A Day in the Life of R/1 Fish!

We have been working hard over the past 5 weeks at school. We have been practising our ball and tennis skills. We have been exploring our school environment and have created amazing patterns in and out of our classrooms. We love making new friends with our Reception chums and we have especially enjoyed eating pancakes for Shrove Tuesday! YUM!
From the Deputy Principal

Children in Leadership
Children in leadership and children's voice play very important roles in the school life at All Saints. On Friday, 15 February we recognised and celebrated the important roles of the School Captains, Vice Captains and Student Representative Council members. Celeste Ryan & Luke Emberton received their School Captain badges and Kate Olsson & Adrian Ly received their Vice Captain badges. They all began their important leadership roles for 2013. We also celebrated the children who were selected to represent their classes on the Student Representative Council (SRC) for 2013. The children received their pins with pride and were acknowledged by their families and the school community. These children will take the ideas and concerns of their classmates to SRC meetings. Our congratulations go to Lucas, Tillie (R/1B), Jack, Jessica (R/1D), Connor, Anabell (R/1F), Brody, Melody (R/1Fa), Ethan, Mackenzie (R/1K), Hayden, Sienna (R/1N), Harry, Eden (R/1R), Andrew, Hannah (2C), Ben, Rachel (2P), Harrison, Caitlin (2R), Alex, Taya (3B), Ethan, Emma (3O), Joshua, Alanna (4T), Koewyn, Josie (4M), Lewis, Ella (5Ri), Sam, Amber (5Ro), Phillip, Amy (6L), Andre, Tyra (6E), Thomas, Charlotte (7Mo), Isaac & Stephanie (7Mc). Our congratulations also go to the Deputy SRC members who were introduced at the assembly as well. Mrs Nearmy will support the Rec—Year 3 SRC members and Ms Caesarowicz will support the Year 4—7 members during 2013.

We believe that all Year 7 children are leaders in our school and are role models for our younger children. To celebrate this important leadership role the children were presented with their Year 7 jumpers at an assembly last Tuesday. Even though the weather has been warm it is wonderful to see the proud way they are already wearing these jumpers!

Out of School Hours Sport
All Saints has a proud history of active involvement in sporting and physical activities. We believe that through participation in sport children can develop physical and coordination skills. They can also develop friendships and social skills by working as a team and learn how to handle success and failure. The winter sport season is quickly approaching. Forms expressing an interest in playing soccer in 2013 have been sent home and for the first time this year forms for Australian Rules football have also been sent home. Football games will be played ‘home’ and ‘away’ with Cardijn College oval being the home ground. All registration forms need to be returned by Monday, 4 March.

We are also asking for coaches again this year. All coaches are required to have a current Catholic Police Clearance and complete an induction. We greatly appreciate the time and effort of those people who make Out of School Hours Sport possible. We also thank those parents/carers who have already indicated that they will assist with coaching in 2013. Hayley Mundy is the coordinator of Out of School Hours Sport again this year and we thank her for her continued hard work. Hayley will again coordinate the soccer season and Deb Wilton will coordinate the football season.

We will be conducting a meeting for coaches on Tuesday 12 March at 6.30pm in the staff room. It will be very important that all coaches attend this meeting to go through the Out of School Hours Sport Policy which clarifies the obligations and expectations of the children, coaches, coordinators, parents/carers and friends during participation.

Afternoon Tea Group
Yesterday an email was sent to families inviting you to attend our Afternoon Tea Group meeting on Thursday, 7 March at 2.30pm in the Community Room. This group is currently a small gathering of people interested in sharing ideas about our school. At previous meetings we have discussed reasons why you choose to send your children to All Saints and what Catholic Identity means. It’s an informal conversation and a chance to share ideas.

Part of our work has lead us to working with Anna Small and Warren Pickering, a current family and local artists, on a design for a sculpture in our new hall garden. We would be delighted if you would like to join us. We call ourselves the Afternoon Tea Group because we share in a delicious afternoon tea organised by Leisa Macey, who also provides child care if you have your little ones with you.

School Clean Up
Some children have discovered that every year around 7 billion tonnes of rubbish enters the world’s oceans. Every year children from All Saints collect many bags of rubbish that may have made their way into the sea. All Saints is taking part in the National Clean Up Day on Friday, 1 March at 10.00am. Children are required to bring reusable gloves and bags and wear closed in shoes. Registered volunteers with a current Catholic Police Clearance are welcome to come along.

Southern Expressway Duplication Road Closures
Please access our website to read important up to date information about the Southern Expressway Duplication road closures.

Safety for Children & Families
The SEM Car Park can become very crowded, particularly at drop off and pick up times. This car park is for the use of both school and SEM visitors and we need to respect this shared arrangement. It was disappointing to hear that some unsafe practices were reported to us last Friday afternoon. Cars were parked in No Parking Zones and some children were running in front of cars. This can result in serious consequences. Please remember that the SEM car park is not a ‘Kiss & Drop’ zone and we need to show patience and respect during these busy times. We ask that all families take care and consider the safety of all children, families and our school community at all times. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Helen Thompson
Deputy Principal
RE News

Baptism
The children at All Saints who have been baptised agree that they remember their baptism with joy. We aim to support our children in their choices. As a member of our Catholic school, being baptised encourages the children to explore more fully their relationship with Jesus and with the community of the Noarlunga-Seaford Parish. Our next group of children being baptised at the SEM will be on Sunday, 24 March at 10.45am during the Year 4/5 Family Mass. You are all welcome!

Thank you to the families who have returned their information sheet about Baptism. I will be in contact with you soon. If you still have the form and would like more information about what is involved, I am more than happy to have a chat with you. Please contact the front office to make a time to meet with me.

Family Mass
Congratulations to the children from the Year 2/3 Learning Community for their wonderful participation in the Family Mass on Sunday, 24 February. So many people commented on their involvement and it made the whole celebration very special. Well done children and families! A special thank you to Fr Fred, our school chaplain, who involved the children and made them feel an important part of the celebration.

Reconciliation
Congratulations to the following children who will be celebrating their First Reconciliation on Tuesday, 5 March at 5.30pm at St Luke’s Church, Noarlunga. The children are: Leila, Brianna, Lily, Josie, Christianne, Aaleya, Dylan, Harrison, Thomas P, Johanna, Scarlet, Kaila, Thomas K, Nicholas, Estelle, Bella, Kadeisha, Samuel, Mary, Aiden, Sarah, Taylor and Fin.

A Simple Prayer...’Inspired By Jesus’
Lord, thank you for today.
But as for tomorrow, we continue to place our trust in you.
May tomorrow be a gentle day.
May we not live in the land of ‘could have’, ‘would have’ or ‘should have’.
May the speed of life not get the better of us.
May our worries not determine our moods.
May all of our jobs be done without stress or hurry.
But may tomorrow be a simple and pleasant day.
Jesus, remind us that we have a lot to be grateful for.
Amen.
Rachele Tullio
APRIM

RESOURCE CENTRE

Premier’s Reading Challenge
2013 will be the first year that the Reader for Life Silver (R4LS) award will be presented to children who complete the Challenge for ten years. This year, the R4L award has a silver band to distinguish that it is for ten years of reading.

First year Certificate
Second year Bronze medal
Third year Silver medal
Fourth year Gold medal
Fifth year Champion medal
Sixth year Legend medal
Seventh year Hall of Fame medal
Eighth year Reader for Life award (R4L)
Ninth year Reader for Life bronze (R4LB)
Tenth year Reader for Life silver (R4LS)

Children are challenged to read 12 books from the start of the 2013 school year until 6 September 2013. For Reception - Year 7 students, at least 8 of the 12 books will be chosen from the Premier’s Reading Challenge booklist which are available from the Resource Centre and 4 books can be the children’s own choice. Children’s record sheets are available from the Resource Centre.

For more information on the PRC go to www.prc.sa.edu.au. Congratulations to the children who have already completed the Challenge for 2013. A great effort!

Gina Cusano
Resource Centre

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.

Clean Up Australia Day 2013
Our annual School’s Clean Up Day is tomorrow, 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 Olsender

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Parish Priest: Fr Charles Gauci
School Chaplain: Fr Alfred Farrugia

Masses:
SEM:  Wednesday 9.15am, Sunday 10.45am
St Luke’s:  Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 9.00am & 5.30pm (Youth Mass)
The Italian Corner

Saluti a tutti! (Greetings to all!)

With Italian Day looming in a few weeks (Thursday 11 April) the preparations are well underway for children in Years 6 and 7. We have been learning a range of songs and plays that will be performed on the day to the younger children. The children will continue practicing these in the coming weeks and they will also start making props and organising their costumes.

We have also been busy learning about Carnevale (a word derived from carne [meat] and levare [to take away]). Carnevale was originally a celebration where meat could be consumed and people could be festive before entering the solemn forty days of Lent. Carnevale is still very much an important part of Italian culture, and as the children have been learning, it is an occasion celebrated in various ways in different Italian cities. So far we have discussed the masked ball that takes place in Venezia, the pageant that takes place in Viareggio and the Battaglia delle Arance (Battle of the Oranges) in Ivrea.

If there are any parents/carers who have a current Catholic Police Clearance and would like to help out with jobs such as preparing and distributing lunch to classes on Italian Day, please leave your name at the office and a P & F representative will contact you shortly. Your support is much appreciated.

Grazie come al solito (thanks as always)

Il Signor Vaudo e La Signora Pardoe.

Welcome to the World

Congratulations to Taj (2P) who has a new baby sister. Tessa Evie was born a few weeks ago weighing 8lb 2oz.

All the best to Taj & his family.

Community Notice Board

Please Note—The services & events contained in this section are in no way connected with the school & are included in this newsletter for your information only. Parents/carers need to make their own enquiries & assessments about the suitability of these events & services for their needs and those of their children.

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

- Christies Beach Football Club
- Australian Youth Choir/Australian Youth Dance Theatre
- The Circus Has Been Reinvented—Hopgood Theatre

DIARY DATES

March

Friday 1st  Clean Up Day, 10:00am
Meet in the Courtyard

Tuesday 5th  Celebration of Reconciliation,
5:30pm at St Luke’s

Wednesday 6th  Parish Mass (Yr 6 attending),
9:15am at SEM

Thursday 7th  Afternoon Tea Group,
2:30pm in the Community Room

Friday 8th  Assembly (2P),
9:15am in the hall

Monday 11th  Public Holiday—Adelaide Cup Day

Tuesday 12th  Coaches Meeting,
6:30pm in the staffroom

Wednesday 13th  Parish Mass (Yr 6 attending),
9:15am at SEM

Friday 15th  Sports Captains Assembly,
9:15am in the hall

Year 6 Retreat

Federation’s Inaugural Parent Conference

“Parent Engagement in Learning for Life”
Meeting the Needs of the Next Generation
on Saturday, 25th May

We are asking each school to sponsor 1-2 parents to attend.
More details to come soon.

Places are limited so register early!

SAVE THE DATE