Welcome Back

I extend a warm welcome to all students and families of All Saints’ College to the 2014 school year. I welcome Mrs Sally Allcorn and Mrs Amelia Garner back to the teaching staff. I also welcome Mrs Maggie Walsh (Pre Kindergarten 2 Day Teacher) and Mrs Jacinta Rivett (Pre Kindergarten 2 Day and 3 Day Teacher’s Aide).

Staff in the Junior School

Pre K 2 - Mrs Margaret Walsh & Mrs Jacinta Rivett (TA)
Pre K 3 - Mrs Deborah Porter & Mrs Jacinta Rivett (TA)
Pre K 5 - Mrs Sally Parsons & Mrs Jane Parkinson (TA)
Kinder Blue - Mrs Gabrielle Darlington (Infants’ Coordinator)
Kinder Red - Miss Sophie Hanigan
Year 1 - Mrs Sally Allcorn & Mrs Frances Duffy
Year 2H - Mrs Lisette Hoskins
Year 2N - Mrs Jo Nicholls
Year 3 - Mr Philip Cant & Mrs Karen Maher (TA)
Year 4 - Miss Jodie Shurmer
Year 5 - Mr Mark Hines & Mrs Amelia Garner
Year 6 - Mrs Kay Murray

Mrs Ruth Clements and Mrs Kate Bird are both on leave for 2014.

New Students

Welcome to the following new students in the Junior School.
Genevieve King – Year 6
Philippa Bendell – Year 5
Kiasha Kapuwaatte – Year 5

From the Head of Junior School

Mr Chris Jackman

Joseph O’Neill – Year 5
Jonah Siede – Year 5
Thomas Siede – Year 5
Noah Siede – Year 3
Harriet Dowd – Kindergarten
Annabel Dowd – Kindergarten
Oscar Withers – Kindergarten
Leonidas Klonis – Kindergarten

ICAS Exams

This year we will be offering students in year 3 to 6 the opportunity to participate in the ICAS Competition Exams. These exams will not be compulsory for all students. A note has been sent out this week regarding enrolling your child for these exams. Please return this as soon as possible.

Playground Use After School

For the safety of the children, no children should be playing on the playground equipment between 3.15 and 3.30pm.

Swimming Carnival Helpers

If you could help out with timekeeping at the Junior School Swimming Carnival please let Mrs Keogh in the Junior School Office know by Monday 3rd February.

Morning Drop Off

As there is not a teacher on supervision duty until 8.25am each morning, Junior School children are not to be dropped off at school until after this time. I would appreciate your support in adhering to this rule as the safety of your child is of paramount importance to us.

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

31/1/14 Pre Kindergarten & Infants Information Night (7.00pm)
3/2/14 Year 5 & 6 Parent Information Night (7.00pm)
4/2/14 Year 3 & 4 Parent Information Night (7.00pm)
5/2/14 College Chapel lawn (9.00am)
7/2/14 Swimming Carnival (9.00am) – 1.00pm - Wear PE gear.
11/2/14 Head of College Function for New Parents (7.00pm)
18/2/14 P & F Meeting
21/2/14 Picnic on Junior School Oval Year 5 Grandparents’ and Special Friends’ Day
27/2/14 WAS Swimming Carnival
11/3/14 HICES Swimming Carnival – Homebush
19/2/14 Year 3 and 4 Camp – Lake Canobolas
7-9/4/14 JS Parent/Teacher Interviews
11/4/14 Last day of classes for Term 1

SCOTS SCHOOL HIGHLAND GATHERING EQUESTRIAN SHOWJUMPING COMPETITION

23rd March @ The Scots School, Bathurst

Events to be contested are:

- AM7
- Speed Derby
- Top Score

With heights starting at 45cm and going up to 1.05m

Uniform Shop Hours: Monday & Thursday 8:30am to 5pm; Friday 8:30am to 3:30pm; Cash, Cheque, Eftpos available; Phone: 6332 7303 Lizzy Moller

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Welcome to 2014! It only seems like yesterday that we were saying farewell for 2013 and here we are again...ready for another jam packed year at Saints’. I trust that you and your family enjoyed a safe and holy Christmas as you celebrated the birth of our Saviour. It was wonderful for me to see so many of you in the Cathedral over Christmas.

You will recall that we supported two Christmas programs in the second half of last year; Operation Christmas Child and the 2BS Bathurst Lions Club Christmas Miracle Appeal. Our efforts with Operation Christmas Child contributed to 314,000 gift-filled shoe boxes across Australia. That’s 314,000 children across Asia and the South Pacific who will learn about God’s love for them shown by you and many others.

Those who were at the Carols service would have seen the 4 shopping trolleys of food that we contributed to the Christmas Miracle Appeal. The contributions of our school community went well beyond food and cash with several school families pitching in with the packing and delivery of the hampers. Thank you to those families who were able to spare some time to help our local community. Thank you too to those who purchased gifts from the Tear Australia Useful Gifts shop run by our prefects at the end of Term 4. You help to raise $455 which will be used to help eradicate poverty in developing nations.

These projects and fund raising efforts are very important learning experiences for all as ASC seeks to live out part of its mission statement to nurture the principles of the Christian faith in our students, staff and families. I will be talking with the prefects and the Junior School SRC about what we can do this year to make a difference in others’ lives. Please feel free to offer suggestions that I can discuss with our student representatives.

Our summer had again been marked by bushfires around the country. You may recall that last year we supported the relief effort in Coonabarabran financially and by working with Blazeaid. Blazeaid are in the process of setting up work camps in NSW and I hope that we can arrange a trip or two in the holidays. I will let you know more about this as things develop.

We will be holding our annual Commencement Service next Wednesday at 9.00 am in the grounds of the Chapel. This year is a special celebration as we celebrate 140 years of our College. Everyone is welcome to attend.

With all the blessings of Christ,
Rev. Tony Card

Thought for the week: “But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” (Matthew 6:33, NRSV)