

TERM 4 WEEK 6

# NEWSLETTER

All Saints Catholic Primary School

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL NICK WRIGHT



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

With only 3 weeks left of the school year to go, there has been so much happening at school and offsite. We look forward to the end of year events over the next few weeks.

### **Excursions**

It has been wonderful to see so much enjoyment with the various excursions that have taken place over the last few weeks.

The Year 1s enjoyed a fun packed day of cubby building and playing on the new adventure playground at Glenthorne National Park. The Year 5 cohort went to Adelaide Zoo and had a great day finding out about zoo enclosure design and the different animals they have onsite. On Wednesday, the Reception classes went to the SA Museum and Jubilee Park. They had half a day visiting the different exhibitions at the museum and then the other half at the park. It was lovely to see their faces when they returned, and I enjoyed hearing the information that they shared with me. There are still a number of excursions to go as we journey to the end of the school year, including Aquatics for Years 3-6 and Choir performances in the local area.

### **End of Year Concert/End of Year Mass**

As is tradition here at All Saints, we will be celebrating two of our major end of year events during the final two weeks of school.

Our End of Year Christmas Concert will take place on the Oval on Wednesday 6 December. The concert will begin at 5:30pm. Please bring your own picnic, chairs and blankets for a great evening of music.

Our End of Year Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 12 December in the School Hall at 11:45am. This will be a celebration to give thanks for the 2023 year at All Saints with many children taking part in the Mass. All are welcome.

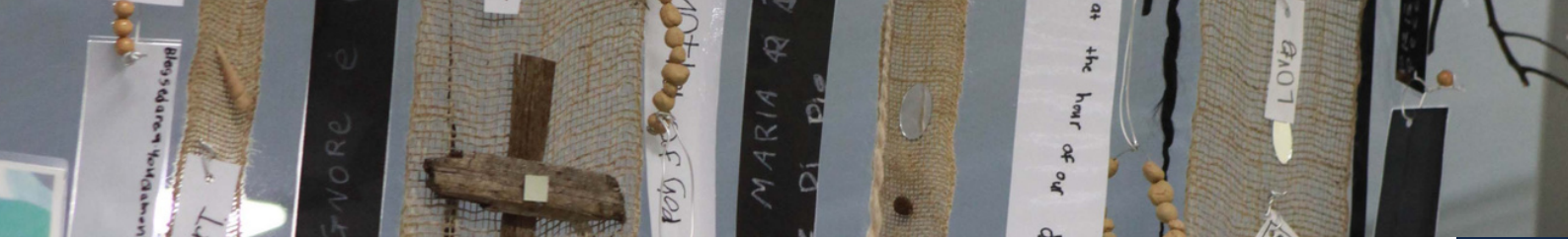
### **Outdoor Kitchen**

We are excited to announce that the Teaching Kitchen Outdoor Extension Project is almost complete, and we are looking forward to its opening at the end of the term for students to use. This outdoor area, complete with BBQ for cooking, will allow our students to prepare food outside on suitable days. This project was principally funded by the South Australian Government under the School's Upgrade Fund, and we appreciate the funding for this exciting project. Stay tuned for photos of the completed project!

### **Safety Announcement**

Just another reminder to not walk in or out of the loop gates or across the loop in the morning or afternoon. Please use the gate opposite the crossing to enter on the north side of the loop or use the gate just south of the loop gates to enter or exit the site. Your support and cooperation with this are appreciated for the safety and wellbeing of our community.

Have a great week everyone.



## FROM THE APRIM STEPHANIE CROWE

### Advent

We know the Christmas season has arrived when the tree is up and the wreaths are hung on our doors, but do you know the meaning of the wreath that is often displayed in our houses?

The Advent wreath is a Christian tradition that symbolises the passage of the four weeks of Advent, which is the season of preparation and anticipation leading up to Christmas. It is a circular wreath made of evergreen branches, typically adorned with four candles, and sometimes a fifth, central candle.

The circle shape of the wreath reminds us that God's love has no beginning and no end. The green leaves symbolise the hope of eternal life. When many trees in the Northern hemisphere lose their leaves, evergreens remain green, a reminder of God's enduring love. There are 4 candles (sometimes 5).

The candles are placed in a circle, lit on successive Sundays before Christmas. The candles represent hope, peace, joy and love. If there is a 5th candle, it is the Christ candle and lit on Christmas Eve.

The progressive lighting of the candles each week symbolises the increasing anticipation and preparation for the birth of Jesus.



### St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

For many people in our community, Christmas is something they cannot think about, especially when they can't afford to put food on their table each day.

The St Vincent DePaul Society provides, food, clothing, living expenses and crisis support for vulnerable people. The CRC have been organising our annual Christmas appeal through St Vinnie's to support those in need in our community. In each classroom, we have a basket ready for donations. Please do not wrap any gifts - just bring them as they are. Please see the attached flyer.

### Grandparents Day

On Monday, All Saints will be surrounded with love and excitement. The Reception Children will be celebrating Grandparents and Special Friends Day. The children will share songs, stories and reasons why they love their grandparents and special friends, in the Hall. The children will then have some time to share their work with these special people. We look forward to a wonderful celebration.

As we approach the joyous Christmas season, anticipating the birth of Christ. The school is buzzing with excitement as we prepare for a month filled with joy, warmth, and celebrations.



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# RC & RL

Term 4 has been full of fun adventures for the Receptions, they enjoyed their swimming lessons in Week 3 and our recent excursion to the Museum and Jubilee Park. The children loved exploring the Museum and finding the different things on our scavenger hunt. Here are some comments about what the children enjoyed.

Logan: Going to the museum and looking at the dinosaur sculptures and going on the playground.

George: Looking at the sea animals and the Egyptian mummies. I learnt that mummies don't explode like in the movies.



Delahney: Seeing the dinosaurs was fun.

Lucas : The underwater animals and the giant squid was fun and cool.

Freddie: I was brave to look down from the top of the giant squid.

Luke: I wasn't scared to go on top of the giant squid.

Ayce: The dinosaur bones and the shark was cool.



Emily: Going into the aquarium tunnel and looking at the ocean animals.

Rose: Looking at the African animals and the lion flicking its tail.

Scarlette: I loved the crystal and mineral display.

Ashton: Playing at the giraffe playground.

Lorenzo: The underwater dinosaur room was interesting.





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Piper: I liked seeing the fossils.  
Catherine: All of the crystals were my favourite.  
Archie: I liked the spiky rock.  
Roxi: Crawling under the tunnel and looking at the sea animals was cool.

The children enjoyed looking at the different minerals. Here are some of their favourites:

Sochi: Fluorite because it is beautiful.  
Peyton: Quartz because I like the purple diamonds.  
Scarlette: Cavansite because I like how the green crystals kind of look like flowers.  
Jacob: Variscite because it glows in the dark.  
Nate: Azurite because it is blue and I like blue things.



The children also enjoyed their Swimming sessions. Here's what they had to say!

Laird: I liked going underwater.  
Lucas: I liked going underwater and getting the sinkies and the deep end.  
Addison: I liked going down the deep end and getting the sinkies and going underwater.  
Ryder: I liked practising diving in the deep end.  
Selena: I learnt how to get the sinkie off the floor.  
Sienna: I learnt how to dive at swimming.  
Sam: I learnt how to save someone with a pool noodle.





FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND  
YOU GAVE ME FOOD,  
I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU  
GAVE ME DRINK,  
I WAS A STRANGER AND  
YOU WELCOMED ME.  
MATTHEW 25:35

# *St Vinnies* **CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

Suggested items include Christmas items such as bonbons, serviettes, Christmas pudding, unwrapped gifts, packaged foods such as pasta, noodles, and biscuits; tinned foods such as vegetables, soups, baked beans or toiletries. We will be collecting donations until Week 8 Friday 8 December.

Gifts can also be placed under our  
Christmas tree in the Front Office.





# It's Chr-i-i-istmas!

BY ANDREW OXSPRING  
& IAN FARADAY



ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## END OF YEAR CONCERT

WED 6 DECEMBER 2023 ON THE OVAL

ARRIVE 5PM | CONCERT STARTS 5:30PM



# CALENDAR - TERM 4 2023

[For the full Term 4 Calendar see our website](#)

WEEK 7	
27 November	27 November- 1 December - Year 2 Swimming StateSwim
27 November	Grandparents/Special Friends Day - Reception Classes
29 November	Year 3 Aquatics
29 November	Class Mass Year 1 at SCC 9.15am
30 November	Year 5 Surf Education
1 December	Year 6 Surf Education
1 December	Reception 2024 Transition Visit no. 7 (New Reception Parent Info Session)
WEEK 8	
6 December	Year 4 Aquatics
6 December	Class Mass Year 6 at SCC 9.15am
6 December	End of Year Concert
8 December	Reception 2024 Transition Visit no. 8
8 December	Year 4 Assembly 9am in the Hall
WEEK 9	
11 December	Transition Morning - 2024 classes
12 December	Whole School End of Year Mass - 11.45am in the Hall
12 December	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony - 6pm in the Hall
14 December	Last day of school for 2023 for all students
15 December	School Closure Day

Please note these dates and mark them in your calendar/diary. These dates are subject to change. We also ask that families check current Newsletters, the School Star App and Seesaw on a regular basis for any updates/changes through-out the term.

# REMINDERS



## ABSENTEES



**0418 117 541**

Please remember to send an SMS every day that your child is absent from school.

The SMS should include the child's name, class and reason for absence. Please also state if your child will be absent for more than one day.

Any absence of 5 or more consecutive days requires a medical certificate or *Exemption from School Form* (available from the Front Office).

*Thank you!*



## IF YOU HAVE ANY SYMPTOMS, PLEASE STAY HOME

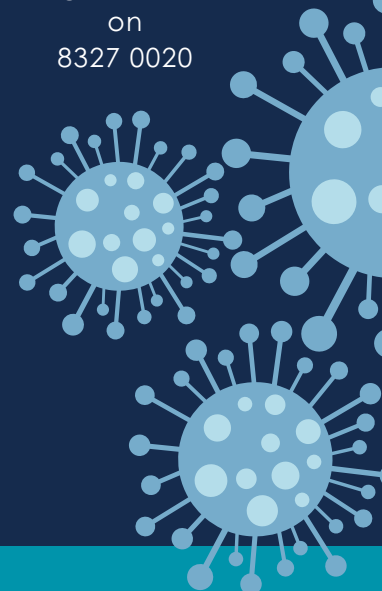
Runny noses, coughs, and sneezes are common this time of year. By sending your child to school they are passing these on to others in their class and our teachers. Please keep our community safe and keep your child/ren home when they are unwell.



## COVID-19

If your child tests positive to COVID-19, please inform the school.

You can do this via email to [info@allsaints.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@allsaints.catholic.edu.au) or directly to your class teacher on their email OR via SMS: 0418 117 541 OR by calling the Front Office on 8327 0020



Please make sure all your child's uniform is labelled clearly. Any lost items can be found in the Front Office.

## LOST PROPERTY!