Welcome to Semester 2
Welcome back to a new semester. I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday break and has come back to school well rested. I was fortunate to have a wonderful trip to the Northern Territory and saw some great landscapes and wildlife.

Parent/Teacher Interviews
Parent/Teacher interviews for all Junior School classes will occur during Week 3 of this term, 28th to 30th July. A note will come home very soon for you to book an appointment.

Rugby Gala Day
This Sunday, 20th July our Under 11 rugby players will be participating in the Bathurst Bulldogs annual Gala Day. I wish them the best of luck.

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
28-30/7/14 JS Parent/Teacher Interviews
4-5/8/14 Year 5 and 6 Excursion to Sydney for IPSHA Music Festival
14/8/14 JS WAS Athletics Carnival (All Saints’ College)

Riders compete at State Championships

At the beginning of the holiday’s Megan Redpath, Indiana Whitfield and Millie Cupples headed off to the Sydney International Equestrian Centre to compete in the Equestrian NSW State Interschool Championships.

The competition ran over four days with the girls competing in Eventing, Combined Training, Showjumping and Vaulting.

This competition is the highlight of the Interschool Equestrian Calendar with places up for grabs on the NSW National Team to contest the National NSW State Interschool Championships.

All the girls performed extremely well with Megan Redpath finishing at 8th place overall in the Primary Rider Division.

All three girls clocked up a significant point score tally for ASC, finishing 11th overall out of almost 100 primary schools participating in the competition.

Junior School play meeting

There will be a meeting in the Year 6 classroom at 10am on Sunday, 20th July to discuss the costumes and set for the Junior School play “Haphazardly Ever after”. All parents of students in Years 3 to 6 are welcome. Mrs Kay Murray
We have all had a wonderful time on holidays with lots of great adventures to tell. The cold and rain has not dampened any enthusiasm. Our literacy theme throughout the Term is Healthy Living and we are focussing on hygiene this week. There have been many doctors, nurses and vets in our hospital home corner healing all kinds of ills. We made a large body cutout and used ‘Cardboard Kid’ and a feely bag to find lots of ways to keep our body clean and healthy. We are looking at the phoneme ‘u’ and have been exploring things underground. We enjoyed looking under the snails, slugs and worms sliding on the mirror and then borrowed some books from the library to learn more about snails. We made our own snails from play dough and shells and even played detective eventually finding the escaped worm who actually made it halfway across the carpet before he was found (unharmed!) We have made upsidedown umbrellas, read upsidedown stories, made upsidedown cake and even found some furniture and classroom items turned upsidedown. In Maths we are learning about the numbers 10 and 0 and in science we are exploring “how we move.”

Sally Parsons, Pre-Kindergarten 5 Day Teacher
FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Rev. Tony Card

“Be still, and know that I am God!” (Psalm 46:10, RSV)

I trust that you had an enjoyable break and were able to have the time to rest. Over the break I took three days to get away from everything at the Benedictine Abbey at Jamberoo. These days of silence were especially useful in rejuvenating my relationship with God. I recommend that everyone makes regular time each year to just stop and take stock of where you are at.

This term has three activities regarding the faith life of the College that I would like to draw your attention to: Confirmation, Operation Christmas Child, and ‘Benefactors’.

Confirmation
Confirmation is an opportunity for students from Year 6 and above to make their own commitment to God. Our annual confirmation service will be held on September 7th. We will begin our preparations in two weeks on Thursday 31st July with an information session at 5pm in the Library. Please let me know if you are planning to attend.

Operation Christmas Child
We will again be supporting the Operation Christmas Child (OCC) programme this term. You may recall that OCC is a programme whereby shoeboxes of gifts are collected and distributed in countries to children of all ages. This programme is an excellent way of showing God’s love to the world.

We are approaching this in a slightly different way this year. Instead of focussing on full shoeboxes we will be collecting six items over weeks 3-8 and holding a packing party where we will pack the boxes. This is to give everyone the opportunity to contribute however they are able, whether in big ways or small. Of course we will still accept complete packed boxes if you want to pack them.

There will be more details on this next week.

‘Benefactors’
Term 3 will end with a service at the Cathedral that we affectionately call ‘Benefactors’. This service performs three functions; we farewell Year 12, induct our new prefects, and give thanks and pray for the many benefactors who have supported our College over the last 140 years. This service will be held on the last day of term, so mark it in your diary…everyone is welcome to come along.

With all the blessings of Christ, Rev. Tony Card.

Thought for the week: “In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”’ (Acts 20:35)

NETBALL REPORTS

I hope that we have some sunshine and great games this weekend.

Draw: Saturday, July 19
ASC Seahorses 11:05 am Court 12 Captain Shanlei Christian
ASC Stingrays 11:05 am Court 7 Captain Rhiannon Jarrett
ASC Prawns 9:55 am Court 8 Captain Kate Dowd

All players need to be at the courts 30 mins prior to the commencement of the game, please.

Clubhouse Duty Roster: ASC Prawns July 19 (This Saturday)

ASC Seahorses       11:05 am Court 7       Captain Rhianne Christian
ASC Stingrays       11:05 am Court 12      Captain Shanlei Christian

Round 10–Sunday Game

U10 and U12 Teams - Please note that on the weekend of July 26 and July 27 games are scheduled for both Saturday and Sunday.

Gabrielle Darlington, Junior School Netball Coordinator

ASC Stingrays

It was a very cold start to our round 7 game against the Bulldogs Pearls. The fog was thick and our fingers were very, very cold. The first quarter saw the Pearls come out very strongly against us. Some great defence by Georgie and Sophie. Our centre court players, Phoebe, Jorja and Hannah showed great skill in keeping the ball in our half. In the third quarter we were much warmer and our passing down the court was helping us to move ahead on the scoreboard. Our centre court players, Kate, Georgie and Lucy continued with more possession and some great shooting by Georgie and Sophie. Collette and Lucy kept the ball in our possession. The second quarter saw the Pearls come out very strongly against us.

ASC Prawns

No game report as this team had a bye.

HOCKEY REPORTS

Minkey Hockey Report Saturday 21st June 2014

The Kookas arrived for our usual game on the grass, and were incredibly surprised when told that we would be playing up on the Number 1 turf. A much faster paced game against St. Pats saw us relentlessly running around the turf. Everyone put in a big effort and I was very impressed with our enthusiasm – especially since we didn’t have our usual break at half time. We tried incredibly hard to play our positions and with more practise, the easier this will become. A big congratulations must go to Natalie who was always in the right spot, in a hockey position and ready to go. I hope that you have all enjoyed a big rest and are ready to go for our game on Saturday. Miss Sophie Hanigan, (Coach Under 7s Kookas)

Under 9 Kangas Report Saturday 21st June 2014

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2014 Annual Spring Fair

Sunday
14th September 2014
10am-3pm