Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday which is the beginning of Lent. Anabel

In the past they had to use up all of the food and treats before Lent started. This included flour, milk and eggs. Making pancakes was a good way to do this. Kayla

In Italy they call it ‘Fat Tuesday’. Ben

We won’t be having lollies for 40 days so this a our last chance to have something sweet. Bridget

We have Shrove Tuesday because you aren’t allowed to have lollies for 40 days before Easter. Leo

I like pancake day because you get to eat pancakes. Carter

I like pancakes especially with syrup, cream and cinnamon. Riley

On my pancakes I like Nutella, sugar, ice cream, strawberries and whipped cream. Ashleigh

I really like cream and sugar. Kelly

On my pancakes I like ice cream, maple syrup, strawberries and banana. Tillie

My favourite topping is lemon and sugar. Tariqua

Today I had honey on my pancake and it was yummy! Aditya
Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the 2016 school year; we are off to a great start! Welcome especially to all our new children and their families. So often I hear that All Saints has a 'special feel' and it's one of the reasons families choose this school. I can certainly concur with this. The everyday moments are the threads which build our welcoming and inclusive culture. The simple logo we display on the uniform and staff identity badges, and throughout the school, is a gentle but powerful message that we follow Jesus and are open to the relationships which give support to each other to be the best we can be.

This is quite a strong message and one which not only can be seen but also experienced. As Principal, I am intensely proud of the way our community holds this ideal and works towards strengthening it in as many ways as possible.

Both staff and students have begun the year with new energy and much enthusiasm! The children, as always, are simply wonderful and demonstrate a real endeavour to enjoy all this community has to offer.

A pending building project, a new maritime playground, a new Personal Responsibility Policy, a new literacy strategy and most importantly, a new sense that we are in for a great year ahead, are some of the drivers for a renewed confidence in our school. I trust that the children share in this vision and going on my personal visits to the classes each day and the feedback from the teachers, all will be well. We look forward to sharing many partnership moments with you this year.

Congratulations firstly to the teachers and ESO’s who opened the year with our 2015 AGM / Meet The Teacher evening. There was a great turn out and strong engagement across the community. Many thanks to all involved.

The AGM firstly acknowledged the vast contribution of all the serving Board members and especially the representatives vacating their position after their tenure concluded. We thank and acknowledge Cath Kennedy, Garry Herdegen and Chris Hanna.

As per the Catholic School Board guidelines and by community vote the successful new appointees to All Saints School Board are the following: Garry Herdegen, Chris Hanna, Alison Tanzer and Cath Kennedy. Congratulations to these people. They will join existing members, Anna Small, Jodie Oliver Baxter, Darryl Hill, Danny Burns and Deb Wilton.

Ash Wednesday Mass was celebrated yesterday with our celebrant, Fr Tony, presiding. The traditional black cross on the forehead offered to all is a sign that we commit to follow Jesus in love and action. It marks the beginning of Lent, a special time in the Christian calendar leading up to Easter. Look out for more sharing around this season coming from your child and future in newsletters.

I look forward to seeing you in and around our school over the coming weeks and hopefully at as many gatherings as possible.

Regards
Justin Cavuoto
Principal
What a busy start to the 2016 school year. We have already moved into the season of Lent!

Welcome Mass
The year began with the traditional Welcome Mass. The celebration focussed on the need to belong. We are all members of the All Saints community and it is everyone’s responsibility to ensure that we all feel welcomed and respected. We are each blessed with the gift of belonging to God’s family. Father Tony warmly welcomed the 87 new reception children and the many new children in Years 1 to 7 that have joined the All Saints community. We wish you all the best in your learning journey and are excited that you are now members of the All Saints family.

Shrove Tuesday
Shrove Tuesday is the last day before Lent, which is a time when people traditionally fasted. Families had 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) supplying pancakes for over 580 children and staff. We would like to thank the P & F and all other volunteers for volunteering their time and energy, preparing delicious pancakes for us to all enjoy.

Lent
Lent is the Churches 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 Tony. 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. I look forward to exploring the season of Lent with the children.

Family Mass
The first Family Mass for the year is this Sunday, 14 February, 10:45am at Seafield Ecumenical Mission (SEM). The 2016 All Saints staff will be commissioned at the mass. We also look forward to having the 2016 Children Representative Council (CRC) members involved in the mass. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

Kate Turner
APRIM
Other School News

ADVANCE NOTICE
PUPIL FREE DAYS
WEDNESDAY 23 & THURSDAY 24 MARCH

SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERS

In 2016 all uniforms must be ordered via the website or Front Office using the Order Form. Orders will be filled on Thursdays and Fridays and delivered to your child’s class.

If any items need to be exchanged please attach a note with the child’s class, through the class box. When placing an order please use one of the following payment options: cash, EFTPOS or cheque. The option of adding School Uniform Orders to your school fees is no longer available.

Second hand uniforms will be located in the hall and will also be accessible on a day and time yet to be announced.

Thank you
All Saints Uniform Order Team.

Clean Up Australia Day 2016

This year our annual School’s Clean Up Day is on Friday, 4 March starting at 9:00am. We will meet as a school in the Courtyard first and then clean up our designated areas in and around the school. Registered volunteers with a current Catholic Police Clearance and 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
Bill Giles

Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program

This year, our school will again be taking part in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program. This program provides children with an opportunity to make deposits into their personal Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

School Banking days are on Thursdays each week. Please place your child’s Bank Book in the class bank bag located in the classrooms first thing in the morning.

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child please visit the branch at your local Seaford Shopping Centre, by calling 13 22 21, or online if you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer.
**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.

If your child comes to school after 8:55am please come to the Front Office to sign a late slip.

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**2016 Music Tuition Program**

Our wonderful Music Tuition Program will be continuing again in 2016. The teachers will be offering tutoring for the following instruments:

- **Lisa Jamieson**  Violin, Voice & Guitar  0432 394 681
- **Katie Edwards-Maiden**  Piano  0416 597 104
- **Harley Campbell**  Drums & Bass Guitar  0468 860 470

harleyjc@youth.net.au

If your child is interested in learning any of the above instruments please contact the relevant teacher on the number or email provided.

Kate Turner
Music Tuition Program Coordinator

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**Middle School News**

On Monday the Year 6/7 children were trained as School Crossing Monitors by SAPOL and will be rostered on to monitor the crossing from Monday, 15 February. Please support our monitors by using the crossing to enter and exit the school.

They also undertook Peer Mentoring training. Peer mentors are valued in our school community for their skills in assisting others to play safely in the yard. They are trained to helped children work through any challenges and initiate and encourage positive play experiences for all our children. The Year 7’s started this process in 2015 and helped train the Year 6’s this year and shared some valuable experiences with them.

You may have seen our School Ambassadors leading our school celebrations. These children are part of the Student Leadership team this year and will soon be presented to the community along with Sports Captains and Children’s Representative Council (CRC) members.

A big thankyou to all the parents and carers for their attention at our meeting on Tuesday night. It was great to see so many of you and we look forward to a successful year for all our children. By now you all should have received the information regarding the Middle Unit, please take the time to read through and return the appropriate forms to us as soon as possible.

Finally, one of the highlights of Week 1 was the beginning of the Photography lessons with Michael Campbell. The children were very interested and attentive. We look forward to exhibiting their work later in the year.

“Last week in Photography Mr Campbell taught us about light and the history of photography. We each got a memory card and camera. We all learnt heaps and it was only the first lesson!” 7E

Natalie Emberton
Middle Years Coordinator

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**Little Saints Playgroup**

2016 sessions starting soon!

Please contact Front Office for more information.

Playgroup will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays in the Hall upstairs on the mezzanine floor.
**Diary Dates**

**February**
- Sunday 14th: Staff Commissioning Mass, 10:45am at SEM
- Wednesday 17th: Board Meeting
- Friday 26th: Leadership Assembly, 2:30pm in the hall

**March**
- Tuesday 1st: Principal’s Tour, 9:15am

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**NOW ENROLLING FOR 2017**

All families wishing to enrol their children in Reception for **2017** must lodge a completed **Application for Enrolment form**

(including siblings of existing students).

If your child is born between 1 May & 31 October, they are now eligible for our Semester 2 intake.

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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**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, 8.30–8:50am and 3:10–3:30pm.

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 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 we celebrate are The International Year of Pulses. Two major events that will also be celebrated in the Resource Centre will be the Premier’s Reading Challenge and Bookweek. Bookweek occurs in Term 3, 22-26 August. This year’s theme is ‘Australia: Story Country’

**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 participating in the Challenge individually with guidance from the teacher.

The Challenge closes on 9 September where all completed forms must be returned to me in the Resource Centre.

Excerpt from the Premier Jay Weatherill’s letter to the school community:

“Welcome back to a new school year and the thirteenth year of the Premier’s Reading Challenge in South Australia. I am challenging South Australian students from Reception to Year 12 to read twelve books by 9 September 2016. Also, for the first time, there will be a reader for life legend award presented to students who have completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge thirteen times. The Premier’s Reading Challenge continues, with over 129 400 students completing the Challenge in 2015.”

If you would like to read the complete letter please view it in the School Community Board near the Front Office.

Gina Cusano
Resource Centre & PRC Coordinator