Footsteps with R/1 Dodd/Carlier!

In R/1 Dodd/Carlier, we have been involved in Footsteps Dance lessons on Tuesday mornings. We have been learning new dance styles every week. Some dance genres we have tried include hip hop and rock. We have been learning individual and partner dance moves which make up a variety of different dances. Some of our favourite dance steps include Miss Piggy, Ben Ten Watch, Superman, The Lookout, and the Chicken Head.

"I like dancing in partners and spinning around together." - Poppy

"My favourite dance was Let’s Rock because I liked dancing with a partner." - Edie

"I liked when we danced hip hop. My favourite move was doing The Slide." - Natalia
From the Principal

City of Onkaparinga—Christmas Pageant
How exciting it was to have an All Saints School float in the City of Onkaparinga’s Christies Beach Pageant last Sunday. I sincerely thank Sandra Partridge for organising this event and the many staff and families who supported the idea. A big thank you to all the children, I know you had a wonderful time and I think the adults did too. These things do not happen without the generosity of the staff and families of the All Saints community. You have made us all very proud.

Volunteer’s Award
Last Friday, Michelle Goldfinch received a Volunteer’s Award from Amanda Rishworth’s office. Michelle received this award due to her outstanding contribution of 16 years voluntary work at All Saints and we congratulate her on her continued work at the school. Volunteers play a major role in the success of any school and Michelle is a fine example of this. On behalf of everyone at All Saints we congratulate you, Michelle. Michelle is pictured with Amanda Rishworth, Julian Burton & Evelyn O’Loughlin.

School Board News/Nominations for 2014
This week we held the last of the Board Meetings for 2013. I wish to thank all members for their work throughout the year. At this meeting we ratified the School Uniform Dress Code Policy. The only significant change to the policy has been the introduction of the white banded shirt for the boys during summer and given the boys wear a white shirt in winter, the Board hopes all families can move to this quickly. However in saying this, 2014 will be considered a year of change with boys permitted to wear a white shirt or their green polo top with full implementation of the white shirt for summer in 2015.

The Board has also passed the draft budget for 2014 which will now be sent through to the Catholic Education Office.

There will be three vacancies for the 2014 School Board. I sincerely thank Gary Herdegen, Jacquie Meynell and Rod Vincent for their work over the last 2 years. I invite interested families to consider nominating themselves for the 2014 Board. Meetings are held from 7:00 – 9:00pm every third Wednesday of the month. Nomination forms will go out early next year.

Semester 2 Reports
The teachers have been working quite hard on preparing final reports for the year. The Reception—Year 5 children do not receive written comments in their reports so next week Learning Conversations will be held for those families wanting further follow up of their child’s progress. If you have not booked a time for a Learning Conversation and would still like an opportunity to do so, please contact your child’s class teacher. Year 6 & 7 children receive both grades and comments and these reports are posted out. Families from Year 6 & 7 are also invited to have a Learning Conversation with their child’s class teacher.

Francis Sullivan—CEO of Truth, Justice and Healing Council
Last week Principals, Priests, Parish associates and other church workers were invited by the Archbishop to attend a seminar by Francis Sullivan who heads the Truth, Justice and Healing Council. It was a compelling seminar as Francis outlined the work of the council established by the Catholic Church to help the Church fully embrace the Australian Government’s Royal Commission into the Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. I believe this is important work which we as either Catholics ourselves or families associated in a Catholic school need to be aware of. Francis says while we may not have been part of the problem in the past, we do have a responsibility for how we want the church to be now and in the future in regard to Child Protection matters. Willingness and cooperation of all volunteer families in obtaining Catholic Police Clearances is a small but important way All Saints contributes to providing a safe environment for the children at our school. Ongoing police checks, including provisions for visitors and contractors, form an important part of our work. We all have a responsibility to report anything that compromises the safety and wellbeing of the children at All Saints. The Child Abuse Report Line (CARL) number is 131 478. Finally, you might like to visit the website tjhcouncil.org.au to follow the progress of this council.

Orientation for New Receptions 2014
This year we have 64 children attending their Reception Orientation visits for 2014. As the first year of the single intake it was a very large group. We were pleased that staffing arrangements enabled all children to visit their teacher and classmates for 2014. It is exciting time! Helen Thompson and I held a parent/carer meeting and endeavoured to make all families feel welcomed to be part of the All Saints community. A special thanks to Deb Wilton, Angela Ryan, Becky Harris & Marianne Wibrow who organised the morning tea for the families. I would be keen to hear any feedback via email to info@allsaints.catholic.edu.au as to the success or otherwise of this meeting. If you attended and have some helpful feedback we would appreciate you sharing this with us.

Transition Evening for Year 5 Children to Middle School
The transition evening for Year 5 children and families was well attended on Thursday, 14 November. Our hope is that you and your child can feel more confident about this next step in their learning journey. A special thank you to Craig Goldfinch and the children who prepared the delicious supper of homemade dips and breads. Many of the ingredients were from our own school gardens and prepared in our newly refurbished kitchen. Here are some comments about the meeting from the children:

- “My mum and dad said the food was really good and they asked lots of questions.” Jed
- “Two Cardijn kids came to the school and they talked about what they do at Cardijn.” Alannah
- “I liked how they answered a lot of questions and passed around paper and pen so we could ask more questions and they could answer them.” Caylee
- “Ms Moore and Ms McCluskey talked about Year 6 & 7 homework and expectations.” Kayla
- “I learnt that there are a lot of sports carnivals for Year 6/7.” Blake
- “You have a lot more responsibility in Year 6 & 7.” Rhys
- “I learnt that there is a lot of difference going into Year 6.” Sam
- “Mr Giles talked about cyber safety and when you put something on the internet you can’t just delete it, it’s there forever.” Jordan F

If you were unable to attend the meeting and would like to know more, please do not hesitate to have a chat to your child’s class teacher.

God Bless
Helen Ward
Principal
RE News

Christmas Hampers
All Saints Catholic Primary School traditionally supports the collection of non-perishable food and treats for the SEM Christmas Hampers and we are calling on your generosity again this year.

Our donations can make a world of difference to families at this time of year and the recipients are very appreciative. We are seeking Christmas items such as Christmas pudding, soft drinks, mince pies, biscuits, tinned fruit or even bonbons. A basket is available in each classroom and the items will be delivered to SEM in the last week of school.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Last night twenty children from All Saints joined with children from St John and the Noarlunga/Seaford Parish to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is another step in their faith formation and we ask for God’s Blessings on them and their families. Next year they will begin preparation for Confirmation and First Communion. Please contact me if your child is in Year 3 or above and you would like any information on the Sacramental Program.

Advent & Whole School Liturgy
This Sunday marks the beginning of the four weeks of Advent. It is a time of anticipation as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas. There will be a whole school Advent Liturgy on Wednesday, 4 December at 11:30am in the hall which you are invited to attend.

Many Blessings
Maureen Hanrahan
Acting APRIM

The Italian Corner

Ciao a tutti! (Hello to all!)

With Christmas on the horizon we have turned our focus towards the theme of ‘Il Natale’ (The Christmas). In doing so we have been looking at Italian Christmas traditions and customs including the story of La Befana, the friendly witch who delivers presents to children on Epiphany Eve. The name "La Befana" comes from the word L’Epifania or the Epiphany which it is said, is when the Wise Men arrived to give gifts to baby Jesus. The feast of the Epiphany takes place on 6 January and is a very important part of the Christmas celebrations for children in Italy. Interestingly this day is 12 days after the traditional celebration of the birth of Jesus, 25 December.

We have also been looking at the foods Italians eat during their festive season, such as Panettone and Pandoro cakes and eels! I bambini (the young ones) have enjoyed sharing the stories about the foods and various traditions that they eat and participate in with their family that make Christmas such a special time of the year.

Some of the words you might hear your children using from their Italian lessons include:
- Buon Natale—Merry Christmas
- Babbo Natale—Father Christmas
- i regali—the presents
- Gesu’ Bambino—Baby Jesus
- I Re Magi—The 3 Wise Men
- il presepio—the nativity

Grazie come al solito (thanks as always),
Il Signor Vaudo e La Signora Pardoe
All Saints Soccer

We are seeking parent/carer support for the running of the soccer canteen next year. It is absolutely vital for the financial running of the program that the canteen is open and running each game. We heavily rely on these funds to pay for ongoing expenses including trophies at the end of the season. If you are interested in assisting in the running of the canteen next year please contact Hayley Mundy during school hours on 8327 0020.

Any assistance is greatly appreciated.

Hayley Mundy
2013 Soccer Coordinator

Chess

On Tuesday, 10 December 4T and 4M will battle for the Benedict Chess Shield, which is currently held by 4M. The Year 4 children have worked very hard all year to hone their chess skills and are looking forward to the challenge. The three best players of the Chess Club will also receive medals. Good luck to you all!

Fred Loipersberger,
Chess Coach

Welcome to the World

Congratulations to Mackenzie (R/1K) & Addison (RD) who have a new baby brother. Hudson Nate was born recently weighing 5lb 6oz.

All the best to Mackenzie, Addison and their family.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Frank (6L) who performed very well in the SAPSASA Australian Golf Championship. Frank came 2nd overall in the Boys Individual Event and the SA Team won the Bowtell Abbott Cup.

Well done Frank!

Our Sympathies

Our sympathies go to Dimi (4M), Alex (3B) & Sofia (R/1F) who recently lost their grandmother.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

All Saints Eggs for Sale

$5.00 per dozen
Please enquire at the front office.
Resource Centre News

End of Year Procedures

Children, especially those leaving the school, must return all library books and readers to the Resource Centre by Friday, Week 8. Accounts will be sent out to parents/carers for overdue, lost or damaged books. There will be no school holiday borrowing due to stocktaking.

A big thanks to Sue Little for helping out in the Resource Centre and all the other volunteers who helped out in any way during the year.

To all children and families, I wish you a wonderful Christmas and a safe New Year.

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.

Noarlunga-Seaforth Parish

Cnr New Honeypot Road & Goldsmith Drive
Tel: 8382 1717  Fax: 8326 7999
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)

DIARY DATES

December

Monday 2nd  Premier’s Reading Challenge
Assembly Yr 3–7, 11.30 am in the hall

Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th Rec—Yr 5 Learning Conversations

Wednesday 4th  Parish Mass (Yr 7), 9.15am at SEM
Whole School Advent Liturgy, 11:30am in the hall

Thursday 5th  Reception Orientation Visit 3
Yr 1–7 Orientation Visit 7

Friday 6th  Assembly (RD & R/1DC), 9.15am in the hall

Tuesday 10th  End of Year Liturgy, 6pm in the courtyard

Wednesday 11th  Yr 7 Graduation Celebration

Thursday 13th  Last day of Term 4, Finish 3.10pm

Friday 14th  Pupil Free Day

January 2014

Tuesday 28th  School Resumes for 2014

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:

- Be Kind & Unwind—Personal Wellbeing Seminar at Woodcroft Neighbourhood Centre
- Managing Children’s Behaviour Parent/Carer Workshop—Woodcroft Neighbourhood Centre
- Tour Down Under—BUPA Mini Tour for Kids
- Pink Panther Development Squad—Free
Thank you Mrs Partridge for organising our first All Saints entry into the Christies Beach Christmas Pageant! We all had a lot of fun!