

All Saints Catholic Primary School NEWS

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL Megan Lovering

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of All Saints,

Over the last couple of days, you will have received information in relation to the SA Government Direction concerning COVID-19 vaccinations for staff in Schools and Early Childhood Education settings. This Direction also extends to volunteers (including Board members) and any unpaid workers. Please refer to the email sent yesterday to all parents/carers for further clarification.

On Tuesday, our Reception children celebrated Grandparents and Special Persons Day with a beautiful Liturgy in the Hall. How wonderful that we can now come together to thank such significant people in our children's lives. There were so many proud grandparents and special friends watching on.



We were grateful that the rain then held off so they could all head outside, for the children to share some reading with their guests and show off their impressive learning. Thank you to our grandparents and special friends for celebrating with our All Saints Community.

Last week I attended the Children's University Adelaide Graduation Ceremony at Bonython Hall. I had the privilege to help present a number certificates to recognise and celebrate the achievements of All Saints children.

The Children's University is an innovative program that engages children and young people in exciting, out-of-school learning opportunities to increase their chances for educational achievement and rewards them for taking responsibility for their own learning.



Congratulations to all our Children's University Graduates. You should be extremely proud of yourselves.

Thank you to Ms Olsder for helping to support our children in achieving their goals and leading such an amazing opportunity.



Over the past week and weekend, we offered a number of Principal Tours to prospective parents, wishing to have a look at our wonderful school. We were encouraged by the number of families who attended, and are very pleased to see our enrolments are continuing to increase.

With every best wish,

Megan Lovering
Deputy Principal

FROM THE APRIM

Stephanie Crowe

Advent

Advent officially begins on Sunday November 28th but at school we have begun our waiting time and preparation for Christmas. Our prayer cloths in our classes have changed from green to purple and we begin to reflect on the year that was. We begin a new Liturgical Year, proclaiming the Gospel of Luke.

Invitation to prayer-

*When I reflect on the year that has passed,
where have I felt the presence of God?
When have I struggled with the presence of God?
As I pray about the year ahead of me,
what would I like God to do,
to say to me about my world?*

Source: Behold Our God will save us. Office of Catholic Worship, Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide

Year 3 and 4 Retreat Days

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me.”

This is the Scripture from Matthew that was used to inspire the Year 3 and 4 children. The children worked all day using their heads, hearts and hands in prayer and action.

We created pebbles with messages, which were placed in the playground, we collected and made boxes and bags of love for people in need and we made gifts and cards for people who are lonely in our community.



Grandparents and Special Friends Day

On Tuesday, All Saints was surrounded with love and excitement. The Reception Children celebrated Grandparents and Special Friends Day. The children shared songs, stories and reasons why they love their grandparents and special friends, in the Hall. The classes then took their special guest to a quiet place in the school and shared their work with them.



Year 6 Leadership

Reflecting on this year's Year 6 leadership, we are looking to change the student leadership structure at All Saints Catholic Primary School so that it more closely reflects our Catholic identity and provides authentic opportunities to lead.

Our new student leadership structure will be as follows:

- School Ambassadors – 2 children
- House Captains – 2 children per house
- Spirit Captains – 2 children
- 1 CRC representative per class (which will be decided in 2022)

Our Ambassadors, House Captains and Spirit Captains will speak in front of groups, help with school tours & help organise social justice initiatives.

All children will be completing an application, as the Year 5 teaching team all agree this will be a good process for them to engage in and be a worthwhile writing task. Feel free to talk to your child about this process and talk to them about how they think they might be, as a student leader in their last year of primary school.

God bless,
Stephanie Crowe

FROM THE SCHOOL COUNSELLOR Cynthia Geldenhuys

Hi Families!

Getting successfully through the last couple weeks of the school year is my topic for today.

Children are starting to feel the end of school year slump. As a parent you may feel challenged to get your children to the end of the school year and all that it requires. Despite the excitement of the upcoming Christmas holidays, it is necessary to stick to familiar routines and structure at home.

The following tips may help your family get through the next couple of weeks:

1. Designate a weekly review time to talk as a family about upcoming events at home and school for the week. This can help with focus.



2. Keep up expectations regarding completing homework, practising reading etc. Set small achievable goals.



3. Reflect and remind your child of their individual progress over the year – learning, social, sport, emotional, etc. Children find it motivating to see their progress.



4. Stay connected and spend quality time together - plan fun activities such as choosing to watch a family movie together, spend time in nature etc.



5. Model a positive outlook to your children and show you are motivated as they pick up on parent attitudes and will copy and act in similar ways.

Take Care,
Cynthia Geldenhuys
Counsellor



SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY FRIDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2021



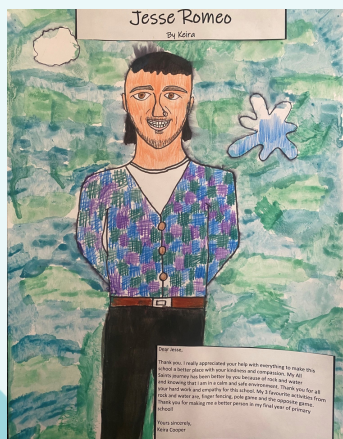
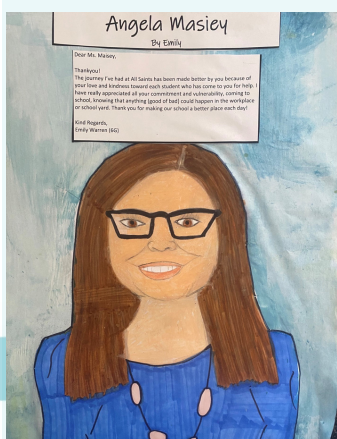
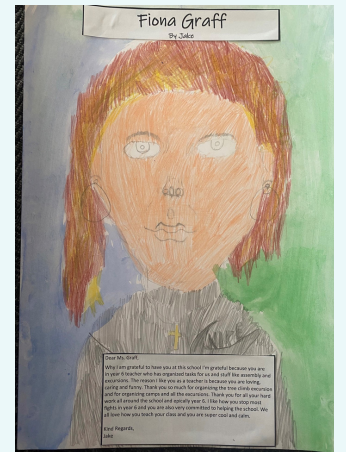
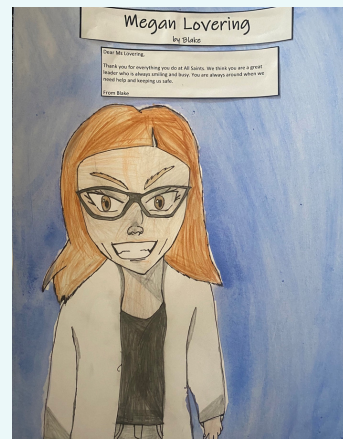
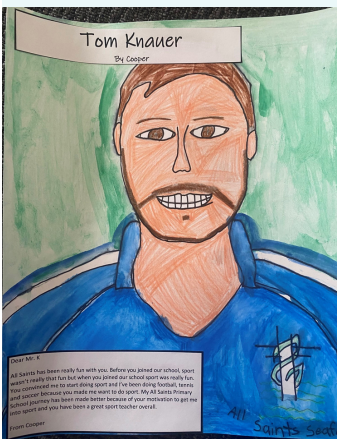
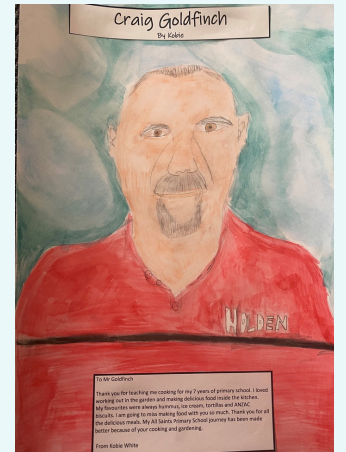
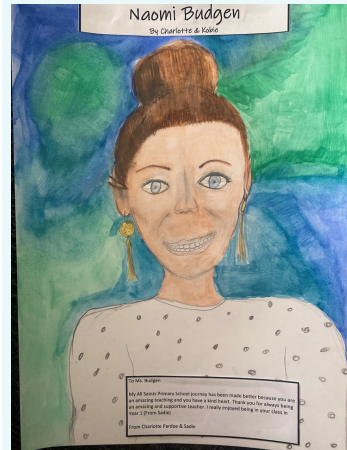
WHAT'S HAPPENING IN Year 6 Perry

In our final term in primary school the year 6 children have reflected on their legacy and what they leave behind at All Saints and what they want to be remembered for.

We also thought about what legacy we wish to create at our new high school. What qualities you want to take with you; what mindset and goals we have for our future education?

The children have written personalised handwritten letters to their new high school expressing their qualities and values that represent them.

We also reflect, with an attitude of gratitude, the thanks we have for the All Saints Community for their support in our journey during our primary school years. We have created images of our All Saints staff who have given so much to us, in developing ourselves to be the best we can be. We wrote letters of gratitude thanking each of them for the joy, compassion and inspiration that has assisted all of us to grow and achieve.





ALL SAINTS
STAR

At All Saints we believe in recognising positive behaviour and the children who meet our school expectations by continually demonstrating they are ready to:

BE A LEARNER
BE SAFE
BE RESPECTFUL

Our Deputy Principal, Megan Lovering celebrated with these children by sharing a drink and a chat together at the SEM.

Congratulations, you are All Stars!



RECEPTION

GRANDPARENTS & SPECIAL PERSONS DAY



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MUSIC NEWS

Daniel Roberts



What a busy time it is for our marvellous musicians at All Saints!

END OF YEAR CONCERT

Those families who've been at All Saints for a little while will know that around this time of year, the children are usually madly preparing for the end of year Christmas Concert.

This term, all classes have been rehearsing a show called "Christmas Star" by prominent Catholic musician John Burland. It follows the story of Jesus' birth from John the Baptist all the way through to the three wise men presenting their gifts. "Christmas Star" will be presented during the school day, as a whole-school liturgy. Regretfully we are unable to invite parents to the event, but I am sure that class teachers will upload plenty of photos and videos for you to enjoy!

2022 INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM

The Instrumental Program at All Saints provides an opportunity for children to take up an instrument in addition to their "normal" classroom music that they have every week. Currently, we offer tuition for Flute, Voice, Piano, Trumpet, Guitar, Trombone, Violin, Drums and Saxophone.

Thanks also to our amazing 2021 Instrumental Team – Sean Olsder, Katie Edwards-Maiden, Alana Muhlack, Matthew Winter, Charlotte Baker-Simpson, and Ivan Simac for their work with the children this year.

If you would like for your child to learn an instrument in 2022, or to continue learning with their current teacher, please let me know by the end of this term using the QR Code and registration form.

Please note that our teachers only have so many spots available, so new students are taken on a first-come, first-served basis.



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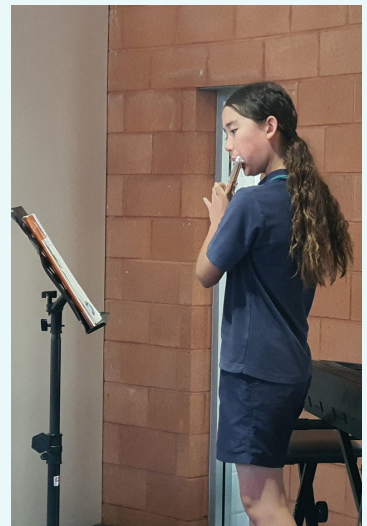
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ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

2021 SOIRÉE

Yesterday we had approximately twenty-five students perform at the All Saints Soirée. The soirée is a concert presented by our instrumental and voice students each year. After being unable to host the event last year due to COVID restrictions, we were very happy to be back in action in 2021.

Thank you to all the children who performed at the Soirée – it takes both bravery and skill to perform live music. The children performed with confidence and poise, and were well received by our audience of parents and special people. Each performer received a special treble clef uniform pin in recognition of their fabulous performances.



SEM CHRISTMAS APPEAL

We ask that families bring in donations to help provide hampers for those in need this Christmas. Each class has their own hamper ready to be filled with non-perishable foods. While all donations are gratefully accepted, please consider the types of food that you will enjoy this Christmas.



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SUPPORTING THE SEM

SEAFORD CHRISTIAN
CHURCHES

This Christmas

PLEASE HELP US BY
DONATING NON-
PERISHABLE ITEMS,
TOYS & FOOD FOR
OUR CHRISTMAS
HAMPERS



COMMISSIONER'S DIGITAL CHALLENGE



Congratulations to Ella in Year 6 whose entry has been selected by the Commissioner as one of the top-rated designs in Space to Dream 2021!

Ella's design, "Mars Teddy 2D" will feature, along with others in the public exhibition at the Space Discovery Centre being launched in November 2021.



**TAKE YOUR MUCH-LOVED TEDDY FROM EARTH TO YOUR NEW HOME MARS,
FOR A LOW COST AND RETAILING AT YOUR LOCAL MARS SUPERMARKET.**

Attachments include:

- Oxygen mask
- Life survivor food-and-water finding compass
- Family App: Easy socialising on Mars and Earth
- Puberty App: How to survive puberty on Mars with no gravity
- Advice App: Medical professional advice for any problems
- Socialising App: Find friends locally with the same interests
- Daily Information About Mars App: Find out the weather for the day and unexpected seasonal events

Calling all gentlemen in our All Saints Community to ditch the razor and grow a mo alongside our male staff this month for the Movember Foundation. This year, All Saints Catholic Primary School will be raising funds and awareness in collaboration with the Movember Foundation, for health projects across mental health support and suicide prevention, prostate cancer and testicular cancer.

If you are interested in joining this cause, click the link below and sign up to the All Saints fundraising page on the [Movember site](#).



Scan the QR code or enter the team ID '2414389' on the Movember site to join the All Saints fundraising page.



Shopping for the Planet

Learning to use our influence as purchasers for a better world
Inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical 'Laudato Si' (2015)

Simple actions in the supermarket



Paper

Buy sustainably sourced paper. Products labelled 'sustainably sourced' do less damage to the planet.



Recycled

Source products from recycled paper. This can be toilet paper, tissues, note pads & napkins.



Plastic

Swap plastic bottles, cups and cutlery for paper alternatives. Plastic stays in the environment for hundreds of years.



Bamboo

Bamboo is a sustainable resource. Switch from a plastic toothbrush to bamboo.



Packaging

Change your plastic packaging as most of it can't be recycled. Buy carton milk instead of plastic bottles.



Biodegradable

Buy biodegradable products when possible. These include cling wrap, alfoil, baking paper and bin liners.

An initiative prepared by Council for Integral Ecology

Words by Ann (O'Callaghan) Henry