Welcome back! We trust you all had a Happy Easter and a refreshing break.

Transition News

This week we are remembering all the phonemes, colours and shapes that we learnt last term.

All our mums should have received their special invitation to our Transition Mother’s Day Morning Tea on Friday 11th May at 10am in the Marsden Garden (opposite the Transition Rooms). We really hope that you can join us.

Our classrooms are looking great, decorated with all our wonderful artwork. Don’t forget to come in and have a look.

Regards Liz, Deb and Jock

Welcome back to the new term. I have been pleased to hear the wide variety of holiday experiences from the children but it is also a delight to hear of their keenness to get busy in the weeks ahead. And there is so much happening to keep us all on our toes, please note just a few of the dates elsewhere in this VIM alongside of the “busyness” of the regular classroom challenges.

I was so pleased to be marching with our representative group at yesterday’s Anzac Day service. I was very proud of the whole college especially Josh Watt, our College Captain for his very special address. I was pleased that the college made the commitment to be a part of the remembrance within a school day. In return, the college has offered Friday 8th June as a holiday in lieu (it is the Friday of the long weekend). Please contact the office if you would appreciate child care provision on that day.

Talking of child care, I can report that the Vacation Care Program running these last holidays was one of the best supported since we have offered this service. It is really becoming a valued opportunity for many families. So much so that we are considering, albeit a little early, to start the Christmas Vacation Care program to cater for the All Saints holidays if there is the demand. I will survey that possibility later in the year.

As most of you have been advised Mrs Bidwell and I have accepted positions at The School of St Jude in Tanzania starting next year. Many people have asked about this new challenge for us and I am pleased to direct you to the school website www.schoolofstjude.co.tz for answers to your questions. It is certainly with mixed feelings that our association with a very special school is coming to an end after 18 years.

It has been our life and the life of our Sam and Henry and we have very much appreciated all the opportunities that this setting has provided. Thankfully the busy term does not allow too much time for reflection and I am pleased to be able to steer the Junior School, supported so ably by an excellent staff, through the next three terms.

FROM the ASSISTANT HEAD OF COLLEGE
(Junior School)

What’s Happening in the Junior School

- Best Wishes to the new season winter team sports each weekend.
- Best Wishes to the chess teams starting this term.
- Best Wishes to the Robotics Club starting this term.
- Best Wishes for Athletics Training starting this term.
- Best Wishes to the Tournament of the Minds (TOM) Club starting this term.
- HICES Netball Trials next Tuesday 1st May – Good Luck!
- P&F Meeting next Tuesday 1st May 7.30pm.
- UNSW Science Competition – Tuesday 8th May - Good Luck!
- WAS Cross Country at Orange – Wednesday 9th May – 1.30pm
- Cowra Eisteddfod – Thursday 10th May – Good Luck!
- HICES Cross Country at Orange – Tuesday 15th May – Good Luck!
- Maths Olympiad Round 1 – Wednesday 16th May.
- Creative Writing workshop/performance – Friday 18th May (for the students)
- Festival of Art – GALA OPENING – Friday 18th May.
- Festival of Art continues Sat 19th and Sun 20th May.
- UNSW – Maths Competition – Wednesday – 23rd May
- Canberra Excursion – Years 5/6 – Wed 23rd-Frid 25th May.
- Years 5/6 choir presenting at All Saints Cathedral – Sunday 27th May.

That is only the first half of the term!!

Claiming Child Care Benefit

All Saints’ College is a registered child care centre with the Family Assistance Office. The Child Care Benefit can be claimed for Transition Tuition fees and After School Care fees. If you would like to claim the CCB for Transition and After School Care, please complete the attached form and return to the Junior School Office.
The game of the century

On the 30th March, an exciting game of basketball was played between the ASC Clovers and ASC Lollipops. The girls had not had an opportunity to play each other all season, so it was anyone’s guess as to who would win.

The game started feverishly and each team traded goal for goal. At half-time, there was only one point separating the teams. The girls displayed excellent skills and great sportsmanship during the entire game. In the last 5 minutes, the Clovers managed to edge away to a 6 point lead. The final score was 34 to 28, with the Clovers being the winners.

The game had all the parents on the edge of their seats and I had no fingernails left. Thank you to Mrs Bronson Breen for coaching the Lollipops and the parents that were very loud in their encouraging shouts.

The Junior School is saying goodbye to many of these girls and they will be sadly missed. I know that their skills have made excellent progress as my time as coach. I hope that the girls continue to develop their love of Basketball and you never know, someone could play for Australia one day.

Kay Murray

Book Club is being sent home today. Please have your order to Mrs Keogh by Friday, 4 May

Forensic Frenzy Workshop

Double Helix Club workshop led by scientist form he CSIRO Education Unit on Wednesday May 9th. This workshop is called Forensic Frenzy. It will be run from 4.30pm to 6pm at the Cathedral Parish Centre. Cost is $5 per member and $8 for non members. Please not that this program is suitable for student 10 year of age and older.

For bookings send payment with name and age of child to: Russ Warfield, c- Cathedral School, PO Box 1497 Bathurst.