

Newsletter

Australian Anglican Schools Network

Message from the President

In my capacity as President of the Australian Anglican Schools Network, may I welcome everyone to this first edition of our Newsletter and encourage us all to contribute items of interest for future editions.

I believe it is important for us to share what is happening in our schools particularly in relation to spiritual matters so that we are informed and able to pray meaningfully for each other.

God expects us to make our

needs known to him by prayer even though he knows what we need before we ask him. He has also assured us that when two or more agree that he will honour our requests.

If we are walking in his will then our requests will be appropriate. If we know what each of us is struggling with, then we can assist through prayer. Isn't it great to rejoice together in things that are going well. So here is a way we can encourage and be encouraged.

Our Network is spread across this vast land and we are physically separate from each other by large distances.

This Newsletter will be just one means of sharing information between us no matter how far apart we are.

In closing, let me thank Roseann Whyte and the team at the Anglican Schools Office in Brisbane for making this Newsletter happen.

I will be visiting them on October 17 with the aim of encouraging them and working through any difficulties there may be in administering the Network on our behalf. Pray for them and be thankful to God for their ministry to us.



Stephanie Munday-Lake, Stephen Matthew, Bruce Fairfax, Colin May, Phillip Heath, Michael Urwin, Roseann Whyte and Tony Horsley

I trust that you will enjoy this edition of the Newsletter and will take every opportunity to become fully involved in the life of the Network.

Tony Horsley
President, AASN
& Principal of Gippsland Grammar

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AASN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE—2003

Mr Tony Horsley, President (Gippsland Grammar, Victoria)
 Mr Phillip Heath, Immediate Past President (St Andrew's Cathedral School)
 Mrs Lynne Thomson, President-elect (St Mary's Anglican Girls' School, Karrinyup, WA)
 Mr Bruce Fairfax—Tasmania (Launceston Church Grammar School)
 The Reverend Peter Laurence—Western Australia (Anglican Schools Commission, WA)
 Mr Stephen Matthew—South Australia (St John's Grammar)
 Mrs Stephanie Munday-Lake—Queensland (Anglican Schools Office, Brisbane)
 Mr Malcolm Powys—New South Wales (Blue Mountains Grammar School)
 Mr Michael Urwin—Victoria (Brighton Grammar School)

Conference 2004—In your Hands... 27 TO 29 AUGUST 2004—ADELAIDE



The South Australian Heads Forum has accepted an invitation to host the 13th Annual Australian Anglican Schools Network Conference in 2004.

An organizing committee has met and planning has begun in earnest. If you would like to present a paper, please contact Stephen Matthew at St John's Grammar School either by phone 08 8278 0201 or by email on smatthew@stjohns.sa.edu.au.

Conference 2004 Planning Committee

Stephan Matthew (St John's Grammar School)
 Brian Savins (Pedare)
 Luke Thomas (Trinity)
 Mark Porter (Woodcroft)
 Chris Beal (Walford)

The Conference will be held at St Peter's Woodlands Glenelg. We look forward to welcoming you to Adelaide in 2004.

STATE REPORTS

Queensland—Mrs Stephanie Munday-Lake

AASN Secretariat

The Anglican Schools Office has continued to serve as the AASN Secretariat, managing the membership database, Management Committee meetings, procedures, website development and maintenance and financial accounts. It has coordinated, together with the host school, St Margaret's Anglican Girls' School, the 2003 Annual Conference.

Special recognition is given to Mrs Roseann Whyte, Executive Assistant of the Anglican Schools Office for the excellent administrative support provided specifically to the Management Committee and generally to the Network.

New Schools

Mrs Sue Hornum was appointed

Foundation Principal of St Andrew's Anglican College on the Sunshine Coast. The College commenced operation, with students from P-7, exceeding the expected enrolment target by 30%.

The Mary McConnel School, a special education facility, was opened this year as part of the joint Anglican/Uniting Church schools in Queensland. Mrs Jeanine Gallagher was appointed as Foundation Head of School.

Anglican Schools Office

Mr Gilbert Case resigned from his position at the Anglican Schools Office in May after many years of service to Anglican Schools, the last two as Executive Director of the Anglican Schools Office.

Assistant Directors, Stephanie Munday-Lake and Reg Kernke have taken responsibility for

the leadership and management of the Office and a variety of other Commission duties. Mr John Lindsay, Chair of the Commission, has been appointed as Interim Executive Director for the remainder of 2003.

New Appointments—2003

Mrs Sandy Langford—St Hilda's School, Southport
Mr Ron Daniels, Canterbury College, Waterford
The Reverend Paul Bland, Trinity Anglican School, Cairns
Mr Jonathan Hensman, Anglican Church Grammar School, East Brisbane



Vicki Waters welcomes Jonathan Hensman to the Conference and as Headmaster of Churchie
Photo courtesy Jack Dale

Western Australia—The Reverend Peter Laurence

The Western Australia Anglican Schools Association

History was created earlier this year for WA Anglican schools. Several years' work came to fruition in May when Anglican schools from throughout the state agreed to form the Western Australian Anglican Schools Association (WAASA).

Following Archbishop Carnley's prompting, a task force was formed in 2001 to consider a means to recognise the interdependent relationship between Anglican schools in Western Australia.

A number of principles which lie at the heart of the Association were agreed to by Anglican Schools, both the longer established and autonomous and the younger schools of the Anglican Schools Commission.

These include the affirmation of Anglican heritage and of interdependence. The Association identified a number of educational issues common to all schools, including the recognition of the importance of Schools in the contemporary context of the Church's mission to young people and families.

WAASA also recognizes the benefits of sharing ideas, values and the development of views as well as the raising of a common voice on issues affecting education. The Association will play an important role in Western Australia by providing a platform on which to build and maintain relationships between all Anglican schools throughout

the State and in supporting the development of new Anglican schools.

New Schools

The newest WA Anglican school opened this year in Busselton, the gateway to the Margaret River region. Georgiana Molloy Anglican School opened with 130 students in Kindergarten to Year 6, growing to a current enrolment of 180. Next year it will open a Middle School, offering classes in Years 7 and 8.

The Anglican Schools Commission has plans to open a school in Broome, which will be the first Anglican school in the Diocese of North West Australia. In the coming years, schools will also be developed in the growing northern and southern corridors of Perth and the Swan Valley.

New Appointments

Mrs Jenny Ethell, Principal, Perth College
The Reverend Peter Laurence – Executive Director, Anglican Schools Commission
Mr Stuart Meade, Headmaster, Hale School
Dr Geoffrey Shaw, Principal, All Saints' College
Mr Robert Zordan, Headmaster, Guildford Grammar School

Tasmania—Mr Bruce Fairfax

At the time of writing, Bruce Fairfax was overseas and so this report has been written in his absence. Bruce will be able to provide more concise details about the happenings in Tasmania in the next edition.

The three Anglican Schools in Tasmania have maintained the status quo with enrolments holding. Stephen Norris was appointed as Principal of Launceston Grammar at the start of 2003.

There are no plans at this stage for the establishment of new Anglican schools in Tasmania.



The 2003 Conference Planning Committee—Trevor Cichero, Alison Leakey, Annabelle Thomas, Vicki Waters, Stephanie Munday-Lake, Paul Bland and Roseann Whyte
Photo courtesy Jack Dale

Victoria – Mr Michael Urwin

In the first half of 2003 we welcomed two new Heads to the Anglican Network in Victoria: Tim Argall to Mentone Grammar School and Christine Jenkins to Korowa Anglican Girls School. These two appointments followed the retirements of Neville Clarke and Ros Otzens, both of whom gave outstanding service to their respective schools.

New Anglican Schools Task Group

This has been established by Archbishop Peter Watson and is chaired by Bishop Stephen Hale. It focuses on the role of the Diocese in assisting in the establishment of new Anglican schools and the guidelines for parish/school faith

communities. A new school, Penman College, is to be established at Rowville.

The Anglican Schools Committee

This Committee has considered protocols to be followed when new schools are being considered. Archbishop Watson has indicated that all existing Anglican schools will be informed of any potential new schools and that any proposed school will be required to conduct an impact study of prospective enrolments to indicate any potential impact on the enrolments of existing schools. The committee is also considering the role of Anglican schools in the Diocese.

Anglican Heads continue to enjoy strong collegiality. They meet formally with the Archbishop one per annum. At this year's meeting, the Archbishop shared a discussion paper with Heads: *Power and Trust in the Church*, which focuses on harassment issues.

There was also discussion of a proposed Education Centre at St Paul's Cathedral. The Dean further clarified this at a dinner for Anglican Heads held at Trinity College, University of Melbourne.

Anglican schools continue to support the Chaplains' Bursary Training Fund. There are three candidates this year.

New South Wales—Mr Malcolm Powys

There has continued to be a growth in enrolments in the independent sector in New South Wales, largely at the expense of the government system. The Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation has been active in establishing new schools in the Diocese and these low fee schools account for most of the growth in the sector. The State Government has been concerned at this trend and one of the recommendations of the Grimshaw Report is to make the establishment of new schools more difficult in the future. Education funding is a key political issue and there is much misinformation in the public debate about independent schools.

A grass roots movement called *Independent Schools in the Community*, has been formed under the auspices of the

AISNSW to address this concern.

Anglican Heads in New South Wales enjoy a positive collegiality, which is reinforced by the annual meeting of Heads in the Sydney Diocese with Archbishop Peter Jensen.

New Appointments

Dr Timothy Wright to Shore School
Mrs Jenny Williams to All Saints College, Bathurst
Dr John Goddard to Arndell Anglican School
Mrs Carolyn Blanden to Mereden School
Mr Christopher Daunt-Watney to SCECGS Redlands

*AT THE
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THE GOSPEL*

South Australia—Mr Stephen Matthew

In what was a tight educational market in South Australia, the Anglican Schools are holding their own well in terms of enrolments.

Last year the Anglican Schools Commission resolved that its constitution, and indeed its mission, needed to be reviewed. After much deliberation, it was agreed that in its past form, it had outlived its usefulness and the position of Executive Director was abolished. The Heads of Anglican Schools now meet as a Forum and rotate the Chair. Our recent discussions have included RAVE curriculum, models of Chaplaincy, and Child Protection. The South Australian Schools Commission is also reviewing its constitution and its role in advancing new schools.

A recent development of significance is the Diocesan appointment of Peter Casson as Educational Liaison Officer.

His role is to support new school proposals and to assist the Archbishop in matters associated with child protection as well as many others. The proposed new school, Raynor College, in the north-west suburbs is planned to open in 2004 at the earliest. Another school in Port Augusta is also under consideration.

The Heads met earlier this year with Archbishop Ian George where discussions included the relationships and partnerships between parishes and schools.

Two new Heads have been announced recently. Christopher Prance will take over the reins at St Peter's Woodlands Grammar School and Helen Trebilcock returns to Adelaide to lead Walford from Term 2, 2004.



Fr Trevor Cichero with the Canterbiles who entertained delegates at the Eucharist
Photo courtesy Jack Dale

Why attend AASN Conferences?

- Conferences strengthen the unity and sense of common purpose among Anglican Schools throughout Australia
- Conferences provide for the special interests of Governors, Heads, Chaplains and Teachers of Religious Education in Anglican Schools
- Conferences provide an ideal forum for facilitating communication and sharing information on the spiritual nature of Anglican Education
- Careful management of costs make the Annual AASN Conference affordable for Anglican schools

We're on the Web! **www.aasn.edu.au**

Australian Anglican Schools Network Vision Statement

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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)

Who can be a member of AASN?

All Anglican Schools throughout Australia are eligible for membership of AASN. These schools are listed on the AASN website. Given the diversity of Anglican Schools in Australia, with widely varying levels of formal relationship to the General Synod or Diocesan authority, the following general guidelines are used to establish whether a School is Anglican:

An Anglican School is one that has an Anglican foundation historically, or which claims an Anglican heritage and is in communion with the Anglican Church of Australia or is capable of being in communion with the Anglican Church of Australia.



Delegates at the 2003 Conference take the opportunity to enjoy the Queensland sunshine
Photo courtesy Jack Dale

Conference 2003

The Economics of Vision: Governing, Leading and Living the Values-Centred School

Queensland turned on its famous sunshine and hospitality for the 12th Annual AASN National Conference held at St Margaret's Anglican Girls School over the weekend 1 to 3 August 2003.

More than 200 delegates were welcomed by Mrs Vicki Waters, Principal of St Margaret's Anglican Girls School for a weekend of challenging and rewarding discussion and debate.



Keynote speakers, Joy Yeo and James Mills chat with Workshop Presenter Denise Thomas
Photo courtesy Jack Dale

The Most Reverend Dr Phillip Aspinall, Archbishop of Brisbane set the scene for discussion and debate with his Keynote Address entitled *The Commerce of Faith*. This Address was followed by one which looked at the complimentary but diverse perspectives of Values and Economics involved in providing Anglican schooling.

The Right Reverend Dr Philip Freier, Bishop of the Northern Territory continued the challenge with his address entitled: *The Values of Christian Education in Australia's Future*.

The most challenging Keynote seemed to be the debate between the values and finance perspective of Anglican schooling. Discussion on the topic continued during many break times for the duration of the Conference.

The Conference Planning Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all speakers, workshop facilitators, delegates and sponsors for making Conference 2003 so successful.

Papers delivered at the Conference are available online at

www.aasn.edu.au



Vicki Waters, Principal of St Margaret's & Chair of the Conference Planning Committee with the Archbishop of Brisbane, The Most Reverend Dr Phillip Aspinall
Photo courtesy Jack Dale