It is difficult to believe that the school holidays and Christmas are just around the corner. It has been a busy but very rewarding year for the Junior School and I congratulate all of the students on their achievements and successes. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing everyone back and ready to leap into their studies in Term 1 next year.

Pre-Kindergarten Christmas Concerts
Our final Pre-Kindergarten Christmas Concert will be Pre-K 5, tomorrow Friday 2 December. I look forward to another wonderful, entertaining performance.

Carols Service
The College Carols Service will be held at All Saints’ Cathedral on Wednesday 7 December beginning at 6.00 pm. Students are to wear summer school uniform.

Presentation Day
Junior School Presentation Day will begin at 9.00 am in the Bickerdike Centre on Thursday 8 December. Students will be able to collect their school reports after the event and will then join together for morning tea. Students are to wear summer school uniform.

Hats and Sunscreen
Please ensure that your child has their school hat with them every day. The students must wear their hats during recess and lunch play. As it is now finally beginning to warm up it is also advisable for your child to apply sunscreen before they come to school.

Junior School Assemblies
Junior School assemblies are finished for the year. When we resume in February assemblies will still be conducted on the Outdoor Assembly area. Assemblies begin at 9.00 am.

**Important Dates for the Calendar**
- 2/12/16 Pre Kindergarten 5 Day Christmas Concert
- 5/12/16 Infants Performance at Macquarie Care Centre
- 7/12/16 Carols Service
- 8/12/16 Junior School Presentation Day 9.00am
- 1/02/17 JS and PK3 and 5 Classes Commence
- 2/02/17 PK2 Commence

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By the time the VIM is emailed the 2 and 3-Day Pre-kinder Christmas concerts will be over. It was fantastic that so many family and friends could be present for an important chapter in a Pre-Kinder child’s life. We look forward to our picnic at Peace Park next Wednesday with our families to conclude our very action-packed year in Pre-kindergarten. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and relaxing holiday.

Kind Regards,
Deb Porter

Reminders:
Tuesday 6th December: Pre-Kinder water play day in the Pre-Kindergarten yard (weather permitting).
Wednesday 7th December: 11 am - 1 pm - Pre-Kindergarten picnic @ Peace Park near the Girl Guide Hall. 2-Day Pre-Kindergarten families are welcome to attend.

Ringing in the season ... Pre K-2 (left) and Pre K-3 (right) children participating in their annual Christmas Concert.

Amira and Elsie (PK3) add some bling to their baubles.
Millie (PK2) has made a colourful flower on the light panel.
Jackson (PK3) is developing his fine motor skills threading pony beads onto toothpicks.
India (PK3) working with the gingerbread scented playdough and Christmas cookie cutters.

Noah and Bailee (PK2) help Father Paul complete a nativity floor puzzle during Christian Studies.
Engineers, Ben and Dylan (PK2) incorporate a variety of blocks into their constructions.
Jacob and Dylan (PK2) are attracted to this cool outdoor activity.
As the term draws to a conclusion we still have some big events to prepare for. This Sunday from 6 pm we have our Boarders Christmas Dinner and Chapel. I am looking forward to the evening. I was very proud of the Boarders who, last Sunday, accompanied me to All Saints’ Cathedral for the Advent Carol Service. Yet again with great dignity the two house captains Heidi and Patrick read one of the lessons.

The whole school Carol service is coming together; there are many who have stepped up to help. We will be having a basket of non perishable food from each House which will be given to the 2BS Christmas Appeal. There is to be a packing time, the week after school finishes at Mt Panorama Pits for any volunteers who would like to help so that all the goods can be boxed ready for delivery. Please ring 2BS if you are able to help.

The Carol service will begin at 6 pm. The Kindy class will do the pageant as readers from many corners of the college community will bless us with the long loved words from Scripture. There will not be any reserved seating so be early. My thanks to the cohort of Prefects and flocks of Musicians who will know what to do to make the service flow smoothly.

And my thought as we approach Christmas? From Nazareth, Mary and Joseph had a journey of at least three days, as they could not just go straight south to Bethlehem. They would have had to travel down hill from Nazareth and cross the Jordan, then travel south to the end of the river, cross it and make the difficult and dangerous trek up to Jerusalem and on to Bethlehem.

Once there accommodation was the first priority. The story mentions an Inn, which was full and having read the commentaries I would say that the Inn keeper took pity on Mary and offered her the stable so she could have privacy for the birth. If the Inn was full and there were travellers, no doubt there would have been revelling and noise.

Another nugget of thought is that the couple were not accompanied by their parents. They were alone. Today at a birth grandparents are the norm. Where were members of Mary and Joseph’s family? I wonder what they felt. Before long however, they were besieged with inquisitive and adventurous shepherds.

I have taken each member of my family to the Holy Land and here is my son Martin back in 2008 at the Star of the Nativity.

I leave you with a poem of journeys and uncertainty…in the end Mary found a room.

_Uphill._ Christina Rosetti

Does the road wind uphill all the way? Yes, to the very end.
Will the day’s journey take the whole long day? From morn to night, my friend.
But is there for the night a resting place? A roof for when the slow dark hours begin.
May not the darkness hide it from my face? You cannot miss that inn.

Shall I meet other wayfarers at night? Those who have gone before.
Then must I knock or call when just in sight? They will not keep you waiting at that door.
Shall I find comfort, travel-sore and weak? Of labour you shall find the sum.

Will there be beds for me and all who seek? Yes, beds for all who come.

When God calls us to begin something God also provides for the journey!

The end of the Year brings the conclusion of so many activities. I was thrilled to be part of the Year 6 Val, and my address is below. The 3 Pre Kindy Christmas Presentations have been a delight. Each has reflected the classes in a different way. Well done Pre Kindy teachers.

Next week we have two rehearsals at the Cathedral. One on Monday morning for the Kindy’s as they prepare for the whole school Carol service and on Tuesday afternoon the Year 6 students will prepare. The Carols begin at 6pm. We will not have reserved seating so the word on the street is: Be early! Happily, Father Paul.

THE YEAR 6 VAL CHAPEL ADDRESS

We are here to: Look back, look around and look forward. Then, as we are in Chapel, to look up, to God our Creator and Sustainer.

The Protestant Theologian, Soren Kierkegaard, writing last century observed: Life is lived forwards but is understood backwards. And tonight we are pausing to look back and see just how far our students have come, and what they have achieved.

Every sentence in the paragraph from Proverbs which Joey O’Neill read is worth contemplation, and then worth putting in to practise. Words from the Bible have shaped our civilisation and offered us a path to follow. To go against them is like going against the grain of wood: you get splinters.

I want to leave two pictures with you.

The first is of days. There are three important days in our life and I speak from the Christian Tradition.

The day we are born,
The day we say I turn to Christ….This may be at Baptism, Confirmation or later.

The day we discover what God has put us on this earth for. I have read of people who have said at a time in their life: I was made for this.

Queen Esther from the Old Testament was told, when she had to appear alone before the King to defend her people, Do you realise that you were put here to do this!

A young 38 year old Anglican Priest from Durham, Philip Strong, was chosen to be Bishop of Papua New Guinea in 1937, just before WW2. In his memoirs, as he sets out for PNG he writes: For this purpose I was sent into the world! He was to lead the fragile Christian community through the Japanese invasion, through martyrdom and into the days of peace.

At schools like ASC many venues of life are explored, preparing us not just for living but for a life…which path to choose, which path to follow….What has God put me here for.

Finally I leave another picture with you. We had a week’s holiday at Binna Burra, the resort in the rainforest mountains inland from Brisbane. Around the fire and after dinner you get talking with strangers. One I spoke with operated a paint manufacturing business. I could make out from his remarks that he was a canny business man. The story I remember was this. Three paint companies had to put in quotes for a large quantity of yellow external paint, to cover a factory. The deal was to put a sample of the paint on the factory wall. The first contractor climbed his ladder and slapped on a few strokes.

The second did the same with his paint but made it a little squarer.

The first company however told his employee to firstly paint a big neat square of white, let it dry and then, later, in the centre paint a neat square of yellow. (This was before Ray White chose these two colours!)…The winner? It was just as you imagined. The moral?

Having an idea and doing it even better.

I recap: Looking back, confronting the present and making an idea even better.
**CRICKET**

**All Saints’ Cricket Fixtures**
**Saturday 3rd December**

**Kanga 7s - NO GAME**

Kanga 9s vs City Colts, Loco Oval (off Russel St, turn left at the substation)

11 Years vs RUCC Voges, Learmonth 4

Please be at the ground at **8:25am for an 8:45am** start (unless your coach asks you to be earlier).

If there is wet weather, please check the Bathurst District Junior Cricket Association Facebook Page on Saturday morning to check if games are still on.

This weekend is the last game of cricket for the term. Thank you for supporting ASC Junior Cricket. In particular thanks to our coaches: Mr David Saint, Mr Sean Munns, Mr Matt Poole, Mrs Walsh, Mrs Parsons, Ben Parsons, Ralph Nicholls, Tom and Jonah Siede, Hugo Goodlet and Jono Gardiner.

Mrs Jo Nicholls, Junior School Cricket Co-ordinator

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**Lucas sets up camp at crease**

**Under 11s**

The Under 11s played RUCC Voges in day one of their match at Learmonth on Saturday.

Captain Shubhang won the toss and sent RUCC into bat.

RUCC wielded the willow well ending up with a solid total of 99.

For Saints’ wickets were shared between Charlie, Jai and Toby while Will T got a run out.

Batting was hard going with RUCC bowling maiden after maiden.

At stumps, Noah was 9 not out and Jai 4 not out.

Lucas Kamper was Player of the Match for his strong batting.

Lucas kept his wicket for over half an innings in the face of some blazing attack.

This was a particularly strong effort considering he is new to this grade of cricket.

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**ASC bats belt**

**Blayney bowling**

**Kanga 7s**

The Kanga 7s travelled to Blayney last Saturday for their last game before the Christmas break.

All Saints’ bowled first and showed that practice has been paying off by taking wickets and fielding well to restrict Blayney’s score to 35.

The batting was even better with some big tallies on the board leading to a massive total of 104 runs.

Charlie scored 20 runs but Grace was awarded player of the week for improvement, especially with bowling.

Everyone was very hot after the game and very grateful to Emily and Mr Saint for bringing icy poles to help us cool down.

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**St Pat’s win but our teamwork exemplary**

**Kanga 9s**

The under 9s took on St Pat’s White at the Junior School Oval last Saturday.

The players were very excited to be playing on a proper pitch.

Aston captured very fairly and after winning the toss, elected to bat first.

Banjo was our star batsman scoring 13, with Vidu and Aston close behind.

Kosema bowled very accurately and was excellent in the field.

The team are really beginning to gel together and learning to back each other up in the field but unfortunately we didn’t take enough wickets on the day to get a win.

Player of the Match went to William Randall for his excellent improvement over the term.

Thank you to all the parents who assist on the day, from those who score, umpire and toss a ball to those help the children get their eye in.

Your involvement makes for a lovely morning for the game and children.

Mrs Walsh
Congratulations All Saints’ College Junior School Students. As your teachers, we are all so proud of the effort you have all put into improving your reading in 2016. As you all know, to become a better reader you need to practise your reading every day, even if it is just for 10 minutes. So Mr Jackman is throwing down a challenge these summer holidays. The Junior School Teachers will be colouring their hair if the Junior School students combined reach the below reading target:

500 books and Mr Jackman and Mr Cant will go blue  
750 books and Mrs Allen will go pink  
750 books and Ms Dale will go green  
1000 books and Mrs Keogh will go pink and purple  
1000 books and Mrs Nicholls will go green  
1500 books and Mrs Walsh will go purple  
2000 books and Ms Shurmer and Mrs Darlington will go red  
2000 books and Mrs Murray and Mrs Maher will go purple  
2000 books and Mr O’Connor will go blue!

Don’t forget to record the details of what you read on the recording sheet and bring it back to your teachers the first week of school 2017.

Happy Reading!!
# All Saints' College Summer Reading Challenge

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Each year All Saints’ College offers students who are Australian citizens a number of Scholarships. The following categories of scholarships will be awarded to students who will be entering Years 5, 7, 9, 10 and 11 in 2018:

- **Academic Scholarships (Years 5, 7, 9, 10 and 11)** are awarded essentially on the basis of the results obtained in the annual cooperative ACER scholarship examination. Applicants should have a commendable academic record supported by a personal resume showing academic and co-curricular achievements. Applicants who are new to the College will also be invited to an informal interview.

- **Head of College Awards (Years 7, 9, 10 and 11)** are made on the basis of the results obtained in the annual ACER examinations as well as on the applicant’s co-curricular achievements. Head of College Awards are by definition not scholarships but are a recognition by the College of the contribution to be made by a genuine all-rounder to the life of All Saints’ College through their participation in all aspects of school life. A comprehensive resume demonstrating the candidate’s achievements is required and applicants who are new to the College will also be invited to an informal interview.

- **Music Scholarships (Years 7, 9, 10 and 11)** are awarded to students who have attained a high level of instrumental performance achievement for their age level. Music scholarships are awarded on the basis of the results obtained in the annual ACER scholarship examinations. In addition, music scholarship candidates are required to prepare for a short audition and to sit a simple theory/aural test. A comprehensive resume demonstrating the candidate’s background and musical achievements is required and applicants who are new to the College will also be invited to an informal interview. A confidential report from the current instrumental tutor is also required.

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**Applying for Scholarships**

All Saints’ College participates in the national ACER (Australian Council for Educational Research) Cooperative Scholarship Testing Program. Applicants sit the examinations (usually at All Saints’ College) in late February of the year prior to enrolment. For example, for those wishing to apply for a scholarship for Year 7, the candidate must sit the examination while currently in Year 6 – having registered for the examination towards the end of Year 5.


For further details please contact the College: admin@saints.nsw.edu.au