Year 6 Valedictory Chapel and Dinner

On Friday, 29th November our Year 6 students will be participating in one of their highlights of the year, the Year 6 Valedictory Chapel Service and Dinner. The Chapel Service will begin at 6.00pm. I look forward to a fantastic night.

Inter-House Debating and Public Speaking

As part of the Inter-House competition between Esrom and Bradwardine, the students participate in a Debating Competition (28 November 9.00am) and a Public Speaking Competition (29 November 10.00am). These are fun events and I encourage parents to come along and watch.

Inter-House Ball Games Carnival

The Inter-House Ball Games Carnival will be held on Monday, 25th November at 11.00am on Tracey Oval. Please ensure that your child comes to school on that day wearing their House Shirt.

Cox Plate Triathlon

The Cox Plate Triathlon will be held on Wednesday, 27th November. Good luck to all of the Year 3 – 6 students who are participating as either individuals or in a team. If you are coming to spectate please park your car at the front of the school and walk up as the road to the back of the school will be closed.

Junior School Assemblies – Term 4

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 Performing Arts Centre. Assemblies begin at 9.00am.

Important Dates for the Calendar

- 25/11/13 Junior School Cox Plate Triathlon
- 29/11/13 Year 6 Valedictory Chapel Service and Dinner
- 3/12/13 Pre-Kindergarten 5 Day Christmas Concert
- 4/12/13 Pre-Kindergarten 3 Day Christmas Concert
- 5/12/13 Pre-Kindergarten 2 Day Christmas Concert
- 6/12/13 Infants Thanksgiving Service
- 11/12/13 Carols Service
- 12/12/13 Presentation Day

Foundation Cocktail Party

The Foundation Chairman, Mike Quaife, requests the pleasure of your company at the Foundation Cocktail Party. There will be a short presentation outlining future Foundation projects for the school.

When: 7:30pm Wednesday, 11 December 2013
Where: The Kemmis Building, All Saints’ College
Dress: Smart casual – no ties
RSVP essential by Friday, 6 December 2013 to Reception.
Numbers are limited.
Ph: 6331 3911 or admin@saints.nsw.edu.au

This week is the last week for borrowing. All books need to be returned to the Library by Friday, 29th November.

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It is a busy time in these last weeks leading up to Christmas. This week we are learning our last digraph ‘ar’, and exploring early subtraction including songs such as 5 cheeky monkeys, gingerbread men and 5 little ladybirds. The children made Christmas things with the ‘ar’ sound but you will have to wait and see those. Stars, cars, guitars and farms have all featured this week. The children are also becoming very autonomous in their craft. After some children learnt how to make envelopes, they are now teaching each other and transforming these into handbags and wallets. There are three birthdays today. Happy Birthday to Anna, Riley and Abbey. Hi 5’s all round.
Christ the King

There was also an inscription over him, ‘This is the King of the Jews.’ (Luke 23:38, NRSV)

This Sunday our Church celebrates “Christ the King” Sunday. It is the last Sunday of the Church’s calendar – we begin a new year next Sunday. The Gospel reading recounts the final hours of Jesus’ life on earth as he hung to the cross with a criminal on either side of him.

It may seem a bit odd that this reading would be read now as it takes us back to Good Friday when we are all getting ready for Christmas, but there is a sense of order here. Our year begins with the preparation for the birth of Jesus, the season of Advent. We celebrate the birth of the baby king, we journey through his life, we stand with the crowds watching as he dies, and we rejoice with wonder and amazement at his resurrection. Christ the King Sunday is our final declaration of the year that Jesus is indeed our King before we begin the cycle over again.

I am always fascinated with the interaction between Jesus and the two criminals as it speaks to us about Jesus’ love and ability to forgive. One criminal ridicules Jesus, questioning his claim to be the Messiah, demanding to be saved but not believing in him. The second criticises the first, pointing out that their crimes deserve death but asking Jesus for forgiveness. In his last great act of mercy Jesus gives him the promise ‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.’ This promise is a reminder to us that there is nothing that we have done that Jesus can’t forgive. It also tells us that we have the opportunity to accept him right up to the moment of our death.

Only the most powerful King can do this.

God bless you,
Rev. Tony Card.

Thought for the week: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” (John 3:16, NRSV)