

FRIDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2021 - WEEK 8

All Saints

Catholic Primary School

NEWS

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Liz Keogh

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of All Saints,

Well, we're almost there! We know things are a little uncertain at the moment, with the implications of COVID going forward being largely unknown. We will continue to follow the directions of the SA Government and SA Health.

We have been so pleased to have been supported by our families and community as we have worked to continue to provide the children with end of year activities, excursions and assemblies, albeit in a smaller, contained manner.

As we come to the end of the school year some of our staff are finishing up their careers and some are moving to further their knowledge in other schools or to seek permanent teaching positions.

Nicole Perry, Jennie Carlier and Alicia Dawson have all taken up the offer of teaching at St Martin De Porres at Sheidow Park. Anabell Burrell has accepted a permanent position at St Michael's College. Matt Aston is moving to high school and teaching Year 10-12s at Marcellin Campus Cardijn.

Margherita Pardoe has moved with her family to Mt Barker and has secured a position at St Joseph's Murray Bridge. Lucia Mitchell is taking a year of leave to spend time with grandchildren. Alison Olsder will take a year's leave, however will still do some part time work here at All Saints. Kaz Faulkner has taken a full-time permanent position at Westminster College. We will also say farewell to Jesse Romeo who is moving to Tasmania to start his teaching career.

And finally, we say goodbye to Gina Cusano, who has worked at All Saints for the last 26 years and decided it's time to have a rest and take up new opportunities. We hope we will still see Gina around the place every so often.

We congratulate all of these staff members as they transition to new jobs, places and experiences. We will be farewelling these staff on Tuesday.



So in 2022, we are very excited to welcome Ali Doolette who is currently teaching at Rose Park Primary and Ned Chiswell from Risdon Park Primary. In addition, we welcome Karissa Parker from Lumen Christi Primary School, Point Cook and Chris White, who is currently at Willunga Primary. Liam Kelly joins us from Flinders University and we will also welcome Casey Swanson from Adelaide High, Troy Martinsen from Pimpala Primary and Kym Bainbridge from Balaclava Primary in Cairns.

We are excited about the new experiences and learning the new staff members will bring to our fantastic staff and the opportunities this provides for us all.

The end of 2021 is certainly providing us with other new starts, as our Administration building refurbishment commences and many new children across the school arrive in 2022 to begin their education here at All Saints. We have been delighted to have our new Receptions join us for the last 8 weeks and we look forward to having them join us full time next year.

I look forward to farewelling our Year 6 graduates next week. I have loved their enthusiasm and leadership as they have moved through this year. I anticipate in years to come I will come across them as young adults, doing great things in the world.

I wish all our families a wonderful holiday break and very blessed Christmas period and I hope to see you all January/February 2022.

With every best wish,
Liz Keogh

FROM THE APRIM Stephanie Crowe

End of Year Liturgical Concert

On Wednesday afternoon the school gathered together for a Liturgical Concert. The story of the Nativity was told through narration, song and dance. Over the past term the children have been learning the songs and performance as part of their learning during Music. Thank you to Daniel Roberts who organised the event with help from Cassie McKenna and Yvette Bevans.

Thank you also to the P&F who supplied the children with ice blocks after the performance.



End of Year Graduation

Next week we will have many celebrations to end the school year. One which I am looking forward to is the Year 6 Graduation. During this service the traditional circle blessing will occur. This is a tradition that has been with our school for 25 years, based on the Aboriginal tradition of gathering in a circle, where everyone stands side-by-side and everyone is equal. Although with COVID restrictions it will look a little different, I am looking forward to hearing the blessing given by the parents as they prayer for their young adults moving forward.

The parents, will give them the following blessing:

May our God of Wisdom
stay with you as you leave primary school
and grow into young men and women.

May our God of Protection
with the intercession of our saints
keep you safe from evil and harm
as you grow in independence.

May our God of love who lives within each of you
be always present to you and shared
with all whom you encounter.

Farewell and may we all serve everyone we encounter
with the wisdom and love of God in our hearts.



Commissioner for Children and Young People

Many South Australian primary school aged children are directly supporting the important work of South Australia's Commissioner for Children and Young People, Helen Connolly, as active participants of her annual **Student Voice Postcard** initiative, currently being rolled out to all schools across the State. The initiative is helping Commissioner Connolly gain a clearer understanding of what is important to primary school children. She is asking this under-represented group to respond to four simple questions that invite them to tell her what matters to them most, what aspirations they have, what worries them, and what they would change to make their lives better. All responses are anonymous. No personal information is collected. The Commissioner will use the postcard responses to inform her advocacy work to improve the lives of SA's children and young people.

The CRC answered these questions representing All Saints. Some of the responses were:

I care about - my body, my family, nature, God's creation, the world, my teachers, pollution and my friends.

I want grownups to know - that we should use paper not plastic, we should be using electricity instead of coal, that they are very special even though they think they're not.

The world would be better if... no one would litter, we help each other, everyone has 13 hours sleep.





THANK
YOU

A Message from our Year 6 Children to the All Saints Community

You try every day to make our day better than yesterday.

We pray that the calmness and peace you bring to the classroom will pass through us.

On behalf of the Year 6 children of 2021, we would like to say thank you for your care, kindness and love to us. From the times you've knelt down to our level to place the band aid on our cuts, to the simple good morning you gave us that showed you cared about us individually, to the times when you saw us and did not ignore if we were feeling sad, and to those teachers and staff that put up with us for a whole year! We are so grateful to have teachers that have supported us throughout our primary journey to be the best possible person we can be so that we are ready for high school. We have learnt so very much from you all and we hope that maybe you learnt from us too, maybe how to be more patient or maybe you tried a new way of teaching to suit our needs. Mostly we want to thank you for helping us in our first years of schooling. Thank you for teaching us and most importantly helping us to learn how to create a better world.

We would like to not only pray for our four patron saints but also, we give thanks to Saint John Baptist de La Salle who inspired others how to teach and care for young people, how to meet failure and frailty with compassion, how to affirm, strengthen and heal.

Saint Mother Teresa, pray for us

Saint Mary Mackillop, pray for us

Saint John Bosco, pray for us

Saint Francis of Assisi, pray for us

And may we all remember to pray each other.

Amen.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas filled with peace and joy for the year to come.



We proudly introduce to you the
All Saints Leaders for 2022

School Ambassadors



Jessica



Kingston

Spirit Leaders



Tyra



Ella

MacKillop House Captains



Ayva



Ashton

Assisi House Captains



Farren



Allegra

Bosco House Captains



Isla



Luke

Teresa House Captains



Charlize



Joe

FROM THE SCHOOL COUNSELLOR Cynthia Geldenhuys

Hi Families!

The holidays are ahead of us. It sure is a time for joy and excitement but keeping in mind that for many students and families this can be a stressful and challenging time.

Following are some tips to help make the holidays restful, not stressful.

1. Be realistic. Considering your child's challenges when you make plans will reduce stress for anyone. If your child is anxious about meeting new people or even facing the extended family, talk to your child prior to what is going to happen. This way your child can predict and understand and will manage the celebration far better. Children who tend to be impulsive will need structure to minimize disruptive behaviour. Children with sensory challenges will find the intense holiday stimuli overwhelming, stressful, and overstimulating, especially trips to big busy shopping malls. Multiple short trips to the shops may help your child to gradually adapt and tolerate the environment a bit better.

2. Develop with your child a 'healthy enough' schedule to enjoy a break without staying up all night. If you are travelling bring familiar toys and books and make sure you develop a quiet bedtime routine like reading to help them relax and rest.



3. Set limits on screen time. Many kids will want to catch-up on screen time but too much time in front of the screen will result in them not sleeping well or rest well impacting the whole family. Keep to schedule as it will only be that much more difficult to drop the screen time after the holiday when having to return to school. It may seem relaxing in the moment, but many studies show the harmful and negative effects of screen time.



4. Focus on what matters for your family. Identify what the meaning of Christmas holiday is for you and celebrate it your way.

5. Be sure to laugh and have a rest yourself. Kids pick up parents' stress and tension so they're more likely to be irritable if you are. Have a sense of humour, enjoy you kids for who they are and keep in mind that what they'll likely remember is what happened during the unexpected moments when everybody was relaxed not the brilliantly planned party etc.



If you or your family needs wellbeing support over the school holidays, please reach out to these services:

Mental health support

Your local GP can provide you with support

Contact 000 if you need urgent help or not sure where to get help

Kids Helpline: 1800 551 800
kidshelpline.com.au

Lifeline: 13 11 14
lifeline.org.au

Self-harm and suicide prevention resources

What you need to know about self-harm
headspace.org.au/eheadspace

How to help when someone is suicidal SANE Australia
sane.org

Family violence support and resources

Safe steps: 1800 015 188
safesteps.org.au

1800RESPECT: 1800 737 732
1800respect.org.au

What's okay at home: woah.org.au

Family violence support: 1800 800 098

Wishing you all a joyful and blessed Christmas.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN Reception Vincent & Reception Cutting

As part of Reception Biological Sciences curriculum, we have been learning that living things have basic needs, including food and water. Last week to support our understandings, we travelled by bus to the Adelaide Zoo to explore, wonder and discover different animals and how they live.

"It was special seeing the monkeys swinging hanging and making the monkey noise 'ooh ooh'." - Abel

"I learnt how monkeys really sound and I liked being with my mum." - Harvey

"I liked going to the goats pen and seeing the snakes." - Ashton

"I liked seeing the snakes, going in the bus and I learnt that the turtles eat salad." - Sebastian

"It was special seeing the monkeys, watching the kangaroos hop and spending time with each other." - Blair

"The meerkats because they are so tiny and cute!" - Scarlett

"My favourite part of the zoo was seeing the alligators, pandas and lions and it was very very fun and finding the boy panda because we couldn't see him so we had to find him." - Millie

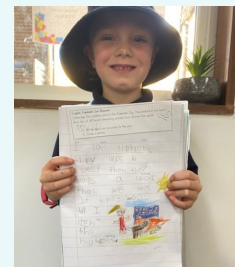
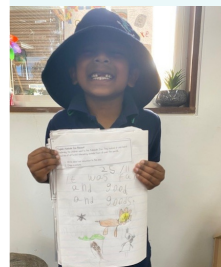
"I went in the snake cave and I saw a snake a black and red snake." - Cooper

"I like the lions because they were sleeping and there was a girl and a boy." - Quinn

"I loved the panda because I never saw a panda." - Leo

"We looked at the animals and they was doing stuff and I liked the lion bit because it waked up." - Leyland

"When we went down the big, big slide it was fast." - Nevaya





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!



Stage 1 Announcement



We are excited to announce that Stage 1 of our new building project will commence next week, from Monday 6 December, 2021. Stage 1 will primarily be an Administration Refurbishment including:

- Re-purpose existing Library to create a welcoming entrance to the school and new Front Office Reception.
- Create a new Student Services Reception and Health Care area.
- Reconfigure layout of existing offices and staff room.
- Beautify the front landscape of the school

During this time, there will obviously be some disruptions to the school and we ask for your understanding and cooperation.

Starting Monday, the **SEM Carpark will be unavailable for parking** and the entrance in to the school next to the Library will be closed. These areas will be fenced off and utilised by the contractors for the duration of the building works. All other entrances to the school will not be affected and will remain open as usual.

We suggest you utilise the Kiss and Drop Loop area for dropping off and picking up your children. Alternatively, there is carparking available at the Seaford Rec Centre (across the road), ample street parking, as well as a council carpark located at the south/western side of the school (enter off Walker Street).

Should you have any queries or concerns with regards to the building project, please do not hesitate to email Terence Corcoran, Business Manager - tcorcoran@allsaints.catholic.edu.au



MUSIC NEWS

Daniel Roberts



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
- 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.



2022 INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM



SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER
OR GO TO

<https://forms.office.com/r/vQMikkVpcZ>

KEYBOARDS WANTED

Don't throw out that old keyboard -
Mr Roberts will take it for the Music Room.

We are building up a keyboard lab
and need as many as we can get!

drobot@allsaints.catholic.edu.au

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.



ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUPPORTING THE SEM SEAFORD CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

This Christmas

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

Did you know we are a nude food school?

At All Saints, we support the Nude Food philosophy which encourages families to reduce waste with an emphasis on less packaging.

Help us care for our planet by reducing your waste!

