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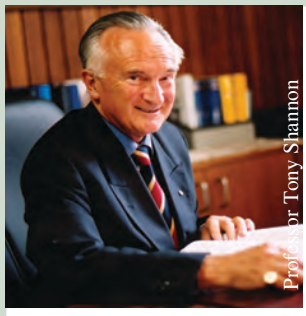
College to recognise 35 high achievers with scholar's medals

Warrane residents had a very successful academic year in 2007, with 35 achieving the distinction average necessary to be awarded a College Scholar's medalion. Their efforts will be recognised when the Deputy Vice Chancellor of Sydney University, Professor John Hearn, awards the medallions at a special dinner on Wednesday May 7, 2008,

The scholars for 2007, some of whom are pictured above, are: **Dean Berwick** Computer Science 1, **Thomas Bolton**, Optometry 3, **Thomas Burger**, Petroleum Engineering 3, **Christopher Chiofalo**, Arts 3, **David Claridge**, Computer Science 1, **Steven Dejong**, International Studies/Law 5, **Ian Donaldson**, Mining Engineering 1, **Richard Fowler**, Commerce and Economics, **Timothy Gotts**, Civil Engineering/Science 1, **Kai Yan Ho**, Commerce/Arts 1, **Joel Hohn**, Photovoltaics and Solar Energy 1, **Manuel Junker**, Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering 4, **Gary Kew**, Chemical Engineering 4, **Ann Lee**, Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering 4, **David Maunder**, Electrical Engineering/ Science 4, **Adam McCosker**, Medical Science 1, **Lincoln Morris**, Mining Engineering 2, **Oliver Nawrot**, Chemical Engineering 2, **John O'Callaghan**, Planning 2, **Camillus O'Kane**, Planning 3, **Miguel Paredes**, Architecture 2, **Alexander Perrottet**, Secondary Teacher Education, **Sebastian Sanhueza**, Philosophy 4, **Kamal Sattar**, Commerce 3, **Vineet Shrivasatava**, Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering 4, **Andrew Subramaniam**, Engineering/ Commerce 2, **Ryan Tebb**, International Studies/Law 1, **Benjamin Ting**, Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering 1, **Ewan Watson**, Civil Engineering/ Environmental Engineering 2, **Daniel Wight-Wick**, Architecture 1, **Jeremy Wong**, Electrical Engineering/ Science 1, **Nicholas Wong**, Electrical Engineering 2, **Nicholas Woodward**, Surveying and Spatial Information Systems 1, **Tony Yoon**, Fine Arts 1.

Message from the Master



The recent encyclical from Pope Benedict XVI is on Christian Hope. We hear a lot about Charity and a fair bit about Faith, but Hope seems to be underrated! Yet, as St Augustine pointed out, what a joy it is to be able to say to God: "All my hope lies solely in your mercy!" (Confessions). Hope does not depend on my limited qualities but on the infinite mercy of God. If ever there was a cause for optimism and a basis for cheerfulness there we have it.

His point about the basis for hope bears emphasis and repetition: the mercy of God has no limits, just as his love for us has no limits. This is by no means easy to take in because everything we encounter has limits, even the various concepts of infinity that one encounters in mathematics. We try not to limit our enthusiasm for study; we try not to put limits on our friendships, though even the love within families can reach limits, unfortunately. We have a friend in our heavenly Father who loves us despite what we do or don't do. "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are" (*John* 3:1). We are, in an ultimately real sense, children of that Father who is all-powerful and who wants us to be happy, genuinely happy. This must give us hope.

Sometimes people use hope in a false way, such as students who give in to their addiction for computer games but still somehow hope that they will get their assignments done on time. They play on the computers even though they know that there is a significant correlation between the time spent on computer games and failure in examinations. This false hope is called presumption and is within our control.

The opposite of hope is despair – giving up hope. Again, we occasionally see this with students who, instead of getting help or even just studying harder, give up hope. If this attitude becomes habitual with life's difficulties it can lead to pessimism and an acceptance of mediocrity. Again St Augustine has a reminder for us: God "never asks the impossible of us, but he does expect us to do what we can, and to ask for help to do what is beyond our means" (*De Gratia*).

This need for hope in modern society is the topic of Pope Benedict's second encyclical, *Spe Salvi*. In some ways, the Pope's new letter is almost as much about faith as it is about hope. The two are distinct but inseparable in practice. We have hope because we have faith.

Some people deride faith as mere superstition, but Pope Benedict links faith very closely to reason as did his predecessor, Pope John Paul II, on many occasions but especially in one of his last encyclicals, *Fides et Ratio*. We know many things because we believe, sometimes on the authority of a mere TV news producer. We believe in the ultimate realities though on the authority of God the Creator, the author of reason. Nothing we believe in our Faith is irrational. Even the mysteries of religion do not offend our reason if we take the trouble to read, reflect and pray about them. (Unlike the Professor of Medicine at a university in Sydney who confused the "virgin birth" with the "immaculate conception"! His medical knowledge seemed to be on a par with his theological understanding!)

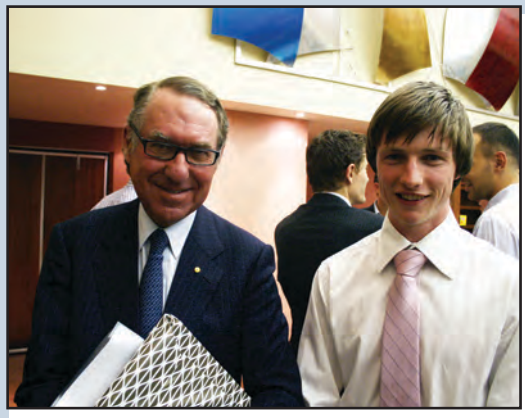
St Irenaeus of Lyons, born as long ago as AD130, put it well: "The truth leads to faith, because faith is based on the reality of things, in order that we might believe in things such as they are. Believing in this way, we thus might always protect, in their regard, the firmness of our convictions about them" (*Teaching of the Apostles and Their Proofs*).

Pope Benedict further elaborates the social context of hope. Hope is not individualistic. This is a very important point for Warrane residents, as collegiality and concern for others are at the heart of sustaining a home-like atmosphere here. Hope, says the Pope, is not confined to the private and individual spheres of life.

This collective hope which will inspire our hearts and minds will be a major effect of participation in World Youth Day in Sydney in July this year. Actually, it is much more than a "day". There is a series of events, religious and doctrinal, cultural and social, spread over many days to enlighten our minds, strengthen our hearts and inspire our hope. There will be ample opportunities to deepen our knowledge of our faith and thus to strengthen our hope, as well as to enjoy the company and enthusiasm of the other participants.

Participate in it and you will enjoy an experience, socially and spiritually, that will affect you for the rest of your life, a life filled with hope. St Paul and St Josemaria Escrivá put it like this: "So through God you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then an heir" (*Galatians* 4:7). "Not a stranger, not a well-treated servant, not a friend – that would be a lot already. A son! He gives you free access to treat him as sons do, with a son's piety – and I would even say with a boldness and daring of a son whose Father cannot deny him anything" (*Christ Is Passing By*, 185).

Chancellor says ethics is the key to success in business



UNSW Chancellor David Gonski with Warrane resident Sebastian James

Pursuing an ethical approach in business has become a key factor to success in Australia, The Chancellor of the University of New South Wales, Mr David Gonski AC, said while presenting the 2007 Warrane Lecture.

One of Australia's most experienced businessmen, Mr Gonski said the "best protection" to ensure ongoing emphasis on ethics in business was for "all of us to promote, laud and assist ethical business and ethical businessmen and women".

"We can all do this in our own ways and I believe it is what we ought to do," he said.

During his lecture on Tuesday, November 20, titled The Place of Ethics in a Life of Business, Mr Gonski said if a business wanted customers today it had to realise that it needed to woo them and that required in part an ethical outlook.

"Given a choice between a cheaper product and one that one can trust and be proud of I think, at least within a reasonable range, a consumer will take the more expensive.

"One ignores an ethical approach at one's peril.

"I should also add that the amount of shareholdings by individuals is at a much higher level than when I started in business thirty years ago and the investor is often the consumer and sometimes an employee as well – all of which generate the necessity to apply ethics in business."

Mr Gonski said he knew of very few businesses that didn't require a dedicated staff and there was no doubt at this time that being involved in the community and being seen to do the right thing can bring staff to a company and retain them.

"Today the customer is very educated and also has a greater choice than when I started in business thirty years ago. Through the Net, pay tv etc their determination of whose product to buy is multifaceted.

"They want a product that is not just good for them but good for the environment. They look for trust in the people they deal with and don't just accept anybody. They certainly do not slavishly admire those who have made buckets of money."

Mr Gonski pointed out that the days are long gone when a business could be perceived as being so individually powerful that it could get hand outs from the government on demand.

Grants and government business were given today based on the responsiveness that a business had with its community.

"As everything is so transparent, the standing of the business becomes something of enormous importance," he said. "Everything is played out on the front page of the newspaper or should be assumed to do so.

"The ethical firm has a better chance for government business and government grants, etc ... it is safe for government to give the grants and these firms are preferred by the community."

While all of these reasons were compelling for a business to act ethically, there was also good reason for individuals to lead an ethical life in business as well. The obvious advantage was that it builds trust and reputation in the eyes of employers and customers just as it does for a corporation. The less obvious advantage was related to the fact that success for an individual was a complex matter…

"In my experience many who have achieved success in business never get to where they aspired to be – they regret steps and decisions they have taken and are driven by an unhappiness that things could have been even better and the work of their lives more significant.

"Applying the wider question of ethics to my life – namely what ought I do for my community – has improved my life enormously and dare I say it, given me a purpose. Contributing to education, the arts, health, etc over the years, has widened my horizons and acquaintances and kept my interest and energy going throughout my thirty years of work in business

"It has allowed me to feel I have moved up the scale of social impact and thus given me a warmer feeling of having done something during my time here on earth."

‘Risky’ musical was a triumph

Before it was staged, the lastest musical produced by Warrane residents and their friends – an experimental version of Gilbert and Sullivan’s HMS Pinafore – seemed like a real gamble. While the audience expected the conventional version of the play, they were given instead a backstage view of what it might have been like and why it all went wrong. This critic had seen similar endeavours in the past end disastrously.

But as it turned out, my doubts were unfounded – the Warrane musical was easily the best dramatic performance on campus this year. It certainly bettered MedShow.

Played to a packed house on both nights (I went twice), the cast really excelled. The set was lovely. The musical support (Gary Leung) was sublime. The script cleverly intertwined elements of the local drama with themes from the original Gilbert and Sullivan production.

The story In brief: two Warrane students set out to produce HMS Pinafore. The odds are stacked against them and they fail miserably, upsetting a lot of people and disrupting the college along the way.

Characterisation and emotional transference were the strongest points of the performance. I could see and feel the suspense of the audience at the start when Buttercup (Sophia Perrottet) convincingly stormed off after ruining her lines.

I was moved by the proffered love of Ralph Rackstraw (Gary Kew) for the captain’s daughter, Louisa Bonaventura. I was laughing throughout. The producer and the director stepped seamlessly into and out of the storyline. The former (Tom Horsfall) was brooding and broken but inspired; the latter (Peter Chigwidden) was bombastic and brazen but clueless. In short, both actors played themselves perfectly.

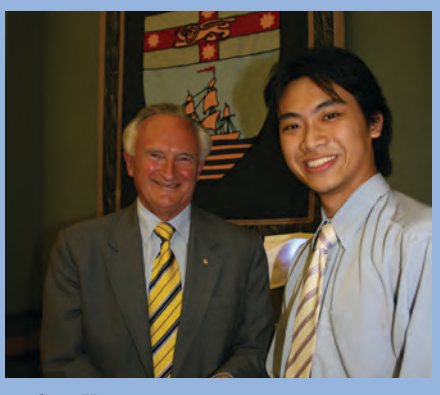
My only criticisms were that the choreography was flat at times and the scene changes could certainly be tightened. In reality, these were the only things that reminded me I was watching an amateur performance at a university college.

With talent like this, the future of theatre at Warrane seems assured.

– Robin Dempsey, Art Critic

College Valedicts of 2007 farewelled b

Christopher Chiofalo



Gary Kew

Kamal Sattar

Daniel Manu presents sports awards

Daniel Manu presents Adam McCosker with the award for Most Dedicated Sportsman of the Year

Warrane was fortunate to have former Wallaby Daniel Manu visit the college for the Sports Awards Dinner for 2007, helping to mark a very rewarding year in inter-college sport.

The College featured in at least semi-finals in all tournament sports, and took out top honours in both the rugby and the tennis competitions.

College staff have commended the residents for their "great show of commitment and enthusiasm" throughout the year, whether playing on the field or court, or standing on the sidelines cheering and supporting.

Despite a very dominating fortnight of cricket at the end of the season, our efforts were not enough to wrest the overall points lead from Baxter College in the inter-college sports shield competition and Warrane was a worthy runner-up.

Before presenting the awards, Daniel gave a humourous speech about some of his experiences on the football field during his career.

SPORTS AWARDS FOR 2007

CARNIVALS	
Touch Football	Scott Campbell
Volleyball	Kamal Sattar
Cross Country	Nick Woodward
Netball	Luke Morris
Rugby league	Luke Morris
Water Polo	Adam McCosker and Ryan Tebb
Squash	Michael Gale
Cricket	Tom Bolton
Australian Rules	Alex Barkley
TOURNAMENTS	
Rugby Union	Chris Chiofalo
Hockey	Brachy Wilson
Tennis	Naveen Kariyawasam
Soccer	Alex Barkley
Basketball	Scott Campbell
OTHER AWARDS	
Coach of the Year	Expo Mejia
Captain of the Year	Vekram Sambasivam
Most Dedicated Sportsman of the Year	Adam McCosker
Sportsman of the Year	Luke Morris
Supporter of the Year	Shaun Reynolds

At the conclusion of his speech he opened the floor for questions and presented all the sports awards, before turning down an invitation from Sports Director, James Byrne, to play rugby for Warrane in 2008.

by the Master, Professor Tony Shannon

Steven Dejong

Vineet Srivastava

Manuel Junker

TV personality Mike Munro tells residents 'life is what you make it'

Mike Munro

One of the most popular guest speakers during second session was journalist and television personality, Mike Munro,

During his visit to Warrane, the former anchor with *A Current Affair, 60 Minutes* reporter and host of *This is Your Life* chose to speak about his difficult early life as the son of a violent, alcoholic mother.

He spoke of his struggle to survive after his parents' marriage broke down and how, from the tender age of five, he had to deal with his mother's addiction to alcohol and her increasingly violent temper.

He said he regularly had to dispose of bottles of spirits, despite the fact that he knew he would be in for a beating when his mother found out.

At the time, his mother was providing for their food and accommodation while working as a cook and housekeeper for the Marist brothers at Mosman.

Mike said he believed that life is what you make it, despite any disadvantages you have experienced along the way.

In his own case, not only did he succeed in journalism, he had made his own family the centre of his life. He gave much of the credit for his successful family life (in an industry not known for its family friendly attitude) to his wife Lea, who he met and married while still a young newspaper reporter. They have two children, Sean and Amy.

Mike said that he had taken the decision to leave his job as a reporter for 60 Minutes - one of the most coveted jobs in Australian journalism - in order to spend more time with his family.

His advice to the Warrane residents who crowded into the College's main common room was not to blame their parents and teachers for their difficulties, but to get on with their life. "Life is what you make it," he told them.

Another popular Wednesday Night Guest during second session was Mr David Addington, a founder and president of one of Australia's most successful humanitarian organisations, the Northern Beaches Refugee Sanctuary.

Mr Addington said that the organisation has now assisted over 1100 refugees to come to Australia, people of many different races or religions all of whom shared only one thing – they had won refugee status from the Australian Government, but were unable to take advantage of it because they lacked the funds for the airfare to Australia.

The Refugee Sanctuary, of which Mr Addington is president, routinely loans such people around $2000 for their airfare.

Mr Addington said most of those who have been assisted came from the war-torn African nation of Sierra Leone, by the United Nations ranked 176 out of 177 countries for quality of life. In case you were wondering, Australia comes in third. The difference is underlined by the simple fact that life expectancy in Sierra Leone is 40, compared to 80 in Australia.

The Sanctuary has also assisted many other refugees from countries like the Sudan, Liberia, Ehtiopia, Iraq and Afganistan.

Mr Addington acknowledged that Australia could not have an open-door policy to refugees, given that there was an estimated 25 million of them. But he urged individuals to do more to help the world's poorest people by doing whatever they can, however small.

Other guest speakers who visited the College during second session included motivational speaker Sergio Maresca, Executive Officer of COPHE Adrian McComb, author, naval lawyer and barrister Sophie York, the Archbishop of Sydney Cardinal Pell and the Director of Addiction Kombat, Mr Michael Greenwell.

Gary Leung wins Bevan Corbett 'Outstanding First Year Collegian'

The Bevan Corbett Award for Outstanding First Year Collegian for 2007 went to Gary Leung.

Gary was presented with the award by Master of Ceremonies Peter Chigwidden (pictured), during the Valedicts Formal Dinner. The applause from staff and residents confirmed the popularity of the decision.

The three components of the award are commitment to studies, a spirit of friendship and involvement in College life. It is named after Bevan Corbett, an outstanding resident who sadly died of a snake bite while doing industrial training in 2006.

Gary is the second resident to receive the award. James Byrne was the inaugural recipient in 2006.

Focus on Old Boys

Matthew Armstrong moved into Warrane in 2000 to study Finance and Mathematics. Born and raised in Canberra, he came to Warrane from Barker College in Sydney. From the start he made an impact with his adventurous sense of humour and hyper-energetic approach. The 2000 cohort was an energetic bunch, under the guidance of student president, **Luke "OB" O'Brien**. Matthew threw himself into college life, adding grunt to the rugby and water polo teams, helping us win the Inter-College Sports Shield that year.

His entrepreneurial streak was seen when he joined forces with fellow resident Adrian Gilderdale to run a rebel coke machine to challenge Warrane's famous $1 drink machine (now featured on www.wikipedia.com). By 2001, he was elected Treasurer of the Activities Committee under President, (Captain) Steve McConville.

While finishing his studies at UNSW, Matthew began his business career at Macquarie Bank, interning in their investment banking division during his last summer of university. Within months, he was snapped up by Bain & Company, the global management consulting firm, where he worked for three years. This role took him to London and Boston on various industry assignments.

In April 2006, he took a spell from corporate life to undertake pro bono work in Mozambique. His four-month stay coincided with the global avian flu crisis. Having worked in corporate Australia for three years, Matthew's business skills were put to task helping small businesses in this third-world country deal with the crisis. Later in 2006, Matthew began his current role at Bain Capital as an Associate based in the Boston office. Working for this firm, founded by former Governor of Massachusetts, Mitt Romney, also introduced him to the inside workings of American politics, with Matthew taking an active interest in Romney's unsuccessful presidential campaign.

Matthew's latest challenge is back in education. Later this year, he will commence a full-time MBA at Stanford's Graduate School of Business. At the same time, he has just launched a growth capital fund to assist small businesses in third-world countries.

Recently, Matthew dropped by Warrane on a brief visit to Sydney. He met with Warrane residents in the Business Faculty Club and had an informal chat in the main common room where he talked about his career in business. He encouraged residents to throw themselves into life at uni and college, taking on responsibility and learning important life skills, which will be valuable in their business careers: "Try to take initiative and bring the best out of your fellow residents. This will help you, those around you and the college as a whole. This is the perfect environment to develop your skills."

Matthew can be contacted on armstrong_matthew@gsb.stanford.edu.

Looking back on his stay in Warrane from 1989 to 1990, **Dixon Hearder** recalls great friends, good times on the sports field, and, of course, there was a good environment for study.

Dixon still remains in close contact with fellow residents **Wayne Warwick** – who now works for Exxon in Malaysia, and **Dave Hunter**, a medical specialist in Boston. He is married to Kate, has two sons, Harry (5) and Joe (2) (pictured left to right) and lives in Birchgrove, Sydney.

Reflecting on his legal career, Dixon says he has never followed a pre-determined career plan. Rather he has benefited from a few timely decisions and changing circumstances that have led him to the role of Partner at law firm Corrs Chambers Westgarth.

We should add, however, a bit of hard work in the mix!

After graduating from Commerce Law at UNSW, Dixon spent three years at KPMG, working in their tax division.

After a brief spell overseas, he started with Corrs in Sydney and undertook a Masters in Taxation Law, in the late 1990s, just before GST was introduced in Australia.

By the end of 2000, Dixon had met and married his wife Kate who was also working at Corrs at the time. Their extended honeymoon lasted two years in London, where they both worked for busy law firms and had the occasional chance to visit other cities in Europe.

The experience was great professionally – with Dixon gaining exposure to a broader range of international deals and tax work.

Dixon and Kate returned to Australia after the birth of their first son, Harry. They settled in Melbourne while Dixon worked for Corrs. Two years later, Dixon was invited to return to Sydney as Partner in Corrs' tax practice. Soon after, their second son, Joe, was born.

Life continues to be full for Dixon and Kate. Harry has just started school and Joe has turned 2. Dixon has recently taken on the additional role of the Pro Bono Partner for the Sydney office of Corrs, allowing him to develop some projects with charities and legal clinics.

Dixon was keen to hear about Warrane's upcoming workcamp to East Africa in December 2008. His professional experience in assisting charitable projects may prove invaluable!

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College Notes

■ Warrane residents **Timothy Gotts** and **Liyao Zhou** (pictured right) were members of a team of engineering students who won the national 2007 Engineers Without Borders Challenge. The team of year 1 Civil and Environmental Engineering UNSW students, who called themselves "The Planeteers"' designed a water, wastewater and sanitation system for an orphanage in Tamil Nadu, India. They won $3000 for their design and a trip to southern India early in 2008 to help develop other systems to improve services at the orphanage. Although it was the inaugural year of the competition, 3500 students competed from 20 universities. Other members of the team were Stacey Atkinson, Antonia Shuttleworth and Nina Hames, .

■ Warrane is helping to organise a World Youth Day work camp at Santa Teresa in the Northern Territory, to be held from March 20-31, 2008. The work camp, which is being organised through Reledev Australia (reledev.org.au) will involve the basic refurbishment of community buildings in the Aboriginal community of about 400 residents, not far from Alice Springs. Warrane has been involved in several Workcamps to Santa Teresa in the past. The camp is planned to provide "a fitting backdrop of Christian solidarity" to help participants to make the most of World Youth Day. Organisers say no specific experience is necessary – "only a keen spirit of service, a sense of humour and the ability to work in a team". Participants will need to meet their own accommodation and travel expenses in addition to contributing towards the project cost. Students from other universities are also welcome to take part in the camp. Anyone interested should email wyd2008@eda.edu.au. Warrane is also an official host to pilgrims for World Youth Day, providing accommodation for overseas and Australian visitors between July 15 to July 21.. More information can be obtained from www.wyd2008.org or by phoning **Alex Perrottet** on 93130300.

■ Warrane is continuing to establish itself as a centre of the College of Education. Professors Jim Athanasou and Peter Sekhon have been appointed to act as external examiners for the Diploma and Certificate parts of the program respectively. And five residents have already graduated from the program. **Christopher Chiofalo**, **Sebastian James** and **Michael Nestor** have been awarded the Certificate of Educational Studies, and **Vineet Shrivastava** and **Phillip Elias** were awarded the Diploma of Educational Studies.

■ When the Archbishop of Sydney, Cardinal George Pell visited the College in second semester, residents joined with some of their friends (pictured) to treat him to a selection of musical classics.

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