### TERM 2 WEEK 2

# NEWSLETTER

All Saints Catholic Primary School

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### LIZ KEOGH

Dear Families and Friends of All Saints Catholic Primary School

As I write this, I am enjoying some glorious autumn weather ...... and keeping my fingers crossed for similar weather next week for our Sports Day. I know Tom Knauer who has already spent many hours preparing for the day will be doing the same. We are looking forward to having all our

families join us so we can begin to feel more like the school community we want to be – welcoming, learning and working together for great learning and life outcomes for our children.

This week we celebrated Catholic Education Week across South Australia. This celebration was deliberately kept simple this year. We just wanted to say 'Thank you '. Thank you to our families for supporting our work, and in particular this week, meeting with the class teachers and the children to understand where each child is in their learning. It is so important to us that you are part of the learning for each of the children. We value your input and each child's understanding of what they can do and where they need to direct their efforts – so thank you for making the time.

We also say 'Thank you' to the staff right across the school. Apart from teaching the children or supporting the teaching of the children, all staff also listen to concerns, sort out issues, support families who are struggling, find books for children to read, fix big and small injuries, provide lunches, find uniforms, make appointments, complete many administrative tasks, make phone calls, find community support, find insects, umpire games and sometimes just make space for sharing. And that's just before Recess! And we love it!

Thank you also to the children. I look forward to sharing a milkshake with some of our All Saints Stars on Monday to thank them for the way they go about their learning and contributing to the school. All the children at the school are individuals with their own personalities and character strengths. There are never any dull days, and the days are never the same with many surprises as we watch them grow and change. We thank them and their families for gifting us the opportunity to do what we love – making a difference in the lives of children as we watch them live, learn and lead to be the best they can be!

We also want to thank our volunteers – the excursion supervisors, the sport coaches, the sausage cookers and food preparers, event organisers, library helpers, the talent sharers and classroom helpers who provide wonderful opportunities for the children in school and out! Many children benefit from your generosity, sharing your time and skills across the school and we are blessed and supported by that generosity. We wish you all a wonderful Volunteers Week next week – you are wonderful models to the children right across the school. We hope in coming months we will be able to see you more often.

This week, as many of you are aware the Year 3s and 5s completed their NAPLAN assessments. Thanks to the wonderful organisation and support of the teachers we experienced no issues. The children were focussed and calm and completed the tasks with very little fuss. Well done to them all.

# IMPORTANT DATES

All Saints Seaford

**TERM 2, 2022** 

Friday 20 May Sports Day

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

Friday 17th June Staff Day

Monday 25th July Staff Day

Friday 16th December School Handover Day

We look forward to Sports Day next week and the commencement in coming weeks of school events such as assemblies.

Each Monday morning the whole school gathers in the courtyard for morning prayer. We have missed being together as a whole school, so going forward we will be gathering in this way. Families are welcome to stay for this short time.

This coming Monday we will be remembering our beautiful Sienna Walker-Brown who passed away in May 2020. We thank God for the opportunity to know her and for our wonderful memories of all she valued in her life. We will remember especially her family – Gigi, Matt and Marie and all her extended family as the anniversary of her passing occurs. God's blessing on them all.

With every best wish,



Liz and Staff



## **FROM THE APRIM** STEPHANIE CROWE

During Week 10 and 11 of Term 2 the whole school gathered for Holy Week Celebrations. Each year level led the school in remembering the events of Holy Week. Luckily the weather stayed fine and we could gather in the courtyard.

To celebrate Easter, due to COVID restrictions, each year level took part in an Easter Liturgy in the Hall. It was a wonderful opportunity for children to hear the story of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday pitched at their age. The Receptions and Years 1 and 2 heard the story through Godly play and interacted during the reflection, while the older children watched clips to guide their reflection.



### **Morning Gatherings**

Each week, on Monday mornings we are gathering in the courtyard as a whole school. The gatherings are built around prayer and aim to build community and provide a focus for us all during the week. The focus for this term is Friendship. On Monday we will remember a much loved friend, Sienna Walker-Brown. Parents are more than welcome to join us.



In loving memory of Sienna Walker-Brown

### **Sacramental Program**

I am really excited that we will be starting our Reconciliation Workshops on Wednesday 18th of May. In our family-based Sacramental Program, parents and children meet together, undertaking activities, discussions and simple homework tasks over a period of a few weeks. In this way, small communities of families meet, get to know each other and celebrate together. I will lead two Reconciliation sessions and two Confirmation sessions, in Year 2 Taylor (the first classroom in the Mackillop Building) starting at 5:30pm and finishing at 6:30 pm.

Reconciliation 1.Wednesday 18th May 2.Wednesday 25th May 3.Wednesday 1st June (Reconciliation will occur during this session) in the SEM

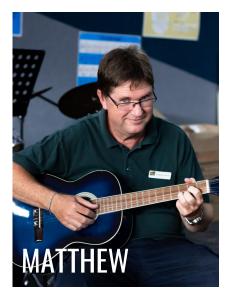
**Confirmation** 1.Wednesday 8th June 2.Wednesday 15th June 3.Confirmation is on 21st June Holy week and Easter Liturgies



*Small Things.* Sometimes you can't see them, Sometimes you treasure them, But they are always there, whether you see them or you don't...Like butterflies...bees. And everything in between. A nicely made bed. A kiss on your head. ~ By Sienna Walker-Brown



Meet our Music Tutors...



GUITAR, PIANO & DRUMS



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# Senior Choir

Year 5 & 6 Monday 2:15-3pm

# **Junior Choir**

Year 2, 3 & 4 Friday 1:30-2:15pm



### **SPORT** TOM KNAUER

Congratulations to the following students on their selection for State and District representation. Good luck in your competitions in the coming months!



Girls Football: Lila Charlize Isabelle

Boys Football: Blake Harrison

> Softball: Sophie

Swimming: Mackenzie Bailey Cleo Taliyah

Above, Sophie, selected to represent in Softball



Above, Harrison and Blake, chosen to represent in Football

# **SPORTS DAY**

### Friday 20 May

8:45 - Health Hustle

9:30-12:30 - Field Events

12:30-1:00 Earth Ball Relay

1:00-1:30 Lunch

1:30-2:45 Track Events

2:45-3:05 Presentations

SPORTS DAY 2022 We can't wait to see you there!

Friday 20th May All Saints Oval FREE Sausage Sizzle for all Students

Come and cheer on your team and be a part of the action!

We will require a number of Volunteers on the day, if you're available to help, please contact the Front Office.

Spectators welcome, please wear a mask and remain at a social distance to other family groups.
Coffee Van available for refreshments.

# **SPORTS DAY**

### <u>Friday 20 May</u>

Our Team songs play a huge part on the day, in showing support to all involved. By cheering on our own team mates and being supportive of other teams, we can earn points toward the Spirit Trophy.

## **SPORTS DAY TEAM SONGS**

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Extra, Extra Read all about it! Red's going to win and we're proud to shout it!

When we're up, we're up When we're down, we're down, When you're up against Red You're upside down!

Everywhere we go (Everywhere we go) People want to know (People want to know) Who we are (Who we are) Where we come from (Where we come from) Ī So we tell them (So we tell them) Mighty, mighty Teresa (Mighty, mighty Teresa) T. E. R. E. S. A. 

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### BOSCO Yellow We're the winning team

We're the winning team We're going to win this race, You know what I mean. Running! Jumping! Running really fast, When Yellow's in a race, We'll never come last! 'Cause we're mighty, We're crazy,

Never, ever lazy!

We are Green and we're the best. We can win without a rest! We're on our toes and jumping high. Throwing holds into the define the

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we're on our toes and jumping nign, Throwing balls into the sky. See that Green run past you in a race and next to you, you can't keep pace. Say 'goodbye' 'cause Green is here we can win without a fear.

Zoom in on your team above to learn your team song!

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### YEAR 6 AN OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD EXPERIENCE

Over the coming weeks, our Year 6s will be heading out on a Mission to Mars. Last week saw our first Year 6 class, 6G, attend the full-day, scenario-based program, at the Mike Roach Space Education Centre at Hamilton Secondary College in Adelaide. Students worked in teams and used problem-solving skills to successfully complete a geological survey on the surface of Mars. Keep reading to hear what our class took away from the experience.



"I learnt how stressful it would be to work in the real Mission Control Centre at NASA. There were so many problems to be solved, such as keeping the people on Mars alive" ~ Stela



# This week in

# **6G**



"Determining the age of the different rock samples when we were in the laboratory was interesting. My sample was over 5 billion years old." ~ Leo "Working in Mission Contol was interesting as you had to communicate very clearly to the astronauts on Mars. There were several roles such as Engineer and Chemist. " ~ Charlotte

HAMILTON

"My role at the Mission to Mars excursion was a physicist. I needed to determine the radioactive sites on the planet Mars and check the weather data displays." ~ Owen

MARINER

"Being in Mission Control, supporting Indi-Myaas a Biologist while she was exploring the Mars surface, was my favourite part of the excursion **of Hayden** 

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## **LITTLE SAINTS**

PLAY GROUP

Little Saints Play Group is an informal session offered at All Saints Catholic Primary School four mornings a week. Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Carers, Children and Babies meet together in a relaxed and caring environment. Activities and experiences at Play Group change weekly and include music, singing, dancing, imaginative play, outdoor and free play, storytelling, art and craft. No child is too young, we welcome all children from 0-5 years old. Parents and Carers stay to interact with other adults and play with their children. Children benefit from developing sensory, social and communication skills through the activities on offer. We are here Monday to Thursday 9-11.15am. No bookings necessary.



### LITTLE SAINTS PLAY GROUP

Mon - Thur 9:00-11:15am

Free tea and coffee for parents and carers. Please continue to wear a mask, sanitise regularly throughout the session and remain at a social distance to other family groups.

NEXT WEEK AT PLAY GROUP



Play Group weekly updates are posted on our Facebook and Instagram page

## REMINDERS

### Attendance

In 2019 the SA Education Act was revised and one of the legislated requirements as part of this Act is for all schools to report chronic and habitual absences to the Department of Education. Chronic absences are classified as children being absent for more than 10 days in a school term. We know there are some children who bounce out of bed each day eager to be at school with their friends and to be learning. We also understand that for some children it can be tricky getting to school. This can be for various reasons – anxiety, learning issues, social reasons. Please ensure you contact us so we can assist with these difficulties. We manage a range of concerns for many different children across the school and we find the best results come from working together with families. Communicating difficulties when they first commence can help alleviate an attendance issue. So please contact us if this is an issue for you. We know being at school is better for the children's learning and social outcomes.

### **Smart Watches**

Every family received the revised ICT /Mobile devices Policy at the commencement of the school year. For many years the schools policy on mobile phones has been that they are handed in at the beginning of the school day. As many watches now have the same capabilities as a phone, children are now asked either not to wear them to school or to hand them in in the same way they hand in their phones. The school has a number of concerns with the distractibility of both phones and watches and in addition we have had occasions when parents turn up at school without the school having any knowledge of the child's illness or injury. This is a safety issue for the children and for the school. Smart Watches will need to be handed in similarly to mobile phones. Please remind your children of this requirement if they bring phones or smart watches to school. Thank you for assisting us with this policy.

### **Admin Buildings**

If you have had the opportunity to visit the school in the last week, you will see the new entrance to the school is almost complete. In the next month, the administration staff will move into this new space whilst the remaining building is refurbished. This progress will again mean changes to the entry and exit from the front reception area. In the refurbished space the children have their own entry from the school grounds and will no longer have to wait in the reception area. The remaining building works is to expand the staffroom – we now have 60 staff members - and refurbish the current administration offices. We look forward to the completion in August.

# Absentees 0418 117 541

If your child won't be attending school, it's easy to let us know by sending an SMS to the text line with their name, class and reason for absence. Please provide these details for every day that they are away. If your child is absent for more than 5 days, you will require a medical certificate or an exemption form (available from the front office).

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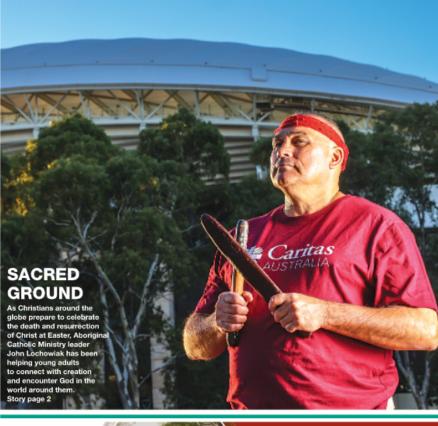
## **SOUTHERN CROSS**

APRIL 2022 EDITION

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The latest edition of the Southern Cross is available to read here.









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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TOUR BOOKINGS 8521 4500 | xavier.catholic.edu.au

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WHAT'S CHANGED? Parents can now enter the school site with a mask on.

WHAT'S NOT CHANGED?

MASKS - Masks for adults are compulsory at the moment.

WHOLE SCHOOL GATHERINGS - No indoor gatherings of the whole school for the time being.

AGM Report NOW AVAILABLE

Our School's AGM report for 2021 is now available to view <u>here</u>

## **CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK**

2022 ~ THANK YOU!

Catholic Education Week is being celebrated in Catholic schools throughout South Australia from 9 – 15 May 2022. During Catholic Education Week we say THANK YOU to our dedicated staff for their hard work, support and care in Raising the Hearts and Minds of our young people and for making All Saints Catholic Primary School such a special place of faith, learning and love for our students and families. Join us on social media this week in sharing a 'thank you' post to our staff using the hashtag #LoveMyCatholicSchool.



You can also see some of our amazing Staff and Students saying 'Thank You' in their many languages. View the video <u>here</u>.



# 2nd Hand Uniform Sale

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Thank you to everyone who turned out for our second hand uniform sale this week. Your contributions raised over an amazing

> \$500 for charity.



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### **BRINGING UP GREAT ADOLESCENTS**

All parents need a hand from time to time

A highly recognised FREE interactive program for parents of young children and adolescents to help us raise happy and confident kids.

- Topics covered include: the adolescent brain a renovation zone!
- supporting adolescents to forge their own identity
- finding meaningful ways to stay connected to adolescents
- adolescents and technology.

An Australian Government Initiative

### Thursdays 10am - 12pm

19 May to 23 June 2022 6 week course

38 Beach Road, Christies Beach

Contact Angie on 0455 306 928 for more information and to book your place in the program at the Noarlunga Family Relationship Centre



## LOST PROPERTY

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There are many items of clothing, including hats and drink bottles that are missing their owners!

We can deliver them back to your children providing they are labelled. Without their name on their clothing and accessories. they remain in lost property.

Lost property can be located in the Front Office.

## **DENTAL PROGRAM**

Details regarding the free Dental Program were sent home with students this week. If you are interested in participating, please return your forms no later than Friday 3 June.





This investment will mean the school can:

- Create an enhanced dual purpose learning and play space for children
- Create a nurturing and supportive environment to learn, play and explore
- Improve shelter, shade and seating'

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## **FUNDING**

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'Our kids deserve the best start in life and our schools deserve their fair share of funding.

That is why I am very excited to announce that an Albanese Labor Government will invest \$50,000 in All Saints Catholic Primary School, Seaford."

Amanda Rishworth MP