THE TRIFECTA IS OVER
It is pleasing to note that I don’t think we will have any more visiting celebrities coming to Australia this term and that students will not be missing afternoon lessons and then morning lessons the next day. With Taylor Swift, One Direction and Justine Bieber, just a fleeting memory, it is back to normal.

PRESENTATION DAY & CAROLS SERVICE
This is a reminder from an earlier edition. The 2013 Annual Presentation Day for the Senior School will take place on Thursday, 12 December at 1.00pm. Students should arrive at school at least ½ hour before commencement. This is the last day for students and attendance is compulsory. A roll is taken and school formal uniform is to be worn. I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible on this occasion. It is important to celebrate and award our students for all that they have achieved throughout the year. It is planned that students will receive their end of year school reports at the conclusion of the service from their Head of House. All families should have received an invitation to attend our Carols night – Wednesday, 11 November from 6:00pm in the Cathedral. Families are encouraged to attend. School summer uniform is to be worn. Following Carols, the Foundation is holding a function here at school. Please RSVP to reception for catering purposes.

REVOLUTIONS 2013
This is the final Revelations for the year. I would like to thank Mrs Anderson and Mr Poole for all their hard work in producing this excellent publication. The 2013 Bathurstian will be available before Presentation Day. This is a great feat as I know in most schools it is usually well into the new year before such a publication is available. May I wish the All Saints’ community a Merry Christmas, a healthy and prosperous New Year and a restful and relaxing holiday break. Classes commence on Thursday, 30 January (Existing Boarders return late on 29 January, new boarders & boarding house captains on 28 January – this is a new approach for 2014).

FAST FACT
In many ways the school principal is the most important and influential individual in any school. It is this leadership that sets the tone of the school, the climate for learning, the level of professionalism and morale of teachers and the degree of concern for what students may or may not become. They are the main link between the school and the community and the way s/he performs in that capacity largely determines the attitudes of students and parents about the school. If a school is a vibrant, innovative, child-centred place, if it has a reputation for excellence in teaching, if students are performing to the best of their ability, one can almost always point to the principal’s leadership as the key to success. US Congress, 1972.

Thought: “Mistakes are the portals of discovery.” James Joyce

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

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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.

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...

As my first year as your Chaplain draws to close I want to say ‘thank you’ to the entire school community for your welcome and support over this year. I have appreciated the opportunity to serve you and to get to know you a little better. I wish you and your loved ones a blessed and safe Christmas.

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)
Start off on the right foot
with a career in Local Government

Bathurst Regional Council has three job opportunities commencing in 2014 in the areas of Engineering, Accounting and Community Services.

ENGINEERING CADETSHIP
Join Council’s design and construction team and learn how to design engineering works such as footpaths, kerb and guttering, road construction, water and sewer reticulation, stormwater drainage and the structural design and detailing of many community buildings.

You will work full time with Council and study the Bachelor of Engineering Technology (major in civil engineering) via distance education with all tuition and HECS costs paid by Council.

Commencing salary in the first year of employment is $31,500 gross pa.

ACCOUNTING CADETSHIP
Council has a budget in excess of $100 million. Work with a team of finance professionals and learn all aspects of accounting and financial management and how it contributes to servicing your local community. You will work full time while studying the Bachelor of Accounting via distance education with all tuition and HECS costs paid by Council.

Commencing salary in the first year of employment is $31,500 gross pa.

COMMUNITY SERVICES TRAINEESHIP
Gain on the job experience and a TAFE qualification to support it in the community services field. You will work full time for 12 months across the Art Gallery, Library, Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre and various community events.

Salary for the 12 month traineeship is $31,500 gross pa.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THESE OPPORTUNITIES…………..
Visit Council’s website www.bathurst.nsw.gov.au/careers to obtain the job package including the application form. Enquiries can be directed to the contact officer stated in each information pack.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE TUESDAY, 10th DECEMBER 2013 AT 4PM

FROM THE REGISTRAR
Mr Michael Hissey

The final “Revelations” for 2013 brings with it reminiscences of such a busy 12 months in the Office of the Registrar. For this writer however, the greatest joy in the position of Registrar is to be had in meeting so many wonderful families and helping them with their choice of schooling for their delightful children. A few statistics: Over the past year more than 180 tours of the College have been conducted, more than 380 prospectuses posted, countless telephone enquiries answered, information evenings hosted, regional educational expos attended, special event days organised … the list goes on. As we approach the new school year, the enrolments at the College are now in a very healthy state with in excess of 520 students enrolled for 2014. These are gratifying statistics and reflect positively on the superb reputation of our great school and staff in the wider community. My thanks to all staff, students and willing parents who have assisted the Registrar’s Office throughout this busy year. Singular thanks must go to Mrs Kathryn Parnell who has over 12 months, brought to the position of Assistant Registrar her amazing insight and energy. Best wishes to all for the approaching holiday season and a healthy and prosperous 2014.

Michael Hissey

Year 11 Agriculture students enjoy two field visits

Year 11 Agriculture students have been lucky enough to enjoy the support of the ASC parents in recent weeks.

Firstly, the group conducted a field visit to Gary and Jane Hamer’s Lucerne production system in Perthville in mid-November. Gary ran through an operations calendar for dry land Lucerne as well as discussing some of the important aspects of the marketing and supply chain. Gary also supported this activity last year and we are grateful for his generosity in having us back again.

Secondly, last week we had the pleasure of a lecture from Gavin Douglas who spoke to the class about the concept of holistic farming. This involved a deep reflection from Gavin on his life long journey in Agriculture and his passion for reflection and learning from his Agriculture experiences. We are very grateful to both gentlemen for making time available for us and their willingness to share their knowledge.

Mr Mark Whitfield