HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL
Mr Stewart Ross

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
School photographs will take place next Tuesday, 20 May 2014. Please note Winter uniform is needed for the day. A schedule of times for Year groups and House groups needs to be followed for smooth functioning. This year we are using a new provider with a different package of photographs available. A letter regarding this has been sent home.

YEAR 7 ORIENTATION
As part of our “Stepping into Year 7” program, an orientation night is to be held next Thursday, 22 May 2014 for those students entering Year 7 in 2015. The event will start at 7pm in the library and is for both parents and students. See you there.

PRESENTATION BALL
The Presentation Ball is next Friday, 23 May 2014 and I know the Year 11 students are excited. So am I. The practising of different dances has been successful and nearly concluded. Let’s see how they perform on the night. A reminder that Friday is still a school day and classes will take place. If students need time off after lunch for “preparation”, a letter (or email) requesting leave needs to be forwarded to me by Wednesday afternoon.

NAPLAN
The suite of examinations measuring Literacy and Numeracy were concluded today and students appeared little concerned about the questions. Results will be mailed out to parents sometime in September. I have heard that there is some talk of these examinations being held much earlier in the year so that teachers have more time to analyse and work with students of concern.

FAST FACT
Ranking second among OECD registered countries, Finland’s students continue to excel as standard bearers for educational excellence. Undoubtedly operating the single most innovative and unique educational system in the world, Finland has turned its back on the centralized and evaluation driven model adopted by the majority of western nations. Although Finland spends an estimated 30% less per student than authorities in the U.S., 66% of all students attend college and enter into higher education. In addition to this, 93% of Finnish students graduate from high school, and this is nearly 18% higher than the overall rate recorded in the U.S.

Thought: I am always more interested in what I am about to do than what I have already done. Rachel Carson

HELPERS WANTED
 Helpers are needed on Saturday, 24th May 2014 at 9am to assist with putting up Art Show Boards in the Bickerdike Centre for the Festival of Art.

Some strong men with cordless drills etc. would be very useful on the day.

Please phone Rosie on 0419 170 854 or email trevor.bayliss@bigpond.com

The College P&F has a new email address allsaintspnf@saints.nsw.edu.au

Uniform Shop Hours: Monday 8.30am to 5pm; Tuesday 12 noon to 2pm; Thursday 2pm to 4.30pm; Friday 8.30am to 3pm
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The Bible records four appearances of Jesus to his followers on the day of his resurrection; he appeared to Mary Magdalene near the tomb, to the two men on the Emmaus Road, to Simon, and to the gathered Disciples including the two who had run the seven miles back from Emmaus (Luke 24:36-49). We might reasonably think that they would be in no doubt that he had indeed risen as he said he would, but instead we find that they were still disbelieving and wondering if it was true.

Perhaps it is because the news sounds too good to be true. We often have trouble believing the most joyful and surprising news, pinching ourselves to make sure we are not dreaming. I can only imagine what it would be like to wake up this Sunday to the news that I had won the $21 million Lotto jackpot. My mind would be swimming with the impact of this news; the opportunities it would bring, the challenges and relief, and ramifications of the change to my life. I can imagine that in my joy I would be disbelieving and still wondering. Could it really be true?

The news of the resurrection of Jesus was a history changing event. The world was no longer the same. Now there was hope, a promise that death is not the end but merely a new beginning. The Disciples had difficulty understanding this and they were there at the time, so it is little wonder than we too can have difficulty understanding what this was all about. Just like the Disciples, we are called to trust Jesus, and to believe that this is true. And just like the Disciples we too will receive the promise of a new life with Jesus, driven by the power of the Holy Spirit.

With all the blessings of Christ,
Rev. Tony Card.

Thought for the week: “And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” (Luke 24:49, NRSV)
FROM THE REGISTRAR
Mr Michael Hissey

MILTHORPE ‘MEET AND GREET’
All Saints’ College continues the longstanding tradition of hosting meetings with families in their local communities. The annual series of informal evenings hosted by the Head of College, Dr Peter Miller is now in full swing. A fabulous evening was held at Millthorpe on the evening of Thursday, May 8. This event was attended by a record number of current families and students and a large group of new and prospective families. The new College bus service to the Millthorpe and Blayney districts has been invaluable in helping local families who are keen to enrol their children at the College from these districts. My sincere thanks to our wonderful students for attending the event and especially to Mrs Kath Parnell for organising the event, and to Kate Munro and Paula McCumstie for their invaluable support of All Saints College in the Millthorpe community.

DUBBO BOARDING SCHOOLS’ EXPO 2014 AND MEETING
Next weekend will see All Saints’ College represented at the Dubbo Boarding Schools’ Expo for 2014. This is another very important way for regional families to assess the suitability of schools for their children and as such, is a key element in the promotional strategy for the College. The Expo will be held in the Dubbo Regional Convention Centre and will open at 12.30pm on Friday 16 and run until 3.00pm on Saturday, 17 May. Please encourage friends and associates to pop in and have a chat at the All Saints’ booth. In the wake of the Dubbo Boarding Expo Dr Miller will host a follow up Twilight Information Meeting in Dubbo on Tuesday, 27 May at 4.30pm to be held in the Champagne Room at the Cascades Motor Inn 147 Cobra Street.

YEAR 7 2015 INFORMATION EVENING
Looking ahead, Thursday evening 22 May at 7.00pm will see the Year 7 2015 Information Presentation in the Kemmis Building. This brief presentation will be for all families and students who are currently in Year 6 (including currently enrolled All Saints’ students) and will feature a vital presentation on the Stepping into Year 7 programme.

ENROLMENTS AND PRE-K 2015
As enrolments at the College steadily increase, being placed on a waiting list for entry can be unsettling for families. To avoid disappointment, a reminder to any who are considering enrolment of their children at All Saints in the near future to please ensure that an application for enrolment has been submitted to the office of the Registrar. Please encourage any families known to you who are considering enrolling their child in the All Saints’ Pre-Kindergarten classes for 2015 to get in touch. Interviews for the 2, 3 and 5 day groups have now commenced.

Lastly, a note of sincere welcome to new students Alessandro Marturano Year 11 boarder and day students Ryan and Rhys Clyne Year 10, Daro Tahi Year 9 and Diya Sham Year 7 who have recently joined us.

Michael Hissey

Showjumping Day
a huge success

The Equestrian Group would like to thank everyone involved in last Sunday’s Showjumping Day. A great turn out saw our team members competing over all age groups and levels with special mention to the following riders.

Claudia Cunningham: Reserve Champion 45cm
Megan Redpath: Champion 60cm
Catie Crampton: Champion 75cm
Ruby Woodlock: Reserve Champion 75cm, Reserve Champion 90cm
Teagan Miller: Champion 90cm
Madi Harley: Reserve Champion 1.05m
Maddi Sinderberry: Reserve Champion 1.15m

With over 70 students representing schools around the Central West, to have one of our team members take out Champion or Reserve rider over every grade is a testament to the quality and dedication of our riders. A fantastic result.

Check out the school website for a full report and photo’s.

The girls are currently preparing for the upcoming Coona Expo and the State Interschool Championships and are excited to host Olympic Gold Medallist Stuart Tinney and Dressage Specialist Megan Joerg for a training clinic next week. Keep an eye out for the girls being put through their paces on Stiles Oval next Wednesday and Thursday.

Nicole Stockman
Families and friends have a great opportunity to sponsor a stall at the Spring Fair this year.

This is a great opportunity if you are not a business, to have your family’s name as a sponsor for one of the stalls!

You can sponsor any amount above $100 and this will go towards paying for the goods for the stall.

Your families name will appear as the sponsor for the specific stall.

We already have some families who have put their hands up to sponsor a stall!!!!

Grab a friend or other families and sponsor one of these stalls:

- HOT CHIPS STALL
- HOOPLA STALL
- LOLLIES STALL
- GARDEN STALL
- CHOCOLATE WHEEL & COIN TOSS
- PAVLOVA STALL
- BBQ
- HAUNTED HOUSE
- FACEPAINTING STALL
- DUNKING MACHINE STALL

If you would like to be a sponsor of one of these stalls, please contact Kristie Thorne (encoredrama@bigpond.com or 0414 722 545) or Belinda Didsman (bjdidsman@bigpond.com 0413 707 306) as soon as possible.
May is **National Family Reading Month.** Have your days of reading with your children been and gone? There are many reasons why family reading is a time to be encouraged in every home, no matter how old your “child” is.

Number one on the list is uninterrupted family time. Set aside some time to be with your kids without distractions and establish a family tradition you can all enjoy. Family reading time also provides families with shared experiences and can even provide teaching moments for topics that can be difficult to discuss. Of course reading together will also promote vocabulary, punctuation and a love of life-long learning!

**Why not try some of these ideas?**

- Turn off the TV, computers, and all other electronic devices and everyone grab a book for some **silent reading time together** (maybe even with some tempting snacks!).
- **Family Book Groups** can include both parents and older kids or teens; it can also include extended family members. It’s a fantastic way to connect with grandparents.
- Make a **book-and-film club.** Find classic books that have been made into films; read the book first, then watch the movie together (served with plenty of popcorn!).
- Don’t limit **reading aloud** to younger children, even teens can love being read to. Add whatever embellishments you’d like a warm beverage, a specific setting and lots of cuddling, to ensure a prominent place in your child’s memory.
- **Revisit characters you loved** as a child. Reading these books to your own children will offer as much enjoyment to you as to them.

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**CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE**

[www.saints.nsw.edu.au](http://www.saints.nsw.edu.au) FOR THE LATEST NEWS & PHOTO GALLERIES

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"YOU'RE NEVER TOO OLD, TOO WACKY, TOO WILD, TO PICK UP A BOOK AND READ TO A CHILD."

*Dr. Seuss.*
The annual All Saints’ College Festival of Art will be held from 30 May to 1 June 2014 in the Bickerdike Centre.

We are looking for volunteers to assist at the Festival Of Art in the Café and also at the front of house and purchasing desk over the weekend.

If you are able to help please email Donna Hope d-hope123@bigpond.com with your availability for the timeslots listed on the Roster.

Please note that children will not be allowed in the kitchen area during service times.

We look forward to hearing from you to help make the weekend a great success.
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The Positive Partnerships initiatives have been developed and delivered by Partnerships between Education and the Autism Community (PEAC) and funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, through the Helping Children with Autism package.

What will you learn?
As a result of participating in the workshops and information sessions as parents/carers you will gain:
- a greater understanding of the impact of autism on your child, both at school and at home
- knowledge about how to develop effective parent, school and teacher partnerships
- specific strategies on how to:
  - advocate for your child
  - support your child’s participation at school
  - develop an awareness of ongoing learning needs
- information about your local school system’s processes
- opportunities to network and share strategies with other parents/carers and key community members
- opportunities for discussion around a range of topics relevant to students with an ASD and their families

Some key community representatives that support families living with autism will be identified and invited to participate in the workshop with a view to supporting a community focus beyond the workshop.

Workshop details
Venue: Dubbo RSL Club
Cnr Brisbane and Wingewarra Street, Dubbo NSW 2830

When: Two day workshop – Wednesday 25 & Thursday 26 June 2014
Day 1: 9.00 am - 4.30 pm (Registration from 8.15 am)
Day 2: 9.00 am - 3.30 pm

Registration opens Wednesday, 14 May 2014 and closes 2 days prior.
Registration may stay open until one day before the workshop if spaces are still available, but we strongly recommend that you register as soon as possible.
You will receive a confirmation of your registration.

Online registrations preferred: please go to the website www.positivepartnerships.com.au.

Only complete the following form if you do not have access to the internet and fax or mail to:
Fax: 02 9451 9661; Mail: Positive Partnerships, ASPECT, PO Box 361, Forestville NSW 2087

Positive Partnerships Info Line number: 1300 881 971

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