Introducing the School Captains for 2014

CAPTAINS: Charlotte Carter & Brayden Wait

VICE CAPTAINS: Dylan Mc Donald & Danni Cardona
Welcome back children and families to another year of learning. I hope you all had a wonderful long summer break and are ready now to get back into school routines.

The staff have already been hard at work last week in readiness to begin the learning program. The ESO’s have been assisting in all the administration duties to ensure our processes and procedures are completed. Everyone has enjoyed getting back and seeing each other and have worked so willingly and cooperatively to enable everything to be ready. I sincerely thank each staff member for creating a positive approach to the year. The theme for the year is based on my end of year speech—Building a spirit centred community, inspired by Jesus. We worked on this as a staff last week and wrote private personal commitments to doing this in our own work. We recognise the challenges of a growing school and believe that each of us has a responsibility to work towards maintaining and building our school community. I invite children and families to join with us.

Meet & Greet the Teacher/2013 School Board AGM

One way families can support building our school community is trying to attend our school functions. The first and one of the most important dates for your diary is Tuesday, 4 February where we will hold our Meet and Greet the Teacher night along with the 2013 AGM of the School Board. You will already have received information on Monday along with an email about this event. I do encourage you to come as it is really quite a fun night with opportunities to meet the teachers then finishing with wine, cheese and a chance to read AGM reports and see the 2013 class displays over in the hall. I do hope you can join us.

At the AGM we will formally thank Gary Herdegen, Jacquie Meynell and Rod Vincent for their services to the School Board. This coming Monday you will receive more information about those who have been nominated and a voting slip which can either be returned to school on Tuesday morning and placed in the voting box at the front office or you can complete this on Tuesday evening when you arrive. Voting closes at 5.45pm.

Pupil Free Days

Each year the staff hold a retreat to spend time reflecting on our spiritual lives. This is an important part of our vocation as workers in a Catholic School. We have invited Fr Richard Leonard to lead us and we look forward to working with him again this year. This will be held on Friday, 21 February in Week 4.

We also have another Pupil Free Day to be held on Friday, 14 March in Week 7. We as a staff will join with the other Catholic schools in the Southern Vales area and engage with the work of Professor Paul Clarke who speaks about “Listening to the voice of Creation: A Call to Ecological Conversion” at the South Australian Catholic Education Conference in 2013. Paul Clarke is Co-Director of Pop-Up Farm Foundation and he is Professor of Education at St Mary’s University College, London. A Pop-Up Farm connects people, ideas and challenges to make their own pattern of sustainable living. It takes a local perspective on a global challenge. We feel that this day will be very informative for All Saints as we place great importance on sustainability education with our children.

It is unfortunate that these 2 days coincide in Term 1 however it cannot be helped due to the difficulty of getting access to our wonderful presenters. Please note there will be no Pupil Free Days in Term 2 and only the Show day in Term 3. If you require OSHC for your children, please contact them directly. Care can only be offered if enough families require it so please ensure you get in touch with them as soon as possible.

Finally I encourage you to get to know all our staff at All Saints. Next week you will have the opportunities to meet the teachers. In this week’s newsletter I introduce all the ESO’s who work in partnership with the teachers to ensure All Saints is a great school of learning.

God Bless,
Helen Ward
Principal

New Newsletter Format

We are currently trialling a new format for our newsletter. We would welcome any feedback you may like to provide by emailing us at info@allsaints.catholic.edu.au
Welcome to the 2014 school year. I am looking forward to working with families and children in regard to Religious Education and in supporting the integration of faith, life and culture.

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, 12 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.

Building Community
This week the children and teachers have been concentrating on developing strong relationships within their learning community. At All Saints we believe that relationships are at the heart of all we say and do.

Pope Francis' words on New Year's Day were part of his hope for world peace. Pope Francis’ words underpin all we are about at All Saints.

“We are all children of one Heavenly Father. We belong to the same human family and we share a common destiny. This brings a responsibility for each to work so that the world becomes a community of brothers who respect each other, accept each other in one’s diversity, and take care of one another.” Pope Francis 1 January, 2014

Kate Turner
Acting APRIM

Uniform Shop News
Many of our parents/carers are looking for good quality second hand uniforms. If you have uniforms that your children no longer need, this is a great way to recycle. Uniforms must be clean and ironed and accompanied by a Second Hand Uniform Form (available through the front office).

New Pricelist & Uniform Policy Change
A new pricelist with updated costs will come into affect as of 1 March, 2014. The short white sleeved shirts are to be worn during summer according to the updated Uniform Policy which was ratified by the School Board in 2013. 2014 will be a year of transition.

Fran Doody
Uniform Shop Coordinator

The Italian Corner
Ciao a tutti, bentornati!
(Hello to all, welcome back!)

We hope that you all had an amazing pausa (break) and that you are all as excited about 2014 as we are in the Italian Room. The first couple of weeks will be all about getting to know one another and will involve lots of games to get the children’s brains in tune with the Italian language once again.

To kick things off for the new year we are pleased to announce that as in previous years, All Saints will have a display of children’s work at this year’s Carnevale. This fantastic event showcases Italian culture in our city and will take place on 8 and 9 February at the Royal Adelaide Showgrounds. For more information about Carnevale check out their website at: www.carnevale-adelaide.com

Alla prossima volta, (Until next time)
Il Signor Vaudo e La Signora Pardoe
Other School News

**Parents & Friends**

Please join us for a gathering next Monday, 3 February in Community Room at 9.15am. We warmly invite everyone and particularly welcome new parent/carers. Please feel free to bring your toddler along as toys will be provided. This gathering will be an informal morning tea where we can get to know each other and find out about the activities that the Parents & Friends are involved in throughout the year. A P&F levy paid through the school fees means that we do not need to fundraise. This gives us time to organise lots of exciting activities for our children, including special lunches, Mother & Father’s Day stalls and school discos just to name a few.

We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Deb Wilton & P&F Committee

**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 children to also return and borrow books before and after school. Children will receive overdue notices each Friday.

The Resource Centre is open at lunchtimes for children to borrow/return, play board games, read a book or 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 Family Farming.

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, 16—22 August. This year’s theme is ‘Connect to Reading’

Gina Cusano

**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 for the first time we had a draw. The classes will receive the shield at a future assembly.

This year the Chess Club will run on Tuesday at recess and the first lesson will begin on 11 February for Year 3—7. 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.

Gina Cusano

**Clean Up Australia Day 2014**

This year our annual School’s Clean Up Day is on Friday, 28 February 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.

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### January
- **Friday 31st**: Welcome Assembly, 9.15am in the hall

### February
- **Monday 3rd**: P & F Meeting, 9.15am in the Community
- **Tuesday 4th**: Meet & Greet the Teacher/ 2013 AGM, 5.30—7.30pm
- **Friday 7th**: Assembly, 9.15am in the hall
- **Wednesday 12th**: Welcome Mass, 9.15am in the hall
- **Friday 14th**: Leadership Assembly, 9.15am in the hall

### Community Notices

**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.

- Art of Rhyme, Hop Hop/Emcee Battle & Break Battle—Onkaparinga Youth
- Siblings in Focus—Social groups for siblings of children with special needs, disabilities and/or chronic illness
- Seahawks Youth Group—Friday night Youth Group at SEM
- Once Upon A Market—held monthly at Seaforth Recreation Centre
- Southern Expressway Road Closure notice for Sherriffs Road, Morphett Vale
- South Adelaide Panthers Football Club—Players wanted
- Seaforth Calisthenics Club—Held at Seaforth Primary School
- How to Support Your Child’s Learning at Home

More information can be found in the Community Notice Board located outside along the office building.

### Frequently Asked Questions

**What are the regular Uniform Shop opening times?**

Wednesday mornings 8:30—9:30am & Thursday afternoons 2:30—3:15pm. School hats & reader folders can be bought from the office when the uniform shop isn’t open.

**What are the schools Hot Weather Guidelines?**

**If the forecast temp at Noarlunga at 8am is 38 C +:**
- All food to be bought inside
- Recess outside: Children are told to play in shade—oval closed
- Teachers on ‘lunchtime activities’ that day will do this duty at recess time so that children have an opportunity to play indoors.
- Lunch inside
- No outside activities will occur during the day

**If the forecast temp at Noarlunga at 8am is 35C +:**
- All food to be bought inside
- Children play outside at recess time—oval opened
- Children play outside at lunch time—oval closed,
- Children are encouraged to play in lunchtime activities or in the shade
- No outdoor activities will occur after recess time

These procedures are guidelines and will be flexible depending on the extremity of the weather.

**What do I do if my child has a medical condition or Asthma?**

Children who need individual health care support from staff will need a Health Care Plan from their doctor.

Any medication required to be administered during school hours must be handed to front office staff who will store it securely in a locked cabinet. Medications are NOT to be kept by children in their school bags or on their person, except Asthma puffers & spacers which MUST be kept in the child’s school bag for easy access. If you have any questions the front office staff will be happy to assist you.

**How do I pay my school fees?**

Packs were sent out this week with options for payment. Please return these to the front office as soon as possible. If you have any queries please contact Rainer Bartl through the office.
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Please note these dates and mark them in your diary / calendar. It is important that you read the fortnightly School Newsletters as some dates or times may be changed.