From the Head of Junior School
Mr Chris Jackman

Picking Up Early or Arriving Late Procedure
We have now implemented a new procedure to be followed when parents need to pick up their children early from school and when they are delivering them to school late or after an appointment. All parents need to sign their children in or out at the Junior School office if they arrive after 9.15am or if they are picked up before 3.15pm. This forms part of the changes we are making moving to the Edumate school administration system.

Edumate
All Saints’ College has recently implemented a new school administration system called Edumate. Initially it will be used for internal administrative tasks such as roll marking, school calendars and timetables. Eventually Edumate will expand to include the provision of information about student progress to parents. At present we are currently continuing to use Caremonkey for excursion notes and medical information.

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.

Week Date Class
2 16 October No Assembly – Year 5 and 6 at Camp
3 23 October Year 6
4 30 October Year 5
5 6 November No Assembly – Orientation Day

Interschool Nationals
Two members of the All Saints’ College equestrian team recently represented NSW at the Interschool Nationals which were held at Sydney during the September/October school holidays. It is a huge honour to be selected in the team and to place in the top 10 in your event is a great achievement.

Year 6 rider, Megan Redpath is to be congratulated on placing ninth in both of her dressage events. This is a wonderful result and shows what a bright future Megan has in the sport of equestrian.

Madeline Sinderberry (Year 9) had an excellent campaign in the showjumping arena, finishing as the 110cm and 120cm champion. Madeline and three other NSW showjumpers also won the Champion Secondary Showjumping Team award. After such a successful few days of competition Madeline was awarded the prestigious Finch Farm Overall Showjumping Champion award.

Congratulations to both Megan and Madeline on their outstanding results at such a major equestrian event.

Mrs Lynne Woodlock

Uniform Shop Hours: Monday 8.30am to 4.30pm; Tuesday closed; Wednesday closed; Thursday 12noon to 4.30pm; Friday 9am to 3.15pm
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The Pre-Kinder children are seizing every opportunity on these glorious warm days to experience some water or mud-play in the playground! Our digraph for the week is 'sh'. We have enjoyed many stories associated with the 'sh' sound, finger painted with shaving cream and for craft made, Shaun the Sheep! In News and Literacy we are learning about being thankful and read the story, Thank you Little Mouse, by Caroline Anstey. In Mathematics we are investigating mass and used an equal-arm balance to find objects that have the same mass. We are already getting very excited about performing our Christmas Concert for our families in week 8 and have started learning some songs, dances and our lines. Kind regards, Deb Porter
LAST CALL FOR SHOEBOXES.

The final day for shoebox collection has been brought forward to Wednesday 21/10/15. We had about 230 empty boxes taken home and so far about 130 have come back, so if you are still gathering what you need can you please get onto this and return your box. Please also return any boxes that you have that you can’t pack so that they can be used elsewhere. The infants will be loading them up during their chapel on Wednesday.

An abundant life

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. (John 10:10, NRSV).

Late last term a Year 7 girl came up to me after class with a question. She wanted to know why the Church only seems to want to talk about having faith in Jesus as an alternative to going to Hell. She suggested that there must be more positive reasons why we would have faith in Christ. Our eternal future, whilst being the most important, is just one of them, so this term we are focusing on these reasons.

The first is the abundant life that Jesus promises us. He sets a clear distinction between himself and “the thief” (Satan), and the life that he provides. Jesus is clear that it is only when we are with him that we truly have a full and abundant life. But what does he mean by “abundantly”?

Jesus was not talking about physical wealth and privilege. He doesn’t promise each of us a huge house, lots of cars and holidays. What he does promise is peace, joy, and satisfaction with what we do have. This does not mean that we can’t have wealth and privilege and be a Christian. That would be ridiculous. There are many wealthy Christians. But it is what we do with that wealth and privilege that matters. If our focus is on maintaining it to the detriment of our relationships then we have a problem. If we keep it all to ourselves and not use it to help others then we have a problem.

The abundance that Jesus talks about is most evident in the simplicity of life. If we have a roof over our head, food on the table and are surrounded by loving family and friends then we are truly blessed. Some of the happiest people I have ever met are the people of Vanuatu. They live in a beautiful country with access to wonderful food, beaches and scenery. Yet many still live without electricity, running water, and plumbing. Many still sleep on a mat on the floor rather than in a bed. But they wouldn’t swap their life for anything.

Jesus does promise us an abundant life. It’s up to us to check it out.

With every blessing,

Rev. Tony Card.

Thought for the week: Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20, NRSV)

A call for help…

The College leadership is in full swing planning for 2016. We are in need of volunteer teachers to take on the responsibility of teaching Christian Studies in the Junior School. Classes are 20 minutes each week for Pre-Kinder and 45 minutes for Kindergarten through to Year 5. Each class has a teacher’s manual and student workbook. The manual gives detailed lesson plans, suggested activities and lots of guidance. If this sounds like something that you are keen to do then please call or email me.
The All Saints’ College Council invites you to a COCKTAIL FUNCTION to Farewell Dr Peter & Naomi Miller.

Friday, 27 November
6.30pm until 8.30pm
Rydges Mount Panorama

Cost: $40.00 per head

RSVP and payment to Scott at Reception by Friday, 13 November 2015.
Join Karen Boyes at 7pm on Thursday 29 October 2015
All Saints’ College - Library
to discuss:
Ways to
Future Proof Your Child

Karen Boyes is a passionate Australasian speaker and trainer with 21 years’ experience. She champions personal success, learning and teaching, peak performance and Habits of Mind. Karen was the NZ Business Woman of the Year in 2001 and is a popular speaker both across Australia and internationally

Karen will lead a discussion on:

- strategies, tools and approaches to build resilience,
- how to foster effective communication between parents, student and educators
- recognising relationship pitfalls and perils impacting on schooling and
- where parent engagement contributes to the student outcomes.

This is a great workshop to help parents be better prepared and skilled at dealing effectively with student wellbeing issues with particular focus on resilience and self-esteem. Your chance to obtain some helpful and evidence based tips to assist your child.

“Tools were given... to engage a student with that learning and to help them concentrate and remain found at the task in hand” Deputy Principal New Zealand

“Karen is a breath of fresh air in this challenging space. Parents want a set of worthwhile and practical tools to help their children tackle the pressures of today’s education environment.” CEO NSW Parents Council.

Please rsvp to All Saints’ College Reception by Tuesday 27 October – 6331 3911