Shrove Tuesday

We come to school to use our brain, but do you know how it works and what it does? 5L explored the brain and discovered the inner workings of this amazing organ.
A Busy Start to 2016
It has been wonderful to see the responsible way the children have settled into the new school year. We have had a very busy start both in the classroom and with other school activities. We extend our personal welcome to all our new children and families who have joined the All Saints community in 2016. We welcome Maddison, Charlize, Larissa, Brodie, Jaydah, Ruby, Stela, Mia, Joe, Chase, Arabella, Samuel, Ben, Lachlan, Charlotte, Zac, Jett, Soffia, Ella & Miley (RC), Olivia, Jessica, Amy, Lincoln, Cameron, Tom, Frankie, Tyra, Madeleine, Anthony, Isabella, Isabelle, Layla, Oscar, Ruby, Amity, Isla, Harrison, Ryder, Eva, Laurence, Farren, Finn, Kingston & Indiana (RF), Indi-Mya, Chloe, Ashton, Jessica, Alana, Arriana, Blake F, Nicole, Jade, Jasmyn, Richard, Alison, Angelina, Luke, Kira, Deakon, Blake R, Kobe, Blake V, Geneva & Jameson (RR), Lila, Lewis, Allegra, Leonardo, Riley, Brooklyn, Isla H, Deilah, Mason, Isla K, Keepy-Lily, Tyler, Noah, Jake, Khloe, Logan, James, Dorian, Jade, Charlize, Ethan & Austin (RV), Isaak (1G), Jenna (1N), Savva & Layla (2HR), Cooper (2L), Akhil & William (2O), Fletcher & Leilani (3H), Lincoln, Chloe, Emily, Zara, Pheonix & Ryan (3PV), Makenzi & Dylan (4M), Liam, Ethan & Emilio (4R), Angus (5C), Tyler & Nikhil (5Can) and Jasmine (6W).

Learning Conversations
Learning Conversations will be held next week, Week 5. These conversations are an opportunity for parents/carers to share information about their child and if your child has an Individual Education Plan (IEP) this will be a 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 a significant part of our reporting process 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 have received a form from your child(ren)’s teacher last week regarding times for these conversations. You will be contacted by the teacher to arrange a suitable meeting time.

Specialist Teachers and Learning Conversations
Martino Vaudo, Dolores McCluskey and Bill Giles will also be available to meet with any families in regard to your child’s learning in Italian, The Arts and Science. Please email them directly at mvaudo@allsaints.catholic.edu.au, dmccluskey@allsaints.catholic.edu.au, bgiles@allsaints.catholic.edu.au to request a meeting. The teachers will then contact you to arrange a suitable meeting time.

Personal Responsibility Policy
All Saints Personal Responsibility Policy was ratified at the recent School Board meeting. This policy was updated by the staff at the beginning of this year. Please note that this policy is supported by two very important documents: Personal Responsibility Flow chart and Levels of Behaviour. This policy is now available to view on the All Saints Website.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Education (ATSI Education)
The Reconciliation Agenda is at the centre of Catholic Education Strategic Objectives for Indigenous and Torres Strait Islanders Education. Last week our teachers underwent ATSI Education workshops with Kathy Stringer from the Catholic Education Office. It is very important that we are equipped to be active participates in the process of building mutually respectful and safe relationships between all Australians. The feedback from teachers has been very positive as the learning has supported the Australian Curriculum: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures cross curriculum priority.

Clean Up Australia Schools Day
Every year children from All Saints collect many bags of rubbish before they make their way into the sea. All Saints is taking part in the National Clean Up Day on Friday, 4 March at 9.15am. Children are required to bring reusable gloves and bags and wear closed in shoes. Registered volunteers with a current Catholic Police Clearance are welcome to join us.

Earn & Learn Woolworths Program
We would to thank Parents & Friends for working so hard to help organise the Earn & Learn Woolworths Program. This program has resulted in earning enough points to purchase some very valuable educational resources for our school. We have included a photo in this newsletter of the children using these resources to explore different cultures in our Arts program.

Pupil Free Days
In Week 8 this term, we have two Pupil Free Days: Wednesday, 23 & Thursday, 24 March. On these days we, as a staff, will be attending Trauma Sensitive workshops which are very important learning for all our staff to better equip us to deal with children who have experienced trauma in their lives. Please contact Seaford District Child Care Centre on 8386 0972 if you require child care for either or both of these days.

Sports Day 2016
All Saints Sports Day will be held on Friday, 15 April (last day of Term 1), finishing at 3:10pm. We all look forward to this day which will be held much earlier this year. There will be more information about Sports Day sent out at a later date.

SEM Carpark
The safety of our children is paramount at All Saints. Please note that the SEM carpark is not a kiss & drop zone and that it is very important to follow the arrows when using this space as well as only park in the marked carparks. We also ask that you take particular care and observe the pedestrian crossing in this car park.

Staff Changes
I wish to inform you that our APRIM, Kate Turner has been appointed Acting Deputy Principal at Galilee Catholic School, Aldinga for 2016. We will miss Kate’s passion and work greatly at All Saints but we congratulate Kate and wish her all the very best in her new role. We look forward to Kate returning to All Saints next year. We will inform you of Kate’s replacement at a later date.

Helen Thompson
Deputy Principal
It is with a heavy heart I write my last APRIM newsletter article at All Saints for 2016. I am excited to be joining the Galilee Catholic School, Aldinga community as Acting Deputy Principal for the remainder of 2016. I am fortunate to continue my leadership journey in a neighbouring Catholic school and I’m sure I will see many of you at our parish for mass each Sunday.

Year 1 Weber Exploring Our Vision Statement
At the beginning of each school year it has become a tradition for the children and staff to explore our vision statement and what it means to each of us. The children in Mrs Weber’s class were invited to underline and discuss the words that they found tricky to understand in our All Saints Vision Statement:

“A spirit centred community of learners, inspired by Jesus, seeking integrity and fullness of life.”

From here the class began to unpack the unknown words one at a time by sharing their thoughts and understandings.

spirit centred
Spirit is like your soul.—Summer
And spirit centred means the Spirit of God and Jesus is all around us.—Kobie
The Spirit helps us to listen and be good.—Charlotte
Because we are filled with something called the Holy Spirit.—Sophie
Mr Cav told us that the Spirit helps him get up in the morning.—Cadel
I think that spirit centred means that we listen to Jesus, talk about Jesus and follow in Jesus’ footsteps.—Mrs Weber

community
We are all connected together and we are all part of one. We are different people but we are a part of one community. We work together.—Kobie

inspired
Don’t give up, keep on trying.—Cadel
Inspired means they are interested.—Felipe
Keep trying to be like Jesus.—Claire
We follow Jesus.—Joshua
Jesus and God are in your heart.—Charlize
Inspired is being excited to be like someone.—Charlotte

Integrity
Integrity means that you are always doing the right thing.—Toby
Integrity means that we’re fair, honest and we do the right thing.—Kobie
Integrity means you’re not lying.—Felipe
It’s telling the truth.—Summer
I was fair at lunch when I let everyone have a power like mine.—Jacob
I was honest when I told my mum that I upset my brother.—Ava
I told my mum the truth when I took an ice block out of the freezer.—Phoenix

Sacramental Program 2015/2016
We will gather for the first time for 2016 on Tuesday, 8 March at 5:30pm, St Luke’s. It will be a good opportunity to reflect on our Sacramental journey and where to next. Preparations for Confirmation will begin. Please mark Friday, 13 May at 7:00pm in your diaries as this is when we will celebrate Confirmation at St Luke’s.

Kate Turner
APRIM

Celebrating the Stations of the Cross
I would like to gather a group of children who would be interested in being part of a reenactment of The Stations of the Cross for the SEM. This will be held of Good Friday, 25 March. Please check your calendar to see if you are free that morning.

There will be rehearsals during school time with a few recess / lunchtime rehearsals or register your interest at the Front Office.

If you are interested please come and see me in the Arts Room.

Thank you for your support
Dolores McCluskey
The Arts Coordinator
Other School News

Hats are now available to purchase from the Front Office at $15 each.

All uniforms must now be ordered via the website or Front Office using the Order Form. Orders will be filled on Mondays 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 and send through the class box. Sorry, no refunds.

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.

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 9:15am. 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

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.

SPORTS DAY 2016

FRIDAY, 15 April
(last day of Term 1)
All families welcome.
Other School News

Middle Years News.

The term is certainly zooming along, it’s Week 4 already! The Middle Years children have participated in Peer Mentoring and Crossing training and both rosters are in operation. Please read the messages from the peer mentors in this newsletter.

Year level swaps have begun and teachers and children are enjoying getting to know each other. Photography on Fridays is fantastic! If you would like to come along and have a look at what is happening, keep an eye out for notes sent home and in this newsletter. We would love it if you could join us.

The children have all enjoyed their first rotation of cooking. With some very wise fortunes to be found in the cookies they baked, such as: “You will overcome all challenges and live in the sunshine.”

By now you should have received a note about Learning Conversations next week. Please refer to the Deputy Principal’s article on Page 2 for more information. We look forward to the opportunity to meet with you.

The next few weeks are shaping up to be busy starting with the Leadership Assembly tomorrow, Friday 26 February, then a visit to Cardijn for Faulkner House Mass in Week 6 and Catholic Schools Swim Carnival on Thursday, 17 March.

We have been discussing the work of Caritas and Project Compassion. The children have shown great empathy towards those in our world who do not have access to the same things they do.

Everyone belongs to one human family regardless of their differences. We should do what we can to make life better for our brothers and sisters around the world.

How do you think we can help?

- By donating to Caritas and just being better people ourselves. **Tom K**
- We need to be grateful. **Brianna**
- Everyone’s hearts are connected by invisible string. If we believe in them they will believe in themselves and the more people that believe in them the more confidence, hope and belief they will have. You don’t necessarily need to be there with them, talk to them or see them you need to believe so they will too. **Kaila**

Natalie Emberton
Middle Years Coordinator

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LITTLE SAINTS PLAYGROUP

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

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Peer Mentoring Report

All of the Year 6 and 7 children have been trained in how to work in the school yard as a Peer Mentor. You will find us on the Oval, in the Courtyard and in the Loop wearing our colourful vests! We can help you with school rules, games, talking through problems and we love to have a chat with all of the boys and girls playing in the yard.

We have noticed some children making unsafe choices in the yard so we would like to remind everyone of some of the rules:

- There is NO RUNNING on the pavers, especially in the Courtyard. This is very unsafe and someone could get hurt. Please DO NOT RUN!
- We all need to wear our school hats.
- Don’t take the padding off the footy goal posts. The padding is there to keep players safe.
- Please don’t climb the fences, gates or trees. This is unsafe and you could hurt yourself.
- At All Saints, we speak to each other with respect.

If we all remember these simple rules, everyone can be safe and have fun at All Saints.

Year 7S Peer Mentors
Ciao a tutti! (Hello to all!),

In Italian these past couple of weeks we have been learning how to introduce ourselves and how to greet one another. We have also been learning how to describe ourselves (both physical characteristics and personality traits) by using a range of adjectives as well as also learning how to discuss our personal hobbies and interests. Using this information i bambini (the young ones) generated their very own carta d'identità (identity card) to express themselves in the Italian language.

As we are in the period of Lent we have looked 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 Carnevale 2016 which took place at the Adelaide Showgrounds a couple of weeks ago. 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. It was the Carnevale’s 40th anniversary this year and we were very proud to be included in the festivities.

Grazie come al solito (thanks as always),
Signor Vaudo

HELP WANTED

Our Kitchen Garden Program is growing rapidly. All of the children will have an opportunity to cook using fresh produce from our school vegetable garden throughout the year.

The Year 4 & 5 classes are working in the garden on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons but it’s a big job and they need some help.

If you are a home gardener or if you would like to learn some new skills to use in your own garden, we are looking for volunteers to help out on these days.

To help volunteer you are required to be a registered volunteer with a current Catholic Police Clearance.

If you are interested please leave your contact details at the Front Office.

Craig Goldfinch & Fran Doody
Stephanie Alexander Garden Foundation Ambassadors
Diary Dates

February
Friday 26th  Leadership Assembly, 9:15am in the hall
Monday 29th  Learning Conversations

March
Tuesday 1st  Principal’s Tour, 9:15am
Learning Conversations
Wednesday 2nd  Learning Conversations
Friday 4th  Clean Up Australia Day, 9:15am start in The Courtyard

Important Advance Dates

Wednesday 23rd  Pupil Free Day
Thursday 24th  Pupil Free Day
Friday 15 April  Sports Day
        Last day of Term 1, 3:10pm finish

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 Catholic Police Clearance.

Applications for a Catholic Police Clearance are processed through 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.

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.

Front Office Access

We ask that families only access the Front Office Administration area if you have business with Leadership or the office staff, if you require assistance or you need to sign in as a visitor between 9:00am and 3:00pm when the gates are locked.

Access to the school before 9:00am and after 3:00pm may be made through the southern side gates, near the Resource Centre or the Village area, or through The Loop to the north. Kindly walk around the Resource Centre if entering through the front gate.

Your support and assistance for the Administration work space is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your cooperation
Justin Cavuoto
24th February 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

Football Federation Australia in conjunction with SAPSASA – Primary School Sport has invited schools in South Australia to participate in the 2016 Socceroos March Past at their game vs Tajikistan on the 24th March at Adelaide Oval, 7:30pm.

As a school we have secured 20 complimentary tickets for children to take part in the March Past. They will get the opportunity to step into the shoes of their Socceroo heroes by doing a lap of the oval before kick-off.

As a school we will hold a raffle where the names of 20 lucky children will be drawn out. The draw will take place during recess on Wednesday the 2nd March in the courtyard. Winners will be announced via e-mail to class teachers if you miss the draw.

Please note that parents and family will be given the opportunity to purchase tickets for the game via the FFA link that has been supplied to the school (details to be provided after the draw). The children will need to be accompanied by a parent or caregiver if they are to have this experience. Schools have been allocated a specified seating area in the oval and children will be escorted by school staff, back to the same seating bays as their parents, family and friends. All children must be dressed neatly in their school sports uniform.

Regards,

Nick McDermott
SAPSASA Co-ordinator

Please return to Mr McDermott by Monday the 29th February 2016 to go into the draw which will take place on 2nd March at Recess in the Courtyard. Thank you

I, ........................................................................ parent/caregiver of .............................................................., want my child to go into the draw to attend the Socceroos v Tajikistan soccer game on the evening of Thursday the 24th March at the Adelaide Oval. I am aware that I must travel to the game with my child and I am prepared to purchase a ticket for the game.

Signed:................................................................. Date: ..................................................