HICES Swimming Carnival
On Tuesday 8th March our Junior School swimming team will be heading to the Sydney Aquatic Centre at Homebush to compete in the Heads Independent Co-Educational Schools (HICES) Swimming Carnival. I wish all team members the best of luck and feel very confident that they will represent the school with pride both in and out of the pool.

Year 3 and 4 Mayfield Gardens Excursion
On Wednesday 9th March our Year 3 and 4 students will be travelling to Mayfield Gardens to sketch the bridge which looks like Monet’s bridge in his garden. They are studying Monet in their art lessons.

Bathurst Rugby 7’s Tournament
Our Under 12 rugby 7’s team will be participating in the Bathurst round of the Waratahs Rugby 7’s Competition. Last year this was a well organised and very enjoyable day and we look forward to participating again this year.

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
8/3/16   HICES Swimming Carnival – Homebush
17/3/16  HICES Debating Round 2
22/3/16  Combined Independent Schools (CIS)Swimming Carnival
24/3/16  Pre K & Infants Easter Hat Parade (2.00pm)
4-6/4/116 JS Parent/Teacher Interviews
8/4/16   Last day of classes for Term 1
This week we started learning our first sound, Sssss. It was fun to make spiders caught in a spider web, sponge printed snakes, and be detectives finding s words everywhere. It was exciting to see their faces light up when they could see an s that they had just learnt about. We also played rectangle games and Mat Man helped us to identify lots of different body parts when we draw. We had an excursion to the Town Library and made large spider webs inside and out of the classroom. What a sensational week.

Leila told us all about her family for news.

Polly, Lily and Milly found the letter s and all the words we have added already.

Gabe and Ella drew some wonderful pictures after playing with Mat Man.

With love supporting Year 6 Ice Block Day.

Ethan made an awesome aquarium enclosure.

Who’s knocking at the rectangle door? Billy.

Leila told us all about her family for news.

Elisabeth, Amelia and Harrison are beading their spiders to catch in the spiderweb.

“Who’s knocking at the rectangle door? Billy.”

Polly, Lily and Milly found the letter s and all the words we have added already.

Leila told us all about her family for news.

Amelia, Lex and Gabe are learning how to wash glitter ‘germs’ off their hands.

Amelia made an amazing picture with rectangles.

Fun at the Library.

Playing with Cuisenaire rods.
The Power of Prayer

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. (Philippians 4:6, NRSV)

Over the season of Lent, Christians are called to devote themselves to prayer. Prayer is a powerful method of communication between God and humankind. It is how we talk to God and one of the ways in which God talks to us. Prayer is also how we show our trust in and reliance on God for the things that we need.

Our prayers can take many forms. We can read prayers from various books, Church prayer books, and directly from the Bible. The Bible contains many prayers of the faithful, including the one that Jesus taught us - the one we know as ‘The Lord’s Prayer’. When reading from a book the prayer generally follows a pattern and may seem formal and stiff to us.

Another way of praying is for us to talk directly to God. It can be a conversation. God allows us to vent our frustrations when we have them, to ask questions, and to demand answers! We may think that we don’t know what to say when we pray, but if we are serious about it the Holy Spirit will give us the words we are looking for.

Sometimes we can’t muster up the words, no matter how hard we try. Sometimes we are too upset, too tired, or too overwhelmed by the situation.

In writing to the Romans, the Apostle Paul reminded his readers, “Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.” (Romans 8:26, NRSV). So even sitting quiet and still, just breathing and thinking, willing a connection with God is enough for us to communicate with Him.

I mentioned earlier that prayer is a way that we show our trust in God. I have had many times when my prayers have taken a long time to be answered. When I was in the Parish of Oberon during the dry times I called the community together for a regular Saturday morning prayer for rain. About 10 people responded and we gathered in the main street every Saturday early in the morning. It was about 6 months and many freezing mornings to contend with before we got decent rain, but all who gathered were convinced that God honoured our faithfulness and persistence.

Another time a dear friend, Narelle, had a severe stroke at age 34. When I got the call at 9am she was not expected to make it through that day. Many in our church gathered that day and for many days afterward to pray for her recovery. I remember one leading member of another church, a nurse, who said to me, “I admire your faithfulness in prayer, but no one survives a Category 5 stroke.” Undaunted, we continued to pray. Narelle didn’t seem to improve, remaining in a coma for close to 8 weeks. Eventually the focus of my prayers changed from “heal her, Lord” to “We trust you Lord, let your will be done, we have faith in your goodness and wisdom.”

I would encourage you to devote yourself to prayer. You never know what positive result it may bring.

With every blessing,
Rev. Tony Card.

Thought for the week: The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. (Psalm 145:18, NRSV)

Volunteers Needed – Help Rebuild Schools in Vanuatu

Thank you to those who have expressed an interest in going to Vanuatu in July to help rebuild schools destroyed by Cyclone Pam. We have half a team at this stage and so need a few more people to guarantee that we can go. Details can be found in last week’s newsletter. If you would like to register your interest in being part of this worthy effort please email me on tony.card@ Saints.nsw.edu.au

KANGA 9s CRICKET

After a few weeks of illness and absences we were finally back to our full compliment of 10 players this week, and our boys put in a really solid batting performance against Pats. On a rough pitch we got 80 runs and only had 3 dismissals. Our bowlers did well, but we just couldn’t take enough wickets. Pats scored 101, also for the loss of 3 wickets. Just one more wicket would have seen our boys take the win on runs per wicket, but it was not to be. In a player of the match performance Lachlan Nelson batted well and took a good wicket when we needed one. Big thank you to Finn’s dad Dave Hitchick for coaching this week. Mr Dion Killiby

10 YEARS CRICKET

On the weekend we had a great game. James Burgess was wicketkeeper and I was captain. Unfortunately we lost, but we did not give up. We enjoyed playing at stiles oval for a change. Man of the match went to Noah Siede. Callum McClymont

Saturday 5th March All Saints’

Team Fixtures

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Please be at the ground at 8.30am for an 8.45 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.
The Infants Teddy Bears’ Picnic

- **When:** Friday 4th March
- **Bring:** Your favourite teddy bear or soft toy AND a gold coin donation for Westmead Children’s Hospital Bandaged Bear Appeal 2016.
- We will have a picnic lunch and learn some First Aid skills to keep our Bears safe and healthy!

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**ALL SAINTS’ COLLEGE**
Bathurst

**Friends of Music**

Raising funds in 2016 for a grand piano for the benefit of the junior and senior school music programs

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join us for

**Trivia Night**

**FRIDAY**

18 March 2016

7.00pm

- $15 per person

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- Tables of 8 people
  - make your own group
  - fly solo

**Tickets available @**
Reception & Junior School Office until 14 March 2016
Contact 0428 262 285

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- Be entertained by the college’s musicians
- Great prizes & raffles
- BYO drinks & nibbles
- Optional themed tables (famous musicians, eras eg 70s or 80s)
- Play for team glory
- Pitch your knowledge against your peers
- Take your team to the top in a brain melting battle of wits
RELAY FOR LIFE AND OPEN DAY 2016

On March 12 and 13 the College will be the host venue for Bathurst’s inspiring Relay For Life. College Business Manager Mr Maher noted “Relay For Life is a chance for communities to recognise those who have overcome cancer or are undergoing treatment, as well as the people who care for them. The Relay also provides an opportunity to celebrate the memory of loved ones who have been lost to cancer. All Saints’ is extremely proud to be able to support this important and inspirational event.”

In lieu of the College Open Day 2016 scheduled for Friday 11 March, the College enrolments team will be on hand to welcome both visitors and participants to the school on Saturday afternoon 12 March. Guided tours of our beautiful College and information will be available. Please pass on this information to any families known to you who may be interested in finding out more about our wonderful school.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN 2017

Intending families are reminded that applications are now open for 4 year olds to attend the wonderful All Saints’ Pre-Kindergarten Programme in 2017. The 2, 3 and 5 day groups usually fill rapidly, so please contact the College on 6331 3911 or download an application from the College website to secure an interview. Please pass this Pre-Kinder information to friends and family.

SCHOLARSHIPS 2017

The annual ACER scholarship examinations were held on Saturday, 27 February and a large number of aspiring students sat for the various levels of scholarships available to both Junior and Senior School. Results will be given to families in early April.

HAVE YOUR FAMILY DETAILS CHANGED? We need to know.

Alerting the College to any change in your family details (especially mobile numbers) is as simple as accessing the College website. On the homepage go to “Forms, Policies and Procedures” then click “Change of Details” complete the form and click ‘submit’. ……… too easy!

Michael Hissey

FROM THE REGISTRAR

Mr Michael Hissey

RELAY FOR LIFE

Junior School Relay For Life

All Saints College is hosting Relay For Life on the weekend of 12th & 13th March. On Friday 11th March the Junior School will turn purple and yellow in support of this marvellous community event. All students are encouraged to wear purple and or yellow and contribute to the fundraising effort with a gold coin donation. Larger donations can be made through the donation boxes found both in the Junior School Office and the front reception. Relay for Life is also running a raffle with some great local prizes. Tickets can be purchased from Mrs Keogh in the Junior School Office at $2 a ticket.

If you wish to get your friends and family together it is not too late to form a team. Go to http://fundraising.cancer.org.au/bathurst 2016. Or alternatively sponsor a participant through the website. We thank you for your support!
This year is the 10th Anniversary of the wonderful All Saints' Literature Festival (4th - 6th April), a celebration over three days of Australian authors and illustrators. All students from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 12 have the opportunity to meet authors/illustrators appropriate to their age group and attend workshops with tips for writing or illustrating.

This year we are very excited to announce that our star attraction will be

**Leigh Hobbs**

Last month Leigh Hobbs was announced as The Australian Children’s Laureate (official national and international ambassador for children’s writing) for 2016-2017. He says the two-year gig is an honour and "reckons" the organisers picked him because of his teaching experience, the fact that he can interact with children, the fact that he is both artist and author, and because he is a huge fan of the increasingly vulnerable school libraries and their librarians.

Leigh Hobbs is best known for the humorous children’s books which feature his characters Old Tom, Horrible Harriet, Fiona the Pig, Mr Badger and Mr Chicken. Plus the characters in the 4F for FREAKS books.
Dear Junior School parents

The Junior School’s first fundraiser for 2016 is a Cadbury® Fundraiser drive. We are hoping to enlist your help.

**What are we selling?**
This year we will be selling mixed boxes of Cadbury® Fundraiser Easter Eggs (mixed boxes). Each box contains 20 bags of eggs at a cost of $4 per bag.

**What are we raising money for?**
This Cadbury® Fundraiser is going **directly back into the Junior School classrooms** - all funds raised will go toward the purchase of valuable resources for the Junior School.

**When will we be selling the chocolates?**
The chocolates can be collected from the school from Monday 14 March and you will have three weeks to sell them. Your class parents/s will keep you informed about the details of the distribution.

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**How much money do we hope to raise?**
If every Junior School family sells one box, we will make around $5,000 profit. We will also receive a number of other bonus gifts from Cadbury® (including Coles Myer gift cards and an ipod touch) that we hope to use as prizes in a raffle later this year.

**What if I want to sell more than one box?**
We will be very grateful if any families can sell more than one box. Families with two or more children should initially only receive one box – this will be from the class that your oldest child is in. If you would like to sell another box please ask your class parent/s, or contact Tracy Finau or Michelle Gough.

**IMPORTANT NOTE**
Cadbury® and All Saints College do not recommend that children be involved in selling chocolates, but if they are they must do so under adult supervision.
We thank you for your help in raising funds to spend on our beautiful school.

If you have any questions about this fundraiser, please contact Tracy Finau on 0417 454 206 or Michelle Gough on 0418 132 123
All Saints’ College is proud to host

RELAY FOR LIFE 2016

Saturday 12th March

• All visitors welcome
• College information available
• Campus tours

For more information call the College on 6331 3911 or visit our website www.saints.nsw.edu.au
Since 1989 people have been Relaying. 

Come join us!

Relay For Life is a fun and moving overnight experience that raises vital funds for Cancer Council’s research, prevention and support services.

You can make a difference by getting involved in Relay For Life. Join a team, volunteer or donate and help make a difference in the fight against cancer.

**Bathurst & District**

Relay For Life

12-13 March 2016

All Saints College, Bathurst

Register. Participate. Donate.

1300 65 65 85

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