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Introduction

On **Friday 6th March** I was privileged to speak for the first time at a whole school chapel at Mamre Anglican School.

The concept of having a whole school chapel is new to the staff and students at Mamre so it was a great joy for me and for my wife Pauline to be there last week.

Part of my talk focussed on the school badge. Except for school name and school colour the MAS badge and the PAC badge are the same.

As I talked about the school badge it was great to highlight the very obvious fact that the cross, which represents the Risen Christ, is at the centre of the badge as Christ is the centre of what we endeavour to do at both schools.

It was also great to highlight that on the badge our school's motto "to serve Christ" is located at the foot of the cross.

It is where we are to sit at the feet of Christ and it is where we will learn to serve Him best.

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many."

Mark 10:45

Year 7 – 2010 Information Evening

On **Monday 16th March** parents seeking to enrol their child/ren in Year 7 next year are invited to attend an Information Evening at **7:30pm** in the College Gymnasium. Year 6 students are expected to join their parents for the Information Evening.

All parents who have made application for 2010 should have already received an invitation in the mail to this evening. Please contact the College Registrar, Mrs Hazel Salmon, if this is not so.

I look forward to meeting a large number of parents and students on the night.

Important dates for your diary

Friday 13th March

P.1 Chapel/Headmaster's Assembly
Years 3 & 4 Day Camps
NASSA Senior Open & U/15 B/G Touch
Football trials – Dalton Park, Fairymeadow
7:00 – 9:00pm Youth Group at the College
B Block

Sunday 15th March

9:30am Christ Church @ the College
Recital Room
6:00pm Night Church @ the College
Recital Room

Monday 16th March

NASSA Senior Girls' Open & U/15 Netball
Trials – Coronation Park, Minto
7:30pm – 9:00pm Year 7 – 2010 Information
Evening – Gymnasium

Wednesday 18th March

Year 7 Camp - Collaroy
Years 8 – 10 CEP
Years 11 – 12 Study Camp, Meroo

Thursday 19th March

Year 7 Camp - Collaroy
Years 8 – 10 CEP
Years 11 – 12 Study Camp, Meroo

Friday 20th March

Year 7 Camp - Collaroy
Years 8 – 10 CEP
Years 11 – 12 Study Camp, Meroo
P.1 Junior School Chapels
7:00 – 9:00pm Youth Group at the College
B Block

Sunday 22nd March

9:30am Christ Church @ the College
Recital Room
6:00pm Night Church @ the College
Recital Room

Monday 23rd March

NASSA Junior Soccer Gala Day – Jamison
Park
NASSA Jnr/Snr Cricket vs TIGS, Park Street
Ovals

Thursday 26th March

Years 9 – 12 Elective Music Workshop
1:30pm – 2:30pm B Block

Parent – Teacher Evenings

These will be held on the following nights:-

Tuesday 31st March

K – 6 3:30pm – 5:50pm ; 7:00pm – 8:50pm

7 – 12 3:50pm – 5:50pm ; 7:00pm – 8:50pm

Monday 6th April

K – 6 3:30m – 5:50pm

7 – 12 3:50pm – 5:50pm ; 7:00pm – 8:50pm

Appointments are for 10 minutes.

- Logon information to access the College Parent Teacher Booking System online will be mailed out to parents on **Thursday 19th March**.
- Old logon information from 2008 will not work for this round of interviews.
- Online bookings can be made from **Monday 23rd March**.
- To make bookings online go to the College Website click on the Events button and then click on Parent Teacher Interviews in the left hand side bar.

Year Captains 2009

Congratulations to the College's newly appointed Year 7-10 Captains.

Year 7

Danica Winterton Andrew Wahlen

Year 8

Rachel McKeown Kurtis Hughes

Year 9

Brooke Palmer Trent Nelson-Cranfield

Year 10

Stephanie Watts Matthew Kelly

Thank you to all the students who nominated and were interviewed for these positions. The Year Captains look forward to your continuing support.

The Year Captains will be invested at the Headmaster's Assembly on **Friday 13th March**.

World's Best Training

The Sydney University Debating Team is officially the world's best having defeated illustrious teams such as Oxford, Cambridge, Yale and Harvard at the 2009 World Debating Championships recently held in London. On **Friday February 20th**, sixteen of PAC's Year 7 and 8 debaters spent a day being trained by Sydney University debaters.

The day commenced with a demonstration debate by the University debaters who debated the topic that 'President Obama should not close

the Guantanamo Bay prison.' It was a fast-paced and riveting debate which was won by the negative side. Our students enjoyed watching this high standard contest. The debate adjudicator, who served as the deputy adjudicator at the world championships, then used this debate to illustrate best practice in debating skills.

Students then attended workshops in which they viewed and analysed famous debates from the past. They also received training in how to analyse a debating topic, how to formulate and defend arguments and how to speak persuasively by using both verbal and non-verbal techniques.

Our students found the day both enjoyable and a highly educational experience. Many students commented on how much they had learned from this most worthwhile excursion. In closing, we would like to thank Mr. Wright who transported us to and from Sydney University in the school bus.

Mr. C.A. Merz

Head of Debating

Clean Up Australia Day 2009

On **Sunday 1st March** 170 people from our College community participated in Clean Up Australia, our 10th year of participation as a College. They cleaned around the Emu Plains Regatta Park site that included the park, the riverside of the Nepean River and around the Hunter fields.

Together they collected about 60 large garbage bags of litter, 10 bags of litter for recycling, 6 shopping trolleys, a lounge, a suitcase, a pair of boots, building materials and tyres.

The students who participated receive 2 John Lambert points for their participation from their Junior School class teacher or the Senior School PCG teacher.

Thank you to everyone who participated.

Ms. B. Hazell, Mr. P. Horan and Mrs. J. Stubbs

Senior School Swimming Age Champions

Congratulations to the following students who are the College Senior School Age Champions for Swimming.

12yrs Girls - Cassandra Galea

12yrs Boys Lachlan Perring

13yrs Girls - Rachel Rose

13yrs Boys - Andrew Leader

14yrs Girls – Kirsten Duffy

14yrs Boys – Kyle Maurer

15yrs Girls – Samantha Dimond
15yrs Boys – Taythan McCormack

16yrs Girls – Rebekah Bird
16yrs Boys – Kurt Robertson

17yrs Girls – Samantha Moloney
17yrs Boys – Martin Sanders

18yrs Girls – Aimee Maurer
18yrs Boys – Mitchell Reinhard

A big thankyou to the following people for all of their work with the Senior School Carnival. To Mrs and Mrs Maurer, Mr and Mrs Galea and Mr White a fantastic job was done in your official roles on the day. Mrs Galea also provided some fantastic cup-cakes in House colours that were enjoyed by all of the staff.

Mrs Song was another parent worthy of mention for her provision of drinks for staff on what was a very warm day. A big thanks also to Inswim Centre in Penrith. The centre allowed us to use their stopwatches on the day which was greatly appreciated.

Finally to Mr and Mrs Bentley who sourced and donated House coloured swimming caps that students used on the day a big thankyou. It was greatly encouraging to see the number of parents that supported their children at the carnival and all of the staff were very appreciative of the generous gestures of time and assistance provided by those above.

Mr L Toland
Director of Sport

NASSA Hockey Trials

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected for NASSA representative Hockey.

Brenton Osborne (Yr 11)
Rebecca Chapple (Yr 11)
Erin Burns (Yr 11)
Caitlin Burns (Yr 9)
Doretha Visser (Yr 9)
Bethany Heath (Yr 8)

All of the Girls will play both in the U/16 and Open teams this year, Brenton will represent the Open Boys in the upcoming AICES Hockey tournament.

Mr L Toland
Director of Sport

NASSA Basketball Trials

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected for NASSA representative Basketball.

Simone Weatherall (Yr 11)
Ashley Lambert (Yr 9)
Maya Manojlovic (Yr 9)
Doretha Visser (Yr 9)
Lauren Evans (Yr 9)
Darcy Burns-Dunn (Yr 8)

Simone will represent NASSA in the Open Girls competition. The other five girls are all part of the U/16 Girls team that will play in the upcoming AICES Basketball Tournament.

Mr L Toland
Director of Sport

NASSA Cricket

On **Thursday 12th February** PAC played Macarthur Anglican School in the 4th Round of the NASSA Cricket competition. The Senior Team had a very good win on the day. We batted first and scored 170 off 40 overs. Nathan Sajowitz (Yr 11) top scored with a 50 and Luke Middlebrook (Yr 11) a handy 30. The bowling performance was impressive with Connor Finemore (Yr.10) taking 4/9 and Luke Middlebrook (Yr 11) and Nick Maddox (Yr 10) chipping in with 2 wickets each.

The Junior team played well in patches but in the end went down to Macarthur. Macarthur batted first and scored 160 off 40 overs. Sean Austin (Yr 9) took two wickets with the ball and Daniel McIntyre (Yr 9) was also impressive with the ball during this match. Ryan Carter (Yr 8) top scored with the bat making 22 and Sean Austin (Yr 9) formed a good partnership with him scoring 15. In the end it wasn't enough to obtain a winning result for PAC.

Mr L Toland
Director of Sport

NASSA Senior Tennis

On **Monday 2nd March** 8 students in the Senior School travelled to Campbelltown Tennis Centre to compete in the NASSA Tennis Tournament. It was a great day of competition and one in which PAC students performed extremely well.

The Boys' team had a mixed day. The impressive results on the day went to Viktor Zlovic (Yr 10) and Jordan Sidhom (Yr 11). Both of these boys had strong singles wins and combined well in their doubles matches. Cameron Vidler (Yr 11) and Tristan Vidler (Yr 8) competed well on the day and gained valuable experience at this high level of competition. Both will be better players for their experience this year and will return ready to improve in 2010.

The Girls team had a fantastic result winning the competition and qualifying for the AICES tournament. This is the first time any team from PAC has won the competition and it was a great team effort that saw PAC comprehensively take out the title. Morgan Woodland (Yr 11) led the team and provided the power and experience that laid the platform for the win. Katie Woodland (Yr 7), Abby Davis (Yr 7) and Danica Winterton (Yr 7) proved to be the young guns of the competition and were strong in all matches. All players in this team are eligible to play in this tournament next year and the girls in Year 7 could see PAC dominate this competition for many years to come.

Mr L Toland.

Director of Sport.

Penrith Rugby Competition –

Round 1

On **Tuesday 24th February** PAC's First XV Rugby team travelled to Winmalee for the first round of the Penrith Rugby Competition. It was a tough first round encounter which saw PAC go down 31-14.

The match started well with PAC playing some controlled Rugby and establishing good field position. A good line out inside Winmalee's 22 saw PAC move the ball to Fly Half Aaron Carrasco (Yr 11). He then went to the Winmalee line and put full-back Mitchell Reinhard (Yr 12) into a hole. Mitchell went in for a try untouched close to the posts to put PAC in the lead. Aaron Carrasco (Yr 11) converted for a 7-0 lead.

Winmalee worked their way back into the match and took the lead into the half-time break. The second half saw Winmalee dominate possession and field position. PAC defended strongly battling against the hot condition with limited on the reserve bench. PAC finished the match scoring and converting the final try. Joel Togo (Yr 9) scored in the corner on his debut for the First XV.

On an encouraging note, many young players made their First XV debuts and all did admirably.

Special mention to Jordan Healey (Yr 9), Lachlan McKenzie (Yr 9), Joel Togo (Yr 9), Jaryd Nematalla (Yr 10) and Emerson Nikesitch (Yr 10) who all went well on their First XV debuts.

Mr L Toland.

Director of Sport.

Cranmer Champions 2009

Congratulations to Cranmer House for their victory at the 2009 Junior School Swimming Carnival. Cranmer were convincing victors followed by Ryle, Ridley and Latimer Houses respectively. Thank you to the many parent helpers who helped with timekeeping and judging on the day. Without your help the carnival could never have run so smoothly. A special thank you to Mr & Mrs Galea and Mrs Maurer for holding key positions on the day.

Participation rates were sky high which was extremely pleasing. Students had the opportunity to compete in competitive, non competitive 25 metre activities and novelties. The majority of students took these opportunities and this made the carnival most enjoyable.

Congratulations to Matthew Galea and Kayla Bentley who broke individual records. Kayla broke the 9 Year Girls 50 Metre Freestyle record. Matthew was undoubtedly the star performer on the day. He broke 3 records in the Under 8 Boys Freestyle, Backstroke and Breaststroke. Amazing, Matthew is still in Year 2 and has many more records in his sight.

Final Pointscore

Cranmer	692
Ryle	541
Ridley	516
Latimer	503

Mr J Rodgers

Junior School Sports Coordinator

Junior School Swimming Champions 2009

Congratulations to PAC's Swimming Champions for 2009

	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>
8yrs	Georgia Appelgren	Matthew Galea
9yrs	Kayla Bentley	Jack McAllister
10yrs	Larissa Gagen	Hayden Perry
11yrs	Caiti Brown	John Nolan
12yrs	Bearne Strachan	Ben Hartsuyker

NASSA Junior Tennis Gala Day

Ashleigh Vassallo (Yr.6), Kathryn Robinson (Yr.6) and James Behringer (Yr.6) represented the

college at the NASSA Tennis Gala Day held at Campbelltown. All three players exhibited wonderful skills on the day and are to be congratulated for their individual performances. Special mention must go to Ashleigh though who qualified to represent NASSA at the Combined Independent Schools trials. Well done Ashleigh and good luck at the trials.

NASSA Junior Basketball Gala Day
Congratulations to the Boys and Girls Basketball Teams who competed at the NASSA Basketball Gala Day. The event was held at the "Beaton Park Leisure Centre" in Wollongong. Both teams were more than competitive on the day. This was largely due to the efforts of Mrs Letta (parent) and Josh Morehead for the training the teams. They spent much time and effort teaching the students the rules and skills of basketball. Thank you to both for their enthusiasm and efforts during the 4 weeks prior to the day. A huge welcome also to Jessica Lambert (Yr 11) for refereeing on the day.

Finally, well done to Brooke Morehead, Briana Letta, Brayden Letta and Derrick Visser who were selected to trial for the Combined Independent Schools Team. A just reward for 4 outstanding basketballers.

Following are the results for the day:

Boys

Lost to TIGS 23-7
Lost to Broughton 6-5
Lost to St Lukes 22-0
Lost to Thomas Hassall 21-1
Won against Macarthur 10-2
Lost Bankstown 12-6

Girls

Lost to Broughton 16-10
Won against TIGS 16-10
Lost to St Lukes 17-10
Lost to Thomas Hassall 8-3
Won against Macarthur 12-11
Won against Bankstown 16-6

PAC Basketball Teams

Boys

Andrew Agaiby (Yr.6)
James Behringer (Yr.6)
Rhys Gordon (Yr.6)
Ben Hartsuyker (Yr.6)
Matthew Huckstadt (Yr.6)
Brayden Letta (Yr.6)
Adrian Meyer (Yr.6)
Luke Sligar (Yr.6)
Derrick Visser (Yr.6)

Jake Yalden (Yr.5)

Girls

Emily Graham (Yr.6)
Gracie Grinham (Yr.6)
Isabella Halcrow (Yr.5)
Mikayla Hinkley (Yr.5)
Briana Letta (Yr.4)
Tiana Lackey (Yr.6)
Brooke Morehead (Yr.6)
Kathryn Robinson (Yr.6)
Brearne Strachan (Yr.6)
Mr J Rodgers

Junior School Sports Coordinator

Kokoda Track - 2010

An expedition to the Kokoda Track is currently being planned during the school holidays in July next year.

A representative from Beyond Me Travel Agency will be coming to the College on **Thursday 26th March, 2009** to do a presentation and answer any questions.

The presentation will be held in G4 commencing at **5:30pm until 6:30pm**. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

For further information see Mr D Poirier.

Penrith District Netball Association
Congratulations to Emily Graham (Yr.6), Jaimi McDonald (Yr.6) and Natalie Sutherland (Yr.5) for being selected to represent Penrith in the PDNA 11yrs development squad this year.

Alexandra Nematalla (Yr.5)

On the 7th March at a presentation ceremony at UTS Kuring-gai, The Australian Speech Communications Association, presented Alexandra with a Studio Medal recognising her outstanding achievement in 2008 in communications.

Congratulations Alexandra.

Hollie Emery (Year 10, 2005)

Congratulations to Hollie who has been selected for the Australian Cross Country junior team to compete at the IAAF World Cross Country Championships in Jordan, Middle East on March 22nd.

Praise and Prayer Points

Praise:

- give thanks for a very successful Ridley House Charity day
- give thanks for the Years 3 & 4 Camp days
- give thanks for our College & NASSA Swimming Carnivals
- give thanks for the growth that is occurring in the Friday Night fellowship group at the College
- give thanks for love that is so great God was willing to send His Son to die for us.
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Prayer:

- continue to pray for families impacted upon by the Victorian bushfires
- continue to pray for parents who have found themselves suddenly unemployed
- pray for an upturn in the world economic markets
- pray for safety for all Australians serving our nation overseas
- pray for families who are contemplating going to a local Christian church this year to celebrate Easter.

Very soon after the present Federal Government came into office I had the privilege of listening to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Education, the Honourable Julie Gillard, talk about the importance of education for the future of our nation.

I was impressed with the Deputy Prime Minister's vision and one key statement she made on that occasion has stayed with me since –

"Disadvantage is not destiny." Hon. Julia Gillard 21/5/08

In my adult life I have had many people make comment to me about the distance from our city to the beach, about my being a "westie" and about "our disadvantage living in the west!"

76% of Year 12 graduates from PAC last year are studying in tertiary institutions this year.

This brings a smile to my face. I hope it brings a smile to the faces of all parents and students at PAC.

Barry Roots,
HEADMASTER