and share their hopes, concerns and vision for the future. One hundred and ninety eight participants set a record for our network and this degree of support certainly augurs well for the future. We now look forward to building on it at our next conference.

Just as occurred at the 2005 conference, the Primate of Australia, the Most Reverend Dr Phillip Aspinall, was with us and his closing sermon inspired us all to view Salt and Light in a context not previously explored at the conference. His ongoing support for and interest in our network is greatly appreciated.

The lead-in to the conference was the workshops for the Chaplain Shadowing Project. Forty chaplains attended and thirty will be paired for 2007. This is a huge growth rate from the humble beginnings of six chaplains back in 2005. This project is one of the major strengths of the network and it would not have happened without the ongoing



enthusiasm, support and commitment of Peter Laurence. Our thanks go to him.

At the conference, it was pleasing to receive such positive support for our inaugural Travelling Scholar Project in 2008 with Trevor Cooling. Further details about how to become involved in this project will be sent to members at the beginning of 2007.

Five members of the committee – Peter Laurence, Peta Smith, Stephen Norris, Rick Tudor and I – are looking forward to meeting with the five bishops – Archbishop Peter Jensen and Bishops Brian Farran, Gary Weatherill, George Browning and Stephen Hale to discuss the importance of Anglican schools in the ministry of the church and the major educational and political issues that face us at present. We are looking forward to those discussions as we develop the role of the network into new waters.

At the conference we farewelled Stephen Matthew who has represented South Australia on the committee. His thoughtful good counsel will be missed. We welcome Stephen's replacement, Philip Grutzner from St Peter's College, and the Reverend David Cole from Overnewton Anglican Community College.

Our 2007 conference will be held at Trinity Grammar School from 17 to 19 August 2007. I encourage all those who attended in 2006 to be there and to bring along a colleague.

Best wishes for the remainder of the 2006 school year.

Lynne Thomson

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CATHEDRAL COLLEGE, WANGARATTA

The Big Picture

David Everett, Principal

Students who join Cathedral College in Wangaratta are embarking on a tremendously exciting journey. From its origins in 2003, with 34 students from Prep to Year 7, the School has grown substantially in a relatively short period of time. There are currently 150 students enrolled at the school from Prep to Year 10, and in 2007 we will have our first VCE students.

It is intended that Cathedral College should eventually have around 600 students; one class for each of the primary years, three classes at each secondary year level from Year 7 to Year 10, and two classes in the VCE years.

The College is structured on a vertical House system, and all students mix across the year levels through activities that engender teamwork, collegiality and community. Our House system is an important aspect of the College, one of which we are particularly proud.

Our students are friendly and welcoming. They understand what it is like to be a new student at a new school, and they are very aware of how hard this can be. Being an independent, co-educational, Anglican low-fee school allows us to espouse and develop the values and work ethic that we all want for our children.

A Two Campus College

The College is establishing itself on two sites. What will eventually become the P-9 Campus is located at 344 Murdoch Road, and the foundation site – the 10-12 Campus of years to come - is at The Close.

The Close

In the last twelve months at The Close Campus we have refurbished two heritage listed buildings, built a Science Room, completed much of the landscaping, built lockers and a locker shed for the senior students. In the second half of 2006 we are undergoing the major refurbishment of Trinity House, a project that will cost in excess of \$850K, and give us a specialist Science, Mathematics and Information Technology Centre.

Murdoch Road Campus

Classes have been in operation at the Murdoch Road Campus since mid-year 2006. We currently have four classrooms and an Administration building which also houses an Art Room and Instrumental Music Rooms. Our Year 2 to Year 6 students are trailblazing at this site. Next year work will commence on a specialist Prep to Year 3 facility which will also have its own devoted and secure playground area. This facility will be ready for the start of the 2008 academic year at the very latest.

Cathedral College Wangaratta is one of four low-fee Anglican Colleges begun in this Diocese in the last decade – and we are thrilled with its progress thus far.



AASN NEWSLETTERS TO GO ONLINE

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This will be the last hard copy of the AASN Newsletter for 2006.

We are now trialling *electronic* Newsletters for the remaining two Issues for 2006.

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SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLES

If you have a special interest story for next years issues, please email

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Rev'd Peter Laurence

MEETING WITH ARCHBISHOP

Chairs and Principals from all Anglican schools in WA spent a morning with Archbishop Roger Herft and Mrs Cheryl Herft on 17 August. The morning commenced with a Eucharist in the Archbishop's Chapel at his residence, followed by breakfast and a meeting to discuss issues of common interest. The gathering was one of a number of occasions held each year under the auspices of the Western Australian Anglican Schools Association (WAASA).

CHAPLAINS GATHER FOR PD

Chaplains from schools throughout WA gathered on 8 September to participate in the WAASA Chaplaincy Professional Development Programme.

The theme for the day was entitled Engaging Our Young People and the first session was led by The Most Reverend Roger Herft, Archbishop of Perth and Rev'd Canon Richard Pengelley, Chaplain of St George's University College. Drawing upon findings from a recent forum entitled Focus on Youth, this session investigated some of the real challenges and issues facing young people today including youth suicide and self harm and the consequent effects on their mental health and wellbeing. In a stimulating session, Chaplains shared experiences, insights and ways that young people could be supported as they face these critical issues. Chaplains from the tertiary sector and representatives of Anglican Youth Ministry were also invited to attend the morning sessions of this day. As a result, there was considerable discussion and strategizing in relation to the targeting of young people during the transition years from Year 12 and commencing life in the tertiary sector and workplace.

In the second session entitled Chaplaincy in the 21st Century, students from St Mark's Anglican Community School provided a wonderful stimulus for a highly interactive session by dramatizing issues they perceived as being real to young people. This was followed by an insightful discussion between the students and Chaplains.

In the afternoon, Chaplains shared with one another some of the significant events and issues in their current school contexts.

The day concluded with a Eucharist celebrated by The Right Reverend Brian Kyme (Chairman – WAASA Chaplaincy and Religious Studies Committee).



Chaplains Day September 2006 – names: Mrs Christine Collard, Rev'd David Lord and Rev'd Howard Eaton

NEW ANGLICAN SCHOOLS PLANNED FOR WA

Peter Carnley Anglican Community School

Archbishop Roger Herft presided at the Blessing of the Site and Commissioning of Mr Peter Martin as Foundation Principal of Peter Carnley Anglican Community School at Wellard (in Perth's southern suburbs) on 16 June. Former Primate and Archbishop of Perth, Dr Peter Carnley and Mrs Ann Carnley were also present for the outdoor liturgy, which was attended by approximately 100 invited guests.

Construction of Stage One of the School's development is well underway, with buildings

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due for completion at the end of this year. The School will open next year with all classes from Kindergarten to Year 8.

Peter Carnley Anglican Community School will be the eighth school established by the Anglican Schools Commission, with ASC schools located on nine campuses across WA.

Esperance Anglican Community School

The Anglican Schools Commission plans to open the Esperance Anglican Community School with two Year 8 classes in 2008, in the town of Esperance, eight hours drive south east of Perth. Esperance ACS is planned to be a secondary school only, growing through to Year 12 in 2012. A decision by the Minister for Education and Training concerning approval for the school is imminent.

Broome Anglican Community School

An Application for Advanced Determination has been lodged with the Minister for Education and Training to open an Anglican secondary school in the north-west tourist town of Broome. If approved, the ASC plans to open Broome ACS in 2009 on land acquired north of the Broome Airport.



Peter Carnley Anglican Community School – Stage One under construction

VICTORIA
Rick Tudor

"The major item of news is the appointment of a new Archbishop of Melbourne, Dr Philip Freier. The following extracts about Dr Freier, are taken from "The Melbourne Anglican : September 2006".

The Right Rev Dr Philip Freier has been elected by an overwhelming majority as the new Anglican Archbishop of Melbourne.

Archbishop-Elect Freier, 51, who was elected by a two-thirds majority of Synod members at the special Election meeting 14-22 August, is currently the Bishop of the Northern Territory. He was ordained a priest in 1984, and has been a bishop since 1999 when he became Bishop of the Northern Territory. His previous positions include Examining Chaplain to the Archbishop of Brisbane (1993-1999); Area Dean of Burnett, Diocese of Brisbane; Rector, Christ Church Bundaberg, Diocese of Brisbane; and Rector St Oswald's Banyo Diocese of Brisbane.

Prior to ordination he trained as a teacher and was employed as a teacher at Thursday Island, Kowanyama, and Yarrabah and then as an advisory teacher in Aboriginal education with the Queensland Education Department.

His qualifications include a Doctor of Philosophy from James Cook University; a Master of Educational Studies from the University of Newcastle; a Bachelor of Divinity from the Melbourne College of Divinity; a Diploma in Education from the University of Queensland; and a Bachelor of Applied Science from the Queensland Institute of Technology.

In 2000 he completed a PhD at James Cook University for a thesis entitled 'Living with the Mupitch: The History of Mitchell River Mission, 1905-1967'. He maintains a keen interest in Australian Anglican history. From 2000 to 2003 he was an Honorary Fellow of the Faculty of Law, Business and Arts at the Northern Territory University.

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He is married to Joy and has two adult children. He includes bush walking, reading and the visual arts among his list of recreational pursuits.

We welcome Dr Freier to his new Diocesan appointment, and look forward to working with him and maintaining a strong connection between him and our network."

SOUTH AUSTRALIA
Stephen Matthews

Do our schools walk the talk? Our schools have Mission Statements, and we publicise our Ethos Statements. Our schools too, or systems, in many cases have developed documents that describe the characteristics of Anglican schools. On close inspection, there is not a great deal of difference between each of the Anglican schools in terms of our statements which say we are inclusive, diverse, and embrace the values of compassion, tolerance and intellectual rigour. No doubt there are variations between schools, but our mission is surely fairly homogeneous.

The challenge for the leaders of our schools (and I don't just mean the Principals) is how to translate those values and characteristics into action. In the 19th and 20th centuries, Anglican schools in England, and perhaps in Australia, were characterised by a certain amount of "muscular Christianity". Expressions of Christian love, one for another, were often displayed by the use of a cane, by a rigid set of rules, compulsory attendance at Chapel, and, let's face it, a degree of hypocrisy. How should we monitor our ethos in the 21st Century?

I recall seeing John Cleese being interviewed by Melvyn Bragg many years ago. John Cleese attended Clifton College, and what he recounted in the interview was an incident which showed how the values of the school were played out when an Inspector was coming to visit. His History teacher, prior to the visit of the Inspector, told his class that when the Inspector came into the classroom, he would ask the class some questions. If students knew the answer, they were to put up their right hand, and if they did not, they were to put up their left hand. No doubt the Inspector was impressed with the enormous number of correct answers that were proffered. John Cleese found this amusing, but so at odds with what our schools stand for. Thank goodness we have moved on.

In many of our recently established schools, the most fascinating challenge for a school Principal and his or her subordinates is to engender in the students a genuine care and compassion for each other, and indeed, a degree of Christian love from teacher to children. It can be done.

Schools may have a large number of fundraising initiatives organised by their Houses, their Year Groups, or the SRC. They may have sausage sizzles every Friday to raise money to give to a local charity, or even an international charity. Worthy though these initiatives are, the outcomes are far removed from what is possible when we really try to embed gospel values in the culture of our schools.

Part of the answer is of course in modelling. Teachers must treat students with the utmost respect, as Principals must their staff. Students need to understand that part of what they have to learn is to love and respect their fellow students. A re-statement of harassment and bullying policies is but one tool that we use, but probably the most powerful messages come from students themselves, from teachers, from House leaders, from Home Group or Class Teachers, from the Principal and Chaplain who must "talk up" our values (see above). It must be a whole school approach, and we must all be eternally vigilant to

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develop and to hold on to the culture of a school where the Gospel values are truly lived out.

I recently showed a prospective parent over the school. At one point she asked me some questions about Anglicanism, and what form our religious education took. More specifically, she asked what Anglican values were. Realising she was far removed from a deep understanding of Anglican and Christian values, I simply said "It's about loving your neighbour". She was satisfied. No further questions! However, it caused me to reflect that it is not so much the dogma, or the theology we teach, which attracts parents to our schools. In today's unchurched society, it is the schools that must pass on the Christian message with integrity, and, in all we do, walk the talk.

NEW SOUTH WALES
Tim Wright

The scene in Education in NSW has been dominated by the national debates that have erupted over the curriculum. The NSW government is very protective of its HSC and its history programmes as developed by the Board of Studies and does not want to lose control of those matters. This may become a major point of friction.

On a more specifically Anglican focus, the AASN conference held at Shore was well supported by NSW delegates and hopefully their increasing involvement will continue. The Archbishop of Sydney was the opening keynote speaker and some of his themes were picked up in the Sydney Morning Herald the following week.

The Sydney Diocesan Advisory Group for Anglican Teacher Education met for the first time under the Chairmanship of Bishop Glenn Davies on the 11th October. This body is examining options for the training and equipping of teachers for Anglican Schools. A draft Diocesan Statement on Education is to be drafted as well, with the intention to present that at the 2007 synod.

TASMANIA
Stephen Norris

- The three Anglican Schools were well represented and the recent AASN conference in Sydney. Delegates were praising of the conference and the many opportunities that it provided.

- Our six monthly Anglican Schools meeting takes place on Tuesday 31st October at Launceston Church Grammar School. This is attended by the School's Heads and their respective Board Chairs who join with Bishop John Harrower and Educational Advisor Dr Tom Wallace to discuss matters of relevance to our schools and their mission.

- Linking Spirituality with Community Service. This year is the first time St Michael's Collegiate School in Hobart has had a Spirituality and Service Prefect, a role created to intentionally link the Chapel program and Anglican Christian ethos with the way we live in and serve our community. The responsibilities of the Spirituality and Service Prefect combine what had previously been a Chapel Leader role, with part of the responsibilities of the Community Prefect— which had become enormous, given the great support Collegiate gives to many community organizations. It has been a very happy marriage! The Spirituality and Service Prefect supports the Chapel program and the spirituality goals of the School, and seeks support for organisations and community groups on the basis of giving of self – giving up ones own time for a cause. She works very closely with the Community Prefect who oversees fundraising support for organizations.

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QUEENSLAND

Peta Smith

The Anglican's Schools Commission in the Diocese of Brisbane continues to provide support for the nurturing of Anglican Christian communities as well as opportunities to dialogue about the challenges and opportunities that face Anglican leaders of our School communities.

The annual Heads Retreat, led this year by Archbishop Phillip Aspinall and Bishop Ron Williams, provided a time for reflection and enrichment at both professional and personal levels regarding the significant spiritual and pastoral role of the Head in our Anglican schools. This year the Retreat was extended to allow additional time for corporate well being and support. Bishop Ron Williams has also been conducting a consultancy in each of our schools, interviewing individually and collectively the Head and Chaplain, in order that we can reflect on how these roles work synergistically in leading these faith communities.

The Ministry Education Commission in synergy with the Anglican Schools Commission is developing a range of programs and training to resource staff. Some of this training includes developing an induction program for new staff to be delivered locally, a review of our religious education programs in each of our Anglican Schools, as well as investigation into formation issues. School staff has been involved in developing, training and designing these programs.

After two and a half years of service as Chair of the Anglican Schools Commission, Mrs Josie James was invited to Chair the Parishes and other Missions Commission. After much deliberation, she agreed. Mr Andrew Knox has been appointed as the new Chair of the Anglican Schools Commission. In June, after 13 years as Principal, Mr Paul Claridge, of West Moreton Anglican School, was farewelled. We thank both Josie and Paul for their outstanding contributions to Anglican education in the Brisbane Diocese. At the end of this year we will be farewelling Vicki Waters, Principal of St Margaret's Anglican Girls School who has been appointed Principal of Pymble Girls College, and Gordon Royall, Principal of All Souls St Gabriel's who is retiring.

THE WIRED GENERATION: FAITH, LEARNING AND COMMUNITY WITH GENERATION Y

Can you follow a group of teenagers having a conversation and understand every word? Are your texting skills up to scratch (no – not Text and Traditions, but SMS!)? Do you struggle for ways to communicate the Gospel to this new generation of students? If so, the AASN 2007 Conference is for you!

We will be looking at how Generation Y view faith and spirituality and what this looks like practically, how we can communicate successfully with them and how we can help Christian students to effectively share their relationship with Jesus with their friends.

The conference will be held at Trinity Grammar School, Kew, Melbourne from Friday 17 August to Sunday 19 August 2007. Registration brochures will be sent out in March 2007 and an iPod postcard will be sent to you shortly as a reminder.

So – don't follow the trend of Generation Y and only come to the conference at the last minute if your mates decide to come too – put it in your diary now and come to Melbourne in August 2007!

VISION STATEMENT

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)

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Mr Philip Grutzner, St Peter's College	South Victoria
The Rev'd Peter Laurence, Anglican Schools Commission	Western Australia

Should you wish to contact your State Representative, please do so via the AASN Secretariat, details above.

Retirement of Richard Prideaux

Rick Tudor, VIC

A major item of news focusing on one of our major new Anglican schools is the retirement of Mr Richard Prideaux as the Principal of St Paul's Anglican School Warragul. Richard took up the reins in 1993 and since then numbers at the school have increased to over 1400. In addition to major developments in the Senior School of Warragul, Mr Prideaux has overseen the successful commencement of a Junior School and a second campus at Traralgon. During his fourteen years as Principal, Mr Prideaux has presided over a community which has been characterised by a strong sense of cohesion, the achievement of academic excellence, the development of a broad "whole person" education, and most of all the nurturing of a vibrant Anglican ethos. As Richard moves to take up his new position as Lay Chaplain at the Valley Campus of Beaconhills Christian College, we wish him and Ann well as they set out on a new phase of life.

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