I was pleased to attend this week’s Junior School P&F Meeting on Tuesday. There was good discussion on school issues as well as a commitment to provide shade protection over the sand pit area – thank you. In a very different direction the P&F also agreed to encourage and support the gifted and talented programme as students nominate for the camp next term. Thank you to Mrs Melanie Coote-Geyer who has agreed to take over the role of Secretary.

Did you see the excellent media coverage and support for College Captain, Josh Watt who delivered the Anzac address? He is a great ambassador for the college. Josh and Emma Doolan attended our assembly last week and presented two superb musical presentations as well as speaking to the students about what is important at All Saints College – thank you Josh and Emma!

On Tuesday I represented All Saints College as a significant child care provider at a launch of the Family Assistance Office through the Medicare facility. Senator Ellison and Kerry Bartlett were enthusiastic about the enhanced provision of family support. Indeed, as we go to print Mrs Keogh has been very busy completing the requests for appropriate documentation as requested by families.

I am very excited by the WAS Cross Country Carnival next week as it heralds a wonderful opportunity for our athletes to enjoy collegial competition with our friends from Blue Mountains Grammar, The Scots School, Orange Anglican Grammar (in its inaugural year), Kinross Wolaroi, as well as Macquarie Anglican Grammar. This will be excellent preparation for our HICES Carnival the week after. Good Luck team!

Best Wishes also to our Cowra Eisteddfod Choirs for next week as well as our Debating team who meet Bathurst Christian College next week.

This is certainly shaping up to be an exciting and busy term.

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**Transition News**

This week we have learnt our phonemes ‘h’ and ‘r’.

We read the story “Mrs Honey’s Hat” and we decorated our own special hats to take home.

For ‘r’ we made Racing Red Rockets.

We have started gymnastics this week. After much success with it last year, we have decided to continue with it again. It is a fantastic program for the children, enhancing their gross motor skills and coordination, while they have lots of fun.

Regards Liz, Deb and Jock

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**Congratulations**

Congratulations to the following children who have received a Gold Assembly Award:

**Angus McClelland, Laura Dennis, Courtenay Moller**

Well done to these students.

Silver Awards went to Angus McClelland, Tayla Austin and Madison Hall

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**Proclamation day**

This Sunday 6th May we celebrate the Proclamation of Bathurst and all families should consider visiting Bicentennial Park at 11.00am to enjoy the festivities and the celebration of our heritage especially when you realise that it was the great grandfather of an All Saints College student who attended on that day (Gov. Macquarie’s aide) who wrote such a comprehensive account (now in the Mitchell Library). Col. Antill’s grandson went on in the tradition to write a comprehensive account of the history of All Saints College.

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**Exciting New Gross Motor Program for Two Day Transition!**

During the coming weeks, the two day transition class will have the privilege of welcoming two Charles Sturt University, 4th year teacher education students in to their classroom. As part of an initiative to introduce a Health Promoting School Program, the class will be participating in a series of sessions on improving their gross motor skills. Students will be exploring movement by developing skills in a range of areas.

Activities will cover the three main Gross Motor areas, Locomotion (walking, running, jumping, crawling), Manipulation (catching, throwing, rolling, kicking) and Stabilisation (bending, stretching, balancing and flexing).

The development of Gross Motor Skills are vital for children of all ages, as they help to improve coordination, confidence in physical activity and development of Fine Motor Skills. This program will be running over six weeks and further updates and photos of the students activities will be included in later VIM issues.

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Congratulations to Courtenay Moller who received her Gold Assembly Award from College Captains Josh and Emma at last week’s Assembly. Tomorrow’s Assembly will be highlighting the work of Year 4 commencing at 11.25am and parents and friends are most welcome.
Saturday morning dawned wet and grey. However, some hardy Under 7’s and Under 9’s turned up and joined together for what turned out to be a worthwhile time of skills and a game. They were fortunate that the rain held off for their session.

Unfortunately that was not the case for the Under 11’s. Although only five girls turned up (it was disappointing that the rest didn’t), because both Ella Menzies and Anna Cartwright were willing to stay and help out we were able to take the field and not forfeit the match.

I was very proud of the way the girls adjusted to the full-sized field and rules. They played with enthusiasm and perseverance and were not daunted when goals were scored against them. Maddison Colley played an excellent game as goalie, this being her first time ever in goalie gear. She kept out many goals. Keely, Julia and Eliza attacked constantly and had a number of good runs down the field. Anna, Ella and Sarah G. were magnificent in defence. I’m looking forward to a fine weekend next weekend when, hopefully, everyone is on deck and we can build up our skills and positional play.

Games Saturday 4th May

U 7’s &U 9’s-9:45 am Ull’s-11:00 am

The Under 6 Soccer season began with an exciting match against Oberon last Saturday. The team known as the All Saints’ Baddies showed that they were in fact very GOOD. Inspired by a large and vocal crowd of supporters the youngsters took to the field enthusiastically and played their hearts out for the duration of the match. The boys and girls kicked, passed and shot their way to a 10 nil victory with each player in the side contributing to the win. Congratulations to each of the players listed below for a wonderful effort.

- Elysia Chua – 2 wonderful goals and an excellent first half as goal keeper.
- Sean Gardner – became more confident as the game progressed and did a great throw in.

ASC Under 9 Soccer report

Grey clouds, scattered showers, squelchy under foot and a bag full of oranges… ah yes it’s the soccer season. And what a season it promises to be with the ASC U9’s picking up exactly where they left off in 2006. A 15 – 0 victory (yes it is soccer we are talking about) in very difficult conditions was an incredible way to kick off 2007.

The team’s passing game and on-field communication was excellent leading to a sharing of goalscoring amongst our talented forward line of Henry Marson (player of the week), David Cant, Fletcher Begley, and Blake Sanders. Our line was never challenged due to the precision of the defence provided by Lachlan Wilkinson, Ben Griffin and Victor Chua. Congratulations to Gyan De Silva and Lachlan McAloney who had excellent debuts for the team.

Thanks also to Roan Van Heekeren who adapted to both goalkeeping and roving mid field roles. When the post-match celebrations ceased players and parents fled the ground and the impending rainstorms not regretting the weather but regretting the upcoming bye next week – ah the soccer season “you gotta love it”.

Don’t forget that Bookclub is due back tomorrow, Friday. Drop any orders into Mrs Keogh.
Undetected Vision Problems

Could your child be suffering from an undetected vision problem?

Did you know that undetected vision problems occur in 1 in 4 Australian children? Many try to adapt their vision problems without knowing they could see better. As a parent you are best placed to detect the signs of a potential vision problem.

• Does your child constantly squint or rub their eyes?
• Complain of headaches?
• Have trouble concentrating?
• Holds their book very close when reading?

If so your child could be one in four Australian children who suffer from an undetected vision problem.

The earlier and more regularly your children’s eyes are examined, the better the prospects for successful treatment. Parents are recommended that their children’s eyes be examined at six months of age, three years old and before starting school.

During school year age an examination every two years is recommended. Eye examinations are covered under Medicare and more than 95 per cent of optometric services are bulk billed.

The Optometrists Association Australia has developed a concise checklist to help parents recognise possible vision problems in their children. As well as tips on television watching, reading, the use of video games and UV protection.

A brochure “a parent’s guide to good vision” will be sent home with your child. If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact either the clinic or speak to your optometrist.

The Last Word in Cricket

The final game of the season was enjoyed between the players and their parents. Mr Mark Morrison, with child in hand, was still able to pierce the mid-on field with an excellent one-handed bat.

Walk Safely to School Day

Tomorrow, Friday 4th May, has been designated as Walk Safely to School Day. There is much that is worthy about this day including health benefits, road crossing skills, reducing car dependency, reducing air pollution and congestion.

This activity is a parent/family responsibility and the school is happy to support families in their decision.