On Friday, 29 November 6E & 6L went to Greenhills Adventure Park to be active, have fun and celebrate a fantastic year of learning! We were lucky to have great weather and fantastic volunteers!

“I liked anything to do with water.”—Bridgette
“The maze was a-maze-ing!”—Sam
“I liked the archery aspect of Greenhills.”—Adi
“The waterslides were the best.”—Breanna
“I loved going on the paddle boats.”—Nathan
“It was funny when Riley fell in the lake.”—Zack

6E’S GREENHILLS ADVENTURES
From The Principal

This final term has been very busy with lots of great learning happening inside and outside the classroom including many excursions. I’ve noticed a real vibrancy and enthusiasm amongst the children which is great to see, especially as it means they enjoy being here at school.

In recent weeks we have had Disability Awareness Workshops, Kindy visits, Premier’s Reading Challenge Assemblies, a performance by young people from Cardijn College, dancing classes, aquatics, a beautiful Advent Liturgy, beach excursions and more. It has been a rich time of celebration and learning.

In our final days the children have been preparing for the beautiful End of Year Liturgy celebrated last night and a wonderful graduation for our Year 7’s. So we have much to be thankful for. I wish every family a happy and holy Christmas, a safe holiday break and a restful time for all.

God Bless
Helen Ward
Principal

From the Deputy Principal

This is the final newsletter for 2013. The year has gone very quickly and we have seen lots of learning happening and many great celebrations. I reflect upon whole school Masses, class Masses, liturgies and class assemblies to name a few. The children have participated in these events in reverent and respectful ways. Other celebrations include Sports Day, Life Be In It, Bookweek and Italian Day. All these activities were all very memorable occasions.

Thanksgiving Liturgy and Year 7 Graduation

Thank you to all the children and families who attended last night to give thanks for 2013 and to farewell our graduating class of Year 7’s. The liturgy was a wonderful reflection on the successful year that has been experienced by the children and the All Saints community. It was wonderful to see our Year 7’s hand over the school colours to the Reception children. We wish our Year 7 children all the best as they move on to secondary education. Please take a look at the photos of this wonderful night later in this newsletter.

2014 Teaching Staff

I am delighted to announce the following teachers for 2014:

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We are fortunate to have a very professional group of teachers and we can look forward to a great year of learning.

Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea

Each year we marvel at the wonderful commitment made to our school community by volunteers. Once again this year the parents, friends & carers have helped in many ways including in the classroom, attending excursions & sporting events, providing great food on Sports Day, cooking pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and in the many other ways that they have contributed to the life of All Saints. To acknowledge their generous time, energy and skills given so freely and tirelessly we held a Thank you Morning Tea on Monday.

I wish you and your family a happy and holy Christmas. I hope the children have a relaxing holiday and return to school refreshed and ready for the new year.

Helen Thompson
Deputy Principal
RE News

Advent
As a school we celebrated the Advent Season with a Liturgy last Wednesday. The focus was on the longing, waiting and preparation for the coming of Jesus. The children learned many new songs and participated enthusiastically in the joyful celebration. As a Christian community we are all very much looking forward to Christmas when we celebrate Jesus coming to be among us – Emmanuel. Photos of this beautiful liturgy are included in this newsletter.

SEM Christmas Hampers
Many thanks to families for the donations of items for the Christmas hampers. These will help bring a smile to people who are finding it tough this year. Your generosity is much appreciated. It is not too late to donate items if you would like to send something to school.

End of Year Liturgy and Graduation
Thank you to the many families who attended our End of Year Liturgy last night. Why do we gather to celebrate with a liturgy? It’s because God is at the heart of everything we do as a Catholic community. From God comes grace and strength which sustain us in our daily lives. We have much to thank God for, especially as we celebrate the end of another cycle in our school year. During the year there have been sorrows and joy in our community at All Saints but there is something heartening about coming together at the end to pray for our community and share the joy of graduation. Fr Fred spoke about the joy of sharing with his homily based on the story of Stone Soup which some children from 3B acted out for us. It is in this spirit that we look forward to continuing our story next year whether as part of this community or another one.

Farewell and Thanks
Well here we are at the end of the year and the end of my time at All Saints. I have really valued my three terms here. My professional and personal growth has been deepened and enriched by All Saints’ children, families and staff. Thank you for being such a welcoming community and I leave with fond memories. I pray that you have a safe and happy holiday and leave you with the following prayer.

Many Blessings
Maureen Hanrahan
Acting APRIM

The Italian Corner
Ciao a tutti per l’ultima volta quest’anno, (Hello to everyone for the last time this year),
It has been a fantastic year of learning in the Italian program and we have so many highlights to reminisce upon. Way back in Term 1, all the children participated in our Italian Day celebrations. We cooked crostoli, decorated biscuits, ran the Palio races, watched the Year 6’s sing and the Year 7’s perform. The Year 7 children made masks from modroc and decorated them beautifully. These masks will be a constant reminder of the great learning they did in Italian during their time at All Saints.

In Term 2, we took our learning of the Palio even deeper by looking into the history and competitiveness of this event. Our Year 4 children created horses that were used - ruthlessly at times - by our Reception to Year 5 children. The flags that children created of each contrada or neighbourhood will ensure that our children won’t forget about the symbolism, colours and animal of each of these areas of Siena.

In Term 3 we travelled around the world, learning the names of the continents and countries. The children made beautiful maps of the world that will hopefully adorn their walls at home and foster a curiosity for travel and other cultures for years to come.

This final term has been all about il cibo (the food)! Our Year 7 children made a traditional Neapolitan delicacy eaten at Christmas time called struffoli.
They are deep fried parcels of pastry coated in honey and coloured sprinkles. A big thank you to Craig Goldfinch for lending his expertise to help us make these.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the children for their great learning, the staff for their support throughout the year and for including Italian songs at assemblies, the Italian teaching team and all of the parents/carers who have helped out in any way. The combination of all these people have made 2013 a fantastic year of learning at All Saints.

Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo a tutti, (Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year to all).

Signora Pardoe e Signor Vaudo
Congratulations—National Winners

Congratulations to the group of our Year 6 and 7’s who have been successful in winning the Ecoexpo Pallet Garden Competition - competing against schools from around the nation.

Their goal was to build a garden bed using only 6 recycled transport pallets. Our team decided to base their design around the maximum possible growing space for the smallest possible footprint.

The team ended up with a multi level design that met their goal very well. They were responsible for sourcing the pallets and all aspects of the building process. This included disassembly of the pallets, painting them, the construction, digging the mounting holes, filling the beds and planting the vegetables. As first place winners they won a number of prizes, including a visit next year by Costa (from the ABC Gardening Australia).

Well done to Charlotte, Danni, Callum, George, David, Thomas, Zac, Amy, and Phillip. A special thanks to Craig Goldfinch for his able support.

Bill Giles
Environment Coordinator
IT’S ADVENT
End of Year Liturgy & Year 7 Graduation

2013
Garden News
Over the last two months we have been collecting used coffee grounds from Gloria Jean’s, Seaford. The coffee grounds are being used in our compost, they are also used in the garden beds as a soil improver, spread around plants to deter snails and also used as a mulch.

During that time we have taken between 300 - 400kg of coffee grounds. We estimate that over a year we will take 3 tonne of coffee grounds, saving this from going to landfill.

We would like to thank Jack & Sarah Knight and the team from Gloria Jean’s, Seaford for their ongoing support in this venture.

Craig Goldfinch & Bill Giles
Gardening Team

CHESS

On Tuesday, 10 December 4T and 4M battled for the Benedict Chess Shield. Both classes played very well and the result was a draw.

4T played their own competition as well. Congratulations to the winners: 1st Kobe, 2nd Dylan, 3rd Chris.

The individual winners of the Recess Chess Club are – 1st Amy, 2nd Kobe, 3rd Nathan.

“Fred’s Chess Lectures” are still available for $5 from Gina, but will be $8 next term.

Fred Loipersberger,
Chess Coach

Welcome to the World

Congratulations to Khai (RD) who has a new baby brother. Jett Oakley was born recently weighing 8lb 9oz.

And also to Diesel (RD) who has a new baby sister. Cleo Grace was born recently weighing 6lb 10oz.

Congratulations and all the best to both families.

Resource Centre News

A big thank you to Sue Little for all her help and to Michelle Goldfinch for running the Scholastic Book Club. Thank you to all the volunteers for helping out in the Resource Centre this year.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
This year due to the 470 children who participated in the challenge we had two assemblies. The R-2’s received their awards on Monday, 25 November and the Year 3-7’s received their awards on Monday, 2 December. Minister John Hill was at the Year 3-7 assembly to present the awards to the children. What a great achievement for the children of All Saints! I look forward to the children participating in the 2014 PRC!

Congratulations to all the children who received certificates and medals for completing the Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2013.

A very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to you all.

Gina Cusano
Resource Centre
Playgroup

Wishing all our Playgroup families a safe and Happy Christmas. We look forward to seeing you again in 2014.

Playgroup resumes Week 1, Term 1.
New Families welcome

Playgroup sessions are held on Tuesdays & Thursdays in the Community Room, 9.00–10.30am.

All Saints Eggs for Sale

$5.00 per dozen
Please enquire at the front office.

DIARY DATES

December

Thursday 12th  Last day of Term 4, Finish 3.10pm
Friday 13th   Pupil Free Day

January 2014

Tuesday 28th  School Resumes for 2014, 8.45am

Uniform Shop

School Holiday Opening Times

Monday 20 January
Tuesday 21 January
9:00AM–3:00PM
&
Thursday 23 January
1:30–3:00PM

Fran Doody
Uniform Shop Coordinator

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:

• MILO T20—Blast Holiday Clinics
• Fairy Wings & Pirate Things – School Holiday Fun
• STAYG 25 High School Musical 2 On Stage—Hopgood Theatre

Noarlunga-Seafor 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)