**L PLATE DRIVERS**

From time to time I find it necessary to remind parents and students that we don’t allow our students to drive with L Plates on our property. We have recently become aware that a number of families are having other siblings with L plates drive here at school – usually bringing our students to or from. Can I please reiterate then that our policy is to have NO L plates on school property.

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**PRESENTATION DAY & CAROLS SERVICE**

The 2013 Annual Presentation Day for the Senior School will take place on Thursday, 12th of December at 1:00 pm. 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, 11th November from 6:00pm in the Cathedral. Families are encouraged to attend. School summer uniform to be worn. Following Carols, the Foundation is holding a function here at school. Please RSVP to reception for catering purposes.

**FAST FACT**

Most managers overvalue the résumé and interview and undervalue the reference check. References matter most. But you need to dig up people who will speak candidly. “Kevin Ryan in Harvard Business Review, January-February 2012

**Thought Collect as precious pearls the words of the wise and virtuous. Abd-el-Kadar**

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**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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**All books need to be returned to the Library by Friday, 29th November**

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