Easter Break

Happy Easter! It is unusual for the Easter long weekend to fall outside our end of term break meaning that we come back to school for two weeks before we begin school holidays. I would like to wish all of our students and their families a happy Easter break.

Year 5 and 6 Excursion to Scenic World

Next Friday 1st April our Year 5 and 6 students will be participating in an excursion to Scenic World at Katoomba where they will ride on the very steep railway, travel in the gondola and walk amongst the rainforest.

Japanese Drumming Workshop

This week our Year 5 and 6 students participated in a Japanese Taiko Drumming workshop by a group called Ez Japanese. Taiko drumming is an art form particular to the Japanese culture and is very exciting to watch and to perform. Students learnt about call and response, drumming techniques and rhythmic ideas that are culturally based. Mr Pike will also be teaching the students about the drums in class Japanese lessons.

Assembly Change

Please note the change to our assembly roster listed below.

Junior School Assemblies

All parents are welcome to attend Junior School assemblies. In the warmer months they are conducted on the Outdoor Assembly area and during the colder months we move into the Kemmis Building. Assemblies begin at 9.00am.

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Important Dates for the Calendar

- 24/3/16 Pre K & Infants Easter Hat Parade (2.00pm)
- 4-6/4/16 JS Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 8/4/16 Last day of classes for Term 1
This week the Pre-Kinder children have been investigating the colour pink (pinku in Japanese) and the heart shape. We sampled a yummy pink smoothie when we blended red berries and white milk! We have been practicing forming the letter i and found it on the THRASS chart. We discussed that it can make different sounds like i, in the word insect and i, in the word ice cream. We listened to Easter stories, dictated an expressive story about our Easter collages, made a cute Easter card and played an Easter egg memory game. Mrs Rivett and I are very impressed with the children’s progress and how they are becoming very familiar with classroom routines and procedures. We would like to thank parents for helping children with their Sound Books and various news presentations. Best wishes for a happy Easter and a safe and restful long weekend.

Kind regards, Deb Porter

Term 2 Pre-Kinder Events

Wednesday 27th April - Classes commence

Thursday 5th May - PK2 Mother’s Day morning tea

Friday 6th May - PK3 and PK5 Mother’s Day morning tea

Friday 6th May - PK3 and PK5 Cross Country Race (1 lap around Watson oval)

Friday 6th May - Junior School Disco

Monday 9th May - PK3 and PK5 Photo Day

Tuesday 10th May - PK2 Photo Day

Elsie and Jacinta (PK3) enjoyed playing with the Polly Pockets.

Easter Bunny, Riley is about to take an egg away and choose someone to describe the missing egg.

Flynn (PK2) spatter painting over his Easter card.

Happy Birthday, Samantha! (PK3).

Eleanor (PK3) shows the class that when you mix white and red together you end up making pink!

Grace (PK2) has made an amazing tessellated shape pattern.

Aleki (PK3) has taken great care when rainbow writing inside the letter i, saying, ‘down, lift, dot’.

Rowland (PK3) has made a semi-circle by cutting a circle in half!

Happy Birthday, Olivia! (PK3).

Thomas (PK2) is developing his fine motor skills when threading small beads.

Happy Birthday, Dylan! (PK2).
Jesus said, ‘It is finished.’ Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. (John 19:30, NRSV).

So ends the story of the passion of Christ, a story that will be read and possibly enacted in churches around the world tomorrow. It’s a story that doesn’t get any easier for us to listen to, no matter how many times we have heard it. It’s a story that still captures the imagination and interest of our society. Tomorrow night’s new bulletins will all begin with stories of how this history changing event has been remembered in our cities and towns.

At our whole school Easter chapel today we focused on the theme “Were you there.” Students engaged with the crucifixion through drama and self-reflection. Tim Jackman (Yr 10), Abbey Barcham (Yr 11), Ben Darlington (Yr 10), and Will Munro (Yr 6) played the role of the carpenter who made the cross, a woman who followed Jesus, a soldier who was at the crucifixion, and a child who struggled to make sense of it all.

In the weeks leading up to Easter every student had the opportunity to reflect on what the crucifixion meant to them. Many wrote words of thanks, asked for forgiveness, and questioned why this took place. Through the drama and reflections the students were asked to consider who they were in the story. Now it’s your turn; who are you in this story?

Are you among the disciples, having spent years journeying with him, listening to him, and sharing with him but still not aware of who he really is?

Have you followed him but deserted him when times got tough?

Are you with Peter, having faith and trust when you are with others who believe but deny him when a stranger asks about your faith?

Are you one of the soldiers, prepared to kick someone when they are down....for no reason other than they are weak?

Are you with the leaders, too wrapped up in your own power and privilege to see God when he is right in front of you?

Are you part of the crowd...welcoming Jesus as king one week and demanding he be crucified the next?

If we think about it we can all connect with at least one character in the story...and it doesn’t matter which one...for Jesus died for all...to restore us to a right relationship with God. That’s what Easter is really about.

May you be blessed by the Saviour this Easter.

With every blessing,
Rev. Tony Card.

Thought for the week: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. (John 3:16, NRSV)
Our next feature author who will be at the All Saint’s Literature Festival this year is...

**J.C. BURKE**

Jane was born in Sydney in 1965. The fourth child and the fourth daughter! Her parents were journalists so there were always ‘colourful characters’ dropping in for dinner and as a kid Jane loved to impersonate these people.

Jane did not write a word until she was 35 years old. She undertook a Creative Writing Course while she was recovering from glandular fever. Her first novel was *White Lies*, which was published in 2002 and was made CBCA Notable Book for 2003.

*The Story of Tom Brennan* was awarded the 2006 Book of the Year for Older Readers by the Children’s Book Council of Australia, and is on the current NSW Higher School Certificate prescriptions list.
HICES Swimming Report 2016

A team of 23 All Saints’ College Junior School swimmers competed in the HICES Swimming Carnival at the Sydney Olympic Aquatic Centre.

All Saints’ went into the carnival as the Division 1 percentage shield holders and were determined to try and retain it against some very talented opposition.

Our swimmers were excited, committed and bursting to compete in front of a big crowd including plenty of All Saints’ supporters.

There were 16 schools competing on the day with all swimmers trying to do their best and help their team contend for the percentage or aggregate shield.

Every member of the All Saints’ team represented the school with great maturity and determination.

Team captain Patrick Saint was a fine role model for his team, competing in all 5 individual events as well as the relay.

He swam admirably in all A division races against a strong cohort of 12 year old boys and is to be congratulated on a sterling effort.

Breahna Burgess also swam in all events meaning her time in the grandstand was brief!

She swam with tremendous finesse and speed making her time in the pool brief as well!

Breahna was exceptional winning every individual race in the A Division which is a terrific and rare accomplishment.

Congratulations Breahna!

Riley Monico, a determined yet cheerful competitor, exploded from the blocks in three individual events.

He improved his 50m butterfly time by over a second from the school carnival and is to be congratulated on a gutsy performance.

With plenty of experience at this level Georgie Geyer knew exactly what she was up against.

She gained third place in the breaststroke and was ecstatic about her relay team gaining a position on the HICES team at NSWCIS!

Hamish Siegert cruised into first place in the 13 years 50m freestyle, his performance bringing a huge cheer from the ASC crowd!

He was also a significant member of the senior boys relay team which placed second.

Lauren Cant’s effort in the pool over the summer break certainly paid off.

She is a determined competitor who performed particularly well in Breaststroke gaining a fourth place.

Lauren was also an integral part of the senior girls relay team that placed second.

Thomas Cox enjoyed donning the red and blue cap this year and it was fantastic witnessing his sterling performance in the 11 years 50m freestyle.

He sliced almost 3 seconds off his school carnival time which was a terrific effort.

Toby Gough is becoming a regular at HICES swimming carnivals and he commendably competed in the full array of events achieving mostly personal best times.

His best performance was in the 100m freestyle where he shaved two seconds off his school carnival time to finish fourth.

Todd Nelson found his competitive edge in all four of his individual events, particularly impressing in the 50m freestyle where he stormed home to hit the wall in a personal best time.

Todd will continue his swimming journey as a multi-class swimmer in all events at NSWCIS.

Kate Edwards is a quiet young lady in the marshalling area who, minutes later, transforms into a fierce and determined competitor in the pool!

Kate claimed three firsts in freestyle, backstroke and butterfly and seconds in the breaststroke and senior girls relay.

Kate will continue to represent All Saints’ College and HICES at the NSWCIS carnival – well done Kate!

Jude Sutton was delighted to make his debut at SOPAC in the junior boys 50m breaststroke.

Jude put in a massive effort and swim a time that he should be very proud of - top effort Jude!

Will Helms swam a most impressive 50m freestyle race that had everyone on the edge of their seats.

He smashed his previous PB in this event to come in second.

Will has improved significantly this season and he should be very proud of his success at SOPAC.

Charlie Rendall had one of the busiest programs of the day swimming in all individual events.

Charlie’s best performance was in the 10 years 50m freestyle where he gained fourth place.

Congratulations Charlie on throwing points at the board all day!

Mia Reynolds, now an experienced competitor at HICES, looked completely comfortable and at ease in the 50m freestyle.

She swam with great composure and speed to finish in third position.

Charlotte O’Hehir-Corones showed her competitors that there is a lot of talent to be found West of the Blue Mountains!

Charlotte swam convincingly in all individual events placing second in the 50m freestyle, 100m freestyle and 50m breaststroke and first in backstroke and butterfly.

Charlotte will compete at the NSWCIS Championships - well done Charlotte!

Lindsay Cutts chopped a massive seven seconds from his school carnival time in the 50m freestyle.

This was the greatest improvement for any member of the All Saints squad and his team mates are keen to learn his preparation secrets!

The mighty Baxter Killiby, keen to be back at Homebush after a 12 month break, performed well in the 50m freestyle.

Baxter improved his freestyle time by a massive 6 seconds from the school carnival - well done Baxter!

Faith Atkinson-Purcell was all smiles leading up to her freestyle event.

While she had a swimming cap malfunction early in the race this didn’t stop her from giving it her absolute best shot.

Everyone was proud of her determination and positive attitude.

Ava Purvis, back again in 2016, was fired up to perform at her best in the 9 years 50m freestyle.

She did her mum and team mates proud by swimming 5 seconds faster than her previous personal best time.

Lachie Nelson, a newcomer to SOPAC, was determined to swim out of his skin in the 8 years 50m freestyle.

Lachie had an explosive start and shaved a couple of seconds off his personal best time.

Banjo Goodlet, also new to SOPAC, was able to demonstrate his talent in the 50m freestyle and 50m Butterfly in the presence of his mother, grandmother and aunty.

He did admirably claiming a third place in the 50m freestyle.

Milla Nelson, super excited to be part of the All Saints’ swimming team, found her form in the 8 years 50m freestyle to win the event.

Milla will now compete in this event at the NSWCIS Championships - congratulations Milla!

Ruby Thorne could not get in the water fast enough!

Her determination saw her win her 8 years freestyle race with a new personal best time.

Ruby will also represent All Saints’ College and HICES at the NSWCIS championships - a terrific effort Ruby!

As a result of everyone’s efforts All Saints’ College again won the percentage shield in Division 1.

All members of the team should be proud of their contribution throughout the day.

Kay Nelson (Junior School swimming co-ordinator)
No less than eight All Saints’ Junior School students competed at the primary NSWCIS swimming championships on Tuesday March 22.

Only the finest swimmers from every Independent schools in NSW qualify for this carnival so it was a huge achievement to have so many representatives.

The All Saints’ students conducted themselves in an outstanding manner, exhibiting a strong sense of fair play and an unwavering commitment to do their very best.

The senior girls relay team swam in the very first event. The girls represented All Saints’ with distinction and finished an admirable 14th.

Congratulations to Breahna Burgess, Lauren Cant, Georgie Geyer and Kate Edwards for a great team effort.

Breahna also swam in 4 individual events on the day and was placed 11th in the 50m breaststroke and 13th in the 50m backstroke.

Breahna also made the finals of the freestyle and butterfly events where she finished 10th and an exceptional 6th respectively.

Congratulations on a terrific swimming season Breahna!

Kate Edwards competed in 3 individual events on the day and her results reflected the hard work she has put in since the previous swimming season. Kate finished 17th in the 50m freestyle, 14th in the 50m backstroke and 11th in the 50m butterfly.

A sterling effort Kate!

Our pocket rocket Charlotte O’Hehir-Corones has also worked hard in the past 12 months achieving terrific results along the way. Charlotte claimed 13th place in the 8-10 years 50m breaststroke and 11th in the 50m backstroke.

Charlotte’s exceptional performance in the 50m butterfly enabled her to swim in the final where she finished in ninth position - well done Charlotte!

Up and coming youngster Ruby Thorne showed what she was made of in the 50m freestyle dropping an incredible 3.5 seconds to swim 43.58 in her heat.

This time qualified her for the final where she swam her heart out for eighth place - an outstanding effort as an 8 year old.

What a fantastic achievement Ruby, congratulations!

Another rising star Milla Nelson also dropped an amazing 3.5 seconds in her preliminary heat of the 8 years 50m freestyle to qualify for the final.

Milla found something in reserves to further reduce her time by another second in the final and finish an impressive fourth.

Milla is now the first reserve for NSWPSSA held in early April.

Congratulations Milla on an incredible NSWCIS debut!

Todd Nelson, no stranger to NSWCIS meets, competed again in the multi-class events.

Now up against a larger cohort of 11 and 12 year olds in the senior division Todd had his work cut out for him.

But he rose to the challenge swimming some personal best times and picking up silver medals in all 4 events.

His best performance was in the 50m butterfly where he won the race but after classification was awarded the silver medal.

Todd will continue his swimming journey at NSWPSSA in a couple of weeks.

All the best Todd!

To have this number of students attend NSWCIS is another example of how well our Junior School students do at a representative level.

Every competitor must be applauded for their preparation, effort and achievement.

Congratulations to all!

Kay Nelson (Junior School swimming Co-ordinator)