EDITOR’S REPORT

Yet another 'BURR' is completed. This year we record the efforts and achievements of so many of our students in all areas - academic, social and sporting. Again, most of the work has been the responsibility of the five girl 'BURR' team - Kate McKeown, Jillian Patterson, Demelza Stanford, Amy Williamson and Stephanie Young. The team have worked most of the year to pursue stories, take and collect photos, and type, read, retype and print up the stories you see here. Well done to all of you! Once again, Mrs Janni Toohey has been an invaluable contributor with her photographic skills, thankyou! Greg Arrow also helped us to try to master the scanning of images although we were eventually beaten by the technology - better luck next year! Also this year a beaut team of Year Nine students helped collect sponsorship and we have expanded our acknowledgement to these sponsors to suit the demands of a more commercial world. We hope you all approve and support these businesses. Without whom the magazine would be prohibitively expensive. We have also introduced a loose sheet for the school report, something not everyone wants but a document that forms an important record of more formal information about our school. As always, we are sure to have missed something or someone in our stories and achievements. To those, we do apologise - hopefully we'll get you next time around!! Meanwhile - read and enjoy!!

Graham Carter
BURR Co-ordinator
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

In preparing students for the Twenty-first Century, at Bathurst High School, we are very aware of the importance of providing them with challenges that will increase their confidence and enhance their self-esteem. We hope that one of the outcomes they will achieve is a love of life-long learning. To this end we changed school organisational structures, policies and procedures. We try to listen to our students and negotiate their learning with them, after all, they need to become responsible and independent learners to be successful.

Our new reporting and assessment system is very much linked to this philosophy and was one of the major changes the school has engaged in. We hope that the emphasis away from competition on to competency will enhance positive outcomes.

Technology has changed the way students learn and our additional 50 computers have made quite a difference to the teaching and learning in the school.

Academically, we have had some of our greatest successes this year. It began with the HSC results in which we had so many students in the top 5,000 candidates in NSW. It continued with the outstanding levels of achievement of our students in all state Computing, Maths, Chemistry and English competitions and the best School Certificate grades that this school has ever received. We are anticipating outstanding HSC results again this year. Luke Baith's excellent standing as one of the country's brightest Science students was a tribute to his scholarship.

In cultural and sporting endeavours we have been equally successful gaining representation at state level and national level in an amazing number of areas.

Photo: (Left to Right) Mr Charles Johnson, Mrs Jan Gerard and Mr Peter Street
The role our students have played in this community has earned them admiration, respect and an excellent reputation of which we can all be proud.

These results are way beyond what would normally be expected of a country high school of this size and proves that high expectations are vital. I believe that we will go on to be even more outstanding as our students continue to learn and achieve at the highest standard.

These successes are a tribute to our students, their parents and their teachers. They work together to provide the very best educational experiences and opportunities for students. There can be no task of greater importance than the education and nurturing of our young people.

The BURR is a record of 1997 at Bathurst High School. The quality of this magazine is impressive and a credit to the Editorial Team who have changed the format of the magazine and have approached the task of producing it in a completely professional and skilled manner.

I congratulate them on a fine production and hope that you enjoy reading about the students and their achievements and share our pride.

Jan Gerard
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

This is the twelfth year for which I have written a report for the "Burr". Every year there are new things to report on.

Deciding for ourselves is important for each of us. Choosing courses for the School Certificate in Year Eight and courses for the Higher School Certificate in Year Ten involve very adult decision making for students. Students know that their decisions will fire their enthusiasm or be a burden for a long time. Students make very good choices by doing what interests them and is therefore rewarding for them. Sometimes we make big choices by making a lot of little choices every day. How do other people see you and how do you feel about yourself? Isn't the view others build up over time, from a lot of little impressions? So deciding how we relate to people is a big decision which makes an impact through many little actions.

I have enjoyed teaching a Preliminary (Year Eleven) Skills for Living class this year. At one stage we looked at how to cope with stress and anxiety. Students wrote about how they can manage their life. We all have expectations about ourselves and wonder how we can achieve them. Others have expectations of us too. When there is conflict between what we want and what we feel, there is often some anxiety. The students found that whilst some stress helps motivate us, finding a way to put all the external pressures in perspective is very important. Further on in this "Burr" you can read some of the writings of these students. They are good decision makers.

I would like to thank all the students and teachers who have made 1997 such a good year at Bathurst High School.

Charles Johnson
Deputy Principal
FROM THE LEADING TEACHER

This year has been one in which we have experienced significant change in the staff of the school through illness, transfer, travel overseas and retirement. Although this has meant that we have lost some of our best and most experienced teachers, it has also meant that new teachers with new ideas have come and joined us and this has been of great benefit to all of our students.

The introduction of Outcomes Based Reporting has been a wonderful advance in the way we assess students and in the information that is available to students, parents and employers. By providing accurate information about what students have achieved, we have been able to provide a more accurate picture than we could with the previous reporting practices.

The P & C and School Council have again made major contributions to our school and have worked with staff and students to bring about change which improves the learning of students. Many parents have taken the opportunity to add to the value of our students education. We are thankful to parents for their strong support for the programs and ideals of the school.

Many teachers have continued to improve their skills and qualifications through further study and this has encouraged all of us to develop a learning community in which the achievements of both students and staff are acknowledged. As we look forward to 1998 we do so in anticipation of improving further the work we do, our support for parents and the achievements of our students.

Peter Street (B.Ed., M.Ed., Cert of G.E.)
Leading Teacher

Photos: (Left to Right) Craig Winwood-Smith and Natalie Elward imitate Mr Johnson and Ms Rakowski, Mr Johnson and Ms Hood imitate students on International Teachers Day
CAPTAINS REPORT

1997, the year of Boring Assemblies and No Captain's Awards. Or such is the public perception of the School Captains of 97. However we decided to take a more intellectual approach to our prize-giving - whenever a Captain's Award had been presented in the past, on average, three people in the hall laughed and only five people even vaguely understood the joke. So we decided to do away with the awards as apart of our assembly program, so as to reduce offense and public humiliation to our peers (and ourselves).

Despite the (apparent) lack of panache in our assemblies, the captains of 97 have worked hard 'behind the scenes', representing the school at various community events and organising school fundraising days and other functions.

We have all thoroughly enjoyed our time representing Bathurst High School and wish the best of luck to next year's captains, and to all of the students and staff at the school.

Thanks to Mr Street for the morning teas and thanks also to the soldiers of ANZAC for landing at Gallipoli so darned early in the morning. And remember . . . . . . . wear sunscreen!

1997 Captains: Nicole Mowbray
Luke Baitch
Belinda Oxley
Lindsay Wilson
Stephen Cormack
Tim Grabham

During the year of 1997 the Captains represented Bathurst High on many occasions, from waking up at 4:00 am to go to the 'Dawn' ANZAC Service, to going to openings such as 'Green' Energy (Advanced Energy Initiative) and 'Daffodil House' (Cancer House). Luke and Nicole travelled to Government House, Sydney, to meet the Governor and other captains from this region in June.
It was a great experience and the 'bought biscuits on a silver platter' made a lasting impression. The six of us had a fantastic time being captains and would like to thank the students and staff for all their support. We know the 1998 captains will do a fabulous job and wish them all the best.

Photo: Captains, Old and New. (Left to Right): Lindsay Wilson, Belinda Oxley, Luke Baitch, Stephen Cormack, Tim Grabham, Nicole Mowbray, Andrew Clydesdale, Sally Hansen, Craig Winwood-Smith, Damian Fulthorpe, Kate Campbell and Kate Outram.

BATHURST YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR - Luke Baitch
The P&C Association is not just a fundraising organisation. We are also a support network for parents, students, teachers and the wider school community. Members participate in School Council, educational/curricular issues and write submissions to the government/gender equity. There are also representatives on a variety of school committees. The P&C overs-sees the canteen operation, and there are P&C members on the selection panel for staff recruitment. We have P&C Representatives at school functions such as Astley Cup, Year Twelve Grad Ball, Presentation Night, Musical Performances, Ag Farm Open days and the Eisteddfod. A P&C Conference is held in Sydney for three days every year, and members attend to represent Bathurst High School.

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month from 7.30 - 8.30pm. Meetings may go overtime when we have guest speakers or special issues. Meetings give new parents an opportunity to meet other parents, make new friends, receive support, raise issues of concern, input into change and submit innovative ideas. Sub-Committees include Steering, Expo, Grad Ball, Canteen, Grounds and Hall.

Fundraising activities include: the Fashion Parade, a Tourist Van at the annual Bathurst Show, Christmas in July (although cancelled this year due to lack of numbers), Tourist Vans again at both Car Races, the Art Show/Festival, the Craft Expo and a bus to the School Spectacular. Thank you to Perfect Timing for their ongoing support.

The money that the P&C made this year was spent on: Bathurst High Radio Station $1,000; Saxophone $1,800; Planer Thicknesser $3,925; Wall refurbishment $2,000; Grounds Sprinkler System $2,500; and the Library $4,000.

Due to unforeseen circumstances our committee executive has undergone two changes this year. Our gratitude goes to Jenny Shepherd and Sandra Rheinburger for filling our vacant positions of Treasurer and Secretary.

Our condolences to Jenny, Karen and Gordon on the loss of their beloved Sean. Jenny will be greatly missed as a parent, teacher, friend and P&C Executive. We wish you serenity and fulfillment in the days ahead.

We wish Heather Brindley health and happiness in her retirement after many years as Canteen Supervisor and volunteer. Thank you Heather.

A sincere thank you to all who have contributed to the ongoing commitment to support the Bathurst High School community.

Liz Sewell
President
PHOTOS FROM THE FOOD AND CRAFT EXPO
HELD BY THE P&C
The Student Council this year has had a bit of a roller coaster ride because of the illness and medical retirement of it's main driving force, Charles Kingston. Charles built the SRC into a showpiece of student leadership with national fame and international recognition. Many students had represented at State and National Conferences with distinction and gained a great deal from that representation.

Within the school, students have been represented on all teams responsible for decision making about curriculum and organisation, the School Council and the Curriculum Committee. This allowed students to be involved in important decision making and provided a close link between staff and students.

However, when Charles retired, the level of involvement declined as students found it harder to keep the momentum going. Greg Arrow and Lisa Lloyd represented students at State and National Conferences but the involvement in the school declined because Charles was not there to push things along.

During Term Four we have set about rebuilding the role of the SRC so that students again have a major input to the school's operation. A dedicated group of students have worked to get full representation on Teams, committees and the school council and it seems that 1998 will see the SRC return to its former important role. As part of this we are working towards sending two students to the USA in June to attend an International Leadership Training Program and fundraising will be an important part of that. We are hoping to gain the support of local service organisations in raising the necessary money to sponsor two students to this important program.

Photo: (Left to Right) (Back) Brad Woods- Year Nine Rep; Peter Street- Staff Adviser; (Fourth Row) Renee Douglas- Treasurer; Kylie Austin- Secretary; Miranda Ingersole- Fundraiser; Cherie Richards; (Third Row) Lisa Lloyd- Secretary; Nathan Kenny- Year Eight Rep; Amy Williamson- Treasurer; Amanda Lloyd- Year Eight Rep; Catherine Sutto- Year Ten Rep; (Second Row) Scott Waldron- Year Seven Rep; Kirsty Austin- Year Seven Rep; Monique Field- Year Nine Rep; (Front Row) Kate McKeown- Vice President; and Stephanie Young- President make up the SRC Executive. (Absent: Sarah Druce- Year Ten Rep)
Every year ex-students of Bathurst High School return to have a look around their old school, find their names on trophies and Honor boards, and just to look at the changes that have occurred.

Our photos show (above) - Jack and Betty Bourke who were here in the 1940's; (below) brothers Roy and Keith Whitton, with Mr Evans and the Willman Cup which was fought out between Bathurst High and Lithgow High until the 1970's.
Mr Aquilina, the NSW Minister of Education, visited our school in May to announce changes to HSC English marking. This encourages country teachers to be involved in gaining valuable experience marking student papers. This year, Mrs Pam Jordan and Mrs Lesley Wade have taken this opportunity.
ASSPA

(Aboriginal Student Support Parents Association)

It has been a very successful year for the Bathurst High School ASSPA Team.

Brett Lucas, an Aboriginal student in Year Ten, has done a great job as ASSPA Secretary. This is the first time that a student has taken on one of the executive positions. It is truly great to see a student take on this responsibility and do the job so well.

It was also very encouraging to have quite a few new faces coming along to our regular meetings and being involved in the decisions affecting Aboriginal students at Bathurst High School.

Stuart Evenett

Photos: Some of the Bathurst High's Aboriginal Students
ENGLISH

Well done English students at Bathurst High School. You have achieved many and varied improvements in a range of skills and standards this year. Year Ten, you are to be congratulated on your School Certificate results. Year Twelve, you have worked hard and deserve good results in the HSC.

English Competition entrants; you have also achieved excellent results. Certificates of Distinction were awarded to: Jenni Knight and Heather Matheson (Year Eight), Jillian Patterson (Year Ten), Luke Baitch and Debbie Patterson (Year Twelve). Certificates of Credit were awarded to: Stuart Austen, Tina Graham, Emma McKeown, Yoon Leng Ooi, Alexander Roxborough and Thea Wilson (Year Seven), Katrina Cashen, Kristy Fitzgerald, Claire Foody, Robert Kempton, Jennifer Lodge and Emma Sexton (Year Nine), Michelle Griffin (Year Eleven), Erica Brooks and Nicole Mowbray (Year Twelve).

We have some wonderful story writers at Bathurst High School. Many students participated in a Creative Writing Workshop held at Ziegler’s Cafe this year. We wish them all success in their competition entries.

The Horror Short Story Competition
The following students all wrote a variety of spooky and scary stories which were published recently:- Yoon Leng Ooi, Rebecca Chapman and Joanna Patterson (Year Seven), Brooke Seckold-Lamb, Gemma Newis, Tasha Campbell and Kate Miller (Year Eight), Rosemary Walker (Year Nine), Kim Pallot, Tim Baitch, Caelia Corse and Vanessa Robinson (Year Ten).

Congratulations must also go to Tim Baitch who was one of 250 students who received a Commendation for the Sydney Morning Herald Young Writer’s Competition from 4,000 entries!

As well as competent writers, we are also blessed with wonderful Public Speakers and Debaters. Michael Roxborough (Year Ten) experienced success at the Sydney Eisteddfod in Public Speaking. This year has been a roundabout of Debaters, Public Speaking, excursions and many varied activities which develop these skills.

When Year Ten returned from Work Experience, they were involved in a Radio-News Broadcast in English lessons. Each student was involved in writing and preparing news items which were broadcasted in a round robin competition. Successful students were rewarded with certificates, awards, a sausage sizzle and the chance to go to 2MCE FM. Outstanding broadcasters included: Daniel Morgan, Andrew Chung, Miranda Ingersole and Lisa Lloyd.

HSC English students experienced a seminar/study day at CSU in Term Three. Mrs Jordan organised the day and the student and staff evaluation was very positive. She reports that most students found the day helpful and that it introduced new perspectives for the students. In particular the HSC Senior markers who travelled up from Sydney, offered extremely useful information to students on how to maximise their marks.

Congratulations also to the following outstanding English students:

Year Seven and Eight Public Speaking and Debating:
Nathan Kenny, Catherine Springett, Jenny Browning, Riorden McWilliam, Alice Coomans, Alex Roxborough, Sam Martin, Peter Mullins

Year Seven-
Yoon Leng Ooi, Tina Graham, Jason Cowan, Daniel Pollard, Alex Roxborough, Zahra Dewji

Year Eight-
Peter Mullins, Gabrielle Affleck, Jenni Knight, Nathan Kenny, Cassandra Bowman
Year Nine-
Leesa Jackson, Robert Kempton, Jenny Lodge, Ben Carter
Year Ten-
Andrew Dunstall, Kim Pallot, Daniel Morgan
Year Eleven-
Jessie English, Michelle Griffin, Simon Phegan
Year Twelve-
Luke Baitch, Debbie Patterson
Storytelling Competition-
Daniel Pollard (Year Seven)

Well done to all the other English students too. Many of our other activities have been included in other sections of the Burr. The English staff is looking forward to working with you again in 1998.

Pam Jordan
Head Teacher

Filming the 'new' Year Nine teacher in Mrs Roughley's class
MATHEMATICS

During this year Mr Campbell has experimented with a different approach in teaching Year Ten. This has included extra lunchtime lessons concentrating on the Year Ten Moderator examinations. Many students have appreciated this program and they have certainly benefited from this initiative.

Four students from Years Nine and Ten entered the Maths Challenge (organised by the Australian Mathematics Olympiad Committee). It involved them working on six problems, both individually and in pairs. Robert Kempton and Andrew Marriott both did particularly well, being awarded with 'Certificates of Excellence'. Yoon Ooi and Emma Sexton received 'Merit Certificates'. Congratulations to all four for their efforts. Robert and Andrew were then invited to participate in the Maths Contest later in the year.

In the Australian Mathematics Competition we had eighty participants, with the following results:

- One Prize to Tin Huynh in Year Seven
- Two High Distinctions to Nicholas Huynh in Year Eight and Yoon Ooi in Year Ten
- Eight Distinctions
- Twenty-seven Credits

Congratulations to these students, especially Tin!

I would like to thank all the Maths staff for their hard work this year. Special thanks to Mrs Horton who is now on long service leave after thirteen years of commitment and endurance here, and to Mr Traviss who will be leaving to go to Newcastle after eight years at Bathurst High School. All the best to you both in the future!

Ross Longhurst
Head Teacher

Photo: (Left to Right) Yoon Hui Ooi, Tin Huynh and Nicholas Huynh were our most successful participants in the Maths Competition
Photo: All our Maths Competition prizewinners.

Photo: (Left to Right) Our eight Distinction Awards went to (Back) Andrew Dunstall, Jillian Patterson, Ian Austen, Craig Kauter (Front) Yoon Leng Ooi, Lydia Ebert and Daniel Morgan.

Photo: These students received Credit Certificates.
SCIENCE

1997 has been another exciting year for the Science Department at Bathurst High School, with many opportunities to pursue new directions. It has been a year of achievements and excellence by students and an emphasis on technology in the classroom.

The Science Department was fortunate to receive two new computers for use in their laboratories. This has been supported by the purchase of software for student use, so as to maximise the use of technology in this subject. This is an area that the Science staff are planning to continue to expand.

It has been a successful year for those students entering the Australian Science Competition with many Distinctions awarded and the National Chemistry Quiz where Luke Baitch, from Year Twelve, was placed in the top 400 competitors in the State. An outstanding effort. This year also saw the Year Ten students achieving exceptional results in the School Certificate and fine performances from our Higher School Certificate candidates.

In the classroom it is always exciting when introducing Year Seven to the world of scientific techniques and experiments. Quality learning experiences are emphasised throughout the Junior school, through the learning program. This is evident in the Year Nine Science Course, where staff introduced an exciting new unit on Forensic Science. Students have been involved in scientific processes used in this area, testing their problem solving skills and the application of these techniques with a visit to the Police Station.

Literacy has also been a major focus in the Science KLA this year. Ms Deb Barron has been helping to develop the skills of the staff at Bathurst High, and in the local region, with the practical application of literacy work in the Science class.

We look forward to 1998 as a year of change in the Science staff. It is with regret that we farewell Tony Shadie, who has been Head Teacher of Science at Bathurst High School for many years. Tony has accepted the position of Deputy Principal at Katoomba High School. We wish him all the best in his position and know that his extensive knowledge of all things science and his invaluable work at Bathurst High School, both in and out of the classroom, will be greatly missed. His replacement will be Mr Geoff Hastings who has been teaching for many years in local school at Oberon and Kelso.

Jayne Evans
Acting Head Teacher

Photo: Matthew Hummelshoj uses technology in the classroom with the guidance of Mrs Toohey.

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ACHIEVEMENTS IN SCIENCE

Photos show our award winners in the Australian Science Competition and students at work in the laboratories.
1997 was another successful year for the HSIE (Human Society In it's Environment) KLA. Students continued to be challenged by the variety of teaching and learning activities offered by this KLA, developing a critical analysis of contemporary issues and an appreciation of our place in the local, national and global communities. Our HSC results for 1996 maintained the high standards of previous years, being consistently amongst the best at the school. A major thrust in the Junior School has been the introduction of outcomes based reporting in all classes and the use of technology as part of those outcomes.

Integrated into student learning experiences were a number of significant excursions and innovative teaching approaches. Mr Carter and Mr Evenett conducted a number of local area studies for Geography in Junior and Senior Years. Mr Browning took Year Nine Commerce students to Sydney for two days, as well as on numerous local area excursions. Commerce students organised and ran a number of fund raising activities to experience business organisation and budgeting.

Our Senior Business Studies students went to Sydney with Mr Evans as part of their investigations of business practice, visiting Coca-Cola Amatil at Westmead.

In Legal Studies, a number of guest speakers and visits including the Court House, Police Station, and Gaol helped to bring the world of Law into the classroom. Bathurst High once again performed very credibly in the State Mock Trial competition, and we would like to thank Karen Coyte from Maclntosh and McPhillamy for her coaching.

Mr Evenett has taken his Aboriginal Studies classes on two three-day excursions to Brewarrina (Year Eleven) and Nowra (Year Twelve) to study the 'cultural expression' and 'health and medicine' of our indigenous Australians.

Year Eight attended a highly successful overnight Geography Camp at 'Urinca', a property owned by Mr Mann. Students attending the camp were rewarded for their hard and consistent work in class over the year.

The HSIE staff would like to thank all teachers at Bathurst High who have kindly taken extra classes so that these most valuable learning experiences can be conducted for our students.

History continued it's popularity amongst students with lots of hands on learning as students made models, games, took part in various simulations and excursions, all of which re-inforced learning through an enquiry approach. Students have also used computers and other information extensively as part of their learning. An interesting activity was conducted by Mr Tindall's class, who made up a database of information from a visit to Bathurst Cemetery, while Ancient History students have been using a computer program based on the battles of Alexander so that they can now fight the battles and learn the battle tactics of the Ancient World. Students have responded well to this approach and to their interest in what is being taught.
HSIE teachers continue to make a major contribution to the running of the school. Mr Browning and Mr Evans have been Year Advisers for Years Twelve and Eight. Mr Tindall has been involved in continued attempts to encourage more teachers to use more technology in their classrooms. He is a member of the Technology team and has also been intricately involved in the day-to-day running of the Senior School through leadership of the Senior Team. He also organised a very successful Year Six to Seven information evening. Mr Carter has been the coordinator of the Learning Centre, where a large number of students have learned to be independent researchers and learners. Mr O'Mahony has been a Coordinator of Future Directions and Planning and Mr Cowdroy has again been involved in making the timetable. During the year once again Mr Evenett has been the Chairman of the Middle Team (responsible for Years Nine and Ten), hockey coach for both boys & girls (Junior and Senior) and thoroughly enjoyed the involvement in the ASSPA and AECG committees, working with Aboriginal parents and students.

Mr Cowdroy
Head Teacher

Photos: Year Seven History had fun making artifacts as part of an assignment.
LOTE AND ESL

In 1997 Bathurst High School has been proud to boast a truly multicultural community and a multicultural attitude to the teaching of Languages Other Than English.

In the Junior School, French, German, Indonesian and Japanese were again offered as part of the mandatory one hundred hours of learning a Language Other Than English, and once again it was the culinary experience which tended to be the highlight of the course for many students. The Japanese students cooked noodles under the expert guidance of Mrs Rikako Hangan and Mr Greg Hodgeman. The French class excelled themselves with their Quiche Lorraine and the German class feasted on Bratwurst and Kartoffelsalat. Mr Moon and his Indonesian group made shadow puppets.

Year Eight Elective LOTE students succumbed to the flavour of French cakes and a good semester's work slowed somewhat as a result.

Again in 1997 a number of students successfully completed LOTE courses through the Open High School and they are to be congratulated on a fine, academic effort. Several of these students were assisted in their studies by our visitors from Argentina, Germany, Japan and Spain. These students were on exchange with us and we were pleased to welcome them to Bathurst High School. They were excellent ambassadors for their own countries. Thank you.

Three of our own students returned from overseas in 1997 - Alison Gerard from Japan and Simone Reeder from Argentina. They will complete the HSC soon. More recently Zoe Townsend returned to us from Italy and is already hard at work on her HSC course.

Another innovative program for Bathurst High School this year was the ESL tuition we have been able to offer several students from Iran and Indonesia, to assist them in settling more comfortably into life at Bathurst High School. This program has been rewarding for both students and teachers and we hope to continue it in 1998.

Patricia Mather

Photo: Kate Chegwidden, Year Nine, has won a scholarship to study in Japan for a year
FRENCH

This year in French was an excellent year. We have done many exciting and fun things. One of these great times included making *Quiche Lorraine* which was a wonderful success. We have included the recipe so you can also enjoy this wonderful taste of France.

**Quiche Lorraine**

**Things You Need** -
- 4 Oz of Short Crust Pastry
- 2 Oz of Gruyere Cheese, sliced
- 4 Rashes of Bacon, grilled then sliced
- 3 Eggs
- Half a pint of Milk
- Salt and Pepper (If desired)

**What to do** -
Line a flan ring with pastry, then cover with cheese and bacon. Beat eggs and seasoning together and pour carefully on to the flan. Bake at 400 degrees for 30 minutes and serve hot!

Also in French we have learned how to introduce ourselves, say our age, introduce someone else and count up to thirty. We have also learned much about their culture and important monuments in Paris. We look forward to next year's course and hope, to one day, travel to France and experience the culture first hand.

Sadye Howard, Emily Hogan and Kirstie Young.

GERMAN

Guten Tag! Ich bin Vanessa Quigley. Hi I'm Vanessa Quigley as I said in the first sentence. In German so far this year we have learnt where the country of Germany is and basic words like "bye - auf Wiedersehen" "hi - tag" and some other basic words. We have also learnt our numbers and most body parts.

Vanessa Quigley

This year in German we have done some good things. We learnt our German numbers from One to Ten. We learnt words like Guten Tag, Wie Gehts etc. We learnt some of the body parts. We all chose a famous person or city to do assignments on, such as Einstein, Mr Benz and Cologne.

Craig Evans, Chris Robb and Michael Burgess

This year in German we have learnt lots of things like: how to say basic greetings, all our numbers from One to a Hundred, how to introduce people and describe things about them. We also did a German Geography Unit, 'Erkunde,' which I really enjoyed. We have learnt lots about Germany, it's people, and their language.

Thea Wilson
TECHNOLOGY AND APPLIED STUDIES

It has been a very hectic year in the Industrial Arts area, with the usual rush to get the Industrial Technology major projects finished on time. With Mr Shoemark's guidance both Brendan Gibson (kitchen hutch) and Brett Moulds (modular bedroom unit) have produced excellent projects and should do well in their HSC (Higher School Certificate). Sam Tourle joined us from Kyogle and completed a cast hand piece for a compound bow as a Design & Technology project. Year Eleven have a lot of work to do to maintain the high standard and we are all sure they are up to the challenge. The vocational course Furnishing, with TAFE accreditation, has gone along well with all students working well and learning a lot on their work placement with various timber related industries around town. The willingness of these businesses to assist the students is very much appreciated by all the Industrial Arts staff.

Once again Technics Wood and Technical Drawing have been very popular electives with Years' Nine and Ten. Both Mr Madden's and Mr Shoemark's Year Ten Wood classes are well on the way to producing some excellent projects of which they can all be proud. Robert Sweeney (outdoor table), Andrew Morcom (entertainment unit), Nick Dowler (squatter's chair), John Davis (coffee table), Matthew Horan (coffee table), Craig Anderson (entertainment unit) and Brigette Wilkins (blanket box) have been able to produce outstanding projects with consistent hard work throughout the year. Mr Walsh's Year Ten Technical Drawing class has drawn some excellent graphic major projects Vanessa Robinson, Raven Bendersky and Michael Knight deserve a special mention for their excellent effort. With three Year Nine Woodwork classes there has been plenty of sawdust flying as all students improve their skills and continue to produce some outstanding projects. We are looking forward to the high standard of project that they will produce next year in Year Ten. Samantha Griffiths, Andrew Marriot, Josh Cam and Scott Rice have been working hard throughout the year and their projects have been high quality. In the Year Nine Technical Drawing class Scott Rice, Robert Kempton and Madeline Ribbons have been showing outstanding skill and producing an extremely high standard of drawing.

Design and Technology in Years Seven and Eight has proven to be a very successful course with all students who come to the Industrial Arts area producing some practical projects that show skill and craftsmanship. All Year Seven classes have spent some time in both the wood and metal workshops and have enjoyed both, producing a wide variety of projects. Once again the girls threw out the challenge to the boys by producing a very high standard of projects in all classes. Many of the boys then worked with determination and skill to answer this challenge. We hope that many of these students will continue on with these subjects in future years.

We would like to thank Mr Hobin and Mr Mitton who stood in for Mr Rapley (while he was overseas). They worked well with all classes to ensure that the students were able to continue on with their projects.

Brian Walsh
Head Teacher
Photo: Year Ten Boys cleaning up—what a surprise!

Photos: HSC Major Works by Ryan Fell (Above) and Brendan Gibson (Left)
1997 has been another active and productive year for Drama at Bathurst High School.

Our students have excelled in public performance. The Year Eleven Preliminary Drama class was selected for the prestigious State Drama Festival with their stunningly modern interpretation of *The Bacchae*, a play from ancient Greece by Euripides. Justin Moon, their teacher, has moulded this group, many of whom are new to Drama, into a dynamic group of young performers.

Along with Justin, the school is lucky to have two other teachers taking Drama: Greg Hodgman and Leslie Wade. They join Chris O'Rourke to make up a team of blending youth and experience with enthusiasm. Thanks must also go to John Gannon for doing a terrific job in Drama for the whole of Term Two, whilst Chris O'Rourke was on secondment. Our school is very lucky to have casuals of John's calibre.

Term Two saw Year Nine students find a new way of exploring character. They thought of their own characters, dressed appropriately and showed Year Sevens around the school, all the while staying "in character".

MADD night, our annual show-case of performances allowing all Drama students to tread the boards was held again this year before a large and very appreciative audience. Some of the Drama performances included:

* **Cowboys and Itchybums** performed by Year Eight students, Gabrielle Affleck, Cathy Adams, Amy Baitch, Jessie Bush, Sarah Morgan and Beth Rutherford, was a spoof on Westerns. The girls' acting and ability to get together a costume at short notice surprised everyone.

* **Year Nine Drama students performed scenes** from two plays about parents and their kids: Becky Baillie, Matt Abrams and Heather MacCabe performed excerpts from *Fossils* while Kate Davis, Robbie Anderson, Erica McGill, Elly Ebert and Amanda Wise took scenes from *Dags*.

In September, the Year Nine classes combined to redo a short satirical play which they had devised in class earlier in the year. **Ninja Pussies** was a comedy sending up several TV shows: Power Rangers, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and other super-hero type programs. Rebecca Fry, David Jackson, Bella Townsend and Carmen Trimming played an important part in the devising process for the original class exercise. The Year Nine students learnt a great deal about the devising process for Ninja Pussies. Their original audience of their peers found it very funny but there was uncertainty about how they would respond: as the play was no longer fresh because they had gone over it so many times.

Chris O'Rourke
Head Teacher
MUSIC '97 - WELL WHERE DO I START?

The Music department underwent a few major changes in 1997. Firstly was my appointment to the music staff at the start of the year and then in June came the bombshell. After ten years Stuart Johnston was leaving for a year to take a position overseas in Brunei. Much of the School Band's successes were a result of Stuart's hard work in the band program. If he decides not to return in 1998 he has left a legacy that will be long remembered.

Stuart's place was taken in the second half of the year by Cath Hudson. Together we have developed an exciting new plan which we hope will breathe new life into classroom music at Bathurst High School. In a few years we should have a music program to rival any in the State.

Cath has also brought a wealth of musical experience to the school in terms of rock music performance and composition. Her work with the musical and School Vocal Group has also been invaluable. Thanks Cath!

Finally and most importantly no music report would be complete without mention of the students. The three HSC students, Luke Baithe, Simone Reeder, and Brigitte Handley deserve special mention due to their dedication throughout the year. I wish you all the best of luck for the future and hope you get the results you deserve. Thanks also to the students in the other years who have stuck with us during a very unsettling year - your efforts have not gone unnoticed.

See you next year!

J. Browett

Photos: Year Ten Music - a whole heap of fun
VISUAL ARTS

Two Students from our 1996 Year Twelve Visual Art Group had their work selected for the prestigious ART EXPRESS touring exhibition this time around. They were Alex Kalff and Nerine Strachan.

Nerine's work, an abstract composition based on a musical quartet, was on view recently at Orange. Congratulations to both these students who worked so hard to achieve this success. Works need to be in the top range of marks to be considered. In fact we had four works selected for consideration which indicates the very high standard of work being produced by our students.

The 1997 HSC works have just been completed and once again we can see an excellent standard. Students exhibited their work for parents and friends on Wednesday, 17th September. We have made plans to exhibit the works around town, after the HSC markers have been, in early November.

There have been many varied activities for all our art students to have been involved in this year -

* Year Twelve enjoyed their annual excursion to Sydney to do a round of the galleries earlier this year.

* Year Ten experienced the Brett Whiteley exhibition at Orange on the 7th of March, where they were able to meet his sister and gain an insight into his "persona". Later in August Year Ten, Eleven and Twelve students were also able to work with the Australian sculptor Richard Goodwin at the Orange Art Gallery.

* We had an excellent variety of activities for Year Eight this year. All were involved in exploring the theme: PLACES and SPACES.

On May 29th we set off in three buses to go to Taronga Park Zoo, in order to "broaden our horizons" in regard to our theme. We took many photos and sketched what we saw. We also managed to fit in a whole lot of fun (both on the bus and at the zoo) and enjoyed a beautiful sunny day.

As a result of our field trip we were able to produce a wide variety of work in response to what we had seen, and had a special Junior School Exhibition on Tuesday the 4th of September for family and friends. Some of the work exhibited included:

* Gesso 3D relief views of our school
* Ceramic gargoyles
* Ceramic animal based pots
* Ceramic sushi plates
* Drawings and paintings

All were in some way exploring landscape and animals and the variations were impressive. Year Seven were also invited to exhibit with Year Eight.

The Year Eight art students also enjoyed a special "artist in residence" workshop with Enid Adams. This took place during M.A.D.D week and extended over 2 days. Students painted 4 large banners on calico which are on display in the art department.

All our talented students will have the chance to display their work at our annual end of year art exhibition and a selection of students' work will be on display at the B.R.A.G exhibition in October.
The Art Staff at Bathurst High School have a strong commitment to the exhibition of students' work as being an important part of the art process. Art is made to be seen. Art is a means of communication which uses the visual language.

Students explore ideas in the art process diary, which are later developed into an art statement known as the major work. These are then evaluated by the group and displayed to complete the process.

The sad parting of Mrs Judy Hunter this year, brings the fresh input of Mrs Caroline Whitley. Judy Hunter has an exciting new teaching position in the International School in Bali. She has been a valuable member of our art team for many years and had many of her students' work selected in Art Express over the years. She also made a strong contribution to our Senior School and was responsible for the "BURR" production for many years. Judy is much missed by us all.

However Caroline Whitley is doing an excellent job of carrying the Year Eleven class and all other years and is already very much a part of our team. We welcome Caroline and we are enjoying her special talents and gentle way with our students.

At this time we are all in the midst of the Bathurst 1000 fever and students are busy drawing race images for the art show run by our P & C each year.

We are very proud of the work produced by all our students this year and we know that as parents you will be pleasantly surprised by the work which arrives home at the end of 1997, we also hope that you were able to get to one of our many exhibitions throughout the year or that you were able to attend our annual exhibition in Term 4.

All the best for 1998 from your art team at Bathurst High School
Judi McWilliam, Charles Johnson, Anne McLaughlin and Caroline Whitley
Have an "arty" good year

Photos: Some of the many artworks produced by our students
"AGGIES"

Another wonderful year in the 'land of Agriculture'. Just some of the stories for the year are:

**Animal Nursery**
The support for the Animal Nursery continues to grow, with the contributions to the 'wishing well' exceeding last year. This is due to the communities appreciation for the efforts of the elective Agriculture students and the way they run the nursery over the show. Miss Damic and Mrs George-Neville would like to thank all students and community members involved.

**Cattle Show Team**
The team was successful at Lithgow and the Royal Bathurst Show with cattle this year. We swept the field at Lithgow, bringing home a swag of ribbons in both the judging and cattle sections. Bathurst Show provided more success stories. Our achievements would not be possible without the trust of the owners: the Uptons, Westgarths, Keeches, Rutherfords. The team also competed in the Dubbo Steer Show with four steers. Mrs George-Neville feels the steers are better than last year.

**Poultry Show Team**
Once again a successful year for Bathurst High School. There year we participated at the Bathurst Royal Show, Lithgow Poultry Show, Bathurst Poultry Show and the Panorama Poultry Show. The students were all well rewarded for their efforts with many ribbons and trophies to add to their collection.

**National Field Days-Orange**
The Orange Field Days was the last major activity on the Ag calendar. This is a school competition called "Our School Farm Exhibit". The idea of the competition is for students to promote their subject and have fun. Miss Damic was very impressed in the way that the Bathurst High School students conducted themselves during the three days and wishes them all the very best for this years competition.

**Talented and Gifted Ag-Camp**
Once again Miss Damic and two students from Year Ten (Sarah Druce and Chris Jackson) headed off to the UWS-Hawksbury for three days of extensive and exhausting work. This camp allows the students to open up the world of Agriculture and expose them to experiences they may only read and dream about.

**Rural Industries**
The *H.S.C. Rural Industries* class this year ended up being a small one, as the rest of the class went into the work force. This allowed the remainder to load into Mrs George-Neville's car and complete on the job training most Wednesday afternoons. Mr & Mrs Tom Anderson's property was a favourite placement, where they marked the lambs and learnt how a master works his sheep dogs. Driving the tractors and the loader at Orange TAFE was also popular, as was the motor bike safety riding last year. The students all completed their Farm Chemical Users Certificate which will be useful for their Resumes. *Preliminary Rural Studies* have also had a very busy year. With seven students, travel has been a bit limited but they have achieved an excellent result. The highlight of this year was our time spent at a property called 'Waterloo' in Narramine. The students received a first hand look at how a real property runs. Staying in shearer's quarters, the students arose early to start the 'Donkey' so that they could have hot water for their showers and then it was off to muster sheep, fence or crutch. I know by the end of the week there were six very tired students and one exhausted teacher.

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Elective Agriculture
Both semesters of Year Eight Agriculture studied Horse Management and went horse riding at the Sheep & Cattle Drome. This year Mrs George-Neville's accident free record of four years was broken when a student fell off! It was lucky that the horse was standing still at the time and decided to shake its rider off. Year Eight elective students also raised their day old pullets (chickens) successfully and took them home.

Senior Agriculture
The Preliminary 2-unit Agriculture class are in the latter stages of a crop competition. The judge/scrutineer (Mrs George-Neville) has had a difficult job stopping sabotage efforts between groups! They have just returned from their farm case study visit to the Dairy where one particular student, while walking along the creek, was bitten by a snake (joking, of course) and Mrs George-Neville wanted to apply a compression bandage to the mouth.

Design and Technology
Miss Damic's classes: The Year Seven boys had a great start with the growing of giant pumpkins, banana squashes and cucumbers. They entered their 'Giant Pumpkins' in the Royal Bathurst Show and came third. A great effort! Year Seven girls have had an excellent semester in designing their own Permaculture garden. This has been a great success and is looking very good. Year Eight mixed started their year off yabbing and had a wonderful time catching their lunch and dinner. While the Year Eight boys have started their bush food and medicine garden at the corner of Hope and Keppel Street.

Minister's Young Designer Awards
Two Bathurst High students' projects were selected to be sent to the Powerhouse Museum in Sydney for the State finals of the Minister's Young Designers Awards. Amanda Simons won the Agriculture context area and Amber Hudson has won the Health and Welfare context area in the District for 1997. Congratulations go to the girls for a well deserved result. A total of six designs went to Kelso High for district judging. These included Beth Rutherford, Lydia Ebert, Atta Abu-Mahmoud and Melissa White. "All the students deserve recognition for the high standard of their designs," said their teacher, Mrs George-Neville.
Melissa White, who tied for first place with Amanda at the school level for Year Eight, deserves special recognition for her fantastic landscape design, portfolio and model. To her credit, Lydia Ebert produced a wonderful model of her farm to win first place in the Year Seven section at the school level.
Bathurst High School Agriculture congratulates all the students and wishes Amanda and Amber the best for their judging at the Power-house Museum in November.

Karen Damic and Tracey George-Neville

Photo:(Left to Right)
Melissa White, Amanda Simons and Amber Hadson with their Minister's Young Designers Award Projects

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Ag Camp 97

With this the second year of students attending the Ag Camp, I though it would be an ideal time to get involved myself. So with no sleep, lots of hard work and excellent support from one of our office staff - Lorraine, I headed of to Hawkesbury with two of my students, Chris Jackson and Sarah Druce. As I am not one for running to time, we arrived a little late, but the students quickly orientated themselves and settled in for a very exhausting weekend. Here's what one of the students, Sarah Druce, thought:-

"When we arrived, I felt a bit odd being one of the only students from a rural school, but I soon settled in. I got placed into a group called the Blue Bulls with heaps of strange people. I soon found out that one of my mentors was an ex-Lithgow High student. We participated in many group activities such as agribusiness, cattle, sheep (with Miss Damic), deer, horticulture, tissue culture, tractors and many more. The highlight of the weekend was meeting new people and learning heaps of new stuff. It was really fun and enjoyable and I had a great weekend."

Sarah Druce, Chris Jackson, Karen Damic

Orange National Field Days, 97

The Orange Field Days were the last major event on the Ag calendar. This year the National Field Days at Orange ran a competition which was "Our School Farm Exhibit", with eight schools competing.

The aim of the exhibit was to allow the students the opportunity to display their excellent efforts for the year, promote their subject area and lastly to have fun working as a team. The Bathurst High students did this with great zest. They developed their ideas, created their display and set to the task of showing everyone their knowledge of what Agriculture is all about. All students and teachers involved did a great job and had fun!

Last year we won- First in Audience Participation, Enthusiasm for Display, and Second in Optimism about Agriculture and Entertaining display. This year we hope to sweep the field. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those students who participated in both 1996 and 1997 for the excellent way they represented Bathurst High School, and we wish all the very best to the students who will participate in the future.

Sarah Druce, Melinda Phipps and Amy Williamson
The Cattle Show Team

This team wound up to full speed this year. It has consisted of the following people during the year: Year Eleven - Stacy Walker; Year Ten - Sarah Druce, Chris Jackson, Melinda Phipps, Matthew Stevens; Year Nine - Melissa McCabe, Lisa Paterson, Angela Pearce, Shannon Rudge, David Storey, Evan Travis; and Year Eight - Amanda Simons.

We attended three significant shows:

**Lithgow Show**
Saturday, March 22. The results for their efforts were:
Sarah Druce led "Blondie", a Newhaven Park Murray Grey heifer owned by Mr and Mrs Upton, to win first place in the class for heifers under 500kg. They went on to achieve another trophy and ribbon for the best junior exhibit.
Matthew Stevens led "Rambo", a Burnora Belgian Blue steer owned by Mr and Mrs Westgarth, to win first place in the class for steers under 500kg.
David Storey came first in the overall Junior Judging, sharing his prize with a girl from Lithgow.
Melinda Phipps received first place in the Senior section of the Junior Judging.
Chris Jackson, Sarah Druce and Matthew Stevens tied for second place in this section.

**Bathurst Show**
We had two steers from the Westgarths and three heifers from the Uptons for this year's show. We received a ribbon for all entries. Matthew Stevens led "Rambo" to gain second in the led steer competition 350-400kg, where Melinda Phipps led "Riley" to gain third. Sarah Druce received second place leading "Blondie" in the Murray Grey - female over sixteen and under twenty months. Stacy Walker led "Star" to get third place and Chris Jackson led "Barbie" to get second, and go on to receive reserve champion. Katie Bonham and David Storey ended up in the final round for the Judging and spoke in the microphone - congratulations!!

**Dubbo Steer Show**
The entire team headed off to the Dubbo Steer Show. The results were: Fourth out of eighty-three in the carcase competition with "Murray", the Upton's steer. "Murray", led by Sarah also came first in his heat in the ring, and went into the final on the hoof. "Norman", the Rutherford's steer, came thirteenth, in the carcase competition, and "Curley", the Keeches' steer, came twenty-seventh in the same class. "Rambo", from the Westgarths, held his own in the heavy weight class. All other members will be entering in the Paraders competition and the Judging competition and were very competitive.

All team members were responsible for preparing the cattle and breaking them in to lead. All students deserve congratulating for their efforts on preparing the cattle.
Poultry Show Team

Once again the Poultry Team had an exciting year. The Royal Bathurst Show was the beginning of a highly successful trail, culminating with the Panorama Poultry Show. The year started with a major success, with the school participating in the Bathurst show for the first time. With highly groomed poultry it was not difficult to "clean up" on the day.

- Grand Champion Female Hard Feather Bantam
- Grand Champion Female Hard Feather Fowl
- Grand Champion Female Soft Feather Fowl
- Grand Champion Water Fowl

We also took out the major award of winning the Most Successful School. This year the glory doesn't just belong to the poultry. With so many eager students we also had a high contingent in the Poultry Judging, with Monique Field receiving first place, Katie Bonham second and Adam Windus third.

The next show stop was the Bathurst Poultry Show, where we received two first placings with our Australian Game Duckwing Hen and Pullet. This was closely followed by the Lithgow Show with the same birds gaining first place again. The last show on our calendar for the year was the Panorama Poultry Show. Once again we gave the competition a run for their money. With six first placings and two seconds, we also received a trophy for Junior Achievement and Best School Exhibit.

I would like to give a special thanks to the Bonham family for taking the birds to the outside shows and to Mr Rocky Evans, as without your support we would be non participants at these shows. Thank you.

Karen Damic and
Tracey George-Neville

Photos: Ag students displaying the various prizes gained during the year.
COMPUTING

This year has seen an increase in the use of computers throughout the school. We have set up new computers in the Keppel Street Computer room and have placed another thirteen computers in classrooms throughout the school. We have also purchased printers and scanners for the school. Computers are now being used by students in every subject area.

The Library computers are always busy as students search for information on the internet.

We also received some pleasing results in the Australian Schools Computer Competition. Thirteen students entered the competition. The results were:

**Distinctions**
- Stephen Cormack
- Greg Arrow

**Credits**
- Tim Grabham
- Andrew Chung
- Nathan Butler
- Yoon Ooi

**Achievement**
- Grant Ellis

Other participants who also received pleasing results included: Vanessa Robinson, Amy Healy, Emily Sargent, Ryan News, Patricia Waddell and Melissa Moorhead.

Jenny Stirling

Photo: Year Twelve students make the most of the school's computers

Photo: (Below) Competitors in the Computer Competition for 1997 are (Back Row) Emily Sargent, Andrew Chung, Melissa Moorhead, Patricia Waddell, Nathan Butler, (Second Row) Amy Healey, Vanessa Robinson, Yoon Hui Ooi, Greg Arrow, (Front Row) Tim Grabham and Stephen Cormack.
There were two Year Ten and two Year Nine classes this year and there were many highlights in what was a very eventful year.

Year Nine attended excursions to Coles Supermarket early in the year as well as conducting a retail interview and mapping the Central Business District. The most exciting and enjoyable trip was to Sydney overnight where the group had tours through the Olympic Athletics and Aquatic Centres, Bi-Centennial Park, Parliament House and Darling Harbour. They also completed a shopping centre study and interviewed shoppers at Penrith Plaza. Recreation pursuits on the trip included two hours swimming at the Aquatic Centre, seeing "Men In Black" at the movies and eating dinner at Pizza Hut.

Year Nine will also visit the courthouse for Mock Trial and the Mitchell Building Society before the end of the year.

Year Ten is gearing up for their end of year camping trip. Both classes are looking forward to bushwalking and caving at the Jenolan Caves Nature Reserve. The classes have worked exceptionally well this year and have completed several election exercises, as well as setting up and running two very profitable businesses. One class sold pizza for three days, while the other ran a very successful cake and toffee shop for three days. The businesses were set up and run with a management team and all decisions were made using correct meeting procedures. The two classes also visited Simplot, Kelso as a part of their units on Business and Labour Organisation.

Photos: (Right) Wow! a group of astronauts—well actually it's just Year Ten at Simplot (Below) Year Nine Commerce in Sydney

Photo: Year Nines have a splash at the Homebush Aquatic Centre
LEGAL STUDIES

Legal Studies has included many excursions this year. Some of these included trips to Mock Trials, the Police Station, the Local Court and to the Bathurst Gaol. It also included participation in the Western Area School's in Parliament Debate.

The class has found the Legal System very daunting at times, but through steady discussion of current legal events and issues their knowledge and interest has blossomed.

The class is looking forward to commencing the unit on Family Law and they have already picked a willing couple to be wed when we study marriage. There are also many pastry cooks keen to bake the wedding cake and be the Marriage Celebrant.

Jim Browning

LEARNING CENTRE

This valuable learning space has continued to operate this year under reduced supervision and increased student responsibility. Most girls and boys use the room and its facilities to study, research, type up stories, draw incredible computer graphics, practise typing, "Learn-to-Drive", and at lunch times to practise game skills with "Magic Cards" and computer games.

Thankyou to everyone who helped the room operate in the spirit in which it was set up.

Graham Carter
Learning Centre Coordinator

Photos: Some of the many students who use the Learning Centre
PD/H/PE
(PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION)

This year was very turbulent in our K.L.A. We had a number of staff members working for us at different times this year and benefited from their diverse skills, but suffered some disruption as changes occurred.

We have continued to try and provide a relevant range of experiences in both practical and theory lessons. Our program is constantly under review as we try to meet the needs of our students.

We have started our first junior elective this year. A Year Nine Coaching and First Aid class was formed and have been responsible for some outstanding work throughout the year. We look forward to developing this as it equips students with skills they can use in a range of roles in the wider community.

We have had the pleasure of collecting some outstanding assignment work from students ranging right through from Year Seven to Twelve. We like to see a commitment to excellence and a number of students accept this challenge and present work of the highest quality.

We are adapting to the technological age and are incorporating computer work into a lot more of our lessons. We feel that this will greatly benefit our students in their later life. A couple of our not so young teachers may learn a thing or two as well.

Our Senior students in the 2 unit PD/H/PE course are adapting to the increased work demands and we look forward to all of them being rewarded for their effort.

We hope to consolidate in 1998. We may even achieve some stability of staff and expect that even more of our students will accept the challenge to work to potential and produce even more excellent work.

Grant Hanrahan
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CHRISTIAN STUDIES

Everyone has an opinion about religion, don't they? Many have experienced it, others are interested in it, but how many have actually looked at it? Does God care about us? What about me? In 1997 Year Seven has been finding out that we are all pretty special people, just the way God wants us to feel, because he made us that way! Year Eight has been considering what they really believe - from the mundane, to the extraordinary, and the impact it has on what we do from day to day.

It's been pretty much a 'bits and pieces' course - a bit of drama here and there, a couple of rock songs, pieces of a video series, a story of the 'daughter' of a rock star, a bit of artwork, a few Mars Bars, and a few worksheets! We are special, and as a result, we have a contribution to make to others to make them feel good too! Just what God wanted from the beginning!

ISCF

There's that strange set of letters again!

"Inter-School Christian Fellowship" meets during lunch on Thursdays. The best thing about our meetings is that THE STUDENTS ACTUALLY RUN THEM! This year we've been getting up to a few different things - breakfast at McDonalds, we ran a lunchtime group for primary students at Eglinton Public, and played a murder game with a couple of Texans! We meet with others who have an interest in the things of God, or who are puzzled by him. Sometimes there is a Trivia Quiz or discussion, other times a drama or a recorded song. All the time there is a welcome to anyone, whether you believe or are just asking questions.

Greg Fahey
1997 has been another busy year for students and staff involved in the Support Program at Bathurst High School.

In February this year we welcomed our new School Counsellor Mrs Gwen Gordon. Mrs Gordon joins us from Canobolas High School. She has been busy assisting students with their individual needs. One of her first tasks was to assist students who needed special provisions for the School Certificate and Higher School Certificate exams. Remember students: if you feel you need extra support for the School Certificate or HSC please see Mrs Gordon or Mr Murphy in first term. Applications usually close in April.

As well as assisting students with counselling, Mrs Gordon has led groups of students in conjunction with the Skills for Living course in Year Eleven on topics such as stress management and other topics.

Mrs Wardrope has remained as our job coach this year assisting students with on-site job training. A group of students have been placed in a variety of work situations. This has enabled students to make informed choices about what kind of careers they would like to undertake when they leave school. It also helps students and parents to identify further training that will be required at TAFE or any other institution.

This year a number of students have been completing TAFE courses whilst attending school. One student is part-way through a Horticultural Operations course at Orange TAFE. Another student attends a Hospitality course on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Congratulations to both these students for the successes they have achieved. A big thank you to those employers who have participated in the program: Bathurst Golf Club, Coles, Woolworths and Pizza Hut to name just a few.

The Support Department has also been joined by Ms Leanne Elms this year. Ms Elms has been teaching Science and HSIE subjects to our students. Ms Elms will return to us in 1998 following some maternity leave. We wish her the best for her leave.

Ms Fraser has been very busy this year. In Term Three she was Acting Head Teacher for Support/Welfare. A busy time for her with the many individual transition plans to over-see. She was also busy at night doing a Technology training course, as well as a Learning Difficulties training package. Congratulations to Mrs Fraser on a job well done in Term Three.

Mrs Stonestreet has been busy with the new procedure associated with the ELLA (English Literacy and Language) Test. This new test was administered to all Year Seven students in March this year. It gives secondary school teachers a profile of students abilities in reading, language and writing, and ranks them according to the performance of other Year Seven students in High Schools across New South Wales.

The results enabled teachers to program for students needs in their particular classes. The test will be administered once again to the incoming Year Sevens in March 1998. Mrs Stonestreet then conducted further testing and program assistance for students who required it.

Thank you also to Mrs Bailey who filled in whilst Mrs Stonestreet was on long service leave in Term Three.
Our Outreach teacher, Mrs Wood, has again been busy helping students and teachers from Bathurst High School and others schools around Bathurst. She has also been a leader in Peer Support at Bathurst High School and she has made a tremendous impact on the school, training teachers in Reality Therapy, and also through the Industry Preparation Program in Year's Nine and Ten.

Thank you to Mrs Rouse who has worked tirelessly to support all our students across a variety of KLA's, as well as outside school programs. Her warmth, enthusiasm and energy are a constant source of strength. We have also been joined by Suzanne Kobezi who has worked at assisting individual students in class through the State Integration Program.

To our itinerants who support students so well within our school, thank you. Ms Olsen for students with visual impairments, Ms Warner for students with hearing impairment and Mr Olsen for students with behaviour issues who need assistance. Without these staff I'm sure the students would not have achieved the excellent outcomes they have.

Finally a big thank you to all teaching staff at Bathurst High School who support students with different needs at all times.

Photo: Peer Support Training for this year's leaders.

Stephen Murphy
Head Teacher

Photo: Mr Clancy and Year Eleven Students visit the Defense Force Careers van.
KALEIDOSCOPE - THE LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTRE

The dazzling possibilities of Internet access have continued to captivate students and staff alike, offering a whole extra world of information and ideas. In mid-year we lost one of our two access avenues, when the 20 hours per week generously provided to local schools by Charles Sturt University came to an end, but it had been a wonderful gift of time and opportunity, for which we are grateful. In 1998 it is likely that the library budget will be juggled to allow for additional Internet access time for the benefit of student research.

What amazes us is not only the skills and inventiveness of those who have created the technology, but also the extraordinary kaleidoscopes of talent and wisdom people all over the world are eager to share with one another. It's easy to be cynical and say it's just egotism or a way to make money - no doubt these factors are operating - but what stands out are the overwhelmingly characteristic human desire to communicate and the richness and diversity of what we have to say. We've all heard about the nastier aspects of what's available - pornography and violence that debase humanity or set out to shock just for the sake of it. We all make choices in life about who we want to be and what kind of world we want to live in. Choosing Internet sites - like choosing books, magazines and videos - is part of that. Choose to be the best, the wisest, the most generous and caring that you can. Libraries are about sharing - about using the resources you need and ensuring that they're equally available to others also. Whether it's Internet access, CD-Roms, books, magazines, videos or other resources, use the library to learn and grow, both for yourself and for the world we share.

Without a doubt Sim City has been the top of the popularity chart in terms of computer games. Some people are definitely addicted to building worlds the way they want them to be! Good practice for the future perhaps!

James Moloney's "The Bridge to Wisemans Cove", this year's Australian Book Week Award winner, is about building too - building a life in a new town, building trust when you've been deserted, building a business when your competitors are out to destroy you - a powerful story about someone whose life isn't easy. Runner-up, Wendy Orr's "Peeling the Onion", is also about rebuilding a life - in this instance, after an appalling accident. Both books are highly recommended.

American author, Katherine Paterson, says that "Fiction allows us to do something that nothing else quite does. It allows us to enter fully into the lives of other human beings." A character in a novel may be "more real to us than the people we live with every day, because we have been allowed to eavesdrop on her soul." So read! Some novels of course are totally frivolity - enjoy those too!

Enjoy the Computer games, soak up the wealth of information on the World Wide Web, keep up to date with Newspaper clippings and magazines, learn new crafts and skills, relax and enrich your imagination with a great story. As a member of this school, your library membership is automatic - make the most of it!!

Judith Page
Librarian
YEAR SEVEN

During 1997, the students of Year Seven have had a fairly smooth transition from the security of Primary School, to the perils of High School.

Throughout the year, students have made their mark on Bathurst High School through their involvement in activities such as Rock Eisteddfod, Astley Cup, Junior Dance Ensemble, Aerobics, Animal Nursery and the SRC.

Students have made a valuable contribution to such school projects as The Minister's Young Designer Awards, the Mathematics Competition and Science quizzes.

Students have worked hard to contribute academically to the school, with many students receiving numerous merit certificates throughout the year.

Overall, the students of Year Seven have made a significant contribution to the highlights of Bathurst High School during 1997. I have found them to be enthusiastic and committed towards Bathurst High School and look forward to their contributions in the years to come.

Debbie-Lee Hughes
Year Seven Adviser
YEAR EIGHT

Another year is at an end. It has been an interesting year, much has happened, students have excursioned, Astley Cup'd, swam, ran, bounced, fallen, climbed, abseiled, some have arrived and some have left.

For 1998, Year Nine students can look forward to a challenging year. The new School Certificate, with an exam at the end of Year Ten, will mean students will have to work consistently throughout both middle years.

To let you see their views of Year Eight, some students have put their thoughts on paper.

Mr Evans
Year Adviser

Year Eight is full of inspirational moments.... Nah, just jokin'! It's pretty much the same as Year Seven.

This year we enjoyed winning the Rock Eisteddfod, choosing electives, MADD night, and other social events. But in turn this came along with gruelling maths tests, scrupulous science homework and geography with Mr Evenett, now that was an experience... Oh, and watch out for those jokes.

So to all those who will follow in our footsteps... be afraid.... be VERY afraid.

Jessie Bush, Hannah Smith,
Gabrielle Affleck and Sarah Morgan

In Year Eight...
Having friends was a very big issue, we made more.

Our biggest excursion this year was to Taronga Zoo in Sydney for Art. We had the chance to see many animals and have a go at drawing them too.

Throughout the year we have been involved in many events such as the Rock Eisteddfod, Band, Astley Cup, sporting teams, debating, athletics, swimming, dancing and other such competitions.

We got more homework this year than what we did in Year Seven, but we know that homework in the future is going to be more challenging.

Year Eight was not all that interesting, we're just glad that we're not little Year Sevens anymore.

Nicole McMullen &
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Towards the end of the 1996 we were looking forward to an upcoming challenge, Year Eight, but unfortunately it just didn't happen. But a good thing is that we were finally trusted to make our own decisions for our future schooling, by having a taste of electives we were able to make the right decision. Despite the fact that our classes had started being graded, we still worked as a team with the rest of the school. We were involved in many events such as Astley Cup. It was our second year for this and it was still really exciting. It was also our second year in the Rock Eisteddfod and this year we won. There were also some excursions that Year Eight were involved in. For Art we went to Taronga Zoo for a day and saw some animals, but the bus trip there and back would probably register as more fun, and more interesting.

It was nice to know that the students opinions were wanted. The SRC helped with fundraisers and voiced opinions of other students which influenced some important decisions.

Some of Year Eight were also involved in various debating competitions, such as the Lithgow Festival of Speech, with Debaters and Public Speakers involved, there was also the CWA Public Speaking and the LIONS Club debating competition.

And a job well done to Mr Evans who had to put up with us all year!

Greg Smart and
Nathan Kenny

Photo: Year Eights Smile for the Camera
YEARNINE

Energy is the word that comes to mind when I think of the performance and input of Year Nine in 1997. As the new team in the middle school, they have been productive and creative in all facets of school life. They represented our school well in Astley Cup, Western Region sporting teams, Rock Eisteddfod, Drama and Dance festivals, MADD Night, Public Speaking, Science and English Competitions.

As fundraisers this year, Year Nine assisted local branches of the Australian Red Cross, Legacy, the Heart Foundation and Salvation Army, with their annual collections and badge selling. Year Nine also cheerfully gave up their time to collect and organise sponsorship donations for this year's edition of the BURR.

It is, however, in their growth as young people that the most significant changes in our Year Nine, is evident. Many have taken on part time work, many have pursued their own personal sporting and creative interests, and a great many have excelled in their classrooms. There is none so pleasing a reward for me as Student Adviser, as to be informed by staff members that a particular student is "doing well" or "has been trying hard lately" or from a Year Nine student that "I've been really working in Science, Miss!" It is because both teachers and students spend the majority of their time at school in the classroom, that success in the classroom ought to be valued, and to be recognised as a most important part of life at school. Learning and achieving, keep up the great work Year Nine!

Patricia Mather
Year Adviser
1997 was certainly a busy time for our Year Ten students. I sat down and began jotting down some of the events our Year Ten's were involved in:

Astley Cup; Debating; Maths, Science, English, Computer and Chemistry Competitions; Work Experience; Careers trip to Sydney; Commerce Excursions; Agriculture Field Days; Animal Nursery; School Council; Middle School Team; S.R.C; School and Western Region Baseball; School, Western Region and State Soccer; School, Western Region and State Tennis; School, Western Region and State Hockey; School and Western Region Rugby League; School and Western Region Athletics; Rock Eisteddfod; Burr; Plus many other activities, but the greatest experience must have been the

MODERATOR

Recently we have seen an improved attitude to study. Many of the Year Ten students have begun doing some serious study. They can be seen in class with small study books tucked under their desks: it's not important that they were meant to be doing genetics, or trigonometry, or any other irrelevant task. The important thing is they finally began to study. The trouble is, some organisation called the R.T.A has the hide to reward these students with a card with "I." on it. Yes, some of our Year Ten students actually received the O.K to venture onto our roads.

Year Ten are now anxiously waiting their School Certificate results which were some of the best ever received by the school. The year will finish with the presentation of their final reports, their certificates and their formal.

One of the big highlights for Year Ten was their Work Experience. For many this was their first taste of being in the work force. The shock came when they had to start work at a time set by their employer, which was not necessarily 9am, and then finish well after 3.25pm. A number of students did make the most of their time as they returned to school knowing that they had an apprenticeship at the end of the year. In fact some students have already begun their apprenticeship.

As the year comes to a close I want to wish all the Year Ten students the best in the future. For some they will not be returning, but for others they will venture into the new world of the Senior School. This will be a new challenging experience.

Phillip Warner
Year Ten Adviser
'Look out Year Eleven's on the road'
'Driving away a great year'

1997 was a year full of responsibility, basketball, senior contracts, two hour lessons, parties and special moments. Peer support started off our year with some memorable events.

It was a very athletic year, with Amanda Tyburski, Donna Morris and Kate Outram competing in the Australian Invitational Carnival, Kate Outram winning the Australian National Aerobics Championships, Mathew Harland representing N.S.W. in Archery, Craig Winwood-Smith for N.S.W Hockey, Misty Collins in N.S.W. Basketball, Mathew Sullivan in N.S.W. Volleyball. Western Region Representatives included - Damien Fulthorpe, Des Crawford and Adam Wilkins. Western Region Academy of Sport players included Amy Butler, Brooke Wallace and Craig Winwood-Smith.

Huge success for the Creative Arts area, with Worm Burners and MITRA going well in local competitions, Kate Campbell and Rebecca Gooley for Vocal performances, the Year Eleven Drama Ensemble making it through to the State Drama Festival, and also involvement in both the School Musical and Rock Eisteddfod performances.

Academically appreciated with Sally Robinson, competing in Sydney for Schools In Parliament. Jessie English representing Bathurst High School as a student ambassador to Japan and great success in the Mathematics, Science and English competitions. Also Year Eleven has contributed their talents in the Young Achievers Australia Business Enterprise.

Final mention must go to our newly elected Captains and Vice-Captains. The quality of all students running for these positions was very high and any one could have successfully carried out these positions. Our captains for 1998 are Kate Campbell, Damien Fulthorpe, Vice Captains; Kate Outram, Craig Winwood-Smith, Sally Hansen and Andrew Clydesdale. All the best.

1997 is the last complete year of school life for Year Eleven students. I wish you every success for your future career paths.

SOME FUNNY LITTLE EVENTS IN 1997

Damien Fulthorpe's baseball trip
Brooke Wallace 'Who killed Princess Di'
Portland Touch Football Team
Boring Assemblies???

Adam Burke and Alisha Olsen 'What Underwear?'
Simon Phegan's Crashing Moments
Andrew Clydesdale's Hospital Excursion - 'Too hot to handle'

Jacqui Hood
Year Eleven Adviser
YEAR TWELVE

At the end of year dinner at the Great Wall Chinese Restaurant Year Twelve looked over Mr Browning's collection of photos of their six years at Bathurst High School and reminisced about how some people had changed, how some others had left and new people had arrived.

Six years is a long time and it is great to look back on:

Wading neck deep in the Fish River in Year Seven after Mr Browning's strict instructions not to go swimming.

Exploring Evan's Crown Nature Reserve in Year 7/8 and abseiling there in Year Nine.

The Year Eight Camp with the tree planting, history of a granite rock, swimming and Mr Brownings damper, not to mention spotlight and sitting around the camp fire.

The Year Nine Commerce excursion to Sydney and dinner at Sydney tower.

The Year Twelve Fun Day where the girls beat the boys at Golf.

The Fantastic Rock Eisteddfod wins and the close Astley Cup losses.

The Year Ten formal at Carrington House.

Bushwalking, abseiling and camping with Mr Campbell and Mr Browning, and last but not least;

The "Box Drinks" that Mr Browning supplied on his many educational excursions.

Some of the memories are not as pleasant and the premature deaths of Gregg McCallum and Sean Fraser have made school life difficult to cope with at times.

As this report is written Year Twelve are busily studying for their HSC (at least I hope so) and they are probably a little frightened by what is ahead of them, but by the time they read this report, they will be over the dreaded HSC and the Grad Ball festivities and looking forward to a very exciting future.

Year Twelve have enjoyed their time at Bathurst High and have made many friends with Staff and Students and have many fond memories to cherish in the years ahead.

Jim Browning
Year Twelve Adviser
MITRA performing at the Astley Cup Basketball match

Tim and Matthew burning things in Chemistry

The Year Elevens raised $400 on ‘Bandana’ Day
In Memory of
SEAN FRASER
"We will forgive . . .
But never forget"
Year 12 1997
FAREWELL, GOODLUCK AND GOODBYE
MR SHADIE

We have a pen and our pen is blue
We have a friend our friend is you
A friend like you is hard to find
Just like a mountain is hard to climb

We have a ring it has no end
That's how long you'll be our friend
We've met nice friends but not like you
You're the nicest friend we ever knew

We met you as a stranger
We ended up as friends
We hope we meet in heaven
Because our friendship shall never end

By, Ola, Gladys, Said, Beau, Matthew, Aymen, Brett, Zena, Zac, Adam, Atta, Tim, Lebanon, Seth, Kevin & Kenny.
MY LIFE, MY FAMILY

At the age of fourteen I found out that I had a tumour in my head. I was scared and I was frightened that I was going to die. When I looked at my Mum and Dad I was sad because my Mother was crying and so was my Dad. It was the first time I saw my father cry. My father and I had always been very close and I love him very much. I don't know what I'd do without him. I went to hospital at the Royal Prince Alfred for an operation to remove the tumour. Before they operated they told me they couldn't remove all of the tumour because I would be a vegetable. All the time my Mum and Dad were there giving me love and support. Since then I have had Chemo therapy. One doctor told me I only had six months to live and another told me not to listen to him, he's only a learner. Sometimes in the hospital at night I would wake up and cry if Mum or Dad wasn't there only because I was scared. I knew that I had to be brave.

The reason I wrote this article is to let other teenagers know how important it is to have a family. No matter what, they love you and are there for you. Without my Mum and Dad at the hospital I don't know what I would have done. Before all this happened I was like most teenagers, taking life and my family for granted, never stopping once to think of what life would be like without them. I came close to finding out.

Ken Beale

Photo: Ken Beale (Right) with his parents
An exchange visit to Japan is difficult to put in words. Firstly, because my memories are in Japanese, but secondly, because there simply aren't enough adjectives in the English Dictionary to describe it. At times it was fantastic. When I conquered a grammatically correct sentence I was elated. Unfortunately, however my first three months in Japan were spent talking gibberish in my own version of the Japanese Language. I could understand what I was saying and was baffled as to why nobody else could!

The frustration didn't end there though. Tokyo is a city with a population of over thirteen million, and coping with such crowds after sleepy old Bathurst, was quite a challenging experience. My definition of 'crowded' took on a very new meaning.

Every morning, I'd have to catch the subway to school, and by the end of my first week, I was sick of apologising to people for bumping into them. It wasn't long before I too, abandoned manners whilst commuting. A lot of Japanese people sleep on trains on their way to work. This I found incredible, but eventually mastered the art. Within minutes after boarding the train I would nod off and be awake just in time to get off at my stop.

My host father, Motohar Furukawa, was the Assistant Minister for Justice, and so was quite a high official. This meant that we got to live right in the middle of Tokyo, and the Vice-Chancellor of Tokyo University (the most prestigious university in Japan), was one of my neighbours! The apartment we lived in was large compared to the other apartments in Tokyo, but minuscule by Australian standards. I certainly developed an appreciation for space over the year I was in Japan.

My host mother, Reiko, was a translator in a company, but resigned just before my sixteen year old host sister was born. Due to the fact that my host mother could speak English so well, we were able to communicate, and therefore develop a relationship quickly. Reiko was an Ikebana (flower arranging) and calligraphy teacher, so I learnt a lot about Japan's culture through her.

One of the things I like about AFS, the exchange company, is that they put you with the same host family for the whole twelve months. In other exchange programs, you're with three different host families, for four month periods, and there really isn't the same opportunity to get to know them. I correspond frequently with my host family and consider myself incredibly lucky to have a family on the other side of the world.

I attended Kyoritsu Girl's Senior High School, the third most expensive girls' private school in Tokyo. It was also located in the middle of Tokyo, and the view from my classroom window consisted mostly of masses of concrete from the major roads on the block next to the school. The windows of our classroom were, not surprisingly, made from glass.
which you could not see out of, and they were sound-proofed. They were usually kept shut, which was a good thing, as basically the only substance which would have been blown through was carbon monoxide. I remember arriving in Sydney, even the air there tasted clean compared to that in Tokyo.

School life at Kyoritsu, was radically different to Bathurst. There is much more pressure put on the students to succeed and they are meant to begin studying in general, before they enter Year Seven.

There were five hundred students in my grade, and 50 in my class alone. I studied a wide range of subjects, including: Japanese History, Chinese, French and Dance. Unfortunately for me, Dance was compulsory, and so was the Sports Uniform, which consisted of Bloomers and Dance Slippers. They didn't even stock a size nine Dance Slipper, so after every Dance lesson my feet would ache from being squeezed into a size seven.

After school, we could elect to participate in things called 'clubs'. I was in the Volleyball club and the Ikebana club. I never thought I would enjoy flower arranging, and couldn't see the level of skill involved. I'd shove a few tulips into a bowl, and then be scolded for my lack of creativity. Over the course of the year, I began to find this dabble in nature quite relaxing, and enjoyed the Ikebana club immensely.

Exchange, is something that I never pictured myself participating in, but I know that because I have undertaken it, nothing will ever be as hard again. Going overseas at a young age is distressing, but it forces you to become independent and develop a new perspective on things. I now have friends and family in Japan who will be a part of my life forever. I am aware of another culture and will always work to promote international friendship and cooperation. I also promote the importance of celebrating differences and of being tolerant of people who are different.

Alison Gerard
Year Twelve,
Tokyo Metropolitan Government Scholarship Winner, 1996

Photos: Some of Alison's Memories of her exchange experience in Japan

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"DON'T CRY FOR ME ARGENTINA"

Sitting here in my bedroom, I'm trying to rack my brain for something mind boggling for everyone to read about my exchange experience to Argentina. I am even trying to create a mood by listening to Argentinian disco music and gazing fondly at about 100 photos of everything I did and all the people I met.

When Mr. Carter asked me to write about my experience I immediately thought "fantastic, I can finally tell everyone what it was like". Unfortunately he asked me to write a column for the BURR, not the whole magazine, about my experience. As you may have guessed, this is proving harder than I first thought. I mean really, how do you sum up a whole year of different sounds, sights, tastes, weather, people and language, in one little column?

On February 12th 1996, I hopped onto a plane with about 35 other students from all over Australia going to either Argentina or Brazil. There was a huge amount of excitement buzzing around the plane, but it all seemed to pass by me, as I sat there between two strangers, with butterflies the size of elephants, dancing around in my stomach. We stopped in New Zealand and picked up about 30 other students all ready for the big adventure. When we arrived at the Argentinian airport and had to pass through customs, I then realised I was missing something extremely important, my passport!! I had accidently left it on the plane and an American Field Service exchange man from Argentina, had to run back onto the plane and get it for me. I was so upset by all of this that the man at customs said with a thick accent, "Wot's da matter, senorita?"

"I want my mum" was my reply.

"It tis only one year", he said with a smile, which quickly vanished when he caught the filthy looks I'd thrown in his direction. To me, at that time, one year felt like it was going to last FOREVER!  

This is me and my host family in Argentina
After waiting two and a half hours in the airport for a bus to take us to camp, we arrived at an old university, were put in tiny cramped rooms, served horrible food and met heaps of other people, from all over the world. I remember, everybody there seemed to be able to speak two languages, except the Aussies, Kiwis and Yanks. We felt very uncultured and that fact was emphasised when we had an amateur night to show off our culture. We played footy, pretended to be streakers, cheerleaders and drunk idiots. Oh was I proud!! After a really long day we all crawled into bed, after discovering the Southern Cross which excited the Southern Hemisphere kids, and tried very hard to sleep. The camp lasted three days and then we went to our own cities and families.

I stepped off the bus into a smoggy, humid and sticky bus terminal. I saw my fellow exchange students with their families and felt a bit left out. Then someone yelled, "Simone!!" and I turned just in time to have a pair of arms embrace me and the smell of Johnson and Johnson Baby Oil filled the air, replacing the polluted smog. I stepped back and saw the people I'd seen in the photos, right in front of my eyes. I was covered with kisses, hugs and bombarded with questions in, what seemed to me to be gibberish. I later discovered it was actually Castellano (South American Spanish).

I was put in a car and my brothers turned on the radio, and low and behold, there was English on the radio. They all saw the smile on my face and left the music on. I snuggled up to my host mum in the back seat and gazed out the window at all the strange objects zooming past, that later I became so familiar with. At first I did nothing but write letters, see the city and be introduced to lots of people. After a month, I started school. My brother, Ale and I caught a bus at about 7:15 am, arrived at school and he dragged me through the huge crowds to his friends.

No one really believed I was from Australia and all said "Kangaroos, no??" I nodded and smiled sweetly. Ale and I were then separated, rather forcefully by the principal, saying that because we were in different years we couldn't stay together. The fact I couldn't speak Spanish didn't seem to bother her one bit. After a lot of waiting around I was put in one class and then taken out 3 days later and put in another. My class had 46 students, with never enough tables or chairs, one class room, 13 subjects and teachers, 25 minute lessons, starting at 7:45 am and finishing at 12:00 midday.

At first I was the little Australian girl, who couldn't say much. My peers were all fascinated at different points of my stay, in their own way. Girls asked me to go out to discos, boys told me they loved me just to see my eyes go wide and blush a fire engine red. Most teachers tried to help me, but one, the psychology teacher, didn't realise I was an exchange student until 6 months into my stay! My year advisor was cool, and lucky me didn't get into too much trouble when I was late, and I didn't even get a report card! At the start I only wrote letters home, but then I made a real effort to understand the fuddy duddy language coming out of the teachers and students mouths. That's one thing about being an exchange student, you are constantly trying, adapting and understanding new things.

On my first day I met a really groovy guy, with not much hair, tattoos and kind eyes, my best friend Gonzalo. We stuck together through the whole year and we communicated with bad English, bad Castellano, the directory and hand signs. I was introduced to his buddies, in and out of school, who were all really wild, accepting and wonderful. They performed circus tricks, juggling, fire breathing, acrobatics, played huge drums, trumpets and danced their troubles away. These guys were one of the best group of people I've ever come across and taught me so many new things, that I don't think I would've learnt if I went with the girls
who loved discos and the boys who loved girls. My host mum, Norma, didn't agree with that fact, and was extremely frustrated that I preferred my wild out-going friends, to tottering around half naked, in front of hormone testostorone pumping boys, being groped, wolf-whistled at and thought of as useful only in the kitchen. My two eldest host brothers, Lisandro and Fernando Job, agreed that women were just on show for them. My younger host brother Ale, was simply a legend and so was my host dad, Alberto. They had nicknames for me and were always willing to hug and listen when necessary. Norma was good as well but like all mothers, had her bad days and her harsh comments seemed to affect me more than her real children.

The camps I had with exchange students, were wonderful, and I would always come home without a voice from all the deep and meaningful's I'd had. I remember thinking how bizzare it was that I felt the same way as a girl from Thailand and a boy from Switzerland. I learned so much about different cultures at these camps, and all those stereotypical images were destroyed. I also managed to see some amazing sights, when I went to the camps all over Argentina.

The city I lived in, called Rosario, had a population of 1.2 million people, heaps of apartment buildings everywhere, rich people in big houses near the river, and poor people living in cardboard boxes not very far away from the rich. The girls were skinny and wore tight clothes, the boys thought they were muscly and unfortunately wore tight clothes as well, including jeans and shorts. The males were a bit irritating at times. When I first arrived, I had trouble saying the time, so when the boys asked me the time, just to hit on me, they loved it because they had me for a few more minutes longer than other girls. After a while, when I saw a sleazy guy coming for me, I'd cover my wrist so they couldn't ask me!

So, overall my family had their good and bad points, which is normal in any family, even your own. My school was interesting, sometimes boring. My peers were strange and some warm-hearted. My exchange friends are my friends forever and I have them in Thailand, Iceland, Finland, Norway, Germany, Austria, New Zealand, U.S.A and Japan. I can now say I have friends all over the world, and I'm even bilingual!

I can officially say I've been an exchange student, survived and came home again. I recommend exchange to anyone, even if you think you couldn't do it, you are probably the type of people who would benefit the most from it. Male or female, short or tall, rich or poor, DO IT!! (I would if I could again), and make yourself really useful, worldwide.

Simone Reeder
Argentina, South America
February 1996 - January 1997

This is me and my Californian friend Lydia
in Salta found in North Argentina
ZOE'S VISIT TO ITALY

Last September I went to Italy on an AFS Student Exchange. I arrived in Italy without knowing a single word of Italian. (That's not quite true. I did know how to say "I'm hungry" and "toilet") The fact that I was to live in another country for a whole year, only started to hit me after about two weeks into my exchange. It became drastically clear to me, that not everyone in Italy would speak English to me and generally be helpful. I guess that I realised this on my first day of Italian school. For the first time in my life I was helpless, friendless and really scared. All of the students were amazed to find out that I really couldn't speak Italian. No matter how loudly they talked to me there was no way that I could understand them. It was at this point that I decided that I had better learn to speak Italian.

As long as I tried to speak to them, the Italians went out of their way to help me and understand me. It was in a great moment of need that I met my best 'Italian' friend, Simona Fiore. At the school that I went to (a special music school with only one hundred students) I found that everyone was everyone else's best friend. At the school there were no distinctions between grades, everyone socialised with one another and in the city if you saw someone that you knew you always said 'hello'. This has been one of the qualities of the Italian culture that I most admire. Not only did I make some invaluable friendships within the school but I also met the other AFS Exchange Students in Northern Italy.

In Parma, the town that I lived in, there was also Belinda from New Zealand, Ryan from California, Sarah from Arizona and Alla, not an exchange student but a talented opera singer, from St Petersburg. During the year we bonded very closely and supported each other. I will always care for them very deeply. I should at this point also mention my host Mamma and Papa - Andrea Gardini and Lilia Ferrari, who cared for me and showed me why my own family is so important to me.

There are so many people who helped me and loved me when all I wanted to do was come home. I will never be able to repay all the time and effort that they invested in me. The least that I can do is thank them and hope that one day someone will be as good to them, in their hour of need, as they have been to me.

Zoe Townsend
REFLECTIONS OF BOLIVIA

On December 31st 1995, I flew out from Sydney Airport headed for Cochabamba, Bolivia in South America. During 1996 I had the privilege of teaching at Carachipampa Christian School. This school was established 70 years ago for the children of missionaries. It is now a diverse community of missionary children, expatriate's children and Bolivian children.

I taught Science and Maths from Year Six to Year Nine. Each classroom had it's own representation of the world with students from Bolivia, USA, Canada, Korea, New Zealand, Australia, Germany and the Netherlands.

In Bolivia the main language is Spanish. Language learning is always full of excitement because you can never be sure if what you said was what you meant to say. This means you end up with 6kg of bran instead of wholemeal flour, you use salt instead of sugar in cinnamon buns, and you end up on the opposite side of town!

1996 was a wonderful year of experiencing life in another culture. For 6 months I lived with a Bolivian family, quite a challenge with my very limited Spanish. My constant companion became my Spanish/English Dictionary. Living with a family was a great way to experience the culture first hand.

Just a few of my special memories are trying to teach English to seven year olds after school, buying my food from street markets, boiling pots on the stove for 20 minutes for drinking water, fitting 10 more Bolivians in a mini-van that I thought was already full, hiking Mount Tunari to 17500 feet, seeing the snow-capped Andes Mountains above the clouds from an aeroplane, flying in a 5 seater plane with 7 people during a tropical storm and visiting a tin mine.

My year in Bolivia was a diverse and wonderful year, and 1996 will always remain a very special year.

Miss Skaines

Photos: (Above) Miss Skaines and a Bolivian friend. (Right) Bolivian Markets
JAPANESE VISIT

Students on the sister city exchange program from Ohkuma visited Bathurst on the 24th of March. They participated in activities such as getting to know you games, touring the school, games and sports like pateka and dodgeball. In the afternoon, they were entertained in the hall by the Concert Band, MITRA and Dance Groups.

After their visit to Bathurst, they visited Canberra, after already spending time in Sydney and admiring the Blue Mountains. Altogether they spent six days in Australia which, in their opinion, was too short.

In Japan, these students will be starting Year Nine (Grade Three) when they arrive back home from a two week holiday. School in Japan starts at 7:15 in the morning and finishes at 5:15 in the evening. Every second Saturday they have off, otherwise they go to school every day.

By interviewing some of the Japanese students from Year Seven and Eight we got to know that they love Australia and all the freedom over here at our high schools. One thing that most Japanese students couldn’t get over, is that we don’t have to clean our schools everyday, as they have to.

Photo: Alison Gerard
(Left), Renetta Hackett and two Japanese students

We asked two of the Japanese visitors what they liked about Australia. Hisaka, a female student, said she liked Australia because everyone is friendly and seems to be having fun. She also saw a kangaroo which she thought was great. She really liked barbecues, as the Japanese do not eat much meat.

Katsuhiro, a male student, said his favourite place in Australia was the Blue Mountains. He also liked riding horses. He liked the X-Files and told us that there are no Australian TV shows in Japan. He liked the schools here because they are very relaxed and the people seem cheerful.

We also spoke with Renetta Hackett, who spent last year as an English teacher in Japan and she was able to tell us more about schools in Japan. The school these students go to is a Junior High School (Years Seven to Nine), with 500 students. The classrooms are set up in exam like conditions, with the teachers changing rooms at the end of each lesson, not the students. They eat meals (which are supplied by the school), in their classrooms and rarely go outside. They have no choice in their subjects, which are Maths, English, Japanese, Science, Social Studies and PE. They rotate each term between Cooking, Textiles, Music, Woodwork and Art.
Every year, Year Twelve go to Sydney to study life in the 'Big Smoke' so that they can answer HSC questions better. This year, Mr Carter took his intrepid group of seven students, over two and a half days.

They left on Monday afternoon, looking at different suburbs on the outskirts of Sydney, before plunging into peak hour traffic on Parramatta Road. Here they learned that it took more than twice as long to travel each kilometre, than it did on the expressway. They reached Paddington PCYC, unpacked and then cruised along Oxford Street to Bondi Junction for dinner. The boys sampled various take-aways, Danny bought the latest Cleo magazine, and then they headed back. After going through their half yearly exam papers, they settled down to play cards. Mr Carter taught the group to play "Oh Bother" or "Oh #!!?!," while Danny coloured in his new magazine.

Next day, bright and early they were off to Mrs Macquarie's Chair where Nicole took some Japanese tourists' photo, but then had to give the camera back. Off then to Woolloomoooo, Double Bay (nice Rollers and Ferraris), on to 'the Gap', where Danny disappeared to join a group of singing tourists. Back to Darling Harbour, Glebe and Balmain to look at changes taking place to the old inner suburbs. Josh took twenty minutes to get a CFC-free chicken burger for 'little lunch', and then over the Harbour Bridge to the Macquarie Centre. Here Craig did not break his coccyx ice skating.

Down to Parramatta for a pleasant River Cat Cruise to Circular Quay, then through the CBD to catch a train back to Paramatta to pick up the bus. The hectic pace was beginning to show as Nicole caught up on her beauty sleep. They drove back through the Harbour Tunnel - another first for a couple of kids and back to the PCYC to get ready for dinner and the movies in town. They found a car park with 2.35m clearance for the mini bus, but did not count on a speed hump being directly under a fire hydrant pipe - it was only a 'little' scratch - honest!! More takeaway food, and then the late screening of 'Dantes Peak' which was a heap better than 'Twister,' especially when accompanied by a tonne of popcorn!!

Next morning it was harder to rouse the troops, but they got away at 8.45am. Travelling out through the Northern Suburbs the class reached Windsor in time to catch their Hawkesbury River Cruise. This was both a relaxing and an informative end for the excursion. It was very pleasant chugging down the river, hearing of all the things that have happened along it and how things have been fixed up. Another takeaway-fix in Windsor Village, a wee stop at Kurrajong to have a last look at the city and then on to Bathurst. All in all a very good, useful and educational field study.

Thanks to you all!
Mr Carter.
YEAR TWELVE BIOLOGY EXCURSION TO
WAMBOOL AND YETHOLME

BUT IT WAS DEAD!!!
But hey, this was a Bio excursion and we were looking at living organisms - well at least features of the biotic and abiotic environment.

We stood motionless, atop the furthest point of the western side of the Great Dividing Range, gazing intently at the vast panorama of Bathurst which lay before our eyes. In our auditory canals resounded the booming voice of infinite wisdom - alias Mr Shadie. We traipsed up the sediments which had been compacted together via tectonic forces, following a biological trail of various specimens of animal faeces, which led to a warning from Mr Shadie as to the dangerous nature of angry wombats and wild pigs.

Onward we bravely ventured into a world in which no Bio student had been before (well okay a world into which every Bio student has to venture because it's a compulsory experience!). While the cumulus clouds began the process of precipitation production, our cerebrums stretched to the limit as we tried to comprehend the fearful world of quadrats, transects, soil pH, and (possibly worst of all) scientific method. We all gazed in awe at the modifications each multicellular autotrophic organism possessed to ward off the dangers of dessication and predation while still attempting to maintain phototropism. The study of entomology also proved an entertaining and (highly irritating) past time - love those 'stink bugs'. Finally when our neurons were stimulated to capacity (and the rain began in earnest) we diffused onto the bus and came home.

A big thank you to the teachers, as we the students found the day educationally enriching and physiologically challenging as well as emotionally exacerbating!

Translation
And if you couldn't quite understand all the big words, this is what this report said....
Year Twelve biology went on an excursion to Wambool and Yetholme. While Mr Shadie was pointing out all the important features of the environment, we stood staring off into space. We followed trails of animal waste, looked at the types of plants and did a couple of soil tests. We also looked at some bugs, but when it started raining we went home. We found the day fun and we learnt a little bit.

Year Twelve Biology
PRELIMINARY GEOGRAPHY EXCURSION

In February, the Preliminary (Year Eleven) Geography classes went out to Mr Mann's farm, to look at the physical break up of rocks and the work that the river was doing to wear down the land. They studied how lichens and mosses broke up a lump of granite, how rocks were shaped by the running waters of the Macquarie River and how to trip down holes between the tussocks of grass along the river bank.

Later in the year we also visited the Blue Mountains to look at how plants respond to differences in soil, landform and climate. We drove to Mt. Wilson, looked at rainforests, visited a bushfire area, walked through the Grand Canyon at Blackheath and watched "The Edge" at Katoomba Maxivision cinema.

*Photos: The Preliminary Geography class - Daniel, Jin, Katrina, Katherine, Ben, Derek, Kate, Brad, Chris, Rebecca, Kristel and Mohamed - enjoying themselves and working hard on the excursion.*
OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Bathurst High School's Outdoor Education Program provides personal development opportunities through challenging adventure pursuits. These include hiking, navigation, rock-climbing, abseiling and kayaking. The range of programs described below recognise, value and develop each student as a total and unique person.

**Achieving My Goals Program** focuses on students who are identified by the primary schools as those who would benefit from contact with staff and students at Bathurst High School. The program complements current orientation programs that run within the school.

*Outcome:* A smooth transition into High School from Primary School

Getting it Together provides a framework for learning so that students can change their perception of themselves and the school.

*Outcomes:* Self realisation in reaching their full potential
Meeting student needs (risk taking)
Cognitive restructuring (replacing inappropriate behaviours)
Socialisation (team building skills)

Bathurst High School Wilderness - The program provides an opportunity for students to assess their direction, acknowledge character strengths and weaknesses and set in place a positive framework for self growth.

*Outcome:* Positive self image

Leadership - The program allows students opportunities for personal achievement, greater maturity and self confidence with emphasis on increased competence in overcoming difficulties.

The program focus is on the personal development of participants through nurturing of:

- Team Dynamics
- Problem Solving
- Managing Challenge
- Communication
- Decision Making

*Outcomes:* A positive approach to learning
Willingness to attempt new tasks
A sense of achievement, success and fun

Yours in Adventuring,
Mark Campbell

*Photo: Students on one of the Outdoor Education Programs*
YEAR NINE DEBATING

Over a period of two weeks, Year Nine students participated in a series of debates. Students were split into teams of four or five, with three speakers and a thinker.

The students took turns in debating, adjudicating, preparing and spectating. Teams debating were adjudicated on matter, manner and method. Skills shown during these debates were of a very high standard and were thoroughly enjoyed by all - Year Nine should be congratulated on their efforts.

Medals were given to people who stood out above the other students. Medal recipients were: Stacey Marmion and Rebecca Horan for outstanding speeches; Tom English for a spontaneous speech; Kane Barnes and Stephen Fry for being excellent chair people; Kate Chegwidden for debating well (as she had just started at Bathurst High); Drew Toule for being a great adjudicator and Brett Hurst should be congratulated for his very effective speaking voice.

Thanks to Mrs Baldock and Mrs Wilson for organising this event and to the other teachers for their help and patience. Without them it wouldn't have been possible.

Photo: Evan Traviss has his say in the round-robin debates

Rebecca Orme and Nicole Morgan

YEAR TEN DEBATING TEAM

The Year Ten Debating Team, which consisted of Tim Baitch, Andrew Dunstall, Karen Evans and Jillian Patterson, had mixed success winning rounds against Canobolas and Oberon High Schools, but losing to Kelso and Orange High. While the team was able to convince the adjudicator that "Commercials are the best part of Television", it was not easy to prove that "Sport would not be better without sponsors". Strategies were improved, skills honed and a lot of enjoyment had by all.

The team, with the substitution of Michael Roxborough for Tim Baitch, went on to participate in the Local Government Week, Inter-school Debating Competition. After a creditable performance and victory in the first round, proving "That the mayor should be popularly elected", they were defeated in the play-off.

One team member was heard to lament that, the Debating year had come to an end too quickly, "just as we have learnt how to be most effective". With such enthusiasm, watch out opponents in 1998!

Lesley Wade
**MOCK TRIAL**

This year’s Mock Trial Team had an impressive array of legal talent at its disposal, but was unlucky in the first three rounds with extremely close losses to All Saints, Mudgee and James Sheahan, Orange. We were hampered in these early trials by witnesses who were very clever at covering the weaknesses in their case and therefore gave us little ammunition in our cross-examinations.

We also changed our team regularly and although this was unsettling it allowed greater opportunity for each member to try new roles.

We did not record a win in the final round but had a very exciting draw with Kelso High School and were very pleased with the team’s performance.

The team consisted of Kate Outram, Kate Campbell, Sally Hansen, Tim Batch, Claire Wright, Anna Weise, Sally Robinson, Craig Winwood-Smith, Ben George, Carissa Burnett and Kate Jackson.

Special thanks to Ms Karen Coyte and Mr Jim Browning for coaching our team.

Jim Browning

*Photo: Kate Outram stands her ground in Mock Trial*

**SCHOOLS IN PARLIAMENT**

The Western Region debate this year was held in our school hall and students from Kelso, Oberon, James Sheahan (Orange), Mackillop and Bathurst High Schools debated as politicians for the day.

There was question time, committee reports, petitions tabled and a major second reading debate on a bill for NSW to withdraw from the Commonwealth of Australia.

Greg Arrow was elected as Premier; Carrissa Burnett, leader of the house; Attorney General, Sally Robinson; Education and Training, Anna Weise; and Kate Outram was elected as the Shadow Minister for Health.

The students from all schools thoroughly enjoyed the day’s activities and said they had learned a lot more about the political system by actually being a part of it.

From this Sally Robinson from Bathurst High was selected as one of five Western Area representatives and she flew to Sydney to take part in the state Schools in Parliament debate.

Mr Browning was the co-ordinator for the day and he also accompanied the five Western Area representatives to the state debate.

Jim Browning
"I'VE SEEN YOU BEFORE SOMEWHERE"

And so it was for Mr Madden this year when ex-BHS Captain Reg Lang visited his old 'alma mater'. Mrs Toohey was showing Mr Lang the many changes that have occurred since he left. Included in the tour, was a flying visit to the I.T. workshops where he was introduced to Mr Madden, who was surprised to be face to face with his Year Five Primary teacher from Narrabri Primary School.

"Those were the days" Mr Madden remembered with misty eyes. "The cane was given plenty of air in those days, it never spent too much time in the cupboard. I was a regular visitor to the Principal's Office. It took a while but I eventually figured out what I was doing wrong. Hard to believe it but I was a bit of a nuisance at times, not like I am nowadays."

"One thing I remember with great fondness was the day Mr Lang got sick and tired of us using the word GOT in our creative writing books- 'I got this', 'he got that', 'we got in the car' etc. He wrote it onto a piece of paper in big letters, put it in the text book cupboard and threatened that anyone using the word GOT would be put in the cupboard with it. Unfortunately, next day a kid in the class used the banned word, and Mr Lang made him lie on the shelf in the cupboard and closed the door on him for a short time. Needless to say, it had the desired affect, and to this day, I rarely use the word GOT where it's possible to use another word. These days, all of the do-gooders would be up in arms, but we took that sort of stuff on the chin and by golly it worked.

Reg was a great teacher and very popular with us, (his class). He stood for parliament one year and was off on leave for a few weeks to do all the running around needed, and when he returned he was given a standing ovation by the class even though he didn't win the seat, we were so pleased to have him back.

"Reg hasn't really changed all that much. He still has the same amount of hair (i.e. not much) it's just grey, and a few more character lines but he's still the same bloke, and it was, great to see him still lurking around".

Photo: (Left to Right) Mr Madden and Mr Lang

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MAKE YOUR MARK
COMPETITION

Year Ten students, Jacinta Carter and Sophie Perisce ventured down to Sydney's Martin Place, after receiving second place in a banner making competition. The competition, "Make your Mark", was a tribute to feminism, promoting International Women's Day. It was open to all public schools in Australia. Plenty of work went into the making of the banner. Both girls gave up a lot of their free time and spent many Recess' and Lunches hard at work over it. Teachers Mrs McWilliam, Mrs Sterling and Mrs McLaughlin helped organise the making of the banner and were also there to collect the prize of books and art supplies valuing over $100.

Photos: (Above) Jacinta and Sophie in Sydney. (Below) Some of the Banners

2B. HI Radio Station

After a slow start, Bathurst High's radio station, 2B.HI., named by Mrs Roughley, is making steady progress. The P&C kindly donated $1,000 to help us get established, and at present we have the console (from 2MCE), two CD players, a double tape deck, a reel to reel player, a record player, a speaker/amplifier, and we hope to be fully functional by the first day back next year. Our aim is to put speakers around the school to play music during both recess and lunch, and after school on Thursday's. 2MCE also donated a few hundred records which contain production music, jingles and the like. 2BS have also lent us their technician, Jason Davis, to help us set up the studio. Thank you to every one who has supported the establishment of this Radio Station.

Lisa Lloyd
AEROBICS

This year has been another active year for Aerobics at Bathurst High School. We have continued to train regularly each week, with participating students heading closer to those one arm push-ups every week.

1997 saw Kate Outram successfully represent Bathurst High School both at a State and National level in the 1997 Schoolaerobics Championships. She has worked particularly hard this year, with this being rewarded by Gold Medals at both these competitions. Congratulations Kate! As a result of Kate’s National Title, she has been invited to attend the International Aerobics Camp in Adelaide, during January 1998. She will be sponsored to attend this event by Patsy Tierney, who is the current Australian Female Aerobics Champion.

The Junior and Senior teams worked towards the 1997 Schoolaerobics Spring Challenge competition, to be held in November. The Junior Teams comprise of students from Year Seven to Year Nine. The Senior Advanced Team consists of students from Year Ten and Eleven. The seniors did very well, gaining fourth place out of twenty nine teams, while the junior teams came fifth and seventh. Well done!! The dedication and determination of students involved in aerobics continues to astound me. All the work to choreograph, complete and master the skills involved in these complex routines is carried out before and after school. Congratulations on such a high standard of commitment.

Next year looks like another busy year, with our new routines, having lots of time to polish before competition in May. All students are welcome to attend!

Photo: Kate Outram - National Aerobics Champion

Jayne Evans
Aerobics Coach

JUNIOR DANCE ENSEMBLE

Throughout 1997, the Junior Dance Ensemble has had many performance highlights. The ensemble participated in Dance Workshops run by former dancers with the Sydney Dance Company during Dance Week. They have performed at the Bathurst Eisteddfod and also at the launch of Education Week at Kelso High School. They have viewed performances by students throughout the state, as well as the NSW Public School’s Dance Company. They have performed at the MADD night, featured in the Rock Eisteddfod and have also performed for visiting students from Japan.

Notably, the highlight for the year was their selection in the NSW Public School’s State Dance Festival held at the Seymour Centre in Sydney. The festival is a showcase of dance excellence throughout NSW and their item, Erin Shore, was a credit to their commitment and dedication throughout the school year. Their performance calendar will be capped off with their involvement in the Coca-Cola School’s Spectacular, held every year at the Sydney Entertainment Centre.

Congratulations on a very successful year of performance.

Yours in Dance, 
Debbie-Lee Hughes

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STRESS

INDICATORS OF STRESS

Physical
-tiredness; unable to rest, relax, sleep; increased tendency to illness
-dizziness, palpitations; shakes; difficulty in breathing; choking in the throat and chest; nausea, diarrhoea; muscular tensions which may lead to pain - eg headaches, neck and backaches; menstrual disorders; change in sexual interest
-numbness; things seem unreal, in a dream

Habits
-increased smoking; drinking or eating; craving for salt; sweets etc.
-no longer enjoying usual interests; recreations etc.

Social
-irritability; intolerance; not wanting to be with people or not wanting to be alone; not getting on well with people any more

Thoughts
-poor concentration; no mental energy; can't think clearly; poor decision making; planning, forgetfulness.

Emotional
-changeable feelings; unusually strong emotions; numbness; becoming sad or apprehensive without reason; loss of interest in things

STRATEGIES THAT CAN BE USED TO REDUCE STRESS

Awareness- You need to respond to your body's messages, take time out to relax when it tells you to, not when it's too late.

Relaxation- Seek a method to suit yourself

Reality- Confront reality and try and think things through. Get outside assistance, talking to others can help sort things out and get an objective view that puts things into perspective.

Coming to Terms with the Situation- Concentrate on things you may be able to control don't dwell on problems out of your control.

Privacy- In order to deal with feelings, you will find it necessary at times to be alone.

Activity and Recreation- Be active - to help and give to others may give some relief - however don't divert attention from the help you need yourself. Do not neglect normal sport and recreation. Regular exercise promotes health and well being and will help you cope with stress.

NINA'S TEN STEPS TO COPING WITH STRESS

- Develop a time management plan (and use it)
- Plan ahead
- Do one thing at a time, don't try to do everything at once
- Learn to relax
- Keep in touch with friends
- Learn to say NO to jobs that put you under pressures. "What part of NO don't you understand? The N, or the O?"
- Take time off from pressure and duties to do something totally for yourself
- Remember to laugh and smile!! (the best stress reliever)
- Set yourself realistic targets - you're only human
- Learn to recognise what's worth worrying about and what's not

Nina Harrison
Year Eleven
COPING WITH STUDENT STRESS AND ANXIETY

Students studying the HSC experience a lot of stress. This stress comes from the pressure of whether they will receive the results they want and the pressure of making decisions about their future. Students are sometimes worried about what they are going to do when they leave school.

The TER is a very big source of stress in the final year of school. Students have the "I have to get a good TER" attitude, and after the results have come back, most people only ask "What did you get in your TER?" This is the same with employers, they don't look at the marks, they look at the TER. However "the TER has little or no meaning for students, unless they are intending on entering tertiary institutions," "it holds no true indication of the student's ability." Stress also comes from the exams as "far too much emphasis is placed on the exams."

The time of the HSC is also a very difficult period for some teens with "the traumas of growing up". Peer pressure plays a role in stress being applied to the student, "Should I have a social life?" when all your friends go out, and you're stuck at home.

There are many indicators of stress. Students just don't want to study any more, they seem withdrawn and have trouble communicating. "These exams are 'make or break' for life." Students experience mood swings and lash out. "Tiredness, lethargy and an "I don't care attitude". Students sometimes just lack the motivation to study, and would much rather watch television and relax.

Students should relax and have some recreational time, but not too much, or not enough. They should organise their time for both study and relaxation, because not enough relaxation can induce a lot of stress on students, but if too much is taken the final weeks before the exams can be very hectic.

Another strategy to combat stress is to understand the work being taught "if you don't understand, get some help, talk to teachers and parents etc," so get better tuition leading into the exams and "make sure the curriculum is finished in time" and students "should think for themselves more". Students should be organised about study patterns and plan into the future, but still "try not to worry about the future too much."

Parents also contribute a lot to a stressful environment. Students "get the wrong pressure applied to them to get them to work" and they are pressured to live up to their parents' expectations and maybe live up to previous family member's efforts.

Students should always remember the indications of stress, and try and solve the problems before they get out of hand. Talk to teachers, and maybe even a professional if it gets too overwhelming.

Gavin Jackson
Year Eleven

BATHURST BAKERY

PAYLESS PLAZA

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NIGHT OF THE NOTABLES

On Tuesday, 17th of June, at 7.00pm our school hall was the meeting place for many famous and infamous people from the past.

Cleopatra was there in all her splendour, Ned Kelly was out to rob the rich, the Wright Brothers were flying their planes, and Mary Queen of Scots was plotting against Elizabeth I. These celebrities were joined by Indira Gandhi, Adam and Eve, Charles Sturt, Captain Cook, Abe Lincoln, Thomas Edison, Julius Caesar, Anne Boleyn, Charles Kingford-Smith and Don Bradman. Still others were there who have made their mark on history.

How can such an array of famous persons from so many centuries be in the one place at the same time? By coming to the Night of the Notables, of course. Year Seven students researched famous people, dressed as them and presented talks, demonstrations and answered questions about their chosen characters. Of course Henry VIII was there to ensure that all went smoothly, along with Pocahontas.

Every student in our class made a wonderful effort to prepare the work and everyone there had a great night. Parents had made a terrific effort to help collect materials, make costumes, do make up, find wigs and numerous other bits and pieces to make the evening a raging success. As the teacher of the class it was a great delight to simply enjoy the learning that had been achieved and the fun we had doing it. Congratulations to all family members involved!

Peter Street

Photos: Some of the famous people who visited the school during the Night of the Notables
1997 WESTERN REGION REPRESENTATIVES

Joshua Bateup - Rugby League

Jenny Browning - Swimming

Karen Cochrane - Hockey

Misty Collins - Basketball

Amanda Coopes - Cricket

Des Crawford - Rugby League, Athletics

Stephen Dunstall - Athletics

Chris Hanrahan - NSW CHS U16 Hockey

Peter Hicks - Basketball Athletics
Matthew Norris - Rugby League

Zac Riley - Athletics

Brendan Seckold-Lamb - Athletics

Matthew Sullivan - NSW CHS Volleyball

Katrina Tobias - Basketball

Jason Turner - Aussie Rules

Paul Weal - Hockey

Jeff Wicks - Rugby League

Adam Wilkins - Baseball Volleyball

Absent: Damian Fulthurpe (Baseball), Craig Young (Baseball), Brendan Gibson (Baseball), Michael Whalan (Baseball), Zoe Choniotos (Basketball), Caleb Hunt (Basketball), Alison Gerard (Volleyball), Leigh Kingwell (Aussie Rules), Jessica Wyatt (Soccer), Andre Lemione (Soccer), Michael Taylor (Golf), Kimberly Gordon (Cross Country).
SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The swimming carnival was conducted by an excellent group of students who provided a competitive yet fun day for the other students in the school.

The participation levels were good among the younger and older students. Our fifteen and sixteen year old students were not as active. The Open Boys deserve congratulations for having the most competitors on the day. The age Champions were:-

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Other excellent efforts were recorded by Melissa Roels, Amanda Simons, Sarah Morgan, Vanessa MacKay, Katrina Tobias, Jodie Smith, Linsay Wilson, Alex Roxborough, Andrew Cam, Luke Tyburski and Sam Tourle.

Jenny Browning was able to gain selection in the Western Region Team and swam in the championships at Homebush.

*Photos: Various aspects of the Swimming Carnival*
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Miss Rakowski’s Year Ten PD/H/PE class organised a great program for the Athletics Carnival.

The weather was kind (half the battle) and the students who attended were intent on being involved and trying to get as much as they could from the day.

There were some excellent individual performances on the day and a number of outstanding all round performers.

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Others who did well on the day included- Justin Slattery, Stephen Dunstall, Stuart Moorehead, Zac Riley, Tim Grabham, Jenny Browning, Tina Graham, Melissa Roels, Kim Gordon, Laurie Healey, Nicole Mowbray, Lisa Miljkovic and Justin Smith.

Grant Hanrahan

Photos: Running and jumping at the Athletics Carnival
GIRLS SOCCER

Bathurst High School Girls Open Soccer team competed in the C.H.S championships this year. In our first game we travelled to Oberon. The girls came away with a twelve goals to nil win. Everyone contributed to the win with seven of the girls scoring goals. Jess Wyatt and Zali Hope led the team well, dictating the play from the start. The forwards combined well from the start to dominate the day which was well supported by the other girls, especially the mid-field. The goal scorers were: Jade Braun (five), Jess Wyatt (two), Michelle Gibson (two), Zali Hope (two), Kim Gordon, Shannon Gower and Gladys Jones.

We then played in a round robin carnival at Proctor Park. In our first game we played Orange High. Even though we matched them in skill their age and size advantage eventually came through. We lost to Orange three goals to nil. In our last game we played Canobolas High defeating them five goals to four.

The team played well above themselves showing the depth of girls soccer with nine of the girls eligible for the junior team. I would like to thank David Baillie, Michael Roxborough and Ian Austin who helped in training the team.

The team consisted of:

Gladys Jones
Amanda Harper
Jessica Wyatt
Jade Braun
Gabrielle Afflick
Jenny Thompson
Kelly Leleca
Rachel Cox
Zali Hope
Michelle Gibson
Jess Bowen
Sarah Windus
Brigitte Wilkins
Amanda Coopes
Shannon Gower
Kim Gordon
Lisa Milkovic

Photo: The Team
ASTLEY CUP

In 1997 we did not have a very successful year in the Astley Cup.

The First Round saw us compete against Dubbo, in Dubbo, and things began to look ominous for us when we lost almost the whole starting team from Netball and two of our best Basketball players in the few days before the round.

Amazingly, we led at the end of Day One with the Tennis and Basketball teams having good wins. The Rugby League team were unluckily defeated, in a tight game, and the young Netballers gave an excellent account despite suffering a defeat.

At the Disco we felt we had a chance of stealing an unexpected win.

Unfortunately, Day Two was an absolute disaster with all teams suffering heavy losses. We were all at a loss to explain this situation, other than to understand that all sportspeople and teams have shocking days occasionally, and realise that we would need to try and redeem ourselves at home against Orange.

This appeared to be even more of a task following Orange High School's absolute thrashing of Dubbo in the Second Round.

Orange arrived in Bathurst and admitted the results against Dubbo probably flattered them, but we were still a bit dubious about our chances.

At the end of Day One we were very happy as our teams had been very competitive. In fact the Rugby League fulfilled their promise with a great win over Orange.

Day Two saw us fall from contention, however, we were far more competitive than we were in Dubbo and the highlight was a great win to the Hockey girls in the final sport.

Overall it was an enjoyable competition with a good level of commitment displayed by all our players.

Grant Hanrahan
BASKETBALL

The Bathurst High School Basketball Team had a very successful year finishing fifth in the state, and having three players named in the Western Area Team. Congratulations Misty Collins, Katrina Tobias and Zoe Chaniotis who made this team. Bathurst were named Western Area champions after defeating the following schools:

Game One: Ungarie
    (sixty-three to thirty-one)

Game Two: Orange
    (thirty-nine to twenty-four)

Game Three: Dubbo South
    (fourty-seven to thirty-three)

Game Four: Lithgow
    (seventy-eight to fifty-one)

The team then travelled to Sydney to compete in the CHS Shell Cup Final Series. Coming up against Figtree High School in the first game. The girls started well but consistent good defense by the opposition saw them jump away to a twelve point lead at half time. Misty Collins and Katrina Tobias top scored with fourteen and twelve points respectively, while Zoe Chaniotis added both valuable points and a strong defense. While it was a mighty effort by the girls, Figtree proved to be too strong to end up winners fifty-three to thirty-seven.

While still disappointed by their unexpected loss in the first game, some motivational words by Coach Shane Furness saw the girls come firing back on to the court and beat Bega High School by nineteen points. Every single player contributed to the score board. Alicia Olsen (thirteen points) and Brooke Wallace shot well from the three point line, while Misty Collins (twenty-one points), Katrina Tobias (seventeen points) and Zoe Chaniotis (ten points) again dominated.

Congratulations also need to be extended to Linsay Wilson, Nikki Ireland, Amanda Tyburski, Pam MacCabe and Nardia Murphy whose continual assists and great defense helped the girls to achieve the best Girls Basketball result at CHS level, for Bathurst, in many years.

Thanks to Coach Shane Furness for all his help and Mr Ivery for driving the girls to Sydney and showing them how not to reverse a mini bus.

Belinda Rakowski
BASEBALL REPORT

"So close and yet so far". You could say this describes the Bathurst High School Baseball team's trip to the Western Region CHS Championships. The team reached the regional final for the third consecutive year only again to be runners up.

The team began the day by defeating Canobolas High seven runs to nil. This game began slowly with both pitchers dominating the game. Once the Bathurst batters started to make contact with the ball the game was over. In their second game Bathurst played Tullamore which was very one sided; Bathurst winning by eighteen runs to nil. The score could have been much bigger except for our team declaring it's innings twice so as to have some practise in the field.

In the final, Bathurst came up against Orange High. Bathurst began the game slowly, the Orange batters made a couple of hits which caused the Bathurst boys to make a few mistakes. After three innings Orange led the game by seven runs to two. Pitcher Craig Young was brought into the game, moving Damian Fulthorpe to short stop and Brendan Gibson to centre field. This change seemed to spark a come-back by the Bathurst Boys. The fielding improved greatly, with the catch by third base Michael Whalan being the catch of the tournament. An improved batting performance then saw the Bathurst team nearly steal the game from Orange. With two runners on bases, one run behind a big hit was all that was needed. The hit came but it fell into the hands of the Orange centre field on the boundary. The game was still not over. The bases then became loaded; still one run behind. A safe hit was needed. The hit came but not as safe as they needed. Bathurst went down to Orange by eight runs to seven.

When the carnival was over a Western Region Representative team was named. Six of the Bathurst boys were selected:- Damian Fulthorpe, Scott Traynor, Craig Young, Brendan Gibson, Michael Whalan and Adam Wilkins.

Phillip Warner
Coach
RUGBY LEAGUE

The Rugby League team had a very good season this year, under the coaching of Brian Burke.

The season started with a thirty-four all draw against Delroy High School. This game indicated the attacking strength of our team but did highlight some defensive deficiencies that needed to be addressed before the Astley Cup games.

Brett Glazebrook and Josh Bateup stood out in the forward while Des Crawford and Adam Burke played strongly in the backs.

The next game was against Dubbo High School and played in Dubbo, and we were defeated twenty-eighteen after a very exciting game. Dubbo led by ten-nil early as our team was very unsettled and gave Dubbo a massive amount of possession. Only a lion hearted defense prevented an early massacre.

Joel Ryan displayed great leadership as we recovered and took the game right to Dubbo. Colin Parker and Brett Moulds provided tremendous support when thrown into the game and helped turn things around.

Scott Traynor was our best player, but Brendan Gibson stole the show with a ninety metre solo try.

Our game against Orange High was eagerly anticipated as Orange had a good win over Dubbo and we felt we were capable of causing them a lot of trouble.

Des Crawford showered before the game to look his best, and went on to score twenty-six of the thirty points we scored to Orange High's eighteen.

There were a team of stars in this game, which was the best performance for a couple of years by our football team.

Brian Burke did a great job developing a pattern of play, including all the players fairly and promoting a tough, open and disciplined style of play. The players responded well and deserved their moment of glory.

Grant Hanrahan

Photo: This Year's Team

CAMPING WORLD

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TENNIS

Bathurst High School had another successful year with Ryan Newis again winning the Western Area Singles. Paul Miller, Gemma Newis and Robbie Anderson also competed in the Western Area Singles and performed very well.

In the Western Area Doubles competition both the boy's team and the girl's team won through to the second round of the competition with convincing wins over Blayney, but they both lost to Lithgow five sets to three.

Astley Cup in Dubbo went our way ten sets to six with Ryan and Gemma Newis and Paul and Kate Miller winning all their sets. Yasmin Noonan and Kye Wallace also played exceptional tennis to win both their Mixed Double sets. Yasmin and Vanessa Robinson also played very well in their Doubles but went down in both their sets six - four.

At the Orange round in Bathurst, we were always going to find the going tough with Ryan away at a tournament, but we had an able replacement in Daniel Carr. Despite going down twelve sets to four our team played very well with Yasmin and Kye continuing their good form in the Mixed Doubles. We also had Brooke Wallace in this round and she played very well with Yasmin in the Girls Doubles. We also went down in three sets, six - four and with a bit of luck we could have drawn with the very strong Orange.

Our team will remain constant for next year except for the loss of Yasmin whom the team wishes all the best for her HSC.

Jim Browning
Coach

Photo: This Year's Team
HOCKEY

Our girls' hockey team captain Karen Cochrane led the team extremely well. The Combined High School competition saw Bathurst High School easily defeat their first couple of opponents.

Bathurst High School came up against Orange High School and it was beautiful to see once again this committed team of girls combine so well as a team to wipe away Orange two goal to nil. Oh how sweet it is!!!!

Unfortunately in this knock out competition Bathurst High School eventually came up against and were defeated narrowly by Kelso High School. Kelso went on to become second best in the State so it was such a great game to see Bathurst High unfortunately lose to Kelso by the narrowest of margins.

It is very rare that I speak about individuals but I will mention one Year Eight girl, Alison McKay. Alison took on the role of the school goalie and quite simply did a fantastic job and played years beyond her U14 age group and certainly was the find of the season.

The Astley Cup match, played in freezing and teeming rain at Dubbo, unfortunately saw the girls depleted because of the clash with CHS Basketball finals. (Dubbo declined our offer to change the date despite Bathurst High previously changing Astley Cup dates to suit Dubbo High). Our side was outscored by Dubbo, despite our team having enough chances to win the match.

In Bathurst against Orange the opposition took the field certain to avenge (what they thought) was the unusual loss to Bathurst High in the CHS. It was certainly a great game of hockey with express attack matched by desperate defence on both sides. Orange scored first early in the second half and it wasn't until about ten minutes from full time after sustained pressure from the Bathurst midfield and strikers that Bathurst equalised and again scored through Donna Morris two minutes from the end. It's never a fluke when Bathurst High beats Orange High!!

The boys' hockey team was a much younger team than in previous years. Captain Craig Winwood-Smith played inspirational hockey and all of the senior players strongly encouraged the "young guns" selected for the first time in the mighty BHS team.

The Bathurst boys were quickly becoming men as they easily accounted for Delroy. Their next opposition was against the Parkes side and we took the field as underdogs. The huge group of spectators were enthralled by the speed and skill displayed by both teams. The score kept ticking along however the longer the game went the more the guys lifted themselves and the more confident they became at playing as a team. Bathurst eventually ran out winners five to two.
This win put Bathurst High in the semis but unfortunately their opposition was Lithgow, State champions for the past two years. The date of the semi finals also clashed with the Year Eleven & Twelve half yearly exams. Bathurst High lost to Lithgow by a big margin but Lithgow's winning margin in the final against Orange was twelve goals to nil. Lithgow went on to become State Champions once again.

A number of our team made representative teams:

Craig Winwood-Smith - NSW Touring Team
Danny Weal - NSW U18
Paul Weal - CHS Western Area
Chris Hanrahan - All Schools Team
Ben Stone - U14 State Team

My sincere thanks go to all the girls and boys who have displayed a real commitment and shown outstanding sportsmanship. A special thanks to the two captains Karen and Craig.

Stuart Evenett
Coach

OUR TRIP TO ENGLAND

At the beginning of the year, Chris Hanrahan and Craig Winwood-Smith travelled to England as part of the Antipodeans Hockey Team.

The tour started on the 6th of January 1997. The only stop being at Bangkok, during the 23 hour flight. Flying home, they stopped in Bangkok for the night with the 24 hour flight being broken up slightly by a stop over. Still the flights were very long.

They mainly visited the south of England, travelling to places like Gresham, Kent, Wimbledon, Bath, Bristol, Birmingham, Warwick, Newick, Cambridge and London. The temperature varied from - ten degrees Celsius to five degrees Celsius on the warmer days, which made playing hockey very uncomfortable at times.

Sightseeing between games, was terrific with sights such as the Wimbolden Tennis Centre, Buckingham Palace, the Town of London, London Bridge, and many Castles and Abbeys containing historic relics. The hockey games were good, with competition being very strong at times. The boys only lost two games out of the fifteen they played. The games were against private colleges and, occasionally, representative county sides (equivalent to a NSW Team).

Many friendships were made by both boys with their team mates and their English families.
"Ladies and Gentlemen of the Court, As chief detective I have been assigned this case for many weeks and, to tell you the truth, I was unable to make any sense of it until there was only one bank left undisturbed. We were unaware of why, infact, this bank was unharmed. Perhaps they had inside connections or maybe the mob would in fact strike again."

"Anyway I found myself there the night they broke into the Metropolis Bank. Stationed in the shadows I hid myself carefully. As they slid open the window I waited with clenched teeth expecting alarms to go off and search lights to flood the area. But all was silent. With a glance to my officer stationed on the roof I moved in, following the intruder's every step."

"As we crossed the marble hall security cameras beeped and flashed little red lights, but apart from that we proceeded undaunted. Maybe it was just me but my footsteps seemed to be the only ones that echoed in the large hall. I was there hiding just around the corner as the leader fumbled with the locks on numerous doors. Eventually they stopped at a door marked 'Manager'."

"Exclaiming quietly to themselves they entered. I was there to see them rifle through file after file as if searching for the right one. Suddenly I had an overwhelming urge to sneeze. ... unfortunately that is where my story must end as I don't remember anymore."

"I was unable to catch the offenders as the propulsion of my sneeze threw me against the wall knocking me unconscious."

"Okay so that's a lie, Ladies and Gentlemen, what really happened was I didn't sneeze at all but instead I instinctively switched on the lights and attacked the robbers single handedly bringing them to justice. And you know the funny thing is that it wasn't the mob at all, in fact, it was none other than the bank manager and a few side kicks depositing the stolen money into their own bank. Thankyou."

**WRITING ACTIVITY**

A croaking frog hopped across the road just in time to get totally flattened by a speeding mini-minor.

"Book'Um" says one of the Policemen sitting in the unmarked Police car behind the 'Eat at Joe's' sign on the Highway 51. SCREEEEECH! The unmarked car tears into action, sirens whirring, lights flashing. A bowl of hot onion soup slid off the dashboard into the driver's lap, "Ah, oooh, aaah, oh, oh, eeeeeepeep... call for back-up. Psht.. this is Patrol Car 131... psht.. we have a critical scene.. psht.. we require a cup of cold water and a beer. Oh.. and don't forget the pretzels. Over.. Psht."

Meanwhile, still racing along the Highway 51 with the whimpering driver of the Patrol Car 131 and the speeding mini. A huge trapdoor in the middle of the road suddenly opens just long enough for the mini to fall into it and down the magnificent staircase. Bang, crash, bang, bang, bang, bang, crash, boooing, caBOOM! The mini explodes...

"CUT! CUT!.. Where's the mini driver? Who's got my driver? Gimmi a look at that script.. not that, it's a sheet of music, the script, the script dammit. Who is my driver? O.K. Mr Inal, Mr Crim Inal..."

Bang, pow. A shot from an old fashioned pistol was fired. A tall man in big boots, matching his disguise, paced through the shadows. Bang, pow, pow. "You'll never catch me now. Ha, ha, ha, ha, ha" shouts Mr Inal.
"CUT! CUT!" I said. "CUT!"
Bang, bang, pow. "Never, ha, ha, ha, ha....."
"That psycho thinks this is real. Run for your lives. Aaaaah."
The entire film crew darts for cover.

"Hey, what happened?" says Crim. "Geez, did somebody say something? I don't think my hearing aid's working properly."

Toot... a whistle shrieks! "Delivery for Mr Inal! Hey, I said, Delivery for Mr Inal! Buddy, are you deaf or what?"
"Got it in one partner" replies Crim.
"Hey, sorry mister. Here's ya secret letter."

Mr Inal opens the letter...

Dear Mr Inal,

The sail of a distant yacht beckons. You have won a cruise to a destination of your choice, anywhere in the world. Pack your bags and head for the door!

WHY

Why do you take love as a game
   Why don't you stop the rain
Why don't skies shine blue anymore
   Why is your life such a bore
      Why hide away
   Why don't you prove that you love in such a way
      Why be so demanding
Why don't you just be understanding
   Why don't you look and see
Why when it's in front of you it's meant to be
   What do you ask about so many why's

WHY

By Sarge

Photo: Yoon Ooi, Year Ten, receiving a Creative Writing Award from the Mayor
THE GIANT

It was a dark, dark night, and all was quiet when from a distance, a blood curdling scream shattered the silence. I sat up in bed and thought, 'Giant'. I threw back the blankets and ran as fast as my thin little legs could carry me. I ran to the vegetable patch and rolled in the dirt and mud, (a giant can't smell you if you're dirty). I ran back inside as though I was being chased by a million hungry lions. I ran inside and slammed the door as quickly as I could, latched and bolted it, and then I quickly went to check on my parents and brother.

When I got to my parent's room, I looked in the bed. They were gone, but the bed was left bloodstained. I looked up only to see the giant dropping my brother into a place of no return. I let out a god all mighty scream and ran back outside, up to the giant's foot, and charged at the giant, then clambered up onto the his foot and up his leg, hair by hair.

When I came to his dark, torn shorts, I stopped for a moment and looked up. The giant was bending over looking at me as if confused. "Yes," I thought. "He can't smell me."

When the giant looked away, I grabbed onto his shorts and slowly climbed my way up. As I climbed, I though of my parents and brother and how they had died. I felt furious, yet sad. I started climbing faster and faster, when I heard another scream. I looked up and saw the giant about to eat my next door neighbour, Michael Elliot. "NOOOO" I yelled at the giant. He stopped and looked down at me. I yelled again. "Don't you dare eat my friend or I'll.............. I'll...."

"What? Your friend?", asked the giant.
"Yes, my friend, you can't eat him", I said.
"Why?", asked the giant.
"Because he's just like you, only a lot smaller, and how would you like it if something bigger than you came along and ate up your family and friends?", I replied.
"Oh, O.K." he said, and pulled everyone I thought he ate out of his mouth and sat them on the ground, then he sat me on the ground next to everyone else and said "I wasn't going to eat them yet. I was going to take them home and put them in a display tank and give it to my wife for a birthday present, I'm sorry."
"It's O.K., as long as you don't do it again, alright?", I said.
"Alright," replied the giant, and he ran off into the distance, never to be seen again.

Chris Jackson

MRS PIPE

Out of all of them she was the most feared and the most talked about. She had a terrifying way of pacing up and down in front of the counter, making the floorboards squeak and rattle. The sound of this, combined with the heavy breathing and occasional chuckles, made the others cringe with fear.

Out of all of them, only one was brave enough to face her. He was new, and did not know of the past stories told about her.

All was still and silent until 12:04am. It was at this time that everything seemed to wake up after a deep sleep.

The newcomer had arrived this morning and the others had an agonisingly long wait until they could get a good look at this new character. But when, at 12:04am, Mrs Pipe was heard, their minds soon forgot the newcomer.
"Shush! Listen! Here she comes, quick over here, stand still, get off my foot! Sorry! Move over, no, you move over." All these things were commonly heard when Mrs. Pipe came out.

"Why hello Madame, I believe I have not had the pleasure of meeting you, my name is Jim, what is your's. If you don't mind my asking?" said Jim. The others cringed with horror as they heard these words being spoken by the newcomer to Mrs. Pipe. Their looks of horror soon changed to disbelief and amazement when Mrs. Pipe replied, "Why hello Jim, my name is Mrs. Pipe."

The looks of disbelief soon turned to annoyance and jealousy when the conversation between Jim and Mrs. Pipe continued. The others were jealous of Jim's courage and apparent fearlessness of the dreaded Mrs. Pipe.

They were annoyed at themselves for being so ignorant towards Mrs. Pipe and making unjust assumptions. The others were also a little puzzled when Mrs. Pipe stepped out of the shadows looking very kind and gentle.

The next night everyone was introduced to the newcomer Jim, and told some truths about Mrs. Pipe, like the reason she never came over to the others was that she was very shy and afraid of rejection. But after a long night the tired toys went back to sleep for another day and everything was fine in the toyshop.

Miranda Marmion
Year 10

You really know you're in Year Nine when:

* You get swamped with millions of assignments, tasks and homework
* You have finished Year Eight and haven't made it to Year Ten
* Your book says Year Nine and you have been in high school for two years
* You're taller than your teachers
* You do the same stuff as your big brother
* The work gets harder
* The work you do at school starts getting harder, and you do exciting things like surds in maths
* You can't talk your way out of homework
* Your brain starts working, you start to stress and lose your mind
* All the teachers and parents start to lecture you on responsibilities, organisation and where you're heading
* Your parents are asking you for advice
* You're allowed to watch MA movies
This is YOUR life

Mr Lithium!

Mr Lithium, or shall we call you Li? We will now travel to Africa, your birth place of which you flourish. We find you to be a soft, white, shiny and chemically reactive metallic element, ranking 35th in order of abundance. You push yourself to the limit in your early stages of life and succeed in becoming the lightest in weight of all metals— even lighter than your good old element Aluminium - proving to the world that you are not just a good looking alkali metal. Mr Lithium, do you recognise this Number?.....3? YES!!! That's right! It's your faithful atomic number!

Now chemically, Mr Lithium, you resemble your good old college mate, Mr Sodium in his chemical behaviour. Unfortunately he could not be with us today BUT, do you recognise this voice?..... "Hullo, what do we have here?" That's correct! It's your old chum Johan Agust Arfwedsen, who generally takes credit for your discovery inside the mineral petalite, in 1817. You and your compounds impart a crimson colour, the basis of your presence, and tarnish and corrode on exposure to air. When you are stored, you must be immersed in a liquid such as Naphtha, who unfortunately couldn't be with us today.

We find here in your book of history, Mr Lithium, that you have many uses. For instance, as a metal you can be used as a deoxidiser, to remove unwanted gases during the manufacturing of nonferrous castings. Your vapour is also used to prevent carbon dioxide and oxygen from forming scales on furnaces in heat treating steel. I hear many fights broke out in your efforts to do so Mr Lithium, it was lucky you took karate in your early days in Africa! You are also an essential component in nuclear energy fuels and are commonly used in lubricants.

But folks that's not all! Our little element over here has made himself quite versatile indeed, for he is also used for many medical purposes! Mr Lithium, you have been known, in the past, to be used as an antacid, to diminish abnormal acidity in the digestive tract or various secretions of other organs. You act, either by being changed into a carbonate, thus increasing the alkali level of the blood (very clever indeed) or you simply unite directly with the free acid in the stomach. As a matter of fact, we happen to have a very grateful stomach here now... Come on out Mr Acidity!!

You are also used as a primary treatment for manic depression, but psychiatrists must monitor dosages carefully, for only a small margin exists between an effective dose and a toxic one. I guess with a life of achievement such as yours, one must have at least one fault!

Well that's all we have time for now on your life Mr Lithium, thank you.

**Personal Profile**

*Description* - silvery white, lustrous  
*Atomic Weight* - 6.941  
*Valence* - 1  
*Electronic config.* - 1s² 2s¹  
*life* - to beat element Gold  
*in a round of 18*  

*Atomic Number* - 3  
*Melting and Boiling point* - 179 & 1,317 Celsius  
*Hobbies* - golf, rock climbing and collecting *Ambition in bugs*  

Jacinta Carter  
Year Ten
A DIFFERENT WORLD

Today, a trip to Kings Cross,
The same race,
Yet, a different life,
A different Pace.

The bus drives slowly,
In the far left lane,
Beyond the glass,
Frustration and pain.

A parents anger,
The children's cries,
Behind the traffic,
Slowly dies.

Up ahead,
People gather round,
A lot of commotion,
A friend is found.

Drunk or stoned,
Or even worse,
Upon these people,
Is set, a curse.

We travelled on,
To find a group,
Huddled into,
An old, rusty coupe.

I waved,
They waved,
I laughed,
They laughed.

All that divided us,
Was a bus,
' My skin,
And their poverty.

Paul Weal

THE SOLDIER

When soldiers die
you try not to cry.
Their mothers are sad
the soldier's companions feel bad.
Letting them pass away,
gives them little money in their weekly pay.

The general investigates the death of one of his
best men,
the General said," at noon they will condemn
the soldier fighting in the war".
His companions said nothing, nothing at all.

In the market they had a stall
to sell all his possessions.
In four sessions they sold a bit,
including a wooden kit:
containing his clothes and also his food,
which most of it had been chewed.

His mother was informed days after his death,
when his mother went to his condemning.
She saw his body and fell in a heap,
and then began to weep.
The father sighed in sadness.

The priest at the time,
blessed the young soldier with his heart and his
hands.

Rhys Harvey
after studying the Greek Hoplites in Year Seven
History

NIGHT

In the darkness of night
I walked through the woods
The owls hooted
The moon was full
Dogs howled at its paleness
As my spine shivered and twitched

Katrina McNab
All the best
for 1998

the 1997
BURK Team

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Have a good Xmas and enjoy the holidays!

The Burr Team
BATHURST HIGH SCHOOL SONG

Comrades all, united by a common bond we throng,
Teachers, Scholars, Athletes, lift you heads and join this song,
Through this sunny country let it echo loud and long—
We are The Bathurst High School.

CHORUS     Hurrah! hurrah! for we are young and free,
            Hurrah! hurrah! triumphant we shall be,
            Seeking higher things until we gain our victory
            Laudng Bathurst High School.

Teams of Athletes from our numbers strive with might and main,
Play the game and do their best fresh laurels to obtain,
In defeat their voices ring "we will return again"
To battle for our High School.

We are in a treasure house of knowledge while we're here,
Through the doors of life we see fresh wonders year by year,
And though victories please us, on to others still more dear
We go through our High School.

Standing on the hilltop we can see the clearest skies,
See our comrades marching on with bright and eager eyes,
See horizons widening where our hidden future lies
Far from the Bathurst High School.

Flaunting to the heavens now our royal blue and gold,
Forth we go adventuring like doughty knights of old,
Seeking fame and glory, an inheritance untold
For our beloved High School.

Words by: Jean Ray
Tune: "Marching Through Georgia"