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Editorial

Welcome back to Term 1 for 2017!

For me, one of the highlights of coming back to school is seeing the development of the new House groups, and how we have all worked together to create our Houses' personal identities!

Through the activities this Term has seen, the Houses have really come together and we should all be proud of what we have achieved so far.

We've seen heaps of sports, extra-curricular, and music happenings going on around the school, and I wish everyone luck in their involvements within activities.

It will definitely be an amazing year for new experiences across the school and I can't wait to see what this year will bring.

Best of luck everyone! May you all have a well-deserved break.

See you in Term 2!

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12 Gladius (Editor)

The Season of Lent



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Above: Ryan Dexter butterflies into action. photographs by Mr Burrows

We're All In this Together!

Luella Jensen

It was a new experience for the whole school this year with five new houses: Boek, Gladius, Mitre, Scudo and Taja. Years 3 to 12 went to Chandler for the carnival, so there was plenty of noise and action. There was a lot of events on at one time. Coming from a girl in grade 7, "I've never done an inter-house swimming carnival at Chandler, but I have been there for JTAS in grade 5 and 6. It was a great atmosphere"

Since the events were all on at once, there were participation races in the dive pool (that deep pool that no-one was supposed to go into over the last few years), the competition races in the touch pad half of the 50m competition pool, and the junior school races in the other half of the 50m competition pool.

There was a lot of cheering at Chandler and a lot of war-cries, but Boek was the star of the show be

cause they brought a djembe and they made up a war cry by hitting the drum twice, then clapping their hands and saying 'BOEK' gradually getting faster. They won the spirit award, followed by Mitre who were quite loud and Taja, who were also loud.

Everyone was eager to hear the overall places for the carnival. Mr Hughes announced the overall rankings with Boek coming 5th, Taja coming 4th, Scudo coming 3rd, Mitre coming 2nd and Gladius rocking it at 1st place.

The swimming carnival was a great experience for everyone to get amongst it and cheer, support and race for their new houses. It was especially nice to get together with the Junior School to support the house and be part of the whole school. We showed them that we're all in this together!

HOUSE	PLACE
Gladius	1st
Mitre	2nd
Scudo	3rd
Taja	4th
Boek	5th

Well done to all houses for putting in their all, and special congratulations to Gladius for winning the first whole-school swimming carnival!



Photographed by Olivia Oh

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Admiring Macbeth

Harriet Nixon

White paint representing blood, references to soapies and John Farnam's 'You're The Voice' isn't your typical night at a Shakespeare play. On Thursday the 23rd of February, 20 Year 12 English students went to see the Macbeth production showing at QACI Theatre in Kelvin Grove. This was an amazing experience for the Year 12 students, and very beneficial to their learning as they will be studying Shakespeare in Term 3.

The production itself was well

done and was definitely open to one's own interpretation, as scenes varied in abstract nature.

Two current Year 12 students shared their experience of the night. Rebekah Milner from Year 12 Gladius said, "it was a wonderful night. I loved seeing how the company did their own interpretation of this tragedy by William Shakespeare and having incorporated 21st century trends like snapchat and mobile phones. It made me even more hooked to continue watching."

Emma Mitchell, from Year 12 Scudo remembers the performance as "wild, interesting and unexpected". She adds, "I loved the actors and props, I think they did an excellent job with using the materials around them, and immersing themselves into the performance to create more of a 'mood' while performing on the stage."

The performance was a great night for the Year 12s, and all learned something for the upcoming terms when they study this performance.



Many Hands Make Light Work

Matthew Gover

On the 21st of January, 27 years ago, the first Clean Up Australia Day was held. Since then, Australians have donated more than 31.5 million hours towards caring for the environment through Clean Up Australia activities, removing the equivalent of 332 thousand ute loads of rubbish across Australia. If these utes lined up front to back, they would stretch the entire coastline from Brisbane to Sydney.

Early in Term 1 the St Paul's School community joined 5000 groups from across the country in dedicating their time to cleaning up our local environment and our country. Three events were held through the school; the Junior Round Square committee cleaned the parks and bushland surrounding the school, the rest of Junior School cleaned up around the campus and the Senior element of Round Square, in partnership with Taja House, led a group of 40 people around the school grounds to pick up rubbish.

The event lasted for 2 hours and collected approximately 10 large garbage bags of rubbish. After the clean up the school surroundings were noticeably less littered which is the main aim of the event, to look after Australia.



Junior Round Square students help clean up

Australia.

Photographs by Miss Casablanca



What will you give this Season of Lent?

Giang Nguyen

The mouth-warming smell of frying butter filled the air on the 28th of February; a Shrove Tuesday trademark. Preceding Ash Wednesday, the day is associated with Pancakes as it is a form of using up fatty foods before the 40 days of fasting – Lent. Similar to previous years, Vanuatu teamed up with Round Square to raise money for the 2017 Vanuatu Outreach Program which will take place during the June-July holidays.

“It was a great event and ran very smoothly,” says Round-square Captain, Matthew Gover, “mobile pancake groups meant that we were able to visit all aspects of the school.”

Reverend Mark Leam has been working with the team every Wednesday afternoon, and plans to continue these sessions until the outreach trip to Vanuatu.

“It was wonderful seeing so many students volunteering and working together to set up, cook the pancakes and clean up afterwards.” He says.

Shrove Tuesday, as done in previous years, was also a free dress day in which students brought in a gold coin donation.

“Although it’s no Mardi Gras,



Photographs by Amy Pascoe

free dress day just made shrove Tuesday even more fun and festive.” Says Year 11, Joe Wilson.

The team managed to fundraise \$2140 for the program. Reverend Leam states that the money will go towards the communities found in Vanuatu.

“We sit down with the village elders and leaders and from there decide where the money goes,” He says, “... after all, they know what is needed by schools and village communities.”

Being his seventh year on the trip, he recommends the outreach program to students with a heart for servant leadership and a desire to grow in their role as Global Citizens.

Above: Even students in Junior School are getting amongst the free dress day,



Eat, Sleep, Music, Repeat

Amy Holdship

The members of Concert Band and Wind Ensemble have played their last song for a while after a tire-some, hard-working weekend at Brookfield on the annual Music Camp.

Starting off at a late time, both groups arrived at the doorstep by early evening, with all of the students in a busy rush to find their allocated cabins.

Music camp was once again a fun-filled weekend, consisting of many fun and musical activities that were enjoyed by all. Over the first couple of nights, the students grew accustomed to the eat, practise, eat schedule. On the first night, the hours before lights out were split between competitions in the games room and a movie viewing in the practise room.

During the second day, the students had an amazing night of participating in a team competition, dividing the musicians into teams to answer questions as part of a trivia games. Over the many rounds, Team 1 became the obvious winners with an epic score.

Everyone had an amazing time and were sad to have to end an amazing camp.

Our stay also consisted of swimming, competitive beach volleyball, ping-pong, hula hooping and a paper aeroplane flying contest. Both of the band's performances displayed all the hard work that every band member has put in.

"It was an amazing first experience. Definitely a place to come back to", students explain.

A big shout out to our hosts and all the food and entertainment they provided for us. Also, a big thanks to the music teachers who accompanied the students and helping with band practise.



Photographed by Madelyn Bishop

Grade 7 Camp

Early Term 1 saw an adventure at Kenilworth Homestead for the new Grade 7 students, on their first school camp at St Paul's. Abigail Bold and Punya Goraya detail a recount of their experiences during their stay at Mary Valley's Kenilworth.

Photographed by Paige Neden

"The trip to Kenilworth Homestead was a great way to bond with people in your House group by camping with them and doing team building activities. It was a great experience!

When the Grade 7s went hiking, there was an amazing view of the hills and mountains. The camp was a challenge as we only had 60 litres of water between all of us for both washing and drinking.

This experience gave us the opportunity to make new friends and practice for next year, when we, as Grade 8 students, go on a 5-day expedition instead of only 3 days on this camp.

On this trip, a lot of us made new friends and some students left old, bad habits at Kenilworth and brought home new ones. This included looking out for each other, encouraging one another and bringing out the good side of everyone.

It was a truly amazing experience!"

Abigail Bold



"Year 7 Camp was a blast with so many fun activities, including archery, mountain biking and hiking!

This camp definitely allowed students to be more organized, build independence and make new friends. Year 9s had been on this camp before when they were in Year 7 so they came as well and we called them the 'Ancients'.

We started with splitting up into groups and completing our activities. We did archery, mountain biking, raft building, Aroona Columban and heaps more.

All of the groups were halved and packed their hiking bags, and groups 5, 6, 7, and 8 set off for an expedition while the rest of the students were given their cabins, finishing off with a quiz. The next day was filled with more activities and the expedition group came back! At the end of the day, groups 1, 2, 3 and 4 packed and left.

The expedition was long and tiring but if you had a positive mind-set, it was the best experience you would have ever had. It was like an obstacle course! We crossed a river, went over and under fallen trees, walk around barbed wire, climbed up a steep hills, then you were on flat ground again, but one hill followed another, then we arrived.

We set up our tents and got organized with cooking. We were given a Trangia, some beef stew, and pasta. We cooked expertly in the dark with only our torches.

On our last day, the expedition students hiked back and the cabin sleepers did more activities. We had lunch and then it was time to go home...

We said our goodbyes and did last minute check to make sure we had everything, and then it was goodbye camp! I think we have learnt a lot from camp, to face our fears, be more organized and built up our confidence."

Punya Goraya