Term 4
Welcome back to a new term. Term 4 is always busy and I encourage all students to maintain a strong work ethic right up until the Christmas holidays. As you can see from the calendar below there are many significant events this term and I encourage parents to attend as many as possible.

Staffing
We welcome back this term, Mr Phil Cant from long service leave. We also welcome Miss Emma English who is a prac student on Transition 5 Day with Mrs Rolfe and Miss Samantha Cain who will be a volunteer assistant in Year 2 this term. Miss Cain will also be doing her 4th Year Internship with Mrs Darlington next year.

Holiday Working Bees
Thank you to all of the teachers and parents who helped at the working bees during the holidays to do the paving around the Transition sandpit. Also, a special thank you to Mr Adam Parkinson for building the wood boat for the Transition students.

New Students
We welcome Emma Russell (Year 4) and Charlotte Russell (Year 2) to the Junior School this term. We also welcome their parents, Claire and Michael, to the All Saints’ College community.

Transition Working Bee
The playground is an exciting work in progress. There were two working Bees held in the holidays to pave around the edge of the sandpit and an area for a new timber boat! The boat has been cleverly designed and constructed by Adam Parkinson, which is an exciting addition to the Transition yard. Not only does it provide excellent seating but a wonderful play space where children’s imaginations can run wild.

Thank you to Drew Lenehan and Paul Brabham for their time, assistance and expertise along with the staff of Chris Jackman, Jane Parkinson and daughters Amy and Emma, Phil Cant, Simon Morris, Sally Parsons, Frances McLeod and daughter Jemima (not to mention the beautiful food by Eva Vincze and Jane).

Thanks to Coles Junior Landcare and Mr Cant, we have rakes, brooms, shovels, forks, gloves and watering cans to care for our gardens and play spaces. The children love being engaged in meaningful work and care of our playground. Deb Porter

Book Club Orders due in
Book club was sent home earlier this week. Orders need to be sent to school by Wednesday, 19th October as there is a competition and the library will receive extra books for the order.

The library has an unclaimed Book Club Book, if you are missing a book from an order please see Mrs Moller.

From the Head of Junior School
Mr Chris Jackman

Year 5 and 6 Camp
The Year 5 and 6 students will be participating in their annual Outdoor Education Camp to Neunnes next week from Wednesday 19 to Friday 21 October.

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.

Important Dates for the Calendar
19-21 October Year 5/6 Camp
24-27 October Life Education Van

P & F MEETINGS
20 October — Junior School Meeting
25 October — Whole School Meeting
17 November — Junior School Meeting
22 November — Whole School Meeting

From the Chaplain
Father Paul Woodhart
This term we will be looking at some of the Greats in the Christian Faith, and the theme is: For All the Saints. Last Wednesday we began with St Columba, of Iona 532-597.

I am preparing to go to the Year 5/6 camp on Thursday afternoon and return in the evening.

Would anyone like to join me?

We are already preparing for the Whole School Carols on Wed Dec 1. This is the time for the Kindergarten students to take a major part!

FP
The children in T3 are glad to be back with their Transition friends after a break away. There have been some positive changes to the Transition yard over the holidays. The area around the sandpit has been paved as well as an area that supports a huge timber boat. Thank you to the team of hard working parents and staff who have transformed the yard into an even more exiting and inviting play space. Qu Qu Quiet!!! The Transition children have been very quiet and quick this week while engaging in learning experiences related to the qu sound. We have painted quacking ducks and on Friday we will make a class paper quilt and quick Quackers. When using quick Quackers, children see how quickly they can pincer-grip a strip of paper when it is dropped from a height. The lower down the strip (as fast as a cheetah), the faster the reflexes! In Maths, the children have been exploring volume using various containers with marbles, sand and water. We enjoy having Father Paul for Christian Studies, Library with Mrs Crofts and music with Mr Clipsham. We look forward to learning our songs and lines for the Christmas concert as well as the Book Fair in week 3 and a visit from Healthy Harold soon!

To view more photos of the Transition Playground Working Bee go to the All Saint's College website.

Understanding Children’s Activities

Drawing

1. Show an interest but do not press for explanations of scribbles or drawings. You can make comments such as “You’ve use red and blue” or “Look at that thick line” or “Do you want to tell me about your drawing?”

2. Do not draw for children - if they ask for your help, tell them you’d like to see their drawing.

3. Encourage children to write their name in the top left hand corner.

Drawing helps develop:

- expression of ideas and feelings.
- fine motor skills.
- language.
- colour awareness.

Time for prayer and a song in the chapel with Father Paul.

Run Will, run! Try and catch Josh!

Playing Duck, duck, goose in the warm sunshine.

Matthew moving some of the new sand with the toy bulldozer.

T3 enjoying morning tea in the new boat.

Mia drives the boat as some children finish their morning tea.
CINEMA UNDER THE STARS
a family event presented by All Saints’ Junior School P & F

“DESPIbacable Me”

Friday 28th October 2011
7pm
Junior School Tracey Oval

$12.50 / ticket - $50 / family ticket

Canteen available on the night:
Catering for gluten free and vegetarian
sausage & steak sizzle, frittata & salad,
popcorn, drinks & ice-cream, tea / coffee & cakes
bring your picnic rug

rsvp: 21st October 2011
Leonie Keogh in the Junior School office
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A warm All Saints’ College welcome to Charlotte Russell (Year 2), Emma Russell (Year 4), Eliza Darlington (Year 7), Bryn Goudie (Year 7) David Mackender (Year 8), Aleesha Hardie (Year 10) and Molly Goudie (Year 10) and their families who have all joined the All Saints’ community this week! I’m sure you’ll all join me in wishing our new students well as they settle into their new school.

We have had a very busy period during the school holidays with our new enrolments, our final shows for the year and getting things in gear for the Orientation Days - which are approaching fast. Friday 4th November is Orientation Day for all new students from Kindergarten to Year 11 – and our new families should have all received their programs in the mail for this event. This week we have also sent out invitations for the Transition Orientation Days, Transition Information Night and Kindergarten Information Night. Please contact the Registrar’s Office if you have any concerns or questions on those.

This week Stewart Ross and I are heading to Young for an Information Night – so we are hoping this will produce some interest in this community. We have advertised broadly and used radio advertising to good effect, so all seems promising.

Spring Fair Tours were very successful again this year and I don’t think our feet have recovered from running all over the school grounds on the day! It was wonderful to see a lot of interest from our local community. Thank you to Chris Jackman for supporting Paula Elbourne and I with those tours.

A reminder that there is a significant change in the timing of our Scholarship Program for students wishing to apply for the 2013 intake. Traditionally, the ACER exams for scholarships have been held in mid-May. This date will now change and the exams for 2013 scholarships will now be held on 25 February 2012 – and all registrations will now be taken online through the ACER website. Early bird discounts will be available for families who register before 16 December 2011. The updated information should be on our school website next week – and it is worth bearing in mind for students and families thinking of applying for scholarships for students starting Years 5, 7, 9, 10 and 11 in 2013. Registration must be done online, and we will be sending out some further information to those who have already registered interest. Please contact us if you would like to add your child’s name to our list.