

Carnivals. The College continued to perform well in these carnivals with the highlight being third place in the athletics carnival. Middle School and Year 9 students also enjoyed great success with their summer and winter seasons of interschool sports with a large number of Year 7, 8 and 9 teams reaching grand finals, with quite a few of them victorious as well. Our Year 4, 5 and 6 students also experienced great success in sports with a number of students competing at the district and state level.

There were quite a few students from Years 7, 8 and 9 who along with students from Senior School were involved in the College Musical *'The Boy From Oz'*. As the first school in the world to undertake this production, the students did an outstanding job and put together a brilliant production that was enjoyed by everyone who had the privilege of seeing it. It truly was a great piece of musical theatre and deserved every accolade it received. Our Year 5 and 6 students also did a great job with two separate performances of *'Seussical the Musical Jr'* with two different casts. They were very entertaining shows with a fabulous cuteness factor. The talent of our Year 9 students was also showcased at the Rock It Out and Rock Band performance as well as at Canowindra's Got Talent. It never ceases to amaze me the depth of talent that exists within our student body.

Whether it is sport, music, performing arts, public speaking or any other type of co-curricular involvement or major event, our students do an amazing job of rising to the occasion, showcasing their talents and representing their College with pride. Presentation Night gave us the opportunity to celebrate all of the wonderful achievements of our students and the College for the year and the Founders' Day Services at St Paul's Cathedral gave us the opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the vision of the founders of our College and to be thankful for who and where we are today as a College. We should all be very proud of our College and its achievements.

"We can make the change" was our theme for 2014. In thinking about this theme I recall a quote from Barack Obama where he said, *"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."* Learning is all about growth and development, improvement and providing the best possible environment and opportunities for our students to enable this to occur. Embracing change is a big part of



that learning process. Whether we change how we do things or just change our attitude, we should always be looking for ways to make learning, in the broadest sense, the best that it can be for our students. We can, and do, make that change together – parents, teachers and students. That is the beauty of the Overnewton community.

Learning is an ongoing story and as members of the Overnewton community, we are all contributing authors. I would like to thank parents, students and staff for their contribution to the 2014 school year chapter of the Overnewton learning story. It has been a very successful year for our students and we are all very grateful for the supportive role the entire community has played. It has been a great story so far, and I look forward to what the future has in store.

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