3 Partridge - Friends

The children in 3 Partridge have spent the last few weeks getting to know each other and making new friends. We all agree that friends are one of the most important things you can ever have and you can never have too many!

What is a friend?

People who are kind to each other. Luke D
A friend is someone who helps you when you need them. You can never have too many friends and they put a smile on your face. Ashleigh
A friend is someone you can trust. Connor
A friend can make you happy when you are feeling sad. Sienna
Friends help you when you are sad. Megan
They are always there for you in good times and bad times. They are always in your heart. Anthony
A friend is someone that makes you happy when you are sad. Monique
Friends make you happy. Max
It’s someone that you love. Taliesha

A friend is someone who likes you for who you are. Anabel
If you are getting hurt they will go and tell the teacher and help you. Taj
Even though you can fight with your friends, you can forgive each other and still be friends. Evie
A caring person who is always there to take care of you. Helena
Friends don’t care what you look like they care what is inside of you. Friends don’t leave you out. Jess
Friends never judge you on what you say. Jemma
They are nice to you and they don’t let you down. Jasper
Even if you get into a fight a friend will always forgive you. Sienna
You can count on your best friends to be your friends to the end. Bronwyn
They are good to play with when you are alone. Nicholas
Somebody you like and that you love. Josh
A friend is someone that you can play with when you are bored. Liam P
A person who cares for you. Alex
A friend is someone you can play with. Liam M
A friend is a caring person who you also care about.
From The Deputy Principal

**Welcoming Mass**
On Wednesday, 11 February Fr Charles led us in a beautiful Mass to celebrate the beginning of the school year. It was great to see many parents/carers and members of the community join us in this celebration. The children sang beautifully and participated reverently. It was a wonderful way to begin the school year.

**Shrove Tuesday**
This year Lent starts quite early in the term. On Tuesday the children enjoyed pancakes, a tradition of the Catholic Church as part of Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday which is the first day of Lent. I sincerely thank the parents and carers who supported the school by making the pancakes for the children. We particularly thank all the new parents who helped out. The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed eating the pancakes.

**Ash Wednesday**
Ash Wednesday was celebrated yesterday, 18 February with a Mass to mark the beginning of Lent. We all received ashes on our foreheads which remind us that Lent is a time of letting go of things that stop us from being happy and at peace with others. It is also a time to reflect and journey with Jesus to the cross as Lent is a time of preparation for the death of Christ on Good Friday and His Resurrection on Easter Sunday. ‘So it is written that Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead’ Luke 24:46. Each year during Lent we are asked to care for the poor through Project Compassion. Project Compassion Boxes were sent home with your children yesterday.

**Leadership Assembly**
We gathered as a school community in the courtyard last Friday, 13 February to celebrate the leadership of our children at All Saints. The Captains, Vice Captains and the children elected to be Children Representative Council (CRC) members all received their badges. It was wonderful to see many family members witnessing this proud occasion. The children were reminded that the wearing of these badges gives them the responsibility in regard to the choices they make each day at school. Congratulations to these children and we wish them a wonderful 2015. The Year 7 children were also presented with their jumpers that were kindly donated by the parents and carers. It was wonderful to see many family members witnessing this proud occasion. The children were reminded that the wearing of these jumpers gives them the responsibility in regard to the choices they make each day at school. Congratulations to these children and we wish them a wonderful 2015. The Year 7 children were also presented with their jumpers that were kindly donated by the parents and carers. It was wonderful to see many family members witnessing this proud occasion. The children were reminded that the wearing of these jumpers gives them the responsibility in regard to the choices they make each day at school. Congratulations to these children and we wish them a wonderful 2015. The Year 7 children were also presented with their jumpers that were kindly donated by the parents and carers. It was wonderful to see many family members witnessing this proud occasion. The children were reminded that the wearing of these jumpers gives them the responsibility in regard to the choices they make each day at school. Congratulations to these children and we wish them a wonderful 2015. The Year 7 children were also presented with their jumpers that were kindly donated by the parents and carers. It was wonderful to see many family members witnessing this proud occasion. The children were reminded that the wearing of these jumpers gives them the responsibility in regard to the choices they make each day at school. Congratulations to these children and we wish them a wonderful 2015. The Year 7 children were also presented with their jumpers that were kindly donated by the parents and carers.

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**Learning Conversations**
Learning Conversations will be held in Week 6 this Term. These conversations will be held earlier than in previous years. It will be an opportunity for parents/carers to share information about their child and if your child has an Individual Education Plan (IEP) this will be the time to discuss and sign the Semester 1 Plan. Parents/carers will have the opportunity to ask questions and to clarify classroom programs and expectations. Learning Conversations are an important part of our reporting to parents/carers as well as an opportunity for children to play an important role in their learning. We expect all families to take up this opportunity. You will receive a form from your child’s teacher regarding Learning Conversations.

**Soccer 2015**
The All Saints Soccer Season is held in Terms 2 & 3. If your child wishes to play soccer in 2015, the Soccer Registration and Medical form needs to be downloaded from the school’s website, completed and returned to school by **Friday, 13 March** via your child’s class box. The soccer games are played on Saturday mornings and depend upon parent’s/carer’s willingness to take on the responsibility of coaching a team. If you are interested in coaching a team and are a Registered Volunteer with a current Catholic Police Clearance please download and return this form by **Friday, 13 March**. If your child has started school this year and would like to play soccer we would greatly appreciate coaches for these teams. The number of coaches available will determine how many teams we can register.

**School Crossing**
All children and their families are asked to use the School Crossing when venturing across Grand Boulevard, particularly families who park on the road or at the Recreation Centre. There is a teacher and trained crossing monitors on duty at this crossing before and after school. Safety for all is very important at All Saints so instead of crossing near The Loop please use the School Crossing at all times.

**Specialist Teachers and Learning Conversations**
Margherita Parodoe, Martino Vaudo and Bill Giles are keen to meet with any families in regard to your child’s learning in Italian and/or Science. Please email them directly at mpardoe@allsaints.catholic.edu.au, mvaudo@allsaints.catholic.edu.au or bgiles@allsaints.catholic.edu.au to request an appointment. The teachers will then contact you to arrange a suitable meeting time.

Helen Thompson
Deputy Principal
Family Mass
At last Sunday’s Family Mass the Children’s Representative Council (CRC) members were involved in reading prayers, processions and singing. The mass was a lovely celebration with the children eagerly involving themselves. The 2015 All Saints Staff were proudly presented to the Noarlunga/Seaford Catholic community by Justin Cavuoto and Father Charles. The next Family Mass will be on March 15 where the children from Year 4/5 will be involved in the mass. Everyone is welcome.

Shrove Tuesday
Shrove Tuesday is the last day before Lent, which is a time when people traditionally fasted. Families would have a feast on Shrove Tuesday. It was a time for people to eat all the luxury food so good food was not wasted. Shrove Tuesday at All Saints was once again commemorated with the Parents and Friends (P&F) cooking pancakes for over 550 children and staff members. We would like to thank the P&F for volunteering their time and energy, and cooking delicious pancakes for us to all enjoy.

Lent
Lent is the Church’s Liturgical Season of preparation for Easter. It began yesterday, on Ash Wednesday and will end on Easter Saturday, lasting for 40 days (not including Sundays). The community gathered and celebrated Ash Wednesday Mass with Father Charles. We were all marked with an ashen cross which is a visible reminder of our need for forgiveness.
In the past, the Season of Lent might have been considered a time for ‘giving things up’ - a self-denial of the things we might have enjoyed the most. The notion of ‘giving of one’s self’ might better promote being the face of God on earth where unconstructive, negative attitudes and dispositions are ‘given up’ rather than items of no real significance.
Give up judging others.....look for Christ dwelling in them.
Give up emphasising differences.....celebrate our oneness.
Give up the darkness around us...ignite the light of Christ.
Give up words that pollute.....use words that cleanse.
Give up withholding anger.....share feelings.
Give up worrying......trust more.
Give up hostility and revenge......just let go.
Give up bitterness............forgive more readily.
Give up discouragement....promote optimism.
Give up suspicion......look for the good.
Give up idle gossip........spread good news.
Give up problems that overwhelm....rely on prayerful trust.
Give up talking...... feast on listening.
The prayer is an adaptation of ‘The Lenten Prayer – Fast & Feast’ by Angie Sobole

Project Compassion
The children will have received a Project Compassion box this week. The theme for Project Compassion 2015 is “Food for Life”. Food is essential for all life, yet many of the world’s poorest don’t have access to enough food. That means they live from day-to-day, uncertain of how to afford or how to access their next meal. Without food, the rest of life is impossible to contemplate: how can you plan for the future or educate your children when you fear you will be hungry? As Pope Francis says: “It is a well-known fact that current levels of production are sufficient, yet millions of people are still suffering and dying of starvation. This is truly scandalous.” Let us look deep into our hearts during Lent to donate to our suffering brothers and sisters.

Kate Turner
APRIM
Other School News

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Regular Uniform Shop

Times

Wednesday 8:30-9:30 am
Thursday 2:30-3:15 pm

Order forms are available on the website & may be emailed to info@allsaints.catholic.edu.au or placed or through the Front Office. These orders will be processed on Tuesdays and Fridays only.

(Please note: the Uniform Shop may not be accessed unless a member of the Uniform Shop Team is present).

Reminder: Boys are now required to wear a short sleeved and banded white shirt with their dress shorts as part of the Summer Uniform.

Urgent requests
If you have good quality second hand uniforms that your children have outgrown, these items can be sold through the Uniform Shop. All second hand uniforms must have been purchased from the All Saints Uniform Shop (Pemapleat/LWR Reid) and must be in saleable condition (no stains or damage). Any items deemed unsaleable will be disposed of. Second hand uniforms must be accompanied by a Second Hand Uniform Form available at the Front Office. Proceeds from the sale of second hand uniforms will be processed mid-term and at the end of term & distributed to relevant families.

We also urgently require the assistance of a volunteer in the Uniform Shop on Wednesday mornings from 8:30-9:30am. If you are interested in helping out and you are a Registered Volunteer with a current Police Clearance, please leave your details at the Front Office.

Thank you
All Saints Uniform Shop Team.

Italian Corner

Ciao a tutti! (Hello to all!),

In Italian these past couple of weeks we have been learning how to describe ourselves using a range of adjectives. We have also been learning how to discuss our personal hobbies and interests, using this information to make personal pennants that will be displayed in the classroom.

As we enter the period of Lent we will begin looking at Italy’s Carnevale traditions, and how these vary across the peninsular. Carnevale (a word coming from the combination of carne [meat] and levare [to take away]) was created as a means of allowing people to indulge in meat and other festive treats and activities before entering the solemn Lent period of 40 days of self-restraint. Although the period of Carnevale takes place over a number of days, Martedi Grasso (Fat Tuesday), or Shrove Tuesday as we know it, and the weekend prior are when the festival’s major celebrations take place.

Finally, here is a photo of our school’s display at Adelaide’s very own Carnevale 2015 which took place at the Adelaide Showgrounds on 7 & 8 February. As always, thank you to all the families who took the time to check out our display, and thank you to the children who contributed such great work for us to proudly display to the wider community.

Grazie come al solito (thanks as always),
Il Signor Vaudo e La Signora Pardoe.
Do you have excess fruit or vegetable produce in your home garden? If so we would gratefully accept any donations which will be used in our kitchen. Donations can be left in the Front Office and they will be put to good use within the Kitchen/Garden Program.

Craig Goldfinch
Kitchen Specialist

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:

Lisa Almond  Violin, Voice & Guitar  0432 394 681
Katie Edwards-Maiden  Piano  0416 597 104
Harley Campbell  Drums & Bass Guitar  0468 860 470
Sean Olsder  Saxophone & Clarinet  sean.olsder@student.adelaide.edu.au

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

Clean Up Australia

Day 2015

This year our annual School's Clean Up Day is on Friday, 27 February after Assembly. We will meet as a school in the courtyard first with our Brain Food and then clean up our designated areas in and around the school. Registered volunteers with a current Catholic Police Clearance are welcome to come along and lend a hand.

Children need to bring their own gloves and bags to collect rubbish and have closed in shoes.

Yours in the Environment
Alison Olsder

Student Absentees via SMS

Please advise the school of student absentees via SMS.
Please send your child’s name, class & reason for absence by 9:00am to 0418 117 541
Other School News

Resource Centre News

Premiers Reading Challenge
The Premier’s Reading Challenge has begun at All Saints. Children from Reception to Year 2 will complete the challenge as a whole class activity in the Library. Children from Years 3-7 are encouraged to complete the Challenge individually. Forms are available from the Resource Centre for the children who would like to participate. The Challenge closes on 4 September where all completed forms must be returned to me in the Resource Centre.

Gina Cusano
PRC Coordinator

Volunteering at All Saints
Thank you to the many volunteers who give their time to help at All Saints. We would like to remind parents and carers that to volunteer at any time, either in the classrooms, sporting functions or on excursions, you need to be a Registered Volunteer with a Current Police Clearance.

Applications for a Police Clearance are processed through the Front Office. You are also required to undertake a short online Responding to Abuse & Neglect course and complete the induction process including the Registration form.

All forms and further information are available from the Front Office. Once your forms have been lodged it can take between 2-6 weeks to receive your Police Clearance which you must then bring in to the Front Office for verification.

If you have any other questions please enquire at the Front Office.

Medication & 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).

Medication must be:
• prescribed by a doctor. This includes analgesics and other medication that can be bought over the counter.
• only sent if needed. Medication that has to be taken three times per day can be taken before and after school, and before bedtime, and not come to school at all.
• delivered in the original container, with the label from the pharmacy. You can ask your pharmacist for a second, labelled container to keep the extra medication at home.
• within the use-by-date.
• come with written instructions and/or doctor's medication plan.

If your child suffers from Asthma, even if it’s only mild, then they must have a current Asthma Plan on file at the school. If you have a recent or updated plan please bring a copy to the office. Forms are also available at the Front Office for you and/or your child’s doctor to complete.

Ali Sugars
Senior First Aid Officer

We currently have limited vacancies available in Out of School Hours Care (OSHC). If you are in need of before or after school permanent, ongoing positions for your child/ren please contact Seaford District Community Children’s Centre on 8386 0972.

Ali Clarke
OSHC Director
**Diary Dates**

**February**
- Tuesday 24th: Principal’s Tour, 9:15am
- Wednesday 25th: P & F Gathering, 9:15am upstairs in the hall
- Friday 27th: Assembly (4R), 9:15am in the hall
  - School’s Clean Up Day

**March**
- Friday 6th: Assembly (R/1 F), 9:15am in the hall

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**How can register to Volunteer in my child’s classroom?**

*Please refer to the ‘Volunteering at All Saints’ article on Page 6 of this newsletter.*

**How can I find out about information & upcoming events within the school?**

*Our School Newsletter is emailed out to families every 2 weeks and is a very informative tool to keep you up to date with all the school events and activities. Please make sure you check the school’s website regularly for any upcoming events. All class & school notes can be accessed at Current Notices & Reply Slips.*

**Is there a Pupil Free Day this term?**

Yes, there is a Pupil Free Day Friday, 10 April. Thursday, 9 April will be the last day of Term 1 & finish at 3:10pm.

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**2016 Enrolments**

All families wishing to enrol their children in Reception for 2016 must lodge a completed *Application for Enrolment* form

*(including siblings of existing students).*

Application close on **Thursday, 9 April.**

Interviews will take place during Term 2. An *Application for Enrolment* form is available from the Front Office.

Contact Leisa Macey, Enrolments Officer, on 8327 0020 for more information.

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**LITTLE SAINTS PLAYGROUP**

Playgroup sessions are held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays during the school term 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.