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Introduction

Over 450 dads and their children enjoyed breakfast here at the College last Friday.

It is always wonderful to see so many dads here at the College on this special morning.

A great big thank you to Mrs Shannon Preskett and her helpers on the day.

From the smiles on the faces of the PAC students I know they really enjoyed having their dads here with them for breakfast.

In the hustle and bustle of daily life isn't it great to take time out to do the things that probably have much more significance in the long term.

"Be still and know that
I am God."

Psalm 46:10

Official Opening of the Prep School Building
Last Friday saw the official opening of the Prep School building by Dr A.J. Pittorino.

It was a delight to welcome Dr Pittorino, the original owner of the land on which the College sits, and also to welcome Mr David Bradbury, the Federal Member for Lindsay, to the opening.

The Commonwealth Government gave the College just over \$500,000 towards the cost of the building. We gratefully acknowledge this contribution from the Commonwealth Government.

NASSA Junior Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to the Penrith Anglican College's Junior School NASSA Athletics Team 2009. The team dominated at the NASSA Carnival held at Campbelltown Stadium on Tuesday 1st September. It was definitely a team effort where every member contributed to a massive win. When the dust had settled, PAC won by 150 points. A remarkable performance indeed.

The highlight of the day were the relays. PAC won an amazing 8 of 9 and were beaten in a photo finish in the other relay. Once again it was a team effort which allowed the PAC teams

Important dates for your diary

Friday 11th September

P.1 Chapel
7:30pm Yr.10 Elective Drama Performance Evening
7:00 – 9:00pm Youth Group at the College B Block

Saturday 12th September

7:30pm Yr.10 Elective Drama Performance Evening

Sunday 13th September

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

Monday 14th September

Year 10 Work Experience week commences

Tuesday 15th September

CIS Primary Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 16th September

P/T Interviews – Senior School
3:50pm – 5:50pm ; 7:00pm – 8:50pm

Friday 18th September

P.1 Chapel
7:30pm Yr.10 Elective Drama Performance Evening

Sunday 20th September

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

Monday 21st September

7:00pm K – 6 Creative Arts & Musical Evening - Gymnasium

Tuesday 22nd September

CIS Secondary Athletics Carnival – Homebush

Wednesday 23rd September

GOSPEL Day

Thursday 24th September

Yrs.9 – 12 Elective Music – Musica Viva

Friday 25th September

P.1 Headmaster's Assembly – Senior School
P.1 Chapel – Junior & Prep Schools
7:30pm Yr.9 Elective Drama Performance Evening

to dominate. Hard work and smooth changes were the ingredients of success for the teams. Every relay team member is to be commended for their fantastic team work.

Special mention must go to “The Best of the Best” Relay Team. The team comprised: Luke Go (8-9 Yr), Richard Stewart (10 Yr), Tarron Grundy (11 Yr) and Matthew Huckstadt (12 Yr).. It won the “Best of the Best” Relay for the 1st time in the College’s history. Well done to every single athlete that contributed on the day. The win was the College’s 4th in 7 years and the 2010 team looks even stronger.

Mr J Rodgers

Junior School Sports Coordinator

NASSA Junior Combined Team Scores 2009

	Points
Penrith Anglican College	464
The Illawarra Grammar School	314
St Luke’s Grammar	223
Broughton Anglican College	177
Macarthur Anglican School	164
Thomas Hassall Anglican College	159
Bankstown Grammar	129
Mamre Anglican School	15

NASSA Junior Athletics Team 2009

<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>
1. Georgia Applegren	1. Jordan Andreatta
2. Natalia Beaumont	2. Jarod Baldwin
3. Mikayla Bell	3. Callum Beaton
4. Dominique Clark	4. James Behringer
5. Riley Clarkson	5. Matthew DeCelis
6. Emily Graham	6. Jacob Donaldson
7. Gracie Grinham	7. Jesse Freeman
8. Renee Hanson	8. Luke Go
9. Ainslie Harvey	9. Matthew Go
10. Mikayla Hinkley	10. Matthew Graydon
11. Naomi Howarth	11. Tarron Grundy
12. Dayna Jenkin	12. Angus Harrold
13. Alexis Johnson	13. Ben Hartsuyker
14. Melanie Kirk	14. Thomas Heeps
15. Jaime Lakke-Benson	15. Andrew Huckstadt
16. Courtney Lambert	16. Matthew Huckstadt
17. Briana Letta	17. Corey Jenkin
18. Sarah Lewis	18. Justin Keightley
19. Kaleigh McDonald	19. Hugh Kermond
20. Hannah Oloffs	20. Jack Kuipers
21. Georgia Patterson	21. Lachlan McDougall
22. Emily Pemble	22. Lachlan Montgomery
23. Emily Perring	23. Nelson O’Neill
24. Kathryn Robinson	24. Sean Payer
25. Suzanne Robinson	25. Hayden Perry
26. Jemma Sargeant	26. Blake Schafer
27. Louise Smyth	27. Richard Stewart
28. Brearne Strachan	28. Daniel Tupper
29. Lovedeesh Toor	29. Zack Vassallo
30. Ashleigh Vassallo	30. Derrick Visser
31. Sarah Walker	

32. Alarna Walsh
33. Brigitte Wilson
34. Yasmin Zammit

NASSA Jnr Record Breakers 2009

Congratulations to the following athletes who not only won an event at NASSA but set new NASSA records.

Junior A Girls Relay Team

Ainslie Harvey (Yr.5), Courtney Lambert (Yr.5), Renee Hansen (Yr.4), Emily Perring (Yr.4)

Junior B Boys Relay Team

Jordan Andreatta (Yr.4), Hayden Perry (Yr.5), Angus Harrold (Yr.3), Hugh Kermond (Yr.4)

Lovedeesh Toor (Yr.6) – 11yr Girls Discus, 11yr Girls Shot Put

Ainslie Harvey – 10yr Girls 100m , Junior Girls Long Jump

Courtney Lambert – Junior Girls High Jump

Natalia Beaumont (Yr.4) – Junior Girls Shot Put

Hayden Perry (Yr.5) – Junior Boys High Jump,

Junior Boys Long Jump

Justin Light : Year 12, 2009

In the past 18 months whilst preparing for his HSC exams Justin has composed a pantomime “Trouble in Fairytale Land.”

His pantomime will be staged by Blacktown City Community Theatre on **27-29th November**.

The pantomime features a band in which Justin plays the keyboard.

Congratulations Justin on this incredible achievement.

GATEway 8 Gala Day

On the **26th and 28th August**, two teams from Years 7-10 attended Macarthur Anglican School to compete in the annual GATEway 8 Gala day.

This competition is designed to challenge and enthuse gifted students in creative academic pursuits. The theme for the competition this year was Astronomy as it is the UNESCO International Year of Astronomy.

Students are required to complete eight tasks designed to stimulate the eight multiple intelligences outlined by Howard Gardner. The groups used their time effectively by multitasking and allocating activities to different members with demonstrated gifts and talents in the various fields. Composing musical scores, designing and creating a moonraker machine, mathematical scenarios and engineering problems were included in the day’s problems to solve. Students

were also required to create their own language and include it in a scripted scene for a performance at the end of the day.

The Year 7 & 8 team successfully brought home the trophy for 1st place in their competition whilst the Year 9 and 10 team competed admirably for a very tight 5th placing. Only a few points separated the winners from the 5th placement.

All students who competed are to be congratulated for their outstanding behaviour and attitude of fair play during the competition's proceedings.

The teams are as follows:

Year 7

Tyler Wilkinson
Andrew Wahlen
Claire Baker
Hannah-Rose Stewart

Year 8

Kaitlin Ball
Geneva Walker
Jayden Cramer
Matthew Montgomery

Year 9

Amy Graham
Heather Bray
Bryce Medlen
Mario Sefin

Year 10

Rebekah Bird
Rebecca Howard
Ryan Chapman
Matthew Burke
Mrs K Toland
Senior Gifted and Talented Coordinator

PAC Student Successes at Penrith Show

The following outstanding results were achieved by PAC students at the recent Penrith Show.

Junior School

Drawing Yr.3&4

H.C. Sarah Cregan, Emi Foster

Drawing Yr.1&2

H.C. Liam Swist, Kelsey Lewis

College Year 1&2

1st Sophie Brooker

2nd Claire Brull

3rd Georgia Murray

Clay Work Yr.1&2

1st Ethan Green

2nd Kaide Fotheringham

H.C. Max Cochrane

Drawing Kindy

2nd Amelia Eade

H.C. Sophie Britton

College Kindy

H.C. Helena Bradbury

Any other Craftwork Kindy

1st Abbey McAlister

H.C. Ravdeesh Toor

Machine Made Article U/12

1st Emi Foster

Piece of Needlework U8

1st Emi Foster – Best exhibit U/12 Jnr Needlework

Scones – U/12

1st Emi Foster

Rock Cakes U/12

1st Emi Foster

Slice any Variety No Icing U/12

H.S. Jordan Foster

Slice any Variety Iced U/12

1st Jordan Foster

Decorated Patty Cakes U/12

1st Matia Lackey

Hand Decorated Iced Novelty Cake U/12

2nd Tiana Lackey

3rd Zalia Lackey

Any other Variety U/23

1st Emi Foster

Senior School

Visual Arts

Andrew Wahlen (Yr.7) H.C.

Michael Wahlen (Yr.7) H.C.

Penny Van Raaphorst (Yr.8) H.C.

Julia Muller (Yr.8) 3rd

Jordan Daalmeijer-Power (Yr.9) H.C.

Mary Therese Younan (Yr.10) 3rd

TAS

Several Textiles and TAS students recently exhibited their work at the Penrith Show and have all done extremely well. Congratulations to the following students on their excellent achievements:

Best Exhibit - Needlework (Senior Child) and 1st Place Machine Made Article awarded to **Rachel Caruana** (Year 9 Textiles) for her beautifully made strip quilted overnight bag

1st Place – Large Patchwork Quilt awarded to **Hannah Forrell and Danielle O'Donovan** (Year 10 Textiles) for their creative sea creatures patchwork quilt made for the Westmead Children's Hospital

2nd Place – Large Patchwork Quilt awarded to **Ashlee Davidson** Year 10 Textiles for her 'My Little Pony' patchwork quilt made for the Westmead Children's Hospital

3rd Place – Large Patchwork Quilt awarded to **Kayla Cooper and Samantha Dimond** (Year 10 Textiles) for their Disney characters patchwork quilt made for the Westmead Children’s Hospital

2nd Place - Machine Made Article awarded to **Alana Houlden** (Year 10 Textiles) for summer PJ’s

Highly Commended - Machine Made Article awarded to all Year 10 Textile students listed below for their colourful summer PJ’s:

Bronte Corry , Kayla Cooper, Danielle O’Donovan, Stephanie Cozzarini, Ashlee Davidson, Hannah Forrell

1st Place – Open section-any needlework not listed awarded to **Blake Tickner** (Year 8) for his creative cushion

2nd Place – Year 7/8 Machine Made Article awarded to **Emma Gledhill** (Year 8) for her beautiful patchwork cushion

3rd Place - Year 7/8 Machine Made Article awarded to **Joshua Robertson**(Year 8) for his appliquéd cushion

Highly Commended ribbons were awarded to the following Year 7 students who have all made a ‘Warm up for Winter’ polar fleece rug:

Melissa Grima, Abbey Duke, Sarah Rafen
These beautifully made products will be displayed in the Showcase Cabinet in H Block

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs B. Knight who arranged for these items to be delivered to the showground and then picked them up and returned them to the College when the Show finished. We really have appreciated her efforts.

Mrs S de Leon
TAS Faculty

Debating Report

On **Thursday August 20th** our four Years 7-10 ‘B’ teams travelled to Nepean District Christian School for an inter-school debate. While we were only victorious in one debate, overall our students debated capably and competitively.

Our Year 7’s debated the topic ‘That pets are our masters.’ Their thorough preparation paid off as they were successful in winning their debate. Our Year 8’s also performed strongly in a thrillingly close contest. I adjudicated it and it was the closest debate I have seen in years. Our team earned 245 points, just one point less than their opponents! The topic was ‘That sports stars are overpaid.’

The Year 9 and 10 teams faced a more formidable challenge in their impromptu debates for which they were given one hour of preparation time. Year 9 debated the topic ‘That education starts after school.’ They performed strongly but were defeated by the narrow margin of three points. Our Year 10 team members all spoke well and each presented a sound case in debating their topic ‘That we should burn our bridges.’ They also learned that interpreting a statement in a figurative sense would help them to build a stronger team case.

Debating is an activity in which losing can often be more valuable than winning. The day’s debating was a worthwhile learning experience and all of our teams deserve credit for the positive attitude they showed and for the manner in which they represented our school.

Mr. C. Merz,
Head of Debating

NASSA Volleyball Sports Day
On **Friday 21st August** PAC travelled to Macarthur Anglican School at Cobbitty to compete in the NASSA Volleyball competition. It was a great day of competition and one in which PAC performed extremely well.

The Boys team were in devastating form throughout the day. The team went through the tournament undefeated and successfully defeated Bankstown Grammar School in the Grand-final of the competition. A very good standard of Volleyball was maintained by this team throughout the day and this translated into an excellent result. Blayne Robinson (Yr 9) was the standout player in a team that worked very well as a unit and came from behind on a number of occasions to win this competition in style. The members of the winning team were Blayne Robinson (Yr 9), Matt Green (Yr 9), Nick Herring (Yr 9), Blake Feltis (Yr 9), Dale McIntyre (Yr 9), Taythan McCormack (Yr 9), Johann D’Cunha (Yr 9), Jordan Healey (Yr9) and Lachlan Rigney (Yr 8).

The Girls team were the dominant team throughout the day winning all of their pool matches in relatively comfortable fashion. They advanced into the Grand-final as hot favourites only to run into a Bankstown Grammar School team that had other ideas. The performance in the Grand-Final did not back up the form and dominance shown throughout the day and PAC went down 25-14. All of the Girls were disappointed with the final result but

demonstrated great improvement in all aspects of Volleyball across the course of the day.

Mr L Toland

Director of Sport

PAC Netball

Early in Term 3 2009 PAC were involved in the NASSA Girls Netball Competition. PAC sent three teams to this competition all of whom represented the College in an outstanding manner.

All of the respective competitions were very tightly contested and of a very good standard of Netball. All of our teams competed strongly in their matches and finished in the top half of the ladder in the Overall Pointscore out of the 6 competing schools.

Special mention to our Year 12 players for whom this will be their last Gala Day. Sarah Green (Yr12), Ruth Kohlenberg (Yr 12) and Bethany Logue (Yr 12) have all been long serving members of the PAC Netball program. Each of these girls has made valuable long-term contributions to both our Open Girls Netball team and the Gala Day teams in which they have been involved.

Late in Term 2 Kirsty White (Yr 11), Caroline Russell (Yr 11) and Sarah Green (Yr 12) were all involved in the AICES Netball Carnival represented both NASSA and PAC. This is a very high standard of Netball representation. Sarah Green was selected in a possible vs probables component of this carnival further demonstrating her capabilities as a Netballer.

Congratulations to all of the girls involved in Netball this year, particularly those who have achieved representative selection or have been long-term participants in the PAC netball program.

Mr L Toland

Director of Sport

Mrs C Graydon

Netball Coach

The following girls represented PAC in Senior Netball

Year 7

Kimberley Burrell, Beth McKenzie, Meaghan Anderson, Danica Winterton, Isabella Sargeant, Hannah Rose Stewart, Abbey Duke, Jade Martin, Alannah King.

Year 8-9

Chantelle Kirk, Georgia Kennedy, Aimee Ingram, Lauren McDonald, Alison Russell, Georgia Ashworth, Kayla Bonnici, Katrina Sutherland, Madison Behringer, Heather Bray

Year 10-12

Annette McFarlane, Sarah Green, Tara Fenlon, Ruth Kohlenberg, Caroline Russell, Jessica Graydon, Gemma Sutherland, Chelsea Podmore, Madelaine Wilson, Kirsty White.

Junior School Gifted and Talented News

It has been a very busy time in the area of Gifted and Talented education in the Junior School! We have had teams of students competing on the television show, "It's Academic", students representing our school in "Tournament of Minds" and of course our annual PACED day was held last Saturday.

"It's Academic"

For the first time in the history of our school a group of Year 6 students from PAC was chosen to compete on the Channel 7 television show, "It's Academic".

On **Thursday, 13th August** a team of 18 students from Year 6 plus a wonderful support group of fellow Year 6 students travelled to the Channel 7 studios at Epping for a very busy day of recording.

We had 6 teams compete on the day against two other schools which were highly competitive!

It was a day of nervous energy, challenge and excitement for all involved and we were kept on the edge of our seats for a very heart stopping finish!

Due to media restrictions we cannot publish the results but tune in to "It's Academic" on Channel 7 from the **19th-23rd October** and the **21st**

December for our Summer Series team at 4pm to see our wonderful PAC students rise to the challenge and see who were crowned the winners on the day!

Congratulations to the following students who represented PAC on "It's Academic": Callum Beaton, Rebecca Crabb, Tooba Anwar, Noah Rayner, Ashleigh Vassallo, Georgia Patterson, Jemma Sargeant, Quentin Kelly-Smith, Rhys Gordon, Alana Tuballa, Kieran Cooper, Brigitte Wilson, Matthew Huckstadt, Lovedeesh Toor, Hanna Oloffs, Matthew Robson, Tiana Lackey, Mikayla Bell

TOURNAMENT OF MINDS

On **Sunday 30th August**, a team of Year 5 and 6 students competed in the annual Tournament of Minds competition which was held at the University of Western Sydney, Kingswood. We

had two teams compete in the Tournament this year.

The Language Literature team who were; Rebecca Crabb, Tiana Lackey, Ashleigh Vassallo, Tooba Anwar, Katrina Haddon, Isobella Halcrow and Isaac Dunn had to solve and present a Long Term Challenge called "Tell us a Story" where they had to solve the problem of all the books in the world disappearing!

The Maths Engineering team who were; Jemma Sargeant, Callum Beaton, Mikayla Bell, Rhys Gordon, John Nolan, Matthew DeCelis and Madeleine Long had to present and solve a Long Term Challenge called 'Get the Message' which involved the team making a communication device to send a message between the towns of Chattalotte, Chitter-Chatter and Havachat! The students were involved in completing the Long Term challenges over 5 weeks and then present their solutions at the University. They were also involved in working out solutions in a Spontaneous Challenge given on the day.

The teams were a real credit to our school and did an absolutely magnificent job in all facets of the Tournament Challenge. Their efforts, commitment, team work and problem solving abilities were on all levels outstanding and they all gave an exceptional performance on the day!

A special mention must go to our Language Literature team who won a "Tournament Spirit" award on the day for showing outstanding talents, team work skills and problem solving ability. Well done Language Literature team!

PACED

On **Saturday 5th September**, Penrith Anglican College held its 8th Enrichment Day for Gifted and Talented students. We had over 470 students attend from 40 schools across the Western Sydney region.

Students were involved in a variety of interesting and stimulating courses on the day and were involved in activities including rocket science, Lego robotics, making electrical circuits, sizzling science, going on Egyptian adventures and wrapping mummies, creating art like Picasso, working as Palaeontologists in the field, discovering all sorts of interesting things under microscopes, making volcanoes and many more wonderful and exciting courses which our talented PACED teachers deliver!

Congratulations to all students who were chosen to take part and a very special thank you to the wonderful teachers who run such fantastic

courses! We all had an amazing day and are already looking forward to PACED 2010!

Mrs J Green

Junior School Gifted and Talented Co-ordinator

Caroline Russell – Yr 11

On **Saturday 5th September** Caroline Russell Yr 11 was awarded Blue Mountains Netball Association Junior Umpire of the Year. Caroline has worked her way through the various levels of accreditation and has been involved in umpiring Netball at a variety of levels. The College commends Caroline on her contribution to Netball both at school and in the community and also for her willingness to give back to the game through umpiring and coaching.

Mr L Toland

Director of Sport

NASSA Senior Athletics

On **Wednesday 2nd September** 100 students from the Senior School travelled to Campbelltown Athletics Centre to compete in the NASSA Senior Athletics Carnival. It is an event that staff and students in the Senior School both look forward to and given our success in the previous years the expectations of a repeat performance were very high.

The day began with the traditional pre-meet talk and the announcement of Athletics' Captains for the day. The students chosen are outstanding athletes who led the team in a very positive manner.

Jnr Captains – Aidan Payer and Jean-Louise MacGregor

Int Captains – Bryce Baiada and Caitlin Heeps

Snr Captains – Mitchell Reinhard and Brooke Slaughter

The results on the day were as follows:

Jnr Division – PAC	1 st
Int Division – PAC	1 st
Snr Division – PAC	1 st
Overall – PAC	1 st

This is the third year in a row that PAC has won the Overall Divisional Shield. It was a comprehensive victory. It was a victory that reflected a team contribution in all areas and a combination of outstanding performances and consistency in all aspects of Athletics.

The efforts of the Year 12 students deserved special mention, with many of these students serving the College in an outstanding manner in track and field over many years.

The success of this meet is a credit to the athletes who participated but also would not have been possible without the work of many others. Miss Young, Mr Wright, Mrs Salmon, Mrs Tickner and Mr White all deserve thanks for their assistance in various events on the day. Mr Statheos is deserving of a special mention for his passionate approach to Track and Field and his valuable training sessions in the lead-up to the carnival as are Ranell and Dave from All Seasons Fitness who have worked with a number of our athletes all year and from whom our students have gained valuable technical assistance. Finally, thanks to Ron Heeps who has given up his time to come and work with our students particularly in the area of Throwing and has passed on valuable insights to all with whom he has worked.

Mr L Toland

Director of Sport

Praise and Prayer Points

Praise:

- give thanks for a wonderful opening of our Prep School Building on **Friday 4th September**
- give thanks for a very successful PACED day here at the College on **Saturday 5th September**
- give thanks for a very successful Compassion Concert here at the College on **Saturday 5th September**
- give thanks for the many opportunities provided at the College to share the gospel message with students and parents
- give thanks that construction work has commenced on our new Junior School Performing Arts Centre

Prayer:

- pray for Year 12 as they prepare for their final IB and HSC examinations
- pray for a trouble free building program for our new Performing Arts Centre
- pray for families at the College experiencing particular hardships at this time
- pray for Christ Church and for its impact on the College community
- pray and give thanks for all the parent and other volunteer helpers at the College

Last week I received a card that told “The Starfish Story.”

I repeat the story below:-

While walking along a beach a man saw thousands of starfish strewn on the sand.

Unable to return to the ocean during low tide, they were dying. He saw a young man picking up the starfish one by one and throwing them back into the water.

After watching the seemingly futile effort, the observer said: *‘There must be thousands of starfish on this beach. It would be impossible for you to get to all of them – there are too many. You can’t possibly save enough to make a difference.’*

The young man smiled as he picked up another starfish and tossed it back into the ocean.

‘It’s made a difference to this one.’

Every person you know has been made in the image of God! You do matter and what you do has significance.

“So God created man (and woman) in
His own image, in the image of
God He created him (her)...”

Genesis 1:27

Barry Roots,
HEADMASTER