

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Dear Colleagues

This e-newsletter is our attempt to communicate with you through the electronic media. I hope that you find it a helpful way of learning about the work of the Australian Anglican Schools Network (AASN). Please forward this e-newsletter to your Governing Council, staff and other interested people within your school community.



The National Conference is on our doorstep, this year being held in Perth, Western Australia from 22-24 August. The program is first-rate, with outstanding speakers from the USA, UK and our own nation focusing on the Conference Theme of *Faith in Action ... Living the Gospel in Anglican Schools*. The Perth Conference has something for anyone who has a governance or leadership role in an Anglican School.

We are delighted that Mr Michael Chaney will deliver the opening keynote address. Mr Chaney is Chairman of the National Australia Bank and former Managing Director of Wesfarmers. In the education field, he is Chancellor of the University of Western Australia and former Chairman of Council of **Perth's finest** Catholic co-educational independent

school, John XXIII College.

Other keynote speakers include The Reverend Daniel Heischman, Executive Director of the National Association of Episcopal Schools based in New York; Dr Trevor Cooling from the UK (who is our 2008 Travelling Scholar and was a memorable keynote speaker at the 2005 Launceston Conference); and award-winning investigative journalist and author Estelle Blackburn. Archbishop Roger Herft and Bishop Mark Burton will also be addressing the Conference through worship services.

**If you haven't registered for the Conference** I urge you to do so today. The brochure is on our website ... follow this link - [www.aasn.edu.au](http://www.aasn.edu.au). We suggest that you plan to arrive on the Thursday evening (21 August) as the program commences mid-morning on Friday. The Conference will conclude in time to allow Eastern States delegates to journey home comfortably on Sunday afternoon. Better still, take a short (or long) break in WA before or after the Conference. Both the Margaret River Wine Region and the Kimberley are magnificent in August.

Following the Conference, the first of **AASN's 'Travelling Scholars'** begins a national tour around schools. Dr Trevor Cooling will be visiting every state to share with schools some of his expertise in the area of **Christian and Religious Education**. **Trevor's schedule** is almost finalised, but if you would like him to visit your school, please contact your State Representative on the Management Committee (listed

elsewhere in this newsletter).

The Chaplaincy Shadowing Program goes from strength to strength, this year being facilitated by The Reverend John Jenner. Approximately ten pairings are currently in place across Australia, where each Chaplain spends **one week in their partner's school, 'shadowing' them and sharing their experiences.** Now in its fourth year, this program is providing valuable support to this important area of ministry in Anglican schools.

In closing, on behalf of the Management Committee I would like to thank Mrs Peta Smith for her significant contribution to the Network over many years. Earlier this year Peta tendered her resignation to the Management Committee, having served in the various roles of President, President-Elect, Member and Executive Officer over the past five years.

I look forward to seeing you at our National Conference in Perth shortly.

Every blessing



Peter Laurence (Revd)  
PRESIDENT



## STATE REPORTS

### Queensland John Fradgley

***Queensland Anglican Schools Conference – A great success***

Around 140 people attended the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Anglican Schools Conference held over the weekend of Friday 30 May to Sunday 1 June in Brisbane.

The event, which had the theme this year of **'Celebrating Anglicanism – Perspectives in Communion'** as well as a parallel student leadership program, was a great success.

Keynote speaker, Canon Ann Holt OBE, the Executive Director of Program for the Bible Society of England and Wales, stimulated strong discussion on our Church relationships throughout the weekend and inspired the students with her opening address.

The Conference attracted some of **Australia's leading educators and business leaders** including Professor Neil Dempster, the National President of the Australian College of Educators and Professor Geoff Masters, the CEO of the Australian Council for Educational Research.

Topics covered included The Strategic Importance of School Governance, Strengthening our Anglican Schools Community, Balancing Life and Leadership, Spiritual Wellness and Expressing Anglican values with Generation Y.

The Conference was officially opened by the Honourable Rod Welford, the Minister for Education, Training and

the Arts in Queensland, with the closing Eucharist presided over by the Primate and Archbishop of Brisbane, The Most Reverend Dr Phillip Aspinall.

### ***New Appointments***

Mr Paul Browning has been appointed **Head at St Paul's School** at Strathpine. He commenced his appointment at the beginning of Term 3 2008.

## **New South Wales**

### **Dr Tim Wright**

#### ***High Achievers Well Represented***

Anglican schools in NSW continue to be a major contributor in education. An extraordinarily high proportion of high academic achievers at the 2007 HSC were students from Anglican schools.

#### ***Education of Indigenous Students***

A number of Anglican schools in NSW are engaging in different ways with indigenous educational needs. Abbotsleigh has commenced a scholarship program which will allow some indigenous girls access to its education, and St **Andrew's Cathedral School** Gawura Campus has been operational for over a year. At a recent meeting of diocesan Heads of Schools, Archbishop Jensen encouraged those present to reflect upon the role their school could play in advancing the educational interests of indigenous Australians.

#### ***Sydney Anglican Schools' Corporation Enters New Era***

The Sydney Anglican Schools' Corporation has a 50% interest in the Australian Technical College – Western Sydney. This is a new area of endeavour for the corporation as the College is seen as an alternative to the conventional schooling pathways.

### ***New Appointments***

**All Saints' College Bathurst** appointed a new Headmaster, Mr Peter Miller, from the beginning of Term 2. Mr Miller was Head of the Middle School at Barker College.

## **Victoria**

### **Stephen Higgs**

#### ***Retreat Day for Heads***

Heads of Anglican Schools spent a Retreat Day with the Archbishop, Dr Philip Freier, at which:

- There was discussion about the mission and purpose of Anglican Schools, and the Archbishop further challenged Heads with **reflections on 'Being a Christian Head of an Anglican School'**, acknowledging the many demands of the role.
- The Archbishop outlined an inspiring vision for the Diocese and invited Heads to engage with the **'Fresh Connections'** planned for this year. There was discussion about a possible sequel to the very successful Schools Service, held during the AASN Conference last year, to foster these connections.
- Heads were informed of services offered to schools by the Diocesan Office of Professional Standards, and some schools were able to attest to the value of this 'arm's length' assistance.

#### ***The Right Reverend Barbara Darling***

Bishop Barbara Darling was consecrated as a bishop, the first woman bishop in Victoria, on 31 May, becoming the second woman bishop in Australia. Bishop Darling has many

years' experience as a teacher, including six years at secondary level.

**National Sorry Day at Trinity Grammar**

National Sorry Day was celebrated in many schools. At Trinity Grammar the whole school stopped to observe a **minute's silence, during which boys** were asked to reflect on the policies that led to the Stolen Generation and the hurt that Aboriginal peoples have suffered from past decisions.

**News from Ballarat Grammar**

Having twice unsuccessfully advertised in Australia for a suitably qualified Head of Religious Education, Ballarat Grammar reports a successful appointment made following advertising in the United Kingdom.

Each year, the students of Ballarat Grammar donate items of food for distribution by Anglicare. Both Senior School and Junior School Houses count their contributions, competing for the honour of being the most generous donors. This year, more than 3,500 items were donated.



*Ballarat Grammar students with some of the 3,500 cans collected.*

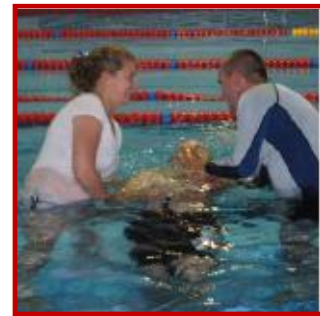
**Tasmania**

**Stephen Norris**

**Launceston Church Grammar's New Pool**

The newly opened pool at Launceston Church Grammar has been put to excellent use in its first term of operation. The swim squads and learn to swim classes have been enjoying the new facility.

On 18 March, two students were baptized in the pool by Chaplain Scott Sargent, as witnessed by their friends and peers.



**Two new Tasmanian Bishops**

Earlier in Term 1, our three Anglican Schools were all represented at the St David's Cathedral for the ordination of The Venerable Dr Chris Jones and The Venerable Ross Nicholson as Bishops. Both men have strong links to our schools and will take up roles working alongside The Right Reverend John Harrower, Bishop of Tasmania.

**Quiet Day**

On a glorious day recently, Revd Dr Tom Wallace, Educational Advisor to the Diocese, organised an excellent Quiet Day for the Heads, Chaplains and Senior Staff of our schools in Campbelltown. Bishop Peter Watson joined our group to lead our thoughts, reflections, prayers and Eucharist, which centred around the mission of service which we undertake within our school communities.

## South Australia

**Phillip Grutzner**

### ***New Appointments***

This year we warmly welcomed two new Principals:

- **Mrs Fiona Godfrey** is the new Principal of **St Peter's Collegiate Girls' School**. Prior to this appointment, Mrs Godfrey was Deputy Principal at **Canberra Girls' Grammar School**.
- **Mrs Cheryl Bauer** is the new Principal of **St John's Grammar School**. Until the end of 2007, Mrs Bauer was at Scotch College, Adelaide, where she held the positions of Head of the Middle School and, for eighteen months, Acting Head.

### ***Term 2 Staff Gathering***

At the start of Term 2, 900 staff from the twelve South Australian Anglican Schools gathered at **St Peter's College** for a service conducted by the Anglican Archbishop of Adelaide, The Most Reverend Jeffrey Driver.

### ***Ongoing Professional Development for Staff***

Two years ago there was a similar gathering when Archbishop Jeffrey released the **South Australian Anglican Schools' Mission Statement**. At the time, school staff were asked to put forward their views on how Anglican Schools could work together to optimise the opportunities available in each and all of our schools. Based on the data gathered, professional development has been offered to staff.

One such professional development opportunity will be the visit in August by the AASN Travelling Scholar, Dr Trevor Cooling. Chaplains, Heads and Religious Education teachers are

looking forward to working with Dr Cooling.

### ***AASN Conference 2009 in Adelaide***

Principals, Chaplains and Chairs of South Australian Anglican Schools are also looking forward to welcoming members of the AASN to the 2009 Conference, to be held in Adelaide. Planning has commenced and details will be announced at the 2008 Conference in Perth.

## Western Australia

**Anne Ford**

### ***Hale School – 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

Hale School, the oldest independent boys' school in Western Australia, founded in 1858 by the first Anglican Bishop of Perth, Dr Mathew Blagden Hale, celebrates its 150<sup>th</sup> year. A significant event for the school community and Anglican Church was the unveiling of a life-size sculpture of Bishop Hale at the original school site, **The Cloisters Building on St George's Terrace**, on 15 February 2008. The inaugural Bishop Hale Medal commemorating his contribution to education in WA will be awarded on **Founders' Day** this year.

### ***Esperance Anglican Community School Opens***

The state's newest Anglican school opened in January 2008. **Esperance Anglican Community School (EACS)**, the ninth school of the Anglican Schools Commission, is located in the coastal town of Esperance, 721km south-east of Perth.

### ***Combined Anglican Schools' Concert***

Several schools participated in the **Combined Anglican Schools' Concert at Supreme Court Gardens** on Palm

Sunday. As one of the final events celebrating the Sesquicentenary (150<sup>th</sup> anniversary) of the Anglican Diocese of Perth, many young people and their families attended.

**Midnite Youth Theatre**

The Midnite Youth Theatre Company of Christ Church Grammar School, in association with the Anglican Diocese of Perth and The Playhouse Theatre, presented the Australian Premiere season of *Coram Boy* in April.

**The Right Reverend Kay Goldsworthy**



The Consecration of The Venerable Kay Goldsworthy as a Bishop in St George's Cathedral on 22 May was an historic occasion for the Anglican Church and family, friends and supporters of Bishop Goldsworthy. Her appointment was welcomed in educational circles. As a former Chaplain at Perth College and a Council Member of the Anglican Schools Commission, Bishop Goldsworthy is keenly interested in the welfare of young people. Bishop Goldsworthy is the first woman to be consecrated a bishop in Australia.

**Conference 2008 – 22-24 August in Perth**

The AASN Conference Convenor, The Reverend Peter Laurence, and committee members look forward to extending a warm welcome to delegates when they assemble in Perth in August for our National Conference. Conference registration is open until **Friday 8 August** and registration forms may be downloaded from the AASN website at [www.aasn.edu.au](http://www.aasn.edu.au)

**AASN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**



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*CEO, Anglican Schools Commission*

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**AASN SECRETARIAT**

**Please note that the AASN Secretariat has now moved from Queensland to Western Australia.**

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**AASN VISION STATEMENT**

*The AASN was established in 1999*

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.