From the Head of Junior School
Mr Chris Jackman

Infants’ Thanksgiving Service
On Friday 20th November we will have our Infants’ Thanksgiving Service on the lawn next to the Chapel. It will begin at 9.15am.

Year 6 Valedictory Chapel Service and Dinner
The Valedictory Chapel service will begin at 6.00pm in the College Chapel. Guests can arrive at The Carrington from 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. I look forward to a wonderful evening of celebration and entertainment.

Pre-Kindergarten Christmas Concerts
Next week our Pre-Kindergarten students will be performing in their annual Christmas Concerts. The concerts are Pre K 3 Day on 25th November, Pre K 2 Day on 26th November and Pre K 5 Day on 27th November. I look forward to seeing all of the parents and friends there in support of the children.

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
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7 | 20 November | No Assembly – Infants Thanksgiving Service
8 | 27 November | No Assembly
9 | 3 December | JS Presentation Day 9.00am

Important Dates for the Calendar
20/11/15 Infants Thanksgiving Service
20/11/15 Year 6 Chapel Service and Valedictory Dinner
25/11/15 Pre K 3 Day Christmas Concert
26/11/15 Pre K 2 Day Christmas Concert
27/11/15 Pre K 5 Day Christmas Concert
30/11/15 Infants Macquarie Care Centre Visit for Carols
2/12/15 Junior School Carols Service at All Saints’ Cathedral

Annual Equestrian Awards night
Last Friday night the ASC Equestrian Team held its annual awards night at Britton House. The evening was MC’ed by the newly appointed Equestrian Captain Libby Crampton who did a brilliant job. The night was well attended with over fifty people enjoying the BBQ cooking and live music from Isabella Jacobson and Thomas Card. It was wonderful to get together with parents, staff and of course the student. We were grateful to the assistance of the grounds staff, cleaners, caterers and IT support team for preparing the area and the facilities to make the night run smoothly. We also appreciated the guest waiters, Dylan Boyd, Thomas Card and Felix McClymont. A number of awards were handed out over the course of the evening, including:

EQUESTRIAN TROPHIES 2015

**JUNIOR**
- Highest Interschool Point score: Megan Redpath
- Participation/Sportsmanship Award: Megan Redpath
- Most Improved Rider: Adelaide Cunningham
- Junior Equestrian of the Year 2014: Megan Redpath

**SENIOR**
- Highest Interschool Point score: Madeline Sinderberry
- Highest North West Equestrian Expo Point score: Madison Harley
- Most Improved Rider: Jakiya Whitfeld
- Participation/Sportsmanship Award: Amber Stockman
- Senior Equestrian of the Year: Madeline Sinderberry
With two weeks to go we are full steam ahead practicing Christmas Concerts, making gifts and Christmas craft, creating memories and enjoying time with our friends. Dress up day was a great hit with everyone making a wonderful effort and we all had a lot of fun. It has been a big week for Birthdays with Bridget and Phoebe both turning 5. Happy Birthday. This week’s News is one of my favourite with children telling their three favourite things about Pre-Kinder. The range is wide and varied and sometimes surprising. We hope these wonderful memories go with them and know they will always looks fondly on their time in Pre-K.
I am sure that we have all been shocked and saddened by the upsurge in terrorist attacks over the last two weeks. The world has yet again witnessed the senseless loss of innocent lives; the bombing of the Russian airliner, the suicide bombing in Beirut, and the attacks on Paris. Our students have been showing their respect and sympathies in Chapels this week in silent prayer and in the lighting of candles. These terrible events have us rightly asking “why?” It is difficult to see what the perpetrators hope to achieve when the response of governments whose people have been attacked is to retaliate with increased force. It is also puzzling why the perpetrators claim religious authority when this further alienates Muslims who are trying to live a peaceful and compassionate life. Too often we see religion being blamed for terror and war. No religion is immune to this. Christians have been guilty of despicable acts claiming the authority of Christ. Even Buddhists are guilty of terror and murder of Muslims and Christians. We need to understand that it is not their religion that demands these acts but is a distorted view of specific and often minute writings that drive them. I heard an academic on the radio yesterday who noted that the young men and boys who are radicalised often have never read the Qur’an and do not have a proper understanding of Islam.

Whilst all religions have distinct differences in their world view, and we cannot claim that they are all different paths to the same destination, we should recognise that at the heart of all of the main religions of the world is an understanding that we are to love one another, care for one another, and live at peace with one another. This can and must happen, but it can only happen if we make the effort to understand each other’s point of view.

With every blessing,
Rev. Tony Card.

Thought for the week: Learn where there is wisdom, where there is strength, where there is understanding, so that you may at the same time discern where there is length of days, and life, where there is light for the eyes, and peace. (Baruch 3:14, NRSV)
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FROM

MONDAY

16TH NOVEMBER 2015

TO

FRIDAY

27TH NOVEMBER 2015

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