House Captains

Congratulations to the following students who were elected as House Captains for 2016.

Esrom - Todd Nelson and Hannah Stanmore
Bradwardine - Joshua Hunter and Kate Edwards

Inter-House Swimming Carnival

The Swimming Carnival will begin at 9:15 am on Friday 17th February at the College pool. If you can assist with timekeeping please see Mrs Nelson.

‘At Home’ Function on Watson Oval

All parents are invited to join Mr Steven O’Connor and the All Saints’ College Staff on Watson Oval on Friday 17th February from 5:30 – 7:30 pm for a special social gathering.

Carpark Use

Please note that ALL Junior School students need to be dropped off at and picked up from the Junior School Carpark. If you are walking your Pre-Kindergarten or Infants child in to class, you can park in the carpark near main reception. Junior School students are NOT to be dropped off or picked up from behind the Year 5 and 6 classrooms.

Playground Use After School

For the safety of the children, no children should be playing on the playground equipment between 3:15 and 3:30 pm.

Morning Drop Off

As there is no teacher on supervision duty until 8:25 am each morning, Junior School children are not to be dropped off at school until after this time. I would appreciate your support in adhering to this rule as the safety of your child is of paramount importance to us.

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 9.00 am.

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2 | 10 Feb | Year 6
3 | 17 Feb | No Assembly – Swimming Carnival
4 | 24 Feb | Year 5 (Grandparents’ Day)
5 | 03 Mar | Year 4
6 | 10 Mar | Year 3
7 | 17 Mar | Year 2
8 | 24 Mar | Year 1
9 | 31 Mar | Kindergarten
10 | 07 Apr | Year 6 – last assembly of term

Important Dates for the Calendar

17/2/17 Inter House Swimming Carnival - Wear PE gear
17/2/17 ‘At Home’ - Head of College Function on Watson Oval (7:00 pm)
We have had an amazing start to the new school year. With temperatures soaring and the air conditioner working overtime we have been able to keep our cool and enjoy even the hottest of days. PK 5 have been learning about making new friends with stories like Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley by Aaron Blabey and have been putting these new skills into practice. We are exploring circles and the colour red (aka in Japanese) through finger painting, sensory play, printing, books, songs and games. Following on from their interest in ramps, Project time was all abuzz as the children experimented with different ramps to see what would roll, slide and what modifications they could make to change the outcome. The Humpty Dumpty rhyme has enabled us to hear rhyming sounds, practice scissor skills, facial recognition and to create imaginative stories about why he fell off the wall. In Science, the children also chose what surface Humpty fell onto (e.g. hard, soft) and predicted what would happen to Humpty when he fell on it. They then dropped their own hard boiled Humpty egg to test if their predictions were correct.

Mrs Sally Parsons
Every little bit counts in the battle against Cancer

Pat Mitchell, receptionist extraordinaire who took over the ASC front desk last year, has been diagnosed with Colon Cancer.

Pat has a very supportive husband, (Ian of 26 years), daughter Melissa (married with 3 children), son Edmund (studying Psychology in Sydney), daughter Jessica (studying Bachelor of Education in Bathurst) and Katie (who lives at home with special needs).

Since Pat’s diagnosis, this very close family has struggled to come to terms with her cancer and their lives have been turned upside down.

The last thing we at All Saints’ want is for Pat’s family to worry about the expenses of treatment.

One of Pat’s wishes is to have a family holiday on the South Coast, precious time to relax and reflect with her family and we want to help this wish come true.

If you can help with a donation please go to Pat’s ‘Go Fund Me’ page: https://www.gofundme.com/pats-go-fund-me

QUARRY DUST

The address to the College for the Commencement Service 3 Feb 2017.

The first boat people came in a convoy of 11 ships, taking over 7 months to make the voyage. When the Europe Tour cohort returned from Europe last October it took a mere 24 hours.

On one of the supply ships was the Chaplain, Richard Johnson and his family – they had the Golden Grove to themselves. Richard, at 35, married just before the Fleet set out. They may have been the only married couple on the voyage. He was to be the lone Chaplain to the Colony for 6 years.

They arrived on the 26th of January at Port Jackson, now Circular Quay and after a week Johnson gathered the voyagers under what was described as a Great Tree. In Bligh St, there is an obelisk set as a reminder of the gathering. It was today, Feb 3, 229 years ago.

He crafted his sermon around the text from Psalm 116 which was read this morning by our Senior School Captains: ‘How shall I repay the Lord for all his benefits to me’ vs 12.

Why did he choose THIS verse? There are so many others: God is our refuge and strength from Ps 46. He leads me beside still waters (the calm of Port Jackson) from Ps 23. If I settle at the farthest ends of the earth. Ps 39. There go the ships and that Leviathan which you formed to sport in the deep Ps 104.

But he chose one which recognises God’s providence. When we pause and reflect we become aware of and are carried by known and unknown acts of God’s grace. We may grudgingly realise that a Providence has shadowed us. In our quieter moments we remember the affection and support from our families, beauty, delight, achievement, a safe arrival. For the soldiers and convicts there, nearby, was the Tank stream...provision.

Johnson asked as we might, how can we repay God for these blessings.

At the beginning of the Psalm 116 we see that God delivered the writer from death, gave peace in times of anguish; there was a stumbling, but not a falling. There were storms with salt water spray, or storms with emotion, there were dark nights, dangers, high winds.

They had arrived safely and now what. We, too, have made such a journey, whether it be TO this land or whether it be THROUGH this land. We have arrived safely, here, at the beginning of this year.

The writer of Psalm 116 proposes these responses: I will take the cup of salvation, I will call upon the name of the Lord I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

That is, I will continue to accept and drink in God’s goodness and blessing; I will choose to go back to drink from that well time and time again. I will continue to include God in my life by humbling myself and calling on the name of the Lord, including God in my decisions.

Lastly, I will pay my vows to the Lord. The vow we take is to love God with heart, mind, soul and strength - publicly - in the presence of all his people. I have noticed that when people take a stand publicly somehow that stiffens our own resolve to choose good.

Blessing is followed by responsibility. To whom much is given, much will be required Jesus said... so we proceed into this year, determined to give more than we receive, to be ever thankful and to recognise God’s quiet weave in the carpet of our lives.

Father Paul.
The weather is forecast to be extremely hot on Saturday. While the morning temperatures are unlikely to exceed a safe-playing level, I would like to remind all players (and spectators) of the need to drink plenty of water throughout the morning at regular intervals. If you are not fielding or batting, the best place to support your team this week will be in the shade! As is the case every week, a high-protection sunscreen and ASC broad brim hat or ASC cricket cap should be worn at all times. ASC cricket hats are available from Mrs Moller in the Uniform Shop. I hope you enjoy your cricket!

Saturday 11th February All Saints’ Team Fixtures
Kanga 7s vs Scots Gold at Scots Kanga 2
Kanga 9s vs Scots at Scots Kanga 1
11 Years vs St Pat’s White at Learmonth 4

Please be at the ground at 8:25 am for an 8:45 am 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.

Batsmen blast ASC to victory
Kanga 9s vs Bushrangers
Our first game back was a hot one at Brooke Moore Oval. The team had a great training session the Wednesday before where we did a lot of work on our bowling which proved vital on Saturday.

Kosema was a wonderful captain as he decided on a very fair batting order. All Saints’ put a big score on the board, with some excellent running between wickets and some big hitting towards the end of the innings. Banjo and Oscar were able to find all the gaps and smash the ball through them. Our fielding was very energetic and there were plenty of players keen to get the ball.

Special mention should go to William who must have been working on his skills over the holidays because his accuracy and fielding were much improved. We had a good victory and Vido was Player of the match. A big thank you to those parents who scored and helped with umpiring. Without your help the morning would not be so enjoyable for all.

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Keep our children safe and stay below 20 on school grounds!
The Head of College, Mr Steven O’Connor invites you to an "At Home" Social Gathering to welcome parents and staff and to celebrate the commencement of 2017

Watson Oval
5.30 to 7.30pm
Friday, 17th February 2017

Drinks provided.
Please bring a plate to share.

Please RSVP to 6332 7310
or email lisa.ellery@saints.nsw.edu.au
by Monday, 13th February 2017

This is a parents only event.

P&F AGM
Want to play a more active role in supporting ASC?
There’s no better way than to join the P&F!
The Annual General Meeting is on next Monday 13 February at 6:00 pm in the library.
All positions are vacant and parents are strongly encouraged to attend.

Calling All Green Thumbs!

Don’t forget the Beautification of Grounds Committee meets every Friday at the Vin Sutter Garden (near the Junior School Office) at 8:30 am.

If you can spare an hour or two to help keep ASC beautiful please come along with your gardening utensils and a hat.

For more info, or if you can help another time, please text Mrs Trudy O’Connor on 0408 004 044

Invitation

FREE SCREENING MAMMOGRAMS
Recommended every 2 years for women aged 50 – 74 years
APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE EVERY WEEK IN
BATHURST

We are located at Bathurst Base Hospital

CALL 13 20 50 TODAY
The Junior School Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 17 February, 2017 from 9.00am.

Every year the P&F cater for this event by selling cakes, slices, ice blocks and coffee.

The P & F are calling for donations of cakes, jellies or slices (purchased if that is easier) to sell on the day. Food can be taken straight up to the Bickerdike Centre on the day.

Any assistance from interested parents in manning the canteen would also be greatly appreciated. If you can assist in any way, please contact Mrs Keogh in the Junior School Office before Monday 13 February.

This is a wonderful fundraiser for the Junior School.
It’s great to see everyone back from a lovely holiday period and ready to jump into a new school year, with fun activities and reading lots of great books! Students are always welcome at lunchtime to play a game, draw a picture, read a book or just escape from the heat! Check out which teacher librarian has been assigned to each class and what day they will have their library lesson – so don’t forget the library books!

At home...

Kids ALWAYS love being read to! Make reading books an important activity in your family. A love of reading is strongly linked with academic achievement!

Search the catalogue at home!

Don’t forget you can check out what books we have in the library from at home! Just visit the All Saints’ College website at http://www.saints.nsw.edu.au/ and follow the link to the library home page. Not only can you search the catalogue but under the Online Resources tab you can access Britannica School which is ideal for students looking for information for assignments!

This link can be found in the Reading Room tab under Reading Websites. This site provides reviews for books as well as links to many author’s websites. Check it out for something new to read!

Of course the big excitement in the library during Term 1 is the lead up to the All Saint’s Literature Festival, held in Week 10 (Monday 3rd – Wednesday 5th April). Stay tuned for more details!!

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Please remember to return any library books overdue from last year!
UNIFORM SHOP
HOURS FOR 2017

MONDAY  8.30AM TO 4.30PM
TUESDAY  CLOSED
WEDNESDAY  12.30PM TO 3.00PM
THURSDAY  1.00PM TO 4.30PM
FRIDAY  8.30AM TO 12 NOON

Phone  63327 303 or email: l.moller@saints.nsw.edu.au