Yesterday, Ash Wednesday, marked the beginning of Lent and it provides for us all a period of 40 days to reflect on ourselves, our faith and our involvement in community. This is no less significant for Junior School students than for any other member of the College community. Father Paul will be using the weekly chapel services to facilitate this opportunity. It was also the theme running through the Student Council meeting held yesterday.

Last Assembly, the Head of College presented the inaugural Platinum Awards to Tara Chan, Alex Murray and Michael Matthews. These awards have been a most successful innovation in the Junior School and appropriately recognise and acknowledge outstanding achievement in all aspects of Junior School life.

Bushcraft Camps are in the planning stage and we are hoping for good weather to enable full programs to operate. Year 3/4 Camp will be held 15th and 16th March. (Please note the change of date from the calendar due to venue booking). Year 5/6 Camp will be held 21/22/23 March at Bruinbin Reserve on the Macquarie River. These camps are not only a highlight of the term but also a very valuable experience in many respects.

Tomorrow I will be representing All Saints College at a Sydney meeting of Junior School Heads. The organisation, JSHAA, provides excellent opportunities for our students as well as a strong lobby group dealing with issues such as government “reporting to parents” guidelines, social responsibilities, supervision of our Transition program and other issues. I will be pleased to report fully to the next P&F Meeting. Thanks go to the P&F for hosting tomorrow’s Coffee and Chat session for new parents. I wish you well for a successful gathering and apologise for my inability to attend. Also at tomorrow’s meeting I will be speaking to some of the regional schools (WAS) to encourage the revival of interschool carnivals for swimming, cross country and athletics. Up till this year we have been very pleased and fortunate to enter PSSA for good preparation for HICES. The PSSA organisation will serve government schools and with the significant growth of independent schools in the region a parallel organisation will serve our needs. Kinross Wolmarot, Scots, Orange Anglican Grammar, Macquarie Anglican Grammar and Blue Mountains Grammar have expressed an interest so far, more details later.

Thanks to Cherylene Anderson, our new look Vim has been going very well. It looks even better as an email or viewed on the new College website. Please help us to cut down paper use by emailing the Junior School jsasc@saints.nsw.edu.au with either “email Vim” or “Web Vim” in the subject box with your surname and we will respond accordingly. There will be a period of transition as the hard copy continues.

Please visit the new and improved College website at www.saints.nsw.edu.au

We have had another busy week in Transition. Our nursery rhymes this week are ‘Incy Wincy Spider’ and ‘Little Miss Muffet’. Have you seen our spiders?

Our number is ‘one’ and we had fun colouring and pasting ‘one’ birthday cake.

We even ate ‘one’ cake for Claudia’s birthday. Delicious! Please visit us soon and see all the exciting things we are doing.

Regards Jock, Deb and Liz
For some time now the ASC 9 Years Kanga Cricket team has been in need of a nickname. Perhaps the ASC Eels? No, wrong colours. Maybe the ASC Roosters? No, our players win too many games! What about the ASC Dragons? Don’t even go there! Actually, the ASC Magicians springs to mind as an apt name for a team with a bag full of tricks.

Last Saturday the Magicians played Oberon at All Saints. Captain Lachlan McAloney (playing in his first game) gazed into his crystal ball, won the toss and gave his team an immediate advantage by choosing to bowl first in the cool, damp conditions. The Magicians assembled on the oval, but only ten of the twelve players could be seen. Two of the team had performed a disappearing act! Actually, it was only David Cant and Henry Marson who had sportingly agreed to play with the undermanned Oberon side. Both boys applied themselves admirably and batted, bowled and fielded with great enthusiasm.

Once the game commenced the ASC bowlers displayed great skill. Lachlan Wilkinson had the ball on a string and claimed two important wickets with his lively seam bowling. Peter Cobcroft also bowled two excellent overs and almost cut the opposition batsmen in half with his ferocious speed and bounce. Meanwhile Travis Cartwright pulled a rabbit out of his hat with a beautifully judged catch at wicket keeper, whilst Christopher Blattman performed a Houdini act by somehow holding two spectacular catches at midwicket.

The ASC batsmen were also dominant with Blake Sanders and Joshua Thong tying the opposition fieldsmen in knots with their carefully placed shots. Meanwhile Roan Van Heekeren and Gyan DeSilva used the old 3 card trick of solid defence, blistering attack and clever running between the wickets to add valuable runs to the total.

The greatest trick of the day however was left to the enchanting bowling of Hugh Elbourne. Hugh bowled with great precision and kept his best trick until his second over. Hugh delighted the crowd with a magnificent hat-trick! It was not an illusion! Three wickets in three balls! A wonderful trifecta! Needless to say Hugh received the much sought after wizard’s hat (ie, the Baggy Blue) for his thrilling performance.

At the conclusion of the match the Magicians had secured a memorable victory and had the captivated crowd marvelling at their skill and flair. After the match the team’s veteran coach reflected upon his own current run of low scores (in local cricket) and began to realise that it might be time for the ASC Magicians to teach the old dog some new tricks!

Mr David Cant
This week the team plays against Collegians at All Saints. I look forward to seeing you there.

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**District hockey selections**

Girls interested in trying out for district hockey teams please note: District selections Cooke Hockey Complex Sunday March 11th. Under 11’s 4.00pm, Under 13’s 5.00pm, Under 15’s 6.00pm. $5 registration fee. ALL GIRLS. There will be a gala day ‘Bunny and the Bull’. Saturday 31 March 10.00am-12.00pm for all girls aged 7 to 13.

The competition will get underway after the Easter School Holidays. The next Association Meeting is on Monday, 5 March 7 to 13.

Welcome.

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**Basketball Draw**

**Games** | **Venue** | **Time**
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ASC Clovers v Minnies | Crt1 | 4.30pm
ASC Panthers v Hillbillies | Crt3 | 5.20pm
ASC Lollipops v Calare Tigers | Crt4 | 5.20pm
ASC Cobras v Fast Crew | Crt3 | 6.10pm

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