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NEWSLETTER OF PENRITH ANGLICAN COLLEGE  
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## Introduction

Last week a young girl from William Carey Christian School was tragically killed as she stepped from a bus after school.

The enormity of the tragedy to that young girl's family, to their friends and to the school community goes without saying.

It is a very sharp reminder to all of us to appreciate and to love all of the people that we have in our lives and to not allow pride, anger, insensitivity, greed or any other issue to hinder positive relationships.

The issue might seem very important at the time but whatever the issue is surely relationships are more important still.

Jesus taught me that.

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts..."

Colossians 3:15

## Right Turn into Wentworth Road

It staggers me to know that some drivers are still opting to turn right into Wentworth Road as they exit from the College at our new entrance.

Someday someone will get hurt and there will be absolutely no excuse acceptable for such irresponsibility on the part of a driver ignoring the no right turn.

Every driver should heed the rules and regulations for safe driving, if not for their own sake for the sake of all the students at the College.

## Yr.12 TASTastic Exhibition 2009

Congratulations to the Year 12 Design & Technology and Textiles & Design students for such an amazing exhibition of Year 12 HSC major works on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August**.

Such is the reputation of the exceptionally high standard of work produced by PAC students that over two hundred people visited the exhibition including Senior students from Blacktown Girls (Selective), St Paul's Grammar School and Blaxland High School.

Well done TAS students and staff!

## Important dates for your diary

### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August

P.1 Chapel for Junior & Prep Schools  
P.1 Gold Silver & Bronze Awards Senior School  
7:00 – 9:00pm Youth Group at the College B Block

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August

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

### Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August

Year 12 Trial HSC & IB Exams

### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August

Book launch @ PAC – 7:00pm F Centre

### Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August

P.1 Chapel  
7:00 – 9:00pm Youth Group at the College B Block

### Sunday 23 August

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

### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August

Book Week commences

### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August

P.1 Chapel  
7:00 – 9:00pm Youth Group at the College B Block

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August

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

### Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August

Mid Term Break

### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September

NASSA Junior Athletics Carnival – Campbelltown

### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

NASSA Senior Athletics Carnival – Campbelltown  
7:30pm HSC Music Elective Performance Evening  
7:30pm Board of Governors' Meeting

### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Theatre LOTE – Year 8

## Years 11 & 12 Drama Showcase

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On **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August** our Year 11 and Year 12 Drama students performed their major pieces of work to a packed Recital Room.

Year 12 students were having their work assessed as part of their Trial HSC examinations.

Exceptional talent, brilliant performances and wonderful interaction with the audience meant that those present could not have asked for anything more.

Thank you Drama students and thank you Drama teachers. Well done!

## Outstanding Debaters!

On **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July** five our Year 7 and 8 debating teams participated in the University of Sydney Union Junior Schools Debating Tournament. Other teams participating were Fort Street (which entered 7 teams), Randwick Girls, Kincoppal Rose Bay, Meriden, Sydney Girls High and St Leo's Wahroonga. Each of our five teams took part in 3 debates. Our students achieved excellent results in winning 12 out of their 15 debates!

The tournament was organised and adjudicated by the world number one ranked Sydney University Debating Team and was a teaching experience as well as a competition. At the conclusion of each debate the adjudicators gave the competing students helpful feedback on their performance and advice on how they could improve. The day was organised into 3 rounds of debates followed by a question and answer session between students and the chief adjudicator for the competition. We then watched the grand final debate between a Meriden and a Fort Street team. This was also a helpful learning experience.

I was able to observe 3 debates personally and am pleased to report that all of our students debated most competently. In round one our PAC teams won 4 out of 5, 3 out of 5 in round two and 5 out of 5 in round 3 for a total of 12 wins and 3 losses. This is a highly pleasing result against quality opposition! It is also encouraging to note that our teams improved as the day progressed and that three of our teams were undefeated. To conclude, I have never been prouder of our debaters! They all deserve our congratulations for the manner in which they represented our school.

*Mr C Merz*

*Debating Co-ordinator*

## Impressive Speakers

The Legacy Junior Public speaking competition is always interesting to observe. This year the competition was held at Jamison High on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**. P.A.C. was represented by Ashlea Launt (Yr.9) and Michael Payer (Yr.10). Our two students competed against twelve other students from six other local high schools. Each speaker was required to give a five minute prepared speech on a topic of their choice and then a two minute impromptu speech after five minutes of preparation time.

Ashlea certainly gained audience attention in her prepared speech on the topic of how wrong it is to make murderers into celebrities. Her speech was highly original and she used a number of clever devices in making her points. Michael also delivered a speech which held the audience's attention. He took the unfashionable position of arguing for the reinstatement of the death penalty for heinous crimes. Michael's speech was well-reasoned and convincing.

The impromptu speech was on the topic of 'sink or swim'. Michael interpreted the phrase metaphorically as being about success or failure and showed how this applied to the life and achievements of Leonardo da Vinci and Martin Luther. In doing this, Michael demonstrated an impressive level of general knowledge. Ashlea also interpreted the topic metaphorically and showed a very sophisticated use of language analysis and creativity in exploring a range of interpretations of the topic. The adjudicator made a point of complimenting Ashley on the excellence of her impromptu speech.

Most public speaking competitions come down to the impromptu section. On the strength of Ashlea's exceptional impromptu talk she was chosen to go through to the next stage at Lewisham. Both of our students showed significant ability as public speakers and deserve to be congratulated on their efforts!

*Mr. C. Merz,*

*Head of Public Speaking*

## National Tree Day

Did you know that a single tree can produce almost 120 kg of oxygen in a year?

On **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August**, all Year 9 students from PAC participated in National Tree Day. You can now breathe easier knowing that throughout the morning session almost 150 trees, grasses, shrubs, seedling and saplings were planted in two locations on school grounds. "What a treerific day!" someone with a terrible sense of humour declared. Thanks to all the students and teachers involved on the day.

*Mr. M Clarke*



## Australian Government Assistance For National Capital Excursion

Students in Years 5 and 6 have recently undertaken an educational tour of the national capital on **July 27<sup>th</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup>**. While on this tour they participated in a variety of educational programmes focusing on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme toward travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the College.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

The excursion was a most rewarding experience for the students and they were commended during our visit for their outstanding behaviour and extensive knowledge of Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

*Mrs S Kennedy*

*Head of Junior School*

## Book Launch at PAC

One of our College Governor's, Mr John Lambert, has published his first novel called "A Land of Plenty".

The College has the privilege of launching this book on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August at 7:00pm** in the F Centre. A separate flyer has been sent home with details about the book and the launch.

It is a book of historical fiction and much of it is centred in the early years of the settlement of Australia.

I have had the privilege of reading the book and I commend both the launch and the reading of the book to all College families.

## Premier's Reading Challenge

Entries are due into the College by **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August**.

*Library staff*

## Father's Day Breakfast at the College

Please find attached to the Vine an invitation to all College dads to join their child/ren for breakfast at the College to celebrate Father's Day.

The breakfast will be held on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September** commencing at **7:00am**.

## Bill Turner Cup (Girls)

The 2009 season of Bill Turner Cup Girls' Soccer started well for Penrith Anglican College. Our squad of 18 including: Monique Andreatta (Yr.7), Alessandra Bizzanelli (Yr.7), Rebecca Boyall (Yr.8), Darcy Burns-Dunn (Yr.8), Ashlee Davidson (Yr.10), Melissa Grima (Yr.7), Caitlin Heeps (Yr.9), Eliza Johnson (Yr.7), Ashley Lambert (Yr.9), Lynette Lawrence (Yr.9), Jeannie MacGregor (Yr.8), Rachel McKeown (Yr.8), Shannon McLintock (Yr.8), Morgan Moloney (Yr.9), Jasmine Sargeant (Yr.8), Paige Schafer (Yr.9) (C), Alix Waddell (Yr.9), Taylah Walsh (Yr.10), fought their way to victory in the first two rounds of the competition.

The first match was against Blaxland High School. The PAC girls played hard and dominated the game, winning 3-1. Game Two against Kingswood presented new challenges to the PAC team. The score remained close throughout the entire game but our girls never lost heart and broke through the opposition defence in the dying moments to secure a victory. The Round Three game was played against the girls from Bede Polding who, with the advantage of one phenomenal player, were able to win against PAC. The Bede Polding team has since played its way into the area final. Last year our girls were runners up in the area final, their performance this year was outstanding and with excellent young players in the squad, things are looking good for girls' soccer at PAC.

*Ms K Smith*

*Girls' Soccer Coach*

## Bill Turner Cup (Boys)

The PAC Spartans Round 1 opponent was Winmalee High School in what was a good first game to get our 2009 campaign started. After an initial settling down period, we started to gain ascendancy. Our defence was strong led by Sean Austin (Yr.9) and our midfield combination of Viktor Zlovic (Yr.11) and Ryan Chapman (Yr.10) dominated. In the end we came away victorious 4-0 with Blake Feltis (Yr.9) scoring twice.

Round 2 saw our boys travel out to Hawkesbury High School for what we knew was going to be a much tougher contest as four of our players were absent. There were many valiant displays across the park against a much stronger opposition.

When the dust settled we were on the wrong end of a 6-2 loss. However, after the game, in what has become known as "Wallace Gate", an investigation commenced which culminated in the uncovering of Hawkesbury using overage players and they were subsequently kicked out of the competition. And so on to the third round the PAC Spartans marched. Our Round 3 opponent was our arch rivals Colo High School who knocked us out of the competition in 2008. This year we were primed to not have a repeat performance. Colo scored an early goal but our fighting Spartan spirit kicked into gear and we levelled very soon after through a goal to Nick Herring (Yr.9). A slight lapse in our defense allowed Colo to score late in the first half and we went into half time 2-1 down. Our boys were not happy and came out in the second half full of determination. What followed was the best half of soccer of our entire campaign. Every player showed skill, aggression and gave their all. In the end we had several opportunities to level the score which we just could not capitalise on and after an exhausting hour of play and several players carrying injuries, Colo managed to score a third goal which put the result beyond a doubt.

Congratulations to all the players from this year's squad. An excellent result.

*Mr P Wallace*

*Boys' Soccer Coach*

## Harrison Stratford (Year 2)

On **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July** Harrison won a gold medal in the Little Athletics Under 7's State Cross Country event held at Jamison Park.

Congratulations Harrison on this wonderful achievement.

## Kids' Adventure Passport

The NSW Government has launched the Kids' Adventure Passport which gives all primary school children free access to more than 70 museums and galleries across the State. From **13<sup>th</sup> July to 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2010**, every primary level child can gain free entry to participating institutions on weekends, public holidays and school holidays. The passports can be obtained from participating museums and galleries, details of which are available from the website at [www.arts.nsw.gov.au](http://www.arts.nsw.gov.au)

## Senior School Parent-Teacher Interviews

Senior School Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on:

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September.**

Interviews will be booked online using the PTO booking system. Parents should receive a letter in the post in the next two weeks with PIN numbers and information on making bookings.

## PAC Memorial Garden

### Memorial Plaques

One of our Year 12 Design and Technology students is currently undertaking the designing and construction of a Memorial Garden at the College, as part of his Major Design Project.

It is his desire to recognise the efforts and sacrifice of those who served at Gallipoli and/or World War One (in the first instance) by placing a Commemorative Plaque (free of charge) onto a Wall of Honor.

If you have a family member or relative who served in this conflict and would like to have them remembered in this special way, would you supply the following details;

- Full name
- Service number
- Nationality
- Force (e.g., Infantry, Artillery, Navy, etc)
- Battalion/Regiment/Unit/Ship, etc
- Date of birth and death

Details should be forwarded by email to; Mr N. Marshall, Head of TAS Faculty ([n.marshall@pac.nsw.edu.au](mailto:n.marshall@pac.nsw.edu.au)) - **by August 14, 2009.**

## *TAStastic 2009*

Another highly successfully *TAStastic* exhibition was held in the TAS Faculty on **August 6<sup>th</sup>**. An estimated 300 people were in attendance to view the amazing Textile Technology Projects and the works in progress in Design and Technology Major Projects.

The variety of projects and the skills and creative talents of our gifted TAS students impressed those in attendance who also gained an appreciation for each student's dedication and ability.

I would like to thank Mrs S deLeon, Mrs D Catto, Mr Steve Prince, Mrs R Huddleston and Mr T Brown from the TAS Faculty, who collaboratively worked towards the exhibition's success.

A full report and photographs of the students Major Projects will be seen in the 2009 edition of the Harvest Magazine.

*Mr. N. Marshall*  
Head of TAS Faculty

## London, Paris and the Western Front Study Tour – September 2010

A Penrith Anglican College Study Tour to London, Paris, provincial France and the Battlefields of the Western Front has been prepared for **September 25<sup>th</sup> to October 10<sup>th</sup> 2010.**

This tour will be an exciting addition to the highly successful 2004, 2006 and 2008 PAC Study Tours to Turkey and Gallipoli.

This fully guided tour is open to all families, past students, friends and relatives of the PAC community, and of course our past tour members. Students who wish to join us and who will travel on their own should be in Years 11 and 12.

The comprehensive Tour Information Package including Itinerary, costing and Tour Booking Form can be downloaded from the College's Website [www.pac.nsw.edu.au](http://www.pac.nsw.edu.au) and click on Events.

Please contact me at the College or email me; [n.marshall@pac.nsw.edu.au](mailto:n.marshall@pac.nsw.edu.au)  
I look forward to you joining us.

Hurry, as the number of available places are quickly filling.

*Mr. N. Marshall*  
Tour Organiser

## Camden High School Gymkhana 2009

Camden High School's 2009 Gymkhana will be held on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September.**

Details about the Gymkhana can be obtained from College Reception.

## Praise and Prayer Points

### Praise:

- give thanks for an amazing exhibition of Year 12 student work in TAS
- give thanks for our incredibly talented students in Drama
- give thanks for a very successful Dusty Boots program in Tibooburra last holidays
- give thanks for our incredibly supportive College Governors.

### Prayer:

- pray for the family of the young girl from William Carey Christian School killed last week
- pray for the staff and students of William Carey Christian School
- pray for Year 12 undertaking Trial HSC & IB examinations
- pray for smooth progress in the building of our Junior School Performing Arts Centre
- pray for all who work in learning support roles at the College

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A gold ring has been found in the College car park.

Inscribed inside the ring are the words –

*“Donna & Doug Forever 4-6-84”*

The story may have gone something like this:- “Doug fell madly in love with Donna sometime in the eighties when he was home on furlough from combatant duties somewhere in the jungles of South America. His and her parents were both opposed to the marriage but despite all of this they married in June 1984; are still happily married with 3 daughters, two sons and a Labrador named “Rover”.

Most importantly of all when Donna hears the news that her wedding ring that was lost has now been found she will come racing into the College Reception with tears flowing freely and all will be well again as the ring is returned to its rightful owner, as the ladies hug each other and as they all share stories about their wedding experiences.

Doug on the other hand is in the car reading the paper and I am sitting in my office hoping for a sizeable reward to help build our new Performing Arts Centre.”

Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus.

P.S. The ladies can't wait for Donna (or Doug) to come and collect the ring!

Barry Roots,  
HEADMASTER

# Meet the College Staff

**INTRODUCING: NORMA GRANT**  
**POSITION: TEACHER'S AIDE**



## **YOUR 60 SECONDS START NOW**

**How long have you been working at PAC?...** 11 years

**When I was at school I...** had my pigtails pulled by my teacher every day

**I love to read...** the classics, historical novels & James Herriot for a laugh

**I'm not very good at...** swimming

**In my spare time I like to...** garden, read and build jigsaw puzzles

**My last meal would be...** I would probably have lost my appetite if I knew I was dying

**My favourite sporting moment...** watching my daughter Gill win a gold medal in out-rigger canoeing

**When I was a child I...** liked looking after babies, walking in the countryside and going to Sunday school

**My first job was...** tattie picking

**My favourite song...** See Him Coming

**My favourite holiday destination...** walking on a beach in the late afternoon

**My friends say I am...** generous and kind and loud.

# Meet the College Staff

**INTRODUCING: MALCOLM GRANT**  
**POSITION: PROPERTY MANAGER**



## **YOUR 60 SECONDS START NOW**

**How long have you been working at PAC?...** *11 years*

**When I was at school I...** *was the first student to wear jeans to school*

**I love to read...** *woodwork books*

**I'm not very good at...** *replacing my chair after meals*

**In my spare time I like to...** *renovate*

**My last meal would be...** *pureed vegetables in an invalid cup*

**My favourite sporting moment...** *watching Wimbledon*

**When I was a child I...** *was a lot younger than I am now*

**My first job was...** *paper boy*

**My favourite song...** *Fever by Peggy Lee*

**My favourite holiday destination...** *Lamington State Forest*

**My friends say I am...** *Intellectual, intelligent, honest, handsome, meticulous and modest.*