4M’s Port Noarlunga Aquatics Excursion

I enjoyed the snorkelling but I enjoyed the ride back on the speed boat more, it was dynamic! - Emma

At first when I was going into the big reef I was pretty afraid but after I got in and experienced it, I didn’t want to get out. — Sammy

My favourite part of the day was snorkelling because I got to do it with my friends. — Ethan

It was my first time snorkelling and on the way to boogie boarding my friends & I made up new & fashionable ways to carry our boards. I also liked the snorkelling because we got to touch the fish! - Sophie P

I liked the snorkelling because I saw a big school of fish, they were called Sweep. — Jack

I enjoyed the snorkelling but I enjoyed the ride back on the speed boat more, it was dynamic! - Emma
From The Principal

Farewell Liturgy—My Sincere Thanks
What a wonderful celebration was held this morning! It reminded me of all that was special about being a part of the All Saints school community. I sincerely thank Kate Turner, all the staff and the children for all your efforts. I will truly miss working with such a committed staff and the strong partnership I have with families. Most of all I will miss the children. They are the reason I came to school. I delight in their learning and in being with them in their classes and supporting them when they are troubled. It is a huge decision to leave All Saints but I trust that God is leading me to where I must go and I feel at this time God is calling me to a different life. A life that will give me more time with my family and friends and more time for me to pursue my own interests. I wish you all every happiness for the future and sincerely thank everyone for being a part of my life here at All Saints.

Federal Funding Received
I am thrilled to be able to announce that all our hard work in preparing for a grant towards a Master Plan and numerous submissions for a grant towards a building project has finally been successful. Last week I received a phone call from Senator David Fawcett’s office in Canberra advising me that the school has been awarded $1.6 million to go towards the development of the facilities at All Saints. A capital works group has been established to decide on how the school will proceed. It will require an additional loan on the part of the school and the Board has been working with me to ensure a positive outcome for children, staff and families. I look forward to returning one day in the future to see the finished works.

School Reports
The children in Reception—Year 5 will receive their school report to take home on Monday, 8 December while the Year 6 & 7 children will receive theirs via post. Included in the reports will be the children’s class placement for 2015. The teachers have been working exceptionally hard to complete reports and to meet with families where required to ensure that children and families have a clear understanding of the learning that has been achieved over Semester 2.

End of Year Liturgy & Year 7 Graduation
Can I please emphasise that our End of Year Liturgy and Year 7 Graduation is a whole school event. This is an important occasion where we celebrate and give thanks for a wonderful year of learning and where we acknowledge the graduating Year 7 children. It is an expectation that children attend the liturgy, therefore if you are unable to participate please write a note to your child’s class teacher.

As this is my final newsletter as Principal of All Saints, I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and my blessings upon you all for the New Year. I leave you with a prayer for Christmas:

The day of joy returns, Father in heaven, and crowns another year with peace and good will. Help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men. Close the doors of hate and open the doors of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil, by the blessing that Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clean hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be your children, And the Christmas evening bring us to our bed grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus’ sake.

God Bless
Helen Ward
Principal
Vatican Pays Tribute to Phillip Hughes
As the nation mourns the tragic loss of Australian batsman Phillip Hughes it is reassuring to know our fellow brothers and sisters throughout the world share our loss. The Vatican cricket team attended a mass in Rome dedicated to Phillip Hughes. The players joined the #putoutyourbats global phenomenon, with Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi, president of the Pontifical Council for Culture, tweeting a picture of a row of bats and the St Peter’s Cricket Club caps. Together as one Catholic global community we mourn the loss but also celebrate Phillip’s contribution to the world.

All Saints Annual Christmas Hamper Collection
Each year All Saints collects items that will make Christmas extra special for families in our local community. If you would like to contribute please bring non-perishable food, drinks or treats to add to the Christmas basket in your child’s classroom. The hampers will be distributed this year by the Seaford Ecumenical Mission (SEM). We are happy to accept donations right up to the end of the term. We would like to thank you for your generosity in advance. When I was hungry You gave me food to eat. Matthew 25:35

Advent Liturgies
The word ‘advent’ is taken from the Latin word ‘adventus’, meaning the coming or arrival of a very important person. For Christians, Advent is the time in which we wait and prepare for the birth of Jesus. It is a time for Christians to reflect upon what they can share with others in return for all the gifts God has given them, especially the gift of Jesus. The All Saints community gathered over the last few weeks to reflect on the four weeks of Advent with liturgies presented from each learning community. The children reverently watched and listened to the messages and gospel read by the children. At each gathering another candle was lit to symbolise the four weeks of Advent.

First Sunday of Advent: The first candle is lit and is known as the Prophet Candle. Second Sunday of Advent: Second violet candle is lit and is known as the Bethlehem Candle. Third Sunday of Advent: The rose coloured candle is lit and is known as the Shepherd’s Candle. This candle represents Gaudete Sunday. The word Gaudete means ‘rejoice’ in Latin and signifies that it is time to rejoice, for the Lord is near. Fourth Sunday of Advent: The third violet candle is lit and is known as the Angel’s Candle.

Helen’s Farewell Liturgy
Today the All Saints community came together to celebrate the dedicated service of our principal Mrs Helen Ward. The liturgy was a time for the children, staff and community members to thank Helen for her wonderful work within our community over the last 10 years. Helen was lovingly supported by friends, family and colleagues as we farewelled her. It was lovely to see all four of Helen’s children at the liturgy; they travelled the globe to be with their mum. I would like to thank the children, staff and families who contributed to making the celebration a wonderful and memorable gathering for Helen. We wish Helen well as she embarks on a new journey, she will always remain in the hearts of all at All Saints.

End of Year Thanksgiving Liturgy
On Tuesday 9 December at 6:00pm we will come together under the sails for the End of Year Thanksgiving Liturgy and Year 7 Graduation. It is an expectation that all children attend the liturgy to farewell the 2014 school year. The children are to meet their teacher in their classrooms at 5:45pm in their full summer uniform. It is a good idea to bring along a jumper as it can get quite fresh, the children are also welcome to bring a small cushion to sit on throughout the liturgy. The liturgy will be an opportunity to farewell not only our Year 7 children but two of our much loved staff members Helen Ward and Claire Fisher.

Baptism
Congratulations to Lucy in 3Olsder. Lucy was Baptised at St Luke’s on Sunday, 23 November. It was a lovely celebration that Lucy prepared well for with Father Charles, myself and her family. Lucy went on to celebrate Reconciliation with her class mates the following week. If your child is interested in being Baptised please contact me and preparations can begin.

Reconciliation
On Wednesday, 26 November a group of 18 All Saints children celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Luke’s. The children prepared for the celebration by gathering with children from St John’s school for workshops and exploring the importance of forgiveness in our Catholic community. The children will continue with their sacramental journey next year with the celebration of Confirmation in Term 2 and Holy Communion in Term 3. Congratulations to the following children Shani, Ayanna, R.J, Hannah, Harrison, Charlotte, Alannah, Eleonora, Issabella, Thomas, Cody, Caitlin, Amelia, Abby, Max, Brody, Bryce and Lucy.

Kate Turner
APRIM
Italian Corner

Ciao, adesso ci troviamo all’ultima edizione dell’Angolo Italiano. (Hello, now we find ourselves at the last edition of the Italian Corner).

It was with great pleasure that Signora Pardoe and myself recently had the opportunity to make maschere (masks) with our Year 7 children and our guests from St John’s. The creativity and attention to detail that the children showed in their designs was hugely impressive – check out some of their finished products!

Recently in Italian we have been focusing our learning on Il Natale (The Christmas). In classes we’ve been reading the story of La Befana – the kind old woman from the hills of Italy who comes out on the eve of Epiphany every year to deliver presents to all the good children, and coal to the naughty ones.

Nel frattempo (in the meantime) we’ve also been spending time watching a video about Italy’s Christmas traditions, making Christmas cards and many of the children have enjoyed singing the folk song ‘Domenic The Italian Christmas Donkey’. Some of the children have also been using their Italian to compose letters to Babbo Natale (Father Christmas) and designing presepe (nativity scenes).

Grazie a tutti gli insegnanti, bambini, genitori, badanti e altre persone, della comunità di All Saints per un’anno meraviglioso. (Thankyou to all of the teachers, children, parents, carers and other people in the All Saints community for such a marvelous year).

Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo a tutti! (Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!) Il Signor Vaudo e La Signora Pardoe.

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 Monday 8th December, 2014. Accounts will be sent out to parents/carers for overdue, lost or damaged books. There will be no school holiday borrowing due to stocktaking.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Gina Cusano
Resource Centre

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Size 12 girls summer dresses are now available.

Regular Uniform Shop Times
Wednesday 8:30-9:30 am
Thursday 2:30-3:15 pm

School Holiday Times
Monday, 19 January 9:00am-3:00pm
Tuesday, 20 January 9:00am-3:00pm
Friday, 23 January 9:00am-3:00pm
Other School News

Christies Beach Christmas Pageant!

All Saints participated in the 2014 Christies Beach Christmas Pageant again this year. Many children from all different year levels helped to bring the spirit of Christmas alive for thousands of families in the South. The theme for our float was the Nativity story and we were blessed to have many children dressed up as angels, shepherds and barn animals.

These are some reflections of the day from the children:
I enjoyed that everyone had a fun day and no one was left out. – Amy B
I enjoyed that lots of people participated in the pageant and every one had lots of fun. – Moana
I enjoyed seeing the smiling faces of the young children and the parents. The children were so excited when they saw all the floats especially Santa’s Sleigh. – Emily
I enjoyed holding the banner and seeing my mum, brother and Nonna. – Keira
It was good because we got to give out lollies to all of our friends, not only our All Saints friends but all of the children watching the pageant. – Matty

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Emberton’s dad, Horst for providing and driving the ute and of course all of the families and teachers for their support in making this community event such a success. We look forward to doing it all again next year!

Sandra Partridge

2015 Music Tuition Program

Our wonderful Music Tuition Program will be continuing again in 2015. The teachers will be offering tutoring for the following instruments:

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<td>Katie Edwards-Maiden</td>
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If your child is interested in learning any of the above instruments please contact the relevant teacher on the number or email provided.

Sue Budd
Music Tuition Program Coordinator

We would like to thank all the parents/carers who have come and volunteered this year in the kitchen and garden. Your support is greatly appreciated and we look forward to seeing many of you again next year. If you or someone you know are having a clean-up during the holidays, the kitchen and garden can always use extra utensils and materials. In the garden we can grow plants in all manner of containers, eg. old wheelbarrows, baths, old tea-cups. The kitchen can also use old crockery, cooking utensils etc. All donations will be gratefully accepted next year.

Thanks again and have a safe and Happy Christmas and New Year.

Craig Goldfinch & Bill Giles
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen/Garden Program
Leadership Program

Congratulations to the following children for attaining their leadership certificates that were given out at a special assembly this week:

BRONZE CERTIFICATE:
- Ella 6E
- Charlyse 6E
- Lewis 6E
- Jordan 6E
- Grace 6E
- Bella 6E
- Talia 6E
- Amber 6E
- Darcy 6E
- Laytn 6E
- Cheyenne 7S
- Amy 7S
- Sophie 7S
- Chloe 7S
- Brayden7S
- Adi 7S
- Danni M
- Bridgette 7M

SILVER CERTIFICATE:
- Darcy 6E
- Sarah 6E
- Harrison 6E
- Nick 6E
- Caylee 6E
- Amy 7S
- Cheyenne 7S
- Sophie 7S
- Chloe 7S

GOLD CERTIFICATE:
- Emily 7S
- Sophie 7S
- Dylan 7S
- Moana 7S
- Emily 7S
- Ty 7S
- Adi 7S
- Rebecca 7S
- Amy 7S
- Alic 7S

PLATINUM CERTIFICATE:
- Charlotte 7M

Congratulations to all of these children in the Middle Unit who have worked hard to receive their certificates. A special congratulations to Charlotte Carter for reaching Platinum! Outstanding work!

Meredith Smith
Middle Years Leader of Learning

TEACHING STAFFING FOR 2015

I am delighted to announce the following teaching staff for 2015:

Principal: Justin Cavuoto
Deputy Principal: Helen Thompson
Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission: Kate Turner
Director of Teaching & Learning: Sue Budd
Reading Recovery/Key Literacy: Di Ferguson
Italian-Languages: Martino Vaudo
Italian-Languages: Margherita Pardoe
Science: Bill Giles
Year 7: Nicholas Wright
Year 7: Dolores McCluskey
Year 6: Natalie Emberton
Year 6: Meredith Smith
Year 5: Nick McDermott
Year 5: Kylie Sumner
Year 4: Leah Bellifemini
Year 4: Jessica Robinson
Year 4: Alison Olssder
Year 3: Simon Lovett
Year 3: Sandra Partridge
Year 3: Lindee Nearmy
Year 2: Danae Caesarowicz
Year 2: Carina Dallwitz
Year 2: Victoria Brown/Kylie Roesler
Year 2: Jessica Rushby
Reception/Year 1: Amelia Le Duff (nee Boland)
Reception/Year 1: Alicia Farina
Reception/Year 1: Jennie Carlier/Kelli Rose
Reception/Year 1: Jenna Weber
Reception/Year 1: Sharmaine Gawley
Reception/Year 1: Sarah Vincent

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

Helen Ward
Principal
**December**

**Tuesday 9th**  
End of Year Liturgy, 6:00pm

**Wednesday 10th**  
Meet the Teacher Morning  
Year 7 Graduation, 7:00pm

**Thursday 11th**  
Last Day of Term 4, 3:10pm finish

**Friday 12th**  
Pupil Free Day

**January 2015**

**Monday 19th**  
Uniform Shop Open, 9.00—3.00am

**Tuesday 20th**  
Uniform Shop Open, 9.00—3.00am

**Friday 23rd**  
Uniform Shop Open, 9.00—3.00am

**Tuesday 27th**  
First Day of Term 1, 8.45am start

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**Community Notices**

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**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.

- After School Mini Basketball—Morphett Vale Basketball Stadium
- Jamaeraw School of Performing Arts—Summer Sessions, Willunga
- SAAETCB Aboriginal Parent & Carer Community Forum—9 & 10 Dec, West Beach
- Changes to Adelaide Metro Public Transport—www.adelaidemetro.com.au
- Community Christmas Carols, Ramsy Place Colonnades—18 December

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**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Who is expected to attend the End of Year Liturgy?**

All children are expected to attend the Liturgy and they should meet their teacher in the classroom at 5.45pm. The liturgy will begin at 6:00pm. Children are to wear their full Summer uniform. If you are unable to attend please contact your child’s class teacher.

**Will the Uniform Shop be open during the school holidays?**

The Uniform Shop will open the week before school resumes for 2015: **Monday 19, Tuesday 20 & Friday 23 January between 9:00am—3:00pm**. Regular Uniform Shop Opening times until the end of term are: Wednesday mornings 8:30—9:30am and Thursday afternoons, 2:30—3.15pm. **Order forms** are available on the school website & may be either emailed to info@allsaints.catholic.edu.au or brought into the front office.

**When does Term 4 finish?**

Term 4 finishes on **Thursday, 11 December at 3:10pm**. Friday, 12 December is a Pupil Free Day. Term 1, 2015 begins Tuesday, 27 January at 8.45am.

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**LITTLE SAINTS PLAYGROUP**

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

Playgroup will resume again in Week 1, 2015: Tuesday 27, Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 January.

Sue Little,  
Playgroup Coordinator