Our first week back at school saw the Year 7 classes begin an investigation into the fabulous building project recently started at All Saints. Children were shown how to scan QR codes to reveal research questions and spent time discussing the changes observed in the school grounds as well as photographing and sketching these. This will be an ongoing project for the Year 7’s. Year 7 have left you a special message for the school community using a QR code. If you have a QR reader on your Smartphone or iPad, scan the code to reveal this message!

Jess L: “Some of the rules are to stay off the fences, don’t talk to workers and don’t go through the fences if there’s a gap.”

Star: “The current entry to the school has a different kiss ‘n’ drop. Apart from the office, it’s the only way to get into the school. It’s always packed in the morning and afternoon.”

Darius: “It was fun having to walk around looking for the QR codes.”

Millie: “In the loop we discovered that some trees had been cut down and we were trying to work out what the structures were.”

Kyle: “The builders have made a lot of progress since they first started but they aren’t quite there yet.”

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to all our families and a special welcome to our newest children.

The first day of school has the same buzz of excitement that the last day of school has. Children reveal to us their excitement and anticipation. In this case the opportunities to meet friends again, make new ones, touch base with their teachers and enjoy all that the school has to offer.

New Staff
We also welcome a few new teachers to All Saints. Welcome Mrs Nicole Perry, Mrs Amanda Taverna, Mr Aaron Caesarikow, Mrs Lucia Mitchell and Mrs Raewyn McIntosh as well as Mrs Sue Johnson, our Child & Family Welfare Worker.

This Friday, 10 February, is the Welcome Assembly in the hall at 9:15am. We look forward to seeing you there if you are able to attend.

Building Project & Safety
This year is a ‘little’ different. The long awaited building project is in full swing and with it are all the changes to accessing classrooms and other areas which can present quite a challenge. Safety is the first and foremost thing in all of our minds and despite the radical changes, we have been able to achieve it to date, not without some challenges though! The children were assembled on the first day and were given some clear and concise safety instructions: “Keep away from fences.”, “Use only the paths set out.” and “Avoid talking to the builders”. The children have been fantastic in these aspects by complying in every way, despite natural curiosities. You may have noticed the significant upgrade in supervision as precautions and monitoring safety.

Still on changes, the temporary access to the school has been working remarkably well. A big thank you to children for being very careful to follow safety instructions, to parents who have also supported the changes well and to the teachers who are all during extra duties to ensure safe passage for our children and families.

Despite the pressure on spaces and facilities as the project reveals its promise day by day, I have been quoting a builder friend lately when things get a little tricky. He says, “To get the perfect omelette, you have to break a few eggs!” and indeed we are doing just that!

We all are hopeful that the end result will be something that we will all be proud of.

If you haven’t seen the plans please have a look at the Front Office window display. The Leadership team are also always happy to give additional information. I am taking lots of pictures so we can celebrate the journey at conclusion.

Meet the Teacher Night
Thank you to all the parents who attended our Meet the Teacher Evening. While there is little opportunity to have an in-depth interview at this time, it is a great opportunity to make connections with and strengthen the partnership we so very much value at All Saints. The Board of 2017 were also present under the veranda to make themselves known to everybody. Photos of the members are now displayed in the Front Office.

Important Uniform News
A letter went out this week to confirm what has been happening in this arena over the last few months. Firstly, the new navy polo sports shirt will shortly only be available at Lowes, Colonnades. We are hopeful the handover date will now be the end of February and we will keep you posted.

We are aware of the ‘background discussion traffic’ in the community regarding this matter. I would encourage anyone wishing more information or clarification regarding uniform decisions taken by the All Saints School Board to please make a time to speak with Leadership.

This matter/change, like most others, receives the most accurate information and resolution possible when it is brought to the attention of those who can act on the concerns. Thank you for your continued partnership.

Commissioning Mass
I wish to invite you to the Commissioning Mass to be celebrated this coming Sunday at 10:45am at SEM. Here the Staff of All Saints will receive blessings for the year ahead to work with our precious children and families. It would be lovely for you to also offer your presence as a sign of support.

Finally, I draw your attention to a letter from Archbishop Wilson and Father Philip Marshall regarding the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

Justin Cavuoto
Principal
It is great to be back serving this wonderful community of All Saints in 2017 as the acting Assistant Principal: Religious Identity and Mission.

Welcome Mass
Last Wednesday, 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 all blessed with the gift of belonging to God’s family. Father Tony warmly welcomed the 57 new reception children and the many new children in Years 1–7 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.

Family Mass
The first Family Mass for the year is this Sunday, 12 February, 10:45am at Seaford Ecumenical Mission (SEM). The 2017 All Saints staff will be commissioned at the mass. We also look forward to having the 2017 Children Representative Council (CRC) members involved in the mass. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

Building Community
Over the last two weeks the children and teachers have been concentrating on developing strong relationships within their learning communities. At All Saints we believe that relationships are vital to good teaching and learning. These relationships are based on mutual respect and responsibility for working collaboratively. We are all constantly nourished by our relations with others.

“Children are the essence of Humanity. Children are Community “ ~ Carla Rinaldi, 2012

House Structure
In Term 4 last year, in conjunction with All Saints Week, we launched a discussion with our children about the names of our houses. The children worked hard investigating information about saints and Church heroes. Each class decided on specific saints who they thought would be good figureheads for our houses based on who we are as an All Saints Community. This discussion is still ongoing and will continue during this term.

Here are some examples of the saints chosen by 6B, who are now 7B

- Mary MacKillop
- St John Bosco
- St Francis of Assisi
- St Jude Thaddeus

God’s Blessings
Nick Wright
Acting APRIM

Uniform Ordering
As per the new changes to the All Saints Uniform as well as the conversion to selling our uniforms at Lowes, families will be able to place orders via the Front Office until further notice. These orders will be filled during the week and sent home via the children. Please remember that until you are able to purchase uniforms at Lowes, we are unable to sell either green or the new navy polo shirt.

For more information on the move to Lowes, please see Justin Cavuoto’s article on Page 2.

Michelle Goldfinch
Uniform Shop Coordinator

Little Saints Playgroup
Playgroup will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays in the transportable room closest to the school hall 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.
Commonwealth School Banking Information Session

All Saints is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students again this year. School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:

- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. All Saints receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

School Banking day is Thursday. Each week you need to hand in your book to the classroom teacher.

We will be holding a School Banking Information Session at our school:

**Time:** 8.30 – 9.30am  
**Date:** Thursday 16 February  
**Location:** near the Front Office

Please join us and find out more about the School Banking program and how your child can get involved.

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child you can visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account. A School Banking representative will be available at the Information Session to show you how you can do this. In order to verify yourself and your child, you will need your driver’s licence and your child’s birth certificate, but if you don’t have these with you on the day, you can complete verification online at home.

Volunteering at All Saints

Thank you to the many volunteers who give their time to help at All Saints. In contributing to the life of our school community by volunteering your time and talents in whatever way best suits you and your busy lifestyle, you are giving yourself the opportunity to:

- Make new friends.
- Learn new skills and share your particular skills and talents with others.
- Have time out from the usual routine of work, home and other commitments.
- Be a role model to your child/ren and other parents/carers.
- Send a strong message to your child about the value you place on their school in particular and their education in general.

All help is greatly appreciated and we would warmly welcome you as a volunteer. We would also like to remind parents and carers that to volunteer at any time, either in the classrooms, sporting functions, on excursions or even coaching a sporting team, 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 Catholic 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.

**Parents & Friends Committee**

Our Parents & Friends Committee meets each month to help plan and prepare for whole school functions such as Shrove Tuesday, Sports Day, Special Lunches etc. Our first meeting for 2017 will be held on Wednesday, 18 February at 2:15pm in the Meeting Room.

Please register your interest at the Front Office. It would be great to see you there.

*Helen Thompson & the P & F Committee*
NOW ENROLLING FOR 2018

All families wishing to enrol their children in Reception for 2018 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 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.

Resource Centre News

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 5 are required to have a reader folder or library bag to protect their books.

This year we celebrate are The International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development. Two major events that will also be celebrated in the Resource Centre will be the Premier’s Reading Challenge and Bookweek which occurs in Term 3, Week 5, 21-25 August. This year’s theme is ‘Escape to Everywhere’

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 8 September where all completed forms must be returned to me in the Resource Centre.

Book Club

This year I will be conducting a Book Club where children can come to the library every second Monday at recess and share their love of reading. Children can talk about the books they are reading and new books to the school library. Many children have already shown their interest! The Book Club will start Monday 13th February and the children will be encouraged to write a short book report for the Newsletter.

Gina Cusano
Resource Centre
HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED THE SECURE SCHOOL STAR APP?

- School Star is the preferred method of communication for enrolling parents at All Saints.
- This has taken the place of paper notes, emails and texts, wherever possible.
- So you won't miss out on important information, download this free app to your mobile (iPhone or Android) device.
- If you have any questions please ask the Front Office staff.

iPhone users:
- Open the App Store on your iPhone by tapping its icon.
- Search the App Store for “MGM School Star”.
- Tap the button that says “+GET”, then “INSTALL”.
- If asked, enter your Apple ID password.
- The “INSTALL” button will turn into an indicator that shows the download progress.
- Once the download has finished, tap “OPEN” to launch School Star.

Android users:
- Open the Play Store on your Android Phone by tapping its icon.
- Search the Play Store for “MGM School Star”, and tap the search result in the list.
- Tap the button marked “INSTALL”.
- The “INSTALL” button will turn into an indicator that shows the download progress.
- Once the download has finished, tap “OPEN” to launch School Star.

DON’T FORGET TURN YOUR NOTIFICATION SETTINGS TO “ON” FOR THE SCHOOL STAR APP!

NOT AN ENROLLING PARENT?
School information is available on our website: www.allsaints.catholic.edu.au

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School Gardening—Volunteers Needed

If you are a keen gardener, are a Registered Volunteer with a current Catholic Police Clearance and at All Saints and would like to help with gardening classes at the school, please leave your details at the Front Office.

Gardening classes are held on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday from 1:45 - 3:00pm.

Fran Doody
Gardening Coordinator

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Diary Dates

**February**

- **Friday 10th**
  - Welcome Assembly, 9:15am in the hall

- **Sunday 12th**
  - Commissioning Mass, 10:45am at SEM

- **Wednesday 15th**
  - Mass (Yr 5), 9:00am at SEM
  - Board Meeting, 7:00pm

- **Thursday 16th**
  - Commonwealth Bank Sign-Up Morning, 8:30am

- **Wednesday, 22nd**
  - Mass (Yr 2), 9:00am at SEM

- **Thursday 23rd**
  - Leadership Assembly, 9:15am in the hall

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- **Monday 6 March**
  - Pupil Free Day

- **Monday 13th March**
  - Adelaide Cup Day Public Holiday