ICT in the Junior School

Information and Communications Technology (ICT) is an integral and essential part of all Key Learning Areas in Primary Education. There are not many positions in the workplace today, and indeed in the future, where the employee does not need a sound knowledge of ICT skills. Children require regular instruction and practice in using ICT’s so that they can develop these vital skills. ICT’s can also be a very powerful teaching tool, encapsulating students’ imagination and turning the mundane into the marvelous. My aim is to ensure that students at All Saints’ College Junior School have access to new technologies and are encouraged to use them in all parts of the curriculum.

We have just received delivery of 5 new digital cameras for use by the students in the Junior School. These have many uses in the classroom; students can use them to take pictures of their work so it can be displayed on their class website and they can use them to take photos for presentations.

Next week we will have 14 new desktop computers in the Infants department. It is essential that even from a very young age the students are exposed to ICT’s and taught their uses and benefits.

We have also purchased two interactive whiteboards. These projects the image on your computer onto a big screen and give the user the ability to manipulate objects and to draw on the screen. There have been many studies done that have illustrated the increased engagement and, in turn, enhanced learning opportunities that have been provided by the use of interactive whiteboards. One will be going into the Year 3 room and the other will be going into the Kindergarten Red room.

In the term you will also notice a huge change to our website in regards to the Junior School. I will keep you informed closer to the date of production about what new information the website will offer to parents.

If you don’t keep up with the technology boat you get left behind on the shore. We are going to be sailing full steam ahead here at All Saints’.

Winter Sport Teams

Netball teams will be placed in next weeks VIM once they are finalised.

HOCKEY


SOCCER


The Jackman Challenge

Question: Maths is all about patterns. If 1 x 1 = 1 and 11 x 11 = 121 and 111 x 111 = 12321, then what would 11111 x 11111 equal? Do this without using a calculator and describe the pattern.

Entries due to Mrs Keogh by 10.00am on Friday 13th March.

Answer to Week 4: Donna’s dog is 4 years old.

Congratulations to Melanie Lo for winning.

Important Dates

7/3/08 Grandparent’s Day – Year 5
12/3/08 HICES Swimming Carnival - Homebush
20/3/08 Inter House Cross Country Carnival
27 – 28/3/08 Year 3 and 4 Camp – Lake Canobolas
2-4/4/08 Year 5 and 6 Camp – Bruniibin
2/4/08 CIS Swimming Carnival - Homebush

Creative Arts Camp

Come join the fun: Dancing, speech and drama, music, visual arts. 14th-16th April 9am-4pm. Bring lunch, morning tea and drinks. Specialized teachers will be presenting a range of activities. For more information and bookings call Rosemary Fogarty on 6331 6268.

Art Show meeting

The next Art Show meeting will take place on Thursday 13th March at 7pm in the Junior School Library. All Welcome.

Medical Alert

We are still waiting on a lot of medical notes to be returned. Please make this your priority as it is so important that we know any medical conditions of your child. Even if your child does not have any medical conditions, could you please return the form anyway, to Mrs Keogh.

Head of College Farewell

The farewell for Jenny Williams is next Friday, 14th March 2008 at the Carrington in Keppel Street from 7 – 9pm. Please RSVP to Rachel McMahon in Reception if you will be attending or not for catering purposes. Light refreshments will be served with drinks available from the bar.

From the Assistant Head of College (Junior School)
Mr Chris Jackman

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mrs Kay Nelson (Junior School PE teacher on maternity leave) and her husband Craig on the safe arrival of their twins, Lachlan Race and Milla Grace. Babies and mum are all doing well. Mitchell and Todd are so excited to have a little brother and sister.

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District Hockey Trials in March

It’s Hockey time again!
And you are invited to come and join a Bathurst District Girls Hockey Team. District Hockey is lots of fun; it increases your skill level and gives you the chance to play with girls that you would normally play against. Trail sessions are set down for 2 consecutive Sundays in March – 9th and 16th. Times are:
Under 11s – 5 to 6pm
Under 13s – 6 to 7pm
There will be a cost of $5 per player to cover the turf hire. So grab your stick, mouthguard and shinny and a water bottle an come on down to discover a whole new experience playing District Hockey! Any questions, or if you are unable to attend the trial days, please call Ruth Clements on 6332 7317 or Sandra Naylor on 6337 2357 (ah)

Pups Cricket report

Pups played St Pats White this week at the St Pats field. Liam Captained our side this week and we were sent in to bat. We changed our batting order this week so that our power players would bat with each other. The decision proved a correct one with all our batters adding runs. Lachlan, Kian and Tim were all great performers with the bat and the ball. Bradley and Liam also played well and it was tough to pick out our best.
Our bowling attack wasn’t as strong as in the past, but I think this was due to the different pitch and the fact we were outnumbered by the opposition! Though Claire and Liam bowled very accurately and our newest recruit, Johno also showed great skills. Alex was also as strong as ever this week a put in a solid performance.
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Basketball

Draw

5.20pm Crt 3 U13 Boys: Hillbillies v ASC Cobras
4.30pm Crt 3 U13 Girls: Strawberiizz v ASC Lollipops

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Please sign and return