Macquarie Care Centre Concert
On Monday, 9th December at 10.00am the Infants children will be visiting Macquarie Care Centre to perform some Christmas Carols and their Nativity Tableau. The residents love having the children visit and look forward to it each year.

Carols Service
Our annual Carols Service will be held at All Saints’ Cathedral at 6.00pm on Wednesday, 11th December. I look forward to a joyous event. Students are to wear full summer school uniform.

Junior School Presentation Day
The Junior School presentation Day begins at 9.00am on Thursday, 12th December in the Bickerdike Centre. Students are to wear full summer school uniform.

Infants Thanksgiving Service
The annual Infants Thanksgiving Service will take place on Friday, 6th December. This is one of the most special events on our calendar and the students always do a great job of conducting the event. For the first time we will be holding this event outside the Chapel on the lawn in order to accommodate everyone.

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.

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Important Dates for the Calendar
6/12/13 Infants Thanksgiving Service
11/12/13 Carols Service
12/12/13 Presentation Day

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

EVANS CROWN COMBINED SCHOOLS
HORSE SPORTS DAY
Claiming the date!
Monday, 10TH March 2014
All enquiries please phone Mr Mark WHITFELD – 0458 121 248
FOR RIDERS: 7YRS - 18YRS
VENUE: Lithgow Pony Club
ENTRIES CLOSE Friday, 28th February 2014

Uniform Shop Hours: Monday & Thursday 8:30am to 5pm; Friday 8:30am to 3:30pm; Cash, Cheque, Eftpos available; Phone: 6332 7303 Lizzy Moller
Last week Mrs Margaret Gaal from Bathurst City Council conducted a very informative “Dog Awareness” session for the children. Thanks to Mr Jackman and his friendly dogs, Flash and Sandy, the children were able to practice seeking permission before approaching dogs to pat them. The children have been very busy playing in a second cubby in the Pre-Kinder yard. Thank you Mr Jackman and the team of boarders and helpers who made this possible. The children have enjoyed posting mail in the mailbox, sweeping the floor as well as serving hot cappuccinos to staff through the windows. By the time the VIM is emailed all three Pre-Kinder Christmas concerts will be over. It was fantastic that so many family and friends could be present for an important chapter in a Pre-Kinder child’s life. We look forward to our picnic at Peace Park next Wednesday with our families to conclude our very action-packed year in Pre-Kindergarten. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and relaxing holiday.

Reminders:
Fri Dec 6: 6pm - Pre-Kinder Parent drinks @ Liz Rolfe’s House.
Wed Dec 11: From 11am - Pre-Kinder picnic @ Peace Park.

Regards Deb Porter

The children learn to curl up like a snail to protect themselves from an angry dog.

Poppy loves drawing with the whiteboard markers.

Cappuccino, Mrs Porter?

Emily has decorated her Christmas bauble.

Kosema and Paige collecting the mail in the new cubby.

Flash enjoys a pat from Spencer.
A barbie! Yet John managed to capture the imagination of the people and countless numbers came to him to be baptised. Even the church leaders appeared to recognise their need for repentance and come to him. John’s message was simple; if we are to receive Jesus then we must be prepared. We must be cleansed. We must give up those things that damage our relationship with God and allow ourselves to be changed. John knew that baptism with water was not the end of the process of reconciliation but was instead the beginning. Those that he baptised still needed to enter into a full relationship with Jesus and allow the Holy Spirit to work within them.

As we rapidly approach Christmas I pray that you take the time to reflect on your relationship with God and ask yourself these questions:

- Do I need to be baptised?
- Am I living out my baptism promises to follow Jesus and make him Lord of my life?

If you answered ‘yes’ to the first question or ‘no’ to the second then do something about it! I invite you to call me at any time if you would like guidance and support in making change.

Thank you...

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God bless you,
Rev. Tony Card.

Thought for the week: “And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’” (Matthew 3:17, NRSV)

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**Prepare the way...**

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” (Matthew 3:3, NRSV)

As we continue our journey through the season of Advent we are reminded this week of the proclamation of John the Baptist. John was “the voice of one crying in the wilderness” who was foretold by the prophet Isaiah and was sent by God to prepare the people for the coming of Christ.

John was an interesting character. If someone turned up today dressed as he was, eating locusts and wild honey as he did and proclaiming the message that he proclaimed then we would probably consider him to be a few snags short of a barbie! Yet John managed to capture the imagination of the people and countless numbers came to him to be baptised. Even the church leaders appeared to recognise their need for repentance and come to him. John’s message was simple; if we are to receive Jesus then we must be prepared. We must be cleansed. We must give up those things that damage our relationship with God and allow ourselves to be changed. John knew that baptism with water was not the end of the process of reconciliation but was instead the beginning. Those that he baptised still needed to enter into a full relationship with Jesus and allow the Holy Spirit to work within them.

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**9 YEARS KANGA CRICKET**

The All Saints’ U9 Kanga boys had a terrific game with St Pats on Saturday at Edgells Oval. The boys fielded first and limited the scoring with some good bowling and fielding with the highlight being some catches and run-outs. In batting there was some good hitting with lots of runs scored even though some of the bowling was hard to hit. Well done boys and we will look forward to the last game of the year this Saturday. Mr David Saint

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**12 YEARS KANGA CRICKET**

The 12 Years team played last year’s Premiers St Pat’s Black on Saturday. The team played their hearts out and dismissed the opposition for 113. A combination of great bowling and energetic fielding surprised the opposition and the boys were thrilled by their performance. We then showed a lot of determination with the bat and are 5 for 89 needing a few more runs for victory. Hopefully the batsmen can hold their nerves on Saturday and score an unlikely victory. Good luck boys. The Player of the Day went to Nicholas O’Neill for taking 3 great wickets. Well done Nick! Mr Cant

30/11/2013 - The 12 Years team finished this year’s cricket with a wonderful win against St Pat’s Black. The boys were chasing another 25 runs to win with 5 wickets in hand and passed the total comfortably without the loss of any more wickets. Kian Blackshaw (20 runs) batted superbly and resisted the strong bowling attack for a long time and when we passed their score Kian began to play more aggressively with some thumping shots. Ben Cant scored a well compiled 56 not out and helped lead the team to victory. Kian was awarded Player of the Day for his stoic innings. I would like to congratulate all of the boys for their efforts so far this season. It has been a wonderful effort from the boys and I look forward to the season continuing again in February. Mr Cant

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**CRICKET DRAW 7 DECEMBER 2013**

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NB: There will be no in2cricket this Saturday and there will be no matches this weekend for the 10 Years and 12 Years teams.