

VERITY

ST MARY'S COLLEGE MAGAZINE



St Mary's Anthem

St Mary's, College of the brave,
the loyal and true

Courageous, valiant and strong,
St Mary's will see it through

Our hearts will dare for all when we
wear the Red and the Blue

Arise St Mary's, let the game begin

St Mary's never, never, never shall give in
St Mary's many years from now as days
number fast

As memory echoes through your halls

The strains of a song long past

Our friends still sing, our cries ever ring,
our names still last

Strive St Mary's, strive as you did then

In honour, honesty and hope

We'll strive again

(sung to the tune of Rule Britannia)





A word from the Principal

So we have a new Deputy Principal, Sean Vagg, introduced to you in the last issue of Verity. Sean has proved himself a valuable addition to the administrative staff, with a legal background and a love of music and students. We have an Acting Dean, Dane Kirby, who has quickly joined forces with Angela O'Dwyer, an ex-St Mary's student and Dean at Newman. In Dane we have a lively philosopher and cricket coach who has an engaging enthusiasm for life.

We also have a new Business Manager with a background in hotel management and tennis umpiring so was quickly integrated as a tennis coach; Troy Busbee brings a wealth of experience to his multiple tasks in HR, IR and project manager. We also have a new secretary who is finding her way around the multiple tasks and will bring order to chaos eventually, Kate Heinze grew up in Wangaratta and has previously worked at Melbourne Grammar as enrolments secretary.

I am glad to say there are those who have been with us for many years, providing stability and a sense of continuity - people like John Feltsheer in the kitchen, Ian MacDonald who tutors in Chemistry; Helen Eyre, Geraldine Woodhatch, Greg Iacono and Anthony Kennedy. We welcome the new people and the new Tutors to St Mary's and hope they will enjoy being with us. Becoming incorporated like new cells into the body as a whole to use St Paul's imagery. The truth is that a College is an organic entity, different with each new group of students and yet the same as our common humanity seeks to find a home with those with whom we share so much of our lives.

St Mary's has always been a place which felt like home to many students at a stage of life when they are acquiring a range of new skills. The academic endeavours are but one part of what they are seeking. They are enquiring fundamentally the sort of person that they wish to be and one invaluable source of that wisdom is their peers. So we encourage those activities which will promote that sort of enquiry within a secure environment so that when things go wrong there is a safety net available.

It is our hope that whilst here they will learn about themselves and others and be able to claim that they met 'seekers of truth and doers of justice' and felt encouraged to do the same. In short, that the heritage of the gospel seen through the lens of Mary Ward was something which inspired them and provided a template for life.

Dr Elizabeth Hepburn IBVM
College Principal

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photo by Patrick Lanyon

As we put first semester behind us and prepare for second semester there is time to pause and reflect on what has been a year of incredible change. We have new staff in every area of the enterprise and new staff see customary things with new eyes; this is both refreshing and challenging.



Letter from the Editor

It is with pleasure that we bring you another edition of Verity magazine, the official publication for St Mary's College Alumni and current residents. A pdf version of Verity is also available on our website www.stmarys.unimelb.edu.au. We are very keen to update our database with new contact details so if you know of any fellow Alumni who did not receive this magazine, please urge them to advise us of their whereabouts so we are able to keep in touch. They can do this by completing the form on the inside rear cover of Verity or by completing the link available on our website under Alumni.

Our current students are readying themselves for semester two and all that it will bring in the way of lectures, tutorials, study and

end of year exams, peppered by a multitude of various functions, which will undoubtedly relieve some of the stress.

Semester one is the feature of this edition of Verity and we will update you on the remainder of 2009 in December. If you have an interesting article relating to the College, Alumni or current students, please let me know so I am able to include it in the next edition. Finally, thank you to all those who have contributed to this edition, I know your time is precious and I appreciate your efforts.

We hope you enjoy this edition of Verity!

Kate Heinze, College Secretary & Alumnist

GC President's report

The first semester has been a typically frenetic yet fulfilling one for the students, with the first years in particular approaching all events with great enthusiasm. There has been a particular emphasis on cultural pursuits; currently St. Mary's is placed second in the inter-collegiate 'cultural cup' after strong performances in the dance and public speaking competitions. We also hosted the inter-collegiate soiree, with a capacity crowd in the Frewin Room enjoying a variety of performances, including a wining entry from St Mary's in the contemporary section.

Furthermore the college production of Pygmalion was warmly received by audiences and gave immense enjoyment to the cast and crew. The final performance coincided with Parents' Day, which provided a valuable opportunity for parents to become more accustomed to the college environment and better acquainted with their child's friends. Similarly, our International Night Dinner was most effective in celebrating the diverse backgrounds of our collegians and instilling a greater appreciation of different customs and cuisine.

The Students' Club was also successful in establishing a greater rapport with our nearest neighbours. We enjoyed a shared social event with Newman College, which was held in a marquee in the Newman Quad. Next semester we will be reciprocating with an event in our courtyard. We also furthered our connections with our Monash counterparts by hosting the annual 'Mannix vs. Mary's' sports carnival.



Emily Rawlings

As well as retaining the trophy at that event, the college has been competitive in other sporting events. The increasing popularity of soccer is especially noticeable, with the students organising two teams in an informal university league in addition to the inter-college competition. The Rowing Regatta on the Yarra was very well conducted and supported, and the St. Mary's Girls XIII won the 'B' final in their division with a crew primarily comprised of first years. Hopefully this points to even greater success next year.

The academic life of the college is never neglected and many students have already received university scholarships and excellent results. The continued diligence of students throughout the lengthy examination period is impressive and can be attributed to the support of staff, tutors and mentors as well as self-motivation.

The college administration has been continually responsive to the needs of the students and where concerns have been identified, such as in the provision

of varied vegetarian meals, all levels of the college have co-operated to ensure a substantial improvement. Such regular and considerate communication between the SCR and the JCR should ensure that the leadership of St Mary's is truly collegial.

Emily Rawlings
SMC SC President





St Mary's Staff 2009

Front, L to R: Mr Dane Kirby, College Dean; Honey-the College Dog; Ms Emily Corbould, St Mary's Alumni;

Row 2, L to R: Mr Greg Iacono, Maintenance Manager; Mr Ram Bhandary, Kitchen staff; Mr Chit Tun-Kyaw, Kitchen staff; Dr Elizabeth Hepburn, Principal; Mr Matthew Harper-Schmid, Residential Tutor; Mr Devendra P Gaudel, Kitchen staff; Mr John Feltscheer, Chef Kitchen Manager

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The Adventures of Honey



– Part 1

Honey is a beautiful female canine of mixed breeding who lights up our lives with her humorous and sometimes frustrating antics (ask Adrian, our Gardener).

She comes to us from the Lost Dog's Home and has settled in very nicely as the College Dog, keeping company with students and staff who happen to be in the courtyard during the afternoon. Honey enjoys receiving a good belly-rub from anyone with a minute to spare and will revel in the odd bone donated by the kitchen.

Honey is also a keen ball player who is without prejudice when it comes to code – Aussie rules, soccer, rugby, tennis, she will join in any game being played, sometimes even taking a mark or two. Of course, Honey has her own ball, with ropes attached, and can often be seen playing a game of "you hold the rope on one end, I'll hold the other and you can swing me around to your hearts content because I'm not letting go".

A constant source of amusement for sometimes tired and stressed students and staff, Honey is a gem that we treasure here at St Mary's and we hope to be able to bring you updates on her adventures in future editions of Verity.

News from the Archives

In the late 1990s the former Francis Frewin library at St Mary's College received a large collection of books from the estate of Lucy Kerley MBE, a member of St Mary's Hall, 1929 –1933. With the merger of the libraries from the two Colleges, these books were later transferred to the Allan and Maria Myers Academic Centre. Lucy was born in Geelong on the 4th October 1908 and died 22nd August 1996. She was educated at the University of Melbourne (BSc1934, Dip Anal Chem 1935). Demonstrator in chemistry, University of Melbourne, 1936-40; Industrial chemist, Melbourne, 1940-45; Research scientist, Dept of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, University of Melbourne, 1953-69; Dept of Biochemistry 1969 –73. MBE 1974.

Lucy was an avid reader and a book collector. She gave books as presents and received many books from her friends and family. She had numerous interests apart from science, such as art, travel, railways, mind games, The Middle East, history, and education. Her books contained a wide assortment of items ranging from rail, bus and tram tickets to opera tickets and newspaper clippings. Lucy was skilful at drawing. Her *Memories of my schooldays at Loreto Abbey, Mary's Mount, Ballarat, in the 1920s* (53p. written in 1975, the centenary year of the school), contains a selection of clever sketches.

Lucy Kerley



St Mary's Hall – a history

Looking back on the history of St Mary's Hall, the property was bought in 1917 on the direction of the late Archbishop of Melbourne, Dr Mannix, who chose it as the most suitable available for the purpose of founding a University College for Catholic women. This he wished to establish as a sister College of Newman which was at that time soon to be opened. He entrusted its administration to the nuns of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In 1868 the Government offered for sale to the public allotments subdivided from Royal Park, and among them certain allotments on the Sydney Road frontage of Royal Park. The Park fences were removed to the west of the new Royal Park Road (now The Avenue) which remained in an unformed state for nearly 20 years before it was proclaimed a public road.

On 22 December 1868 a Crown Grant was issued to Mr Richard Gibson, a real estate agent, for the purchase of one allotment on the corner of Rose Street (later renamed Walker Street after a city councillor) and Royal Park Road. In 1872 Richard Gibson extended his property with the purchase of the neighbouring block from Mr Robert Mailer and soon after built and moved into the asymmetrically fronted, two storied version of the Italianate Villa, known as 'Barbiston', with verandah, balconies decorated with intricately designed cast-iron lace, and the only double columns in Parkville.

In December 1873, Robert Mailer sold his remaining block of land to Thomas Reynolds James, manager of the Electric Telegraph Department, who built 'Les Buissonnets' during approximately the same period as Gibson built 'Barbiston'. Among the Italianate characteristics of St Mary's Hall and 'Les Buissonnets' (purchased by the church in 1923) are the slate roof, verandah with cast-iron lace and mosaic tiled floor and the heavy four-panelled front door.

Richard Gibson died in July 1886 and his Trustees sold the property to James Munro, who in turn sold it to the Church in 1917.

The community of Loreto nuns took possession on March 4th, 1918 with Mother M Dorothea Frizelle as Mother Superior. The College opened with about 10 students, and the faculties represented in the early enrolments included Arts, Law, Medicine and Science.

The above photo shows St Mary's Hall Loreto in December 1946.

**Written by Rosemary Willett
edited by Kathryn Heinze**

a history



Deirdre Rofe Colloquium 15 May 2009

In this four hundredth year since Mary Ward opened her first school, a group of academics, Heads of Colleges and interested guests were introduced to her by Mary Ryllis Clark at St Mary's College, Melbourne University.



Born in England in post Elizabethan era, Mary was a founder of a religious congregation for women. Her ideas were revolutionary for the time. She had a profound trust in God and was willing to take risks for the things in which she passionately believed. Thus was introduced a congregation of women in the Ignatian tradition.

Mary Clark's presentation made us aware that Mary Ward is indeed a woman for our time as well as being prophetic for her own age. She believed that "women could do much" and that this would be seen in time to come. Needless to say she met fierce opposition from the Church of her day to which she was committed and which she loved. She was ahead of her time and ended her days imprisoned as a heretic.

In response to Mary Ryllis Clark's presentation, Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ spoke of Fr Vitelleschi, a General Superior of the Jesuits of Mary Ward's time.

Fr Vitelleschi actively discouraged his men from association with Mary Ward and her companions. Fr Andrew Hamilton's appearance on this night was to apologise for Fr Vitelleschi's inability to recognise the true worth of what Mary Ward proposed. This apology had been a long time coming!

Following the meeting the group moved to discussion tables. There were questions to and about Mary Ward; about the role and acceptance of women's role in the Church today. This was followed by an Elizabethan dinner with poached salmon and roasted quail, accompanied by harp and madrigal singing. The harp was played by second year medical student, Danielle Forbes.

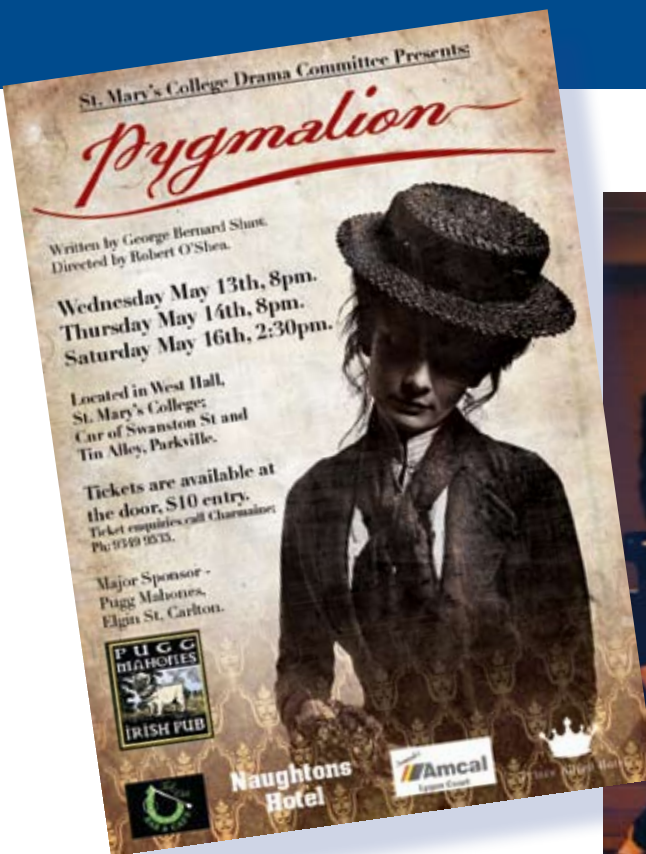
I think Mary Ward would have appreciated this commemorative evening and the enthusiasm of the discussion and commemoration.

Sr Toni Matha IBVM
Vice Principal St Mary's College
1980-1981



Top, L to R: Mary Clark, Dr Elizabeth Hepburn and Fr Andrew Hamilton
Above: Danielle Forbes plays harp
Right: Dr Ian McDonald, Chemistry tutor

Colloquium



George Bernard Shaw's Pygmalion – 2009 College Play

Mounting a production of a divisive Edwardian play about phonetics and class conflict was an ambitious project for St Mary's students, especially for those in their first semester of university studies.

However Bernard Shaw's rich intellectual discourse also contains accessible humour and romance, and thus the many weeks of rehearsal provided the perfect complement for the rigours of tertiary study. The labours of the thirty-strong cast and crew were rewarded with a successful season of performances, including two sold-out shows.



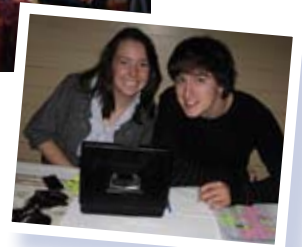
The classic tale of the Cockney flower-seller transformed into a society lady was presented in the West Hall of the College, allowing the whole College community to be involved in the rehearsal and performance period.

The London setting was wonderfully evoked through lavish costumes and authentic props, whilst a large cast of bystanders and ball guests added to the atmosphere of pivotal scenes. First year students Tom Lukaitis (Catholic College Bendigo) and Georgie Morrissy (Trinity College Colac) brilliantly filled the renowned roles of Professor Higgins and Eliza Doolittle. Second year collegians Catriona Catterson and Isaac Demase, playing Alfred Doolittle and Colonel Pickering respectively, added immense wit and wisdom to the performance.

A variety of cameo characters ensured an entertaining performance every night, whilst the enthusiastic and professional contribution of the back stage crew and front-of-house team made *Pygmalion* an enjoyable experience for every audience member.

The Convenor of the College Drama Committee, Charmaine Green, exhibited great care in her admirable organisation and promotion of the show. The assistance of College staff and benefactors was invaluable, whilst particular mention should be made of the countless parents who supported the production by attending the Parents' Day Matinee. The entire production symbolised the appreciation of artistry and friendship that is evident within the college community.

Robert O'Shea





Principal, Sister Elizabeth Hepburn IBVM opening the night with hosts Chris and Kimberley.



Can, clad in a qipao, singing *Jasmine Flower*.

International night

International Night was held this year in the college dining room on the 24th of April 2009. It was a themed affair: 'Something Traditional, Something Modern' and students were requested to come dressed in either a traditional or modern inspired outfit, with prizes for the best dressed student. International Night provides an opportunity for International students to showcase their talent and local students to gain more insight to various cultures around the world; both were definitely achieved during the night.

We had an array of performances this year; from Chris Yoo opening the night singing *Flying without Wings* to Chinese opera by Can Wu, who sang *Jasmine Flower*; a popular Chinese song, both accompanied by Timothy Tan on the piano. There was

also a Bollywood performance by Flare Dance Ensemble, a Melbourne University dance club which was invited to perform during the night.

Trivia and a tongue-twister challenge held after dinner gave students and tutors a chance to show off their knowledge and abilities, with Deputy Principal Sean Vagg winning the tongue-twister challenge when he elicited the loudest cheers from the floor. Besides that, we also had an eating challenge – a yearly affair at college – showcasing unconventional cuisine from around the world and pushing ones' stomach to the limit. This year, there were durian cakes, Chinese fungus which looked eerily similar to human hair in miso soup, fermented soy beans, and pickled okras. The students had a great time cheering

their fellow friends on as they bravely attempted to finish the food in the quickest amount of time.

Our Kitchen staff at St Mary's College led by John and Murray definitely did not disappoint with a delectable spread of International food during the night. To name a few, laksa noodles, American ribs, and the Thai green chicken curry were served that night with Spanish churros, jellies and tiramisu as dessert.

We would like to thank all the performers, hosts Christopher Rollins and Kimberley Oh, the Kitchen staff, and the tutors and students who helped with the decorations and those who participated during the night helping make International Night a successful one.

Ms Seok Mei Lim

Something traditional
something
modern



The students paying rapt attention while Chris Yoo sings *Flying Without Wings*.

JCR JAM

Normally, a Wednesday evening at St Mary's College consists of a few quiet pre-drinks before heading off to the Prince Alfred public house for a few Dame Edna Everages' (read 'beverages').

Or, more commonly, the 'hump day' often bears witness to many a study group session where we, as education-driven academics, can recapitulate on the preceding day's scholastic stimulation by reviewing lecture notes which serve as able vessels for intellectual accomplishment and cerebral implementation. However, despite finding solace in routinely sliding into the warm, bubble bath of academe whilst peering anxiously with eagerness down the second half of a mind-filling filled week, Wednesday the 20th of May became home to a very different past-time.

Said Wednesday displayed the annual St Mary's College JCR Jam, confusingly held in the Frewin Room (I know, it should be called the Frewin Room Jam but trying saying that 5 times fast). Anyhoo, The JCR Jam, as the name subtly suggests, is a jamboree, a wingding or a shindig. A musical carnival featuring everything a good carnival has – except Carnies.

This year, it featured over 20 acts from all different people across the diverse group that is the voluptuous and curvaceous student body of Mary's.

For the first time this year, the Frewin Room was filled with sleeping bags, swags, mattresses and the throbbing scent of 'goon' and good times. The stage was set, lineup refined and blu-tacked to the door, and more than 100 people, including Sister Liz herself, waited with anticipation for the St Mary's College talent to display itself – and it did.

It had been 86 days since St Mary's opened it's doors to 90-odd fresh-faced, bright-eyed Freshers ('90-odd' as in 'round-about 90', they're not all odd). Day 87 provided a comfortable, safe environment for a large, gifted handful of first years. Toose and Tom, or 'Tooseltom' combined together to melt some ladies' hearts; Man on Man, an explosive boy band pranced on to the scene. To balance this, we had some extremely impressive classical

acts including Megan Lee and Edwina McKenna playing classical piano as well as American Chris Rollins and the talented Andrew Cathcart teaming up with bass, kit and didgeridoo to wow the spectators. The night concluded with second-year boys Stuart Panozzo, Tom 'squeaky clean' Crabtree and Matt Doyle with their *On a Boat* parody of living at Mary's and we furthermore got to 'talk to the animals' with Matt Doyle who comically and cleverly shone light on the shadowy minutia of college life with his 21st speech-esque standup routine (though he was sitting down) which left everyone in hysterics with his dry, observant humor and scarily accurate critiques. Moreover, we were lucky enough to be blessed with a 2009 ICAC Soiree-winning performance by Felicity Oakes as well as an extremely entertaining display by Fresher Representative, Joel 'all over the keys like a locksmith' Smith and the extremely talented Tess Herbert. We were even graced with the presence and performance by the one and only Deputy Principal/part time virtuoso in Sean 'puts the 'sax' in saxophone' Vagg of whom both dazzled the viewers with an improvised rendition of jazz progression *Summertime* and melted some faces with his shredding axe playing where his guitar solo nearly set the fire alarms off.

The above is only a brief cross-section of what was displayed that night of the 20th but it can be safely said that all those who stepped foot on the Frewin Room stage and into the miscellaneous, lamp-supplied spotlight performed admirably and everyone was well impressed.

It was described by one lass as 'one of the best nights of my young life'. Another dubbed it as a 'proud moment etched into the parchment of college history' (I don't know who talks like that but it's true). One mentioned that it reinstalled their faith in God and someone even said that they were going to name their first born child 'JCR Jam'. An individual who wishes to remain nameless summed it up best with the following: **"The JCR Jam was, for want of a much better word, redonkulous. What can be better than rugging up in your sleeping bag next to your best friends, responsibly consuming some drinks**

and, above all, enjoying some great music and entertainment provided by people you know? I couldn't believe that how I felt about college in general could be captured and summarized in one, fleeting moment, but it did. That song about the 'Culture Cup' was pretty awesome also." Well said, honest and accurate anonymous quoter.

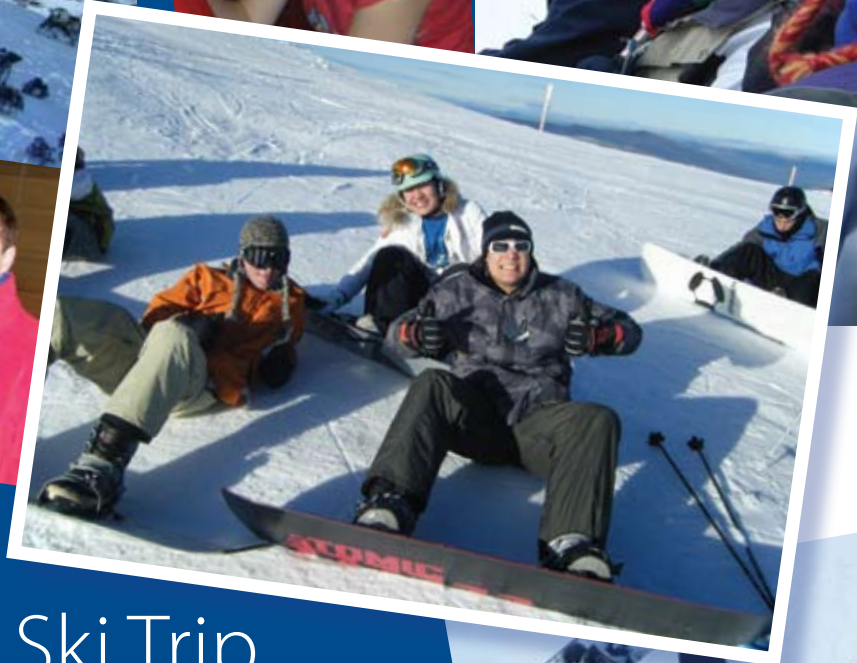
Old jokes and convoluted wordsmithery aside, the general consensus was that it was good to be able to sit down and enjoy an evening of music put on by each other. It was great that people could feel comfortable enough to perform in front of their peers, to a crowd of more than 100 people including staff, and not only perform, but perform well. Additionally, the audience respected the performers completely and everyone provided a very comfortable and encouraging environment for the players which is, after all, what we are all about at Mary's.

To summate, let me just thank everyone who helped make the night what it was: Those who helped set up, organise it, rustle up performers, the performers themselves, Deputy Principal Sean Vagg and finally the audience who provided the supportive environment for the incredible music and entertainment displayed by the gifted people we live with. **What a pleasure it is to be surrounded by such talented and good-spirited young adults who are the driving force that makes St Mary's such a pleasant and enjoyable place to live.**

Not to mention being the arts and cultural hub of the Crescent. As I taper, I'll leave you with the cultural motto of the college:

GET
INSPIRED
GET
INVOLVED...

Gerard Kennedy
St Mary's College Student Club
Cultural Representative



Ski Trip

On July 24, 60 of our adventurous students embarked on the annual 'ski trip'. It was, and I quote: "Awesome!"

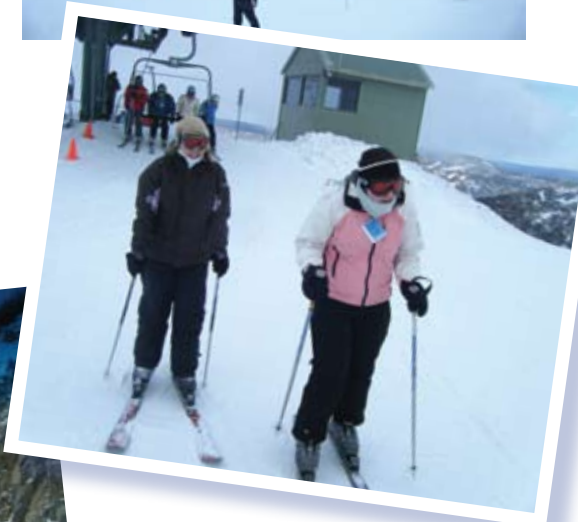
Convoys set out early for Mt Hotham, upon arrival the weather was clement. So it stayed for the full two days.

Despite the cavalier efforts of Andy (who somehow ended up in a tree), no-one was hurt beyond the usual twists and bruises akin to those who have no idea how to ski. Some had never seen snow, some saw a snowball up close, and some were regulars who effortlessly vanished into the white distances.

Each night the more burly elements of College brought up wood Caliban-style to make a fire, in whose warmth the day's events and soreness were shared. On the second night the students enjoyed a BBQ, before packing up (and cleaning up) next morning for their homecoming.

Everyone arrived home fit and healthy after a great start to Semester!

Dane M Kirby, Dean



Sports

St Mary's College has some exceptional sporting talent this year.

Daniel Martin won three gold medals this year at the Australian Under 20 Championships (100m, 200m, and the 110mH); also at the Australian Open Championships Dan came second in the B final of the 200m and sixth in the semi of the 100m. This success resulted in Dan's selection for a Grand Prix meet in Osaka, where he ran in the senior men's 4x100m team, placing second. **Joanna Bromfield** also competed in the National Titles earlier this year, where she won a bronze medal in the triple jump.



Daniel Martin



Joanna Bromfield



Kate Harwood

Bree Cashmore crewed in the final of the National Surf Life-Saving Titles held in Perth; and **Beth Canny** won third place in the 'Neomento/Prime Estate Women's Race, which resulted in her selection for the Prime Estate Cycling Team. Finally, **Steven Reid** is currently part of the Victorian Cricket Association's Under 19 Squad; Steven also plays First Grade Premier Cricket with Essendon.



Bree Cashmore



Beth Canny



Emily Delahunty

Steven Reid is what's known in the cricket vernacular as 'quick', so it was no surprise to see fear on batsmen's faces when 'Reidy' let them go in the final against St Hilda's. The final, in T20 format, was close with St Mary's not scoring enough runs in the first innings (**Matt Doyle** smashed most of our runs in the first four overs!). However the Moose (our mascot) was out and about care of **Emily Delahunty**, and when **Tom Crabtree** snared a LBW with two overs to go it was game on. St Hilda's got the runs in the final over.

Matt Doyle



Steven Reid



One must admire the 'spirit' of the male rowers; many aspirants got up very early in the morning to run around Princess Park. On rowing day the boys certainly had more fun than success, although considering not many had rowed before it was a well-earned result. In soccer St Mary's made the quarter final, and in the only game of footy so far St Mary's won in a nail-biter, with big Tom Crabtree booting six.



Tom Crabtree

The female rowers fared better than the boys (and were similarly rigorous with training); coming first in the B Grade 2nd XIII girl's final, and overall fourth. Indeed, the crew was so excited with the win that they managed to flip the boat! All were rendered extremely wet. Eventually the boat was removed from the water.

In Tennis the St Mary's girls played very well, with **Nataporn Chaiprukmalakan** standing out as brilliant; in our one game of Hockey the girls lost a close match to our nemesis, once more, St Hilda's. However '**Honey**', the College Dog, managed to make a star appearance on the Hockey pitch for us toward the end – canine intuition, or did Sister Liz let her off the lead?

Nataporn Chaiprukmalakan



Special thanks to our Sports Representatives: **Kate Harwood** and **Thomas Crabtree**.

Dane M. Kirby, Dean



Honey



Fiona Skidmore receiving her award from Rob Gell
Photo: Matthew Joseph of PhotoQ

Academic Life

2009 commenced with the recognition that several outstanding First Years were in our midst. No less than nine of these students were awarded St Mary's College Scholarships for achieving the extraordinary ENTER score of 99.

They were Elyse Green, Joel Smith, Megan Lee, Emily Lam, Kimberthy Wong, William Huang, Sunny Cheung, Kimberley Oh, and Can Wu. Remarkably, a further 47 of our First Year Cohort all achieved an ENTER score in excess of 90.

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Scholarships were handed to grateful recipients by the College Principal Dr Elizabeth Hepburn IBVM at Commencement Dinner. The Returner's Awards were also a joy, with Nick Wilson and Stephanie Wood obtaining straight H1s. Many students have been buoyed by the 'family' atmosphere of St Mary's toward their personal academic goals, the acquisition of which is often celebrated among the community.

Ten other hard working and talented Returners also received Awards for achieving an H1 average. They were Mirasol Forcadela, Tim McKinnon, Jessica Mewing, Jessica Morey, Ken Oh, Robert O'Shea, Nayna Purchase, Frank Salvo, Li Yan, and Chris Yoo. Such students are, of course, encouraged to share their secrets!

I would like here to make special mention of the superlative efforts of Fiona Skidmore, who has just recently received the prestigious 'Premier's Geography Award'. In addition, Robert O'Shea is to be congratulated for taking out the 'Irish History Prize', awarded for what is judged to be the best piece of scholarship by an undergraduate History student in the field of Irish Studies.

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The above Returners obviously made extensive use of the College Tutorial Programme. In Semester 1 this year we conducted 37 one-hour tutorials across 31 different subjects each week on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings. In subjects with more than ten students two separate tutorials were provided, which preserves the highly attentive and friendly ambiance particular to the 'College' tutorial. With tutorials at the University becoming larger and more impersonal, one is happy but not surprised to hear many reports of appreciation for these characteristics.

Our eight resident tutors, along with 18 excellent academic tutors, all well versed in student-centered tuition approaches, have worked together to create a rich and vibrant academic ethos. St Mary's is very fortunate to have such a strong team of tutors who command respect, yet at the same time offer their expertise in such a personable way.

Indeed, with Semester 1 just completed, let us hope that the fruitful combination of support and self-reliance continues to meld together in the individual academic achievement integral to a happy college experience.

Dane M. Kirby, Dean



Robert O'Shea, winner of the Irish History Prize

Warmest greetings to the extended St Mary's community! I am glad to report that my first six months as Deputy Principal has been a time of immense personal and professional growth, fulfilment, challenges and enjoyment. I have very much appreciated the opportunity to give something back to the community which has added so much joy and warmth to my life over the years, and which continues to do so.

The purpose of this article is to give an update on some of the measures that St Mary's has taken over the last few months to make the College more environmentally responsible and sustainable.

One of the key goals of the St Mary's experience is to help to create a just and peaceful community locally and worldwide. In times where increasingly urgent global environmental issues like climate change threaten to deny basic human rights such as food and housing to millions of people, environmental responsibility is a moral imperative.

The most effective way to influence change on a broad scale is to help promote awareness, which is then followed through by concrete changes to infrastructure and lifestyle. The past semester has seen a concerted effort by the entire College to achieve both of these ends.

Awareness

One of the most exciting environmental awareness initiatives this semester has been our ongoing involvement with government department Sustainability Victoria. Sustainability Victoria is initiating an outreach program in 2010 whereby it will engage with businesses and community groups to help them optimise their use of resources, and reduce their environmental impact. Sustainability Victoria very generously agreed to run a pilot version of this outreach program at St Mary's free of charge.

The full administrative staff of the College were treated to a tour of Sustainability Victoria's offices, which were built to 6-star green building specifications (the highest accreditation available). This tour offered staff the opportunity of seeing a best practice office space. The tour was followed by an on-site evaluation of the College's current resource usage, undertaken via a walking tour of the College with the



Environmental initiatives

College's administrative staff and the head of the environment committee coming along to offer feedback and information about current infrastructure and procedures. The informal, dialogue-based approach generated many great ideas and suggestions. The next stage of the program is a comprehensive report which Sustainability Victoria are currently preparing on how we can change the culture, procedures and infrastructure of the College to effect real and ongoing change. This report will be delivered in a presentation to the College at a High Table dinner to stimulate a constructive dialogue which the entire College can engage with.

The College Environmental Committee has been working hard to generate awareness throughout the semester. A significant part of this awareness campaign has been regularly creating signs to encourage turning off lights when not in use, encouraging shorter showers and more responsible use of paper and printing ink, and preparing a regular column for the notice-board outside the dining room. The Committee organised the College's participation in the global environmental event Earth Hour, in which lights and electric devices all over the College were turned off and an acoustic music session was held in the courtyard to raise awareness in a positive and social manner.

Infrastructure

There have been some substantial infrastructure changes to the College in the last few months designed to enhance our environmental responsibility.

As a College with a primarily rural student body, we recognise the importance of

conserving water in this time of drought. We have installed 11 water tanks, with a combined capacity of 48,000 litres, and have almost completed the replanting of the College's scenic gardens with hardy, drought-resistant strains of plants to further reduce our usage. We have also utilised a grant to install reduced-flush toilet systems, which in the long-term will save a significant amount of water.

Coming Up

Moving into second semester, the much discussed College veggie patch will spring to life, supported by our 5 worm farms (which use organic and green waste from meals to assist composting). A space has been allocated in West garden, and a great deal of interest has been expressed from many quarters! As well as providing fresh produce and building a community spirit, the veggie patch will be a great way for St Mary's students to discuss and think about environmental issues surrounding food production.

Finally, there will also be a continued emphasis on basic things that we can all do every day to conserve resources. For example, we can all choose to turn off lights when not in use, keep our showers short, and dry our clothes on the line rather than in the dryer. Environmental responsibility starts and ends with people taking individual ownership of global problems, and enacting localised solutions to these problems, and St Mary's will continue to encourage its students to exercise real leadership in tackling the very real environmental challenges that we face, today and in the future.

Sean L Vagg, Deputy Principal

St Mary's Freshers of 1969

40 Year Reunion!

St Mary's Freshers of 1969 are getting together to recreate the fun they had 40 years ago!

If you are one of them, even a little younger or older, put Saturday November 7 in your diary to get together for dinner at St Mary's College. If you would like to attend or would like more detail, please contact one of the following:

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You may even find your photo here!



Back Row:
Colleen Dempsey, Mary Houniet, Sister Mary, Libby Redmond.
Seventh Row:
Sister M. Elizabeth, Cheryl Dafter, D'Arne O'Neill, Jane Conroy, Geraldine Murphy, Glenda McIntyre, Mary Ruth Shillington, Patricia Oates.
Sixth Row:
Frances Perversi, Dianne Mulcahy, Sister M. Maria, Maureen Foley, Lorraine Hickey, Elsie Ryan, Penny Schaefer, Rosalie Gustus, Virginia King.
Fifth Row:
Sister M. Elizabeth, Margaret Neville, Andrea Osmond, Patricia Anderson, Marietta Cooney, Kathryn Ginnivan, Louise Butler, Patricia Hillis.
Fourth Row:
Josephine Plazzer, Mary Bourke, Vivienne Boster, Loretta Re, Joan Milesi, Denise Young, Kathleen Barlow.
Third Row:
Susan Jones, Judith Kenedy, Helen McKay, Cheryl Gargan, Sandra Young, Noeline Barker, Petrea Whyte, Maria Treychenne.
Second Row:
Wendy Ireland, Kathy Isaacs, Elsie van Unen, Mary Anne Douglas, Josephine Carlini, Carmella Law, Susanne Dunham, Irene Szymanski.
Seated:
Bernadette Kelly, Eleanor Flynn, Mother M. Veronica, Agnes Dodds, Mother M. Francis, Mary Kenneally, Sister M. Joan, Kristen Batten, Sister M. Christine, Catherine Burnett.



Back Row:
Carmel Colbert, Patricia Fricker, Mary Sheahan, Gillian Hume, Suzanne Houniet, Gabrielle Ryan.
Fifth Row:
Helen Goodman, Rita Rocisano, Margaret Hoban, Ann Marie McGowan, Franja Heffey.
Fourth Row:
Elizabeth Ryan, Gail Dafter, Elizabeth Brophy, Maurilia Meehan, Mary Halls, Elecia O'Brien.
Third Row:
Margaret Lees, Helen O'Donohue, Kathryn Hoban, Gabrielle O'Brien, Jennifer Lincoln, Ann Foley, Sister M. Anne.
Second Row:
Kerin Byrne, Carla Palmieri, Mary Lou Broun, Juliette Hughes, Carla Betros.
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St Mary's Students of 1989

20 Year Reunion!

Are you one of the students from 1989 at St Mary's College, shown here?

If so, we invite you to your 20 year reunion at the College on Saturday 5 September at 4.45pm for mass, followed by drinks, tours and dinner. If you would like to attend, please let us know.

We ask that you RSVP by Monday 24 August to Kate Heinze, College Secretary, on 03 93499 502 or email:

secretary@stmarys.unimelb.edu.au

Come and catch up with past cohorts, this will be a fun event!!

20 years reunion

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RSVP by Monday 24 August



Front Row: George Mina, Eleonora Ilakopoulos, Merideth Haines, Anne Fitzpatrick, Elise Whatley, Clare Jones, Kate Thompson, Josephine Young, Camille O'Brien, Gabriella Buccheri, Lindy Cahill, Mei Ling Lee, Jane Francis, Kirsty Lewis, Jo Carroll, Jo Monk, Claire Watson, Kerry Dunse
Second Row: Sue Paillye, Cate Pickett (Cap), Mary Ryan, Bernadette Mannes, Nicoletta Churkovich, Bernadette Sanders, Nerida McGregor, Wei Shan Phang, Annette Poon, Karen O'Shea, Junko Kobayashi, Leonie Walsh, Rachel Robertson, Julie Brown, Tricia Jordan, Cass Austin, Claire Butzacott, Jodie McFarlane, Jo McAuley, Alison Tanner, Marcy Slater
Third Row: Jacinta Ryan, Bryan Murphy, Jenny Grubissa, Jackie Kors, Leuby Depravin, Mirella De Lorenzo, Barbara O'Shea, Sr Jane Kelly, Russell Staff, Emma Depravin, Felicity Ball, Susan Lawrence, Patricia Daber, Annett Poon, Kinta Walker, Nadine Marcott, Anna Putt

Fourth Row: Michael Poon, Anthony Baresic, Darren Johns, Karen MacKinnlay, Lorraine Connell, Donna Morrell, Chris Jackson, Delia Timms, Nikki Burns, Sherree Smith, Mandy Dunne, Rachel Dolan, Kathleen Bakker, Deidre Tranter, Peter Maclean, Melinda Smith, Mark Jones, Paul Twomey, John Rusjan, Michael Cudmore, Narelle Gillie, Liz Perez, Julie Hockins, Liz Hastings, Charleen Flynn, Clare Primmer
Fifth Row: Jane Arthur, Heike Hamann, Frank Strubell, Andrea Jeffrey, Frank Joyce, Mary-Jo Burke, Sally Nicholas, Brett O'Meara, Kath McNulty, Alex Swan, Steve Chow, Gav O'Callaghan, Michael Hynes, Chris Cantor, Darren Emerson, Dave Wilson, Don McCall, Kim Faresi, Sonya Morrissey, Jo Cavanagh, Jane Gilvin, Mark Tan
Sixth Row: Marcus Wright, Rodney Buck, Lucas Walsh, Peter Hunt, Damian Carmichael, Damian Walsh, Luke McLindon, Paul Corrigan, Paul Hickey, Andrew Flynn, Andrew Park, Martin Fuller, Peter Kelly, Matt Housham, Richard Hewitt, Darren McFarlane, Damian Haasjes, Phil Flynn, Joe Hoban, Stuart Wilson, Nick Hopkins, Anthony Poynton, Nick Routson, Kurt Rickard, Brendan Coates, Simon Gibbs, Jenny White, Mike Pianta

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