

Ash Wednesday 2014



International Women's Day Celebration Dinner

Ten senior students from MacKillop College and six from St Stanislaus College joined the celebration on Thursday 6 March dinner at Rydges Mount Panorama as part of the UN sponsored International Women's Day.

The young, and not so young, people were enthralled by the guest speaker, Robin de Crespigny, author of *The People Smuggler*. She put a human face to the debate often conducted in abstract. Robin aims to make Australians more compassionate and understanding towards people who are less fortunate than ourselves and challenged us to ask ourselves what we would do in the same situation. Comments and questions from students like Chelsea McKay were heartening. Youth are willing to take on board the issues many adults are ignoring.

The dinner was an initiative of the Diocese of Bathurst Workplace Gender Equality Committee. Thanks needs to be extended to the CEO Bathurst for funding the students' attendance at the dinner. The funds generated by the evening will be donated to the local Bathurst Refugee Support Group.

Sue Lyne



ABOVE: Sr Pat Linnane with MacKillop and Stannies students at the dinner.

