ONE CYCLE DOWN

We have just about completed our first teaching cycle for the year (Week A and B). By all accounts students have settled quickly into routine and are hard at work. As I have stressed on many occasions, communication between home and school is important. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact Heads of Department, Heads of House or even myself.

RSVP BY MONDAY FOR ‘AT HOME’

Just a reminder that the Head of College ‘At Home’ function for parents is Friday 17 February 2017. RSVPs close next Monday 13 February 2017. Invites should have been received by all. This function is different from those in the past as it is for all parents including both the ‘old’ and the ‘new’.

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULES

Assessment Schedules were distributed yesterday to Years 9 through to Year 11. A copy for parents will be available through our web page. If you have any queries please contact the relevant Head of Department. Changes will be made this year and this will include producing an Assessment Schedule document for Years 7 and 8. This will be available shortly.

YEAR 7 CAMP

Year 7 are off to camp next week. They are heading to Tea Gardens to participate in activities including Bush Walking, Sea Kayaking, Strategy Games, Leap of Faith, High Ropes and Swimming. Camps for Years 8-10 have not been abandoned. There will be a hiatus while we investigate new providers and ascertain the educational rationale behind each.

GRANDPARENTS’ AND SPECIAL FRIENDS’ DAY

Friday 24 February 2017 is approaching fast. Hopefully all replies are in. An outline of the day’s activities will be sent to Grandparents soon.

FAST FACT

After racking up $40 in late fees for a VHS, Reed Hastings was inspired to start NETFLIX!

Thought: A little library, growing larger every year, is an honourable part of a man’s history. It is a man’s duty to have books. A library is not a luxury, but one of the necessities of life.

Henry Ward Beecher
QUARRY DUST
Reverend Paul Woodhart

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.

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
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

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER OUR OFFICIAL WINTER JACKET!

This is the approved jacket for wearing to school and sport in the colder months.

COST $180.00
Full payment due at time of ordering.
(Cash, Credit Card, Eftpos or Cheque)

These jackets are being custom made and should be delivered by the middle of June 2017.

Orders close: Friday 24th February 2017
To order, or for more information, please see Mrs Moller in Uniform Shop, phone 6332 7303 or email lizzy.moller@saints.nsw.edu.au

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.

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.

Invitation
### ASC Senior Sports Fixtures Friday 10th & Saturday 11th February

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**ISA + BDJCA Cricket**

**Saturday**

| ASC First XI    | Chevalier College | Watson Oval     | 10.30pm |
| ASC Open        | St Stanislaus 16s | Stannles No 3   | 8.45am  |
| ASC U14s/U15s   | Scots            | TSS Mecubbin Oval | 8.45am  |
| ASC U16s        | Blayney          | ASC Stiles No 1 | 8.45am  |

**ISA Tennis**

**Saturday**

| ASC Open        | SSC 1 Open       |         |         |
| ASC Intermediate| SSC 1 Inter      | 9.00am  | 1.00pm  |
| ASC Juniors     | SSC 1 Juniors    | 9.00am  | 1.00pm  |

**Bathurst Touch Footy**

**Monday Feb 13**

| ASC Girls       | Villagettes #1   | 6.35pm  |
| ASC Titans      | Bathurst Bears   | 5.15pm  |
| Watson House    | Scoreless Scrubs #11 | 6.00pm  |

**WAS Touch Footy**

**Saturday**

| WAS Senior Girls| KWS Senior       | 8.30am  | 11.30am |
| WAS Junior Girls| KWS Junior       | 8.30am  | 11.30am |
THE INDEPENDENT LEARNING CENTRE

What?
The ILC aims to help all students in the senior school with individual work and provide assistance in any area of school and creative interest. Specialised external competitions and enrichment opportunities are promoted through the ILC and made available for all interested students.

Where?
Opposite the Japanese Centre and adjacent to Watson Oval in E10.

How?
✓ Help with individual subjects, assessments and examination preparation
✓ Participation in external competitions and enrichment opportunities
✓ Study skills workshops for junior years
✓ Individual time management, study skills and study planning sessions for senior students
✓ Essay writing skills & techniques and scaffolding of assessment tasks
✓ Assistance with writing Resumes & Gap applications
✓ Proofreading and editing
✓ Monday after school homework clinic

When?
The ILC is open Monday to Friday. Lunchtime appointments are available if needed.

Monday After School Homework Centre
The Monday Homework Clinic is open from 3.20pm on Mondays, beginning in Week 3 of Term 1. It is staffed by:

Mrs. Margy Croft (Mathematics, Science and junior subjects)
Mrs. Sarah O’Neill (Humanities, English and Junior subjects)
Mr. Phillip Cant (Mathematics and Science)
Maths and Science department teachers are also available on request

THE FINE PRINT:
Students are provided with biscuits and fruit for afternoon tea, but are encouraged to bring a water bottle.
No booking is necessary but students must sign in upon arrival and departure.
Students MUST come prepared to work as this is not an after school care facility.

For further information, please contact:
Mrs. Sarah O’Neill: Phone- 6332 7331  Email- s.oneill@saints.nsw.edu.au
Mrs. Margy Croft: Phone 6332 7331 Email- marg.croft@saints.nsw.edu.au
Mr. Phillip Cant: Phone 63327 337 Email- phillip.cant@saints.nsw.edu.au

Please note:
The Monday after school homework centre will begin on Monday 13th February (not 14th February as previously stated!).
The **Australian Brain Bee Challenge** (ABBC) is a competition for high school students in Year 10. Students learn about the brain and its functions, neuroscience research, find out about careers in neuroscience. The competition also aims to dispel misconceptions about neurological and mental illnesses.

Round 1 of the competition will take place during Brain Awareness Week, 13-19 March 2017. Questions will be taken from *Neuroscience - Science of the Brain: An Introduction for Young Students*, which can be [downloaded free as a PDF](https://www.bna.org.uk/about-neuroscience/written-resources/) from: https://www.bna.org.uk/about-neuroscience/written-resources/ or [http://worldseries.educationperfect.com/bbc-landing-page.html](http://worldseries.educationperfect.com/bbc-landing-page.html)

There is also a copy available to borrow from the ILC.

More information about the Brain Bee Challenge can be found on the [UWS website](http://www.uws.edu.au).

Students complete a timed on-line quiz to determine their knowledge and understanding of the structure and function of the brain. The top ranked participants from across Australia and New Zealand then progress to Round 2, held at the School of Medicine, Western Sydney University. I strongly encourage students to take advantage of this great opportunity. All participants will receive a certificate which is a highly regarded addition to any Curriculum Vitae.

If you would like to participate in the 2017 Brain Bee Challenge, please complete the section below and return to Mrs O'Neill in the ILC or email s.oneill@students.nsw.edu.au.

**Brain Bee Challenge 2017 Registration**

Name:

Email Address:

Date of Birth:

Signature:
UN Youth NSW State Conference
17 - 19 March 2017

Are you in Years 9 – 12 and passionate about global issues, human rights or multiculturalism?

On 17-19 March 2017, more than 200 students from across the state will meet at The Collaroy Centre and take part in the global conversation. You’ll learn about leadership, diplomacy and advocacy. You will connect with issues that baffle the leaders of today and shape our national discourse. Perhaps most importantly, you will form friendships with a diverse array of students from all around NSW and become inspired to deliver change in your local communities, and eventually the world.

Event Details
When: Friday 17 March 2017 – Sunday, 19 March 2017
Where: The Collaroy Centre, 22 Homestead Avenue, Collaroy NSW 2097
Who: Students in years 9 to 12

State Conference spans across 3 days and is an event for anyone with an interest in international affairs. It’s a chance for you to meet like-minded peers and share your thoughts on issues affecting the global community. By the time you leave, you will have greater awareness of the world around you and more importantly about the role you can play in shaping its future.

For more information, please see Mrs O’Neill in the ILC and visit the website: https://unyouth.org.au/event/nswconference/

Calling All Green Thumbs!

Don’t forget the Beautification of Grounds Committee meets every Friday at the Vin Sutor 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

TENNIS OPEN DAY
Sunday 19 February 2017
10.00 am to 1.00 pm
Bathurst Tennis Centre, Durham St, Bathurst

FREE ACTIVITIES
Free Social Tennis
Free Hot Shot Tennis for Kids
Speed Serve Radar

Bring your racquet, bring your friends and grab a Court

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

BE IN THE CHANCE TO WIN
CA$H PRIZES$!

TENNIS BALL DUMP
Purchase a numbered tennis ball for $5.00. At 10.30 am balls will be tipped from a tip truck located at the Durham Street carpark. The three numbered balls to travel the furthest distance will earn their owners a cash prize.

1st: $500.00  2nd: $300.00  3rd: $200.00

Balls can be purchased at the Bathurst Tennis Centre or email bctcinc@gmail.com

RALLY OFF
Enter our rally off draw and test your rallying skills.

$5.00 entry fee.
Prize: Earn $1.00 per successful return

Library Notes
A big welcome back from the library staff at All Saints.

Our library is staffed this year by Ms Cate Mitchell, Mrs Lucinda Wells and Ms Gisele Williams.

About our library...
Our information literacy program focuses on the provision of opportunities for our students to acquire both information skills and to develop inquiring minds to enable them to become lifelong learners in an ever changing world.

We also promote a culture of reading across the College through a varied collection of print fiction and non-fiction books as well as a growing collection of audiobooks, ebooks and graphic novels. Our annual Literature Festival is a celebration of reading in all its forms.

Senior Library Hours
Monday  8.15 am - 5.00 pm
Tuesday  8.15 am - 3.30 pm
Wednesday  8.15 am - 5.00 pm & 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm
Thursday  8.15 am - 3.30 pm
Friday  8.15 am - 3.30 pm

The highlight for our library this term will be the annual All Saints’ Literature Festival which will be held in Week 10. Our theme this year is ‘Imagine if you will’ and we are hosting 4 author/illustrators who will be delivering a combination of author talks, writing and illustrating workshops.

Our presenter this year are: Will Kostakis, Deb Abela, Matt Stanton and Louise Park.

Watch this space for more information as the time draws closer!

Students with overdue library books from 2016 will shortly receive an account so if you know you have an overdue book, now is the time to return it to the library.

We look forward to working to provide the best service possible for students, staff and parents and are happy to hear any suggestions you may have.

Get all the latest news at
www.saints.nsw.edu.au