2013 All Saints School Captains

School Captains: Luke Emberton
Celeste Ryan

Vice Captains: Adrian Ly
Kate Olsson
Welcome to 2013

I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday and I welcome all children and their families back to the new school year. The children are already focused and are engaging in lots of activities that build positive relationships between themselves and their teachers. Relationships are at the heart of good teaching and learning. It is important that we spend the first two weeks of 2013 creating classrooms with the ethos of respect and responsibility as we concentrate on building positive relationships with our children. We will also encourage children to build positive relationships with each other to help the classroom to become a more effective teaching and learning environment.

This year we welcome four new teachers beginning their time at All Saints: Sarah Dodd, Jenna Knight, Rachel Richards and Rebecca Moore. We also welcome back Kylie Roesler who will return from maternity leave and will work with us for two days a week. We hope that they enjoy their time working at All Saints.

We also welcome the following children and their families to All Saints: Amber, Lily, Matthew, Charlie, Zara, Chloe, William, Alana, Jay, Kailan, Lachlan, Ryder & Akira (R/1B), Natalia, Blake, Lily-Mai, Izzy, Bailey, Jackson, Jordan, Edie, Brendan, Alexander & Ethan (R/1D), James, Khamron, Jye, Nardo, Andreas, Hayden, Lauren, Layla, Kelsey, Leo & Ari (R/1F), Hannah, Darcy, Benjamin, Nazlee, Angus, Bronwyn, Ava, Jacob & Emjay (R/1Fa), Hudson (R/1N) Fletch, Jack, Giselle, Gracie, Ashton, Shantelle, Jacob & Carmela-Rose (R/1R), Bailey (2C), Ben, Emily & Jamie (2P), Dakota (2R), Jake & Cameron (30), Ethan (4M), Corey (4T), Tyler (5Ri), Ty, (6E), Ashlee & Zac (6L) and Alec (7M). On Friday, 1 February (tomorrow) we will formally welcome and introduce these children to the school community at 9.15am at an assembly in the school hall. All families are very welcome to join us.

Restorative Practice

Last week we spent time revisiting the importance of Restorative Practice as the way that we approach bullying, harassment and conflict in our school. Restorative Practice emphasises the importance of listening to children, facilitating dialogue and empowering them to take responsibility for their choices and ownership of problems. It creates opportunities for those involved in conflict to work together to understand, clarify and resolve the situation. This restorative approach helps to build a safer, more caring environment for the staff, the children, parents/carers and the school community. It also helps to reduce bullying and other interpersonal conflicts. I encourage you to revisit the 'Development of Personal Responsibility' policy available on our website which is based upon the principles of Restorative Practice.

School Board 2012 AGM and Meet & Greet the Teacher Evening

Please keep Tuesday, 5 February free so we can gather as a school community. The evening will begin at 5.30pm with a free sausage sizzle in the court yard and an opportunity to meet the teachers for 2013.

Brooke James, Mandy Ganzevoort and Mel Olsson have completed their service last year and they will be formally thanked on this occasion of 2012 School Board AGM. We will be voting for the School Board Members for 2013 so you may like to consider standing for one of these three positions available. A nomination form was sent home with your child during the week.

The hall will be open with displays of work, copies of school board reports and drinks and nibbles. The evening will conclude around 7.30pm. It will be a fun night so we do hope you can join us.

Staff Changes

Just last week Sue Budd was invited to work as a Numeracy Consultant with the Catholic Education Office for 2013. This is a wonderful opportunity for Sue & speaks highly of her skills and competence not only in Numeracy but as a developing teacher leader.

As a result we have needed to replace Sue at the school level. After consultation with the Leadership Team I have appointed Meredith Smith to the role of Curriculum Coordinator for 2013. Meredith has been leading the staff in History and ICT over the years and brings a wealth of experience and passion to teaching and learning. Meredith also joins the Leadership Team as a senior member.

We are thrilled to announce Rebecca Moore will be taking the Year 7 class for this year. We have known Rebecca for some time as a previous colleague at Cardijn College and relief teacher here at All Saints. On behalf of the All Saints community I congratulate Sue & Meredith on their new positions and we welcome Rebecca Moore to our school. Please make her feel welcome.

New School Leaders

Congratulations to our new school leaders for 2013: Luke Emberton & Celeste Ryan (Captains) and Adrian Ly & Kate Olsson (Vice Captains). They will be great role models to the other children and I, along with other members of leadership look forward to working with them this year. The School Captains and Vice Captains understand the importance of wearing the correct school uniform at all times. I encourage all children and families to ensure that they wear their All Saints uniform correctly at all times and with pride.

Administration Forms

This week all children will have received administration forms in an envelope. It is essential for our record keeping and our legal responsibilities in providing care for your child(ren) that these forms are signed and returned as soon as possible. The Children’s Agreement for Safe Computer Use will be discussed, completed and signed during learning time this year. This form will then be sent home for parents/carers to sign and return to school as soon as possible.

Pupil Free Day Term 1

This term we have our staff retreat on Monday April 8. This may seem a long way off, but please note this date in your diary. OSHC will operate on this day if enough children register interest.

ESO'S Introduction

I have included with this newsletter an introduction to all the Educational Support Officers who work at All Saints. These people play a very important role at All Saints and are highly valued staff members.

Helen Thompson
Deputy Principal
Welcome back to all families! I am looking forward to working with families and children in 2013 and supporting the spiritual dimension of All Saints.

Welcome Mass
Our year traditionally begins with a Welcome Mass. This special celebration is part of our Catholic identity and gathers the All Saints community together to welcome the new school year by asking God’s help in all that we do. The Welcome Mass will be celebrated by Fr Fred in the Hall on Wednesday, 6 February at 9.15am. It is a wonderful opportunity to be together in prayer and I know that the children and staff are very appreciative of your presence. You are warmly invited to join us next week in the hall for our Mass.

Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Tuesday
On Tuesday, 12 February the children will be having pancakes to prepare ourselves for an important time in the Catholic Church calendar - Lent. For hundreds of years, people all over the world would remove foods such as milk, eggs and sugar from their kitchens in preparation for Lent. This would always happen on Shrove Tuesday. I thank the Parents and Friends for cooking the pancakes. We would love to have extra assistance that morning to do some small jobs; pour out the batter, turn over a pancake or two or give them out. It is not a big job and the children get so much enjoyment out of it. If you are a registered volunteer please leave your name in the office if you can help out for 15 minutes or so.

Ash Wednesday
Ash Wednesday will be celebrated on the 13 February, the day after Shrove Tuesday. We will have two celebrations:
Year 4—7 Mass in the hall at 9.15am
Rec—Year 3 Liturgy in the hall at 10.15am
The children will all be receiving special ashes on the forehead in the shape of the Cross. These ashes remind us that we have started a 40 day journey towards Easter and during this time called Lent, Jesus asks us to increase our prayer life, focus on improving our hearts and minds with acts of loving kindness and help the poor through monetary donations. All families will be receiving a Project Compassion box in the next few weeks from Caritas Australia. Your children will explain how the Project Compassion box can be used to help the poor for different humanitarian projects around the world. Through our compassion for the poor, our children learn the important lesson of love and care for others.

Sacraments: Baptism
Last year over 40 young people requested and were prepared for Baptism into the Catholic Church. It was a very exciting time for All Saints and the children were very excited about it! This year a new information sheet will go home to families with information about Baptisms for 2013. If you would like more information about the process, please contact me and I will be happy to discuss it with you.

Sacraments: First Reconciliation
Last year 22 children were enrolled in the Sacrament of Reconciliation program. There are two very important diary dates:
A Reconciliation workshop with adults/children:
Tuesday, 19 February—5.30pm in the All Saints Hall.
The Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Tuesday, 5 March— 6.00pm at St Luke’s Church.

A letter will be going home this week with more information about the workshop. This is a very important workshop as it will help the children understand how Reconciliation will be celebrated at St Luke’s Church. We will be joined by families from St John’s Catholic Primary School who are also celebrating Reconciliation for their child/ren at the same time. Please do not miss this important adult/child gathering.

Rachele Tullio
APRIM

Uniform Shop

REGULAR OPENING TIMES
Wednesday 8:30—9:30am
Thursday 2:30—3:15pm
Fran Doody
Uniform Shop Coordinator

Playgroup

Playgroup sessions are held on Tuesdays & Thursdays in the Community Room, 9.00—10.30am
You are welcome to join us for fun play, games, stories and making new friends.
Please bring along a hat, drink and healthy snack for your child.

Student Absentees via SMS
Please advise the school of student absentees via SMS.
Please send your child’s name, class & reason for absence by 9:15am to 0427 016 460

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Cnr New Honeypot Road & Goldsmith Drive
Tel: 8382 1717  Fax: 8326 7999
Parish Priest: Fr Charles Gauci
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The Italian Corner

Bentornati a duemilatredici! Spero che voi abbiate passato una buona pausa. (Welcome back to 2013! I hope you all had a great break).

This year Signora Pardoe and I will be working closely together teaching the children at All Saints. For the first two weeks of Term 1 we will be focusing on getting to know each other again after our summer holidays. We look forward to doing lots of fun learning together in Italian, culminating this term with Italian Day which will take place on Thursday of Week 11.

Adelaide’s annual Italian cultural festival, Carnevale, will take place at the Adelaide Showgrounds on the weekend of 9 and 10 February. Signora Pardoe and myself will be organising for some work samples from last year to be included in their school displays. There’s always something for the whole family including traditional food stalls, fashion exhibitions, a car show, live music and much more. For further information check out the Carnevale website at http://www.carnevale-adelaide.com

Grazie per l’attenzione e cordiali saluti a tutti dall’aula d’Italiano! (Thanks for your attention and best wishes to all from the Italian room!)

Il Signor Vaudo e La Signora Pardoe

DIARY DATES

February

Tuesday 5th Meet the Teacher Night & School Board AGM, 5:30—7:30pm

Wednesday 6th Whole School Beginning of Year Mass, 9:15am in the hall

Friday 8th Assembly, 9:15am in the hall (3B)

Wednesday 13th Ash Wednesday
Year 4—7 Mass, 9:15am in the hall
Rec—Year 3 Liturgy, 10:15am in the hall

Friday 15th Assembly, 9:15am in the hall
(Student Leadership)

Sunday 17th Commissioning Mass, 10:45am at SEM

Clean Up Australia Day 2013

This year our annual School’s Clean Up Day is on Friday 1 March at 10.00am. We will meet as a school in the courtyard first and then clean up our designated areas in and around the school. Registered volunteers must have a current Catholic Police Clearance and are welcome to come along and lend a hand.

Children need to bring their own gloves and bags to collect rubbish.

Yours in the Environment
Alison Olsder

RESOURCE CENTRE

Welcome back to another exciting year in the Resource Centre. Children and parents/carers are welcome to come to the Resource Centre Monday—Friday, 8.30—9:00am and 3:00—3.30pm. Children will have an opportunity to borrow/return books during their class visits to the Resource Centre, however we encourage students to also return and borrow books before and after school. Children will receive overdue notices each Friday.

The Resource Centre is opened at lunchtimes for children to borrow/return, play board games, read a book and draw.

Children from Reception to Year 4 are required to have a communication folder or library bag to protect their books.

This year’s celebrations are The International Year of Water Cooperation and the International Year of Quinoa (an edible grain).

Two major events that will be celebrated in the Resource Centre will be the Premier’s Reading Challenge and Bookweek. Bookweek occurs in Term 3, August 19—23. This year’s theme is ‘Read Across the Universe.’

Gina Cusano
Resource Centre

Community Notice Board

Please see the notice board for further details of the following community notices:

- Southern Expressway Glen Helen Path closure
- Aldinga Hockey Club—2013 Season begins
- Seaford Calisthenics Club
- Seahawks Youth Group

Chess

Last year 4T and 4M learned to play Chess with Fred Loipersberger. At the end of Term 4 the classes battled it out for the Benedict Chess Shield and the winners were 4M who won 7:3. The class will receive the shield at a future assembly.

This year the chess club will run on Tuesday at recess so if your child/ren are interested in learning chess please collect a form from the Front Office.

A big thank you to Fred for his impeccable teaching and love of the game.

Regards
Gina Cusano