

NEWSLETTER

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All Saints Catholic Primary School

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL NICK WRIGHT



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What an amazing 30th Anniversary year we have had at All Saints during 2024.

30th Anniversary Mass

On Thursday 28 November, despite an initial sprinkle of rain, we were able to enjoy our 30th Anniversary Mass. It was great to have Archbishop Pat and Fr Dominick presiding over the Mass.

It was lovely to have a number of special guests with us to celebrate including the Executive Director of Catholic Education, Dr Neil McGoran, Chair of SACCS, John Neate, Director of Catholic Identity and Mission, Dr Jill Gowdie, previous staff and Board members, previous students and parents and also our fantastic school community as well. It was wonderful to hear some of the stories from the past and how All Saints had shaped the futures of our guests.

End of Year Concert

Following on from our 30th Anniversary theme, last Wednesday we were treated to our end of year Christmas Concert. Not only did we have traditional carols but also hits from the nineties. As always, a big thank you to Mr Roberts for all his hard work to make the concert a huge success.

Year 6 Graduation

Last night we came together to celebrate the 2024 Year 6 Graduation. This was a time for the students and their families to celebrate their Primary schooling over the last seven years. We wish all our Year 6 students every success in High School and beyond and look forward to hearing about them in the future. Thank you to the Year 6 teachers – Fiona Graff, Kylie Roesler and Simon Holmesby for all their work with the Year 6 children this year. We also thank all the other teachers and ESOs who have had an input into this cohort over the years as well.

Farewells

As part of assembly on Tuesday morning we farewelled a number of staff members who are moving on from All Saints to pursue a variety of new opportunities in 2025. We farewelled: Heidi Hill, Simon Holmesby, Brittany McKay, Georgia Osborne, Paula Gerrard, Kirsty Banna and John Harker. All have worked exceptionally hard over the years and given great service to the community. We thank them for the time they have given and wish them well in their future endeavours.

In saying goodbye, we also welcome new staff to All Saints for 2025, Joanne Calvanese, Rhiannon Hale, Philip Houghton and Allie Geddes, who join us as Year 2, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 teachers respectively. Jordan Reilly joins as our new Indonesian teacher and we welcome back Cassie Dillion who will be working with Allie Geddes in Year 6. We congratulate a number of teachers who attained permanency; Megan Sinclair, Kim Marchetta, Jenna Kelley, Ashlee Fensom and Tiffany Okazaki. We also congratulate Monica Doherty, who will be staying at All Saints as our Assistant Principal – Wellbeing. Please join me in wishing them well as they begin or continue their roles here at All Saints.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL NICK WRIGHT - CONTINUED

Family Conferences 2025

As is custom here at All Saints, Tuesday 28 January is a School Closure Day, with the day set aside for Family Conferences for Reception to Year 6 students. This is a time to meet with your child's classroom teacher to discuss the forthcoming Year. Please refer to the information sent out via email on Tuesday night.

Starting back in 2025

Please note that we will officially begin the new school year at 8:45am on Wednesday 29 January 2025. We look forward to seeing the children in their Summer Uniform.

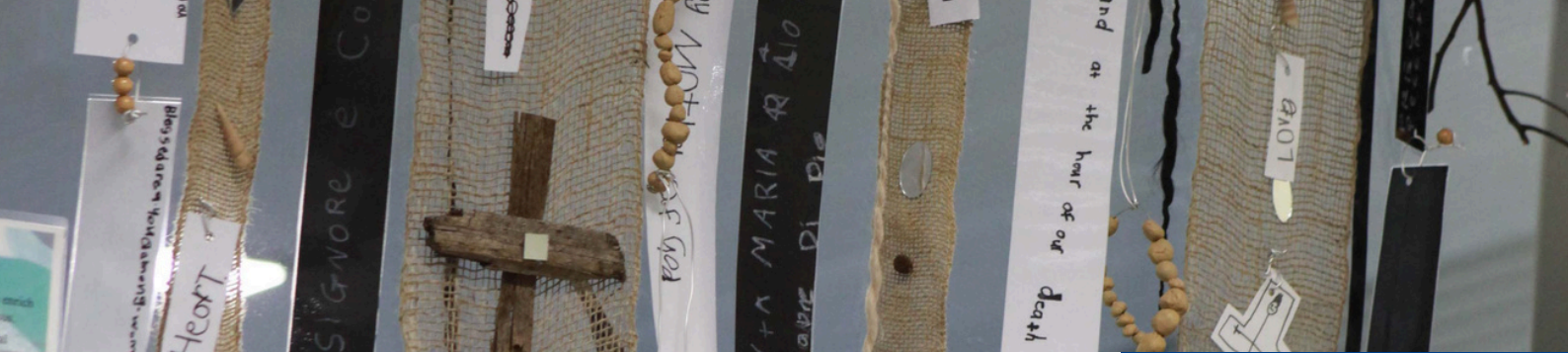
Thanks

In ending, I would like to say a massive thank you to all the amazing staff here at All Saints for their continued hard work and dedication over the last year. I also want to thank you as a community, we could not do what we do as a school without your constant support and partnership, so thank you!

Wishing you all a very happy and blessed Christmas and a great New Year. Enjoy the break and see you in 2025.

We are pleased to inform our school families that there will not be an increase in school fees for the 2025 school year. It is at the heart of Catholic Education that our schools are affordable and accessible to all. If any family has financial concerns, we ask them to contact Terence Corcoran, Business Manager, to confidentially discuss additional support through fee remissions.





FROM THE APRIM STEPH CROWE

Advent

On Sunday, December 1st, we entered the Church Season of Advent, a special time of preparation as we get ready to celebrate Christmas, the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

During this busy time of preparation for Christmas, we often fill it by shopping for presents and food, busy ourselves cleaning for long-awaited guests (invited and not invited) and decorating our house and tree with bright flashing lights.

The word Advent means 'to come' and during this time we are asked to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus. May this Advent season be a time for all of us to grow closer to Christ, the King who rules with love, and to share His message of hope and peace with those around us.

30th Anniversary Celebrations

On Thursday 28th of November, we were lucky enough to celebrate a beautiful Mass in the Courtyard, celebrating our 30th Anniversary of Catholic Education. The Mass was led by Archbishop Patrick O'Regan and Father Dominick. During the Mass, we prayed for the many blessings that God has bestowed on our community and asked for continued guidance, grace, and wisdom.

During the Mass, as we do every year on our feast day, we hear the Gospel of the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12). Archbishop Pat gave a beautiful homily on the importance of love and being peace givers.

At All Saints, we are truly blessed to work alongside those who may be:

- poor in spirit,
- those who mourn,
- the meek,
- those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
- the merciful,
- the pure in heart,
- the peacemakers,
- and those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake.

St Vincent DePaul Christmas Appeal

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has generously donated Christmas gifts and non-perishable food items for our St Vincent de Paul (St Vinnie's) Christmas Appeal. Your kindness and support will bring joy and relief to many families in need, helping them experience the true spirit of Christmas.

This season is a time to reflect on the message of giving and caring for others, as Jesus taught us. In Acts 20:35, we are reminded: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Your contributions not only provide practical support but also offer hope and love to those who may be struggling.

Thank you for being part of this meaningful mission to share Christ's love with others.

May the joy of Christ's birth fill your hearts and homes this Christmas. Wishing you and your family a blessed and holy Christmas season.



Christmas Mass Timetable

CHRISTMAS EVE TUESDAY 24 DECEMBER

St Luke's 6.00pm
Carols 11.20pm
MIDNIGHT

SCC 7.30pm

Willunga 7.00pm
MIDNIGHT

Aldinga 6.00pm

Normanville 6.00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY WEDNESDAY 25 DECEMBER

St Luke's 9.00am

Willunga 9.00am

Normanville 9.00am

NEW YEAR WEDNESDAY 1 JANUARY

At Luke's 9:00am

FROM THE SCHOOL COUNSELLOR
CARLY BEST



7 WAYS TO GIVE

WITHOUT SPENDING MONEY



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

What an unforgettable night we had at our Christmas concert last week! This year was extra special as we celebrated the grand finale of our 30th anniversary. Our talented students shone, performing a hit song from 1994 alongside some beautiful Christmas carols.

A huge highlight was the performance by the Junior Jazz Band from Cardijn College! Another was when Ms. Fensom donned a Santa suit while our Year 3 students sang "Santa, Wear Your Shorts Tonight." It brought so much joy and laughter to the evening!

And let's not forget the fantastic original song written by our very own Arlo, Dom, and Kai, who with the help of Year 5, led the school in song.

Thank you to everyone who joined us in celebrating this milestone. Here's to many more years of music and memories together!



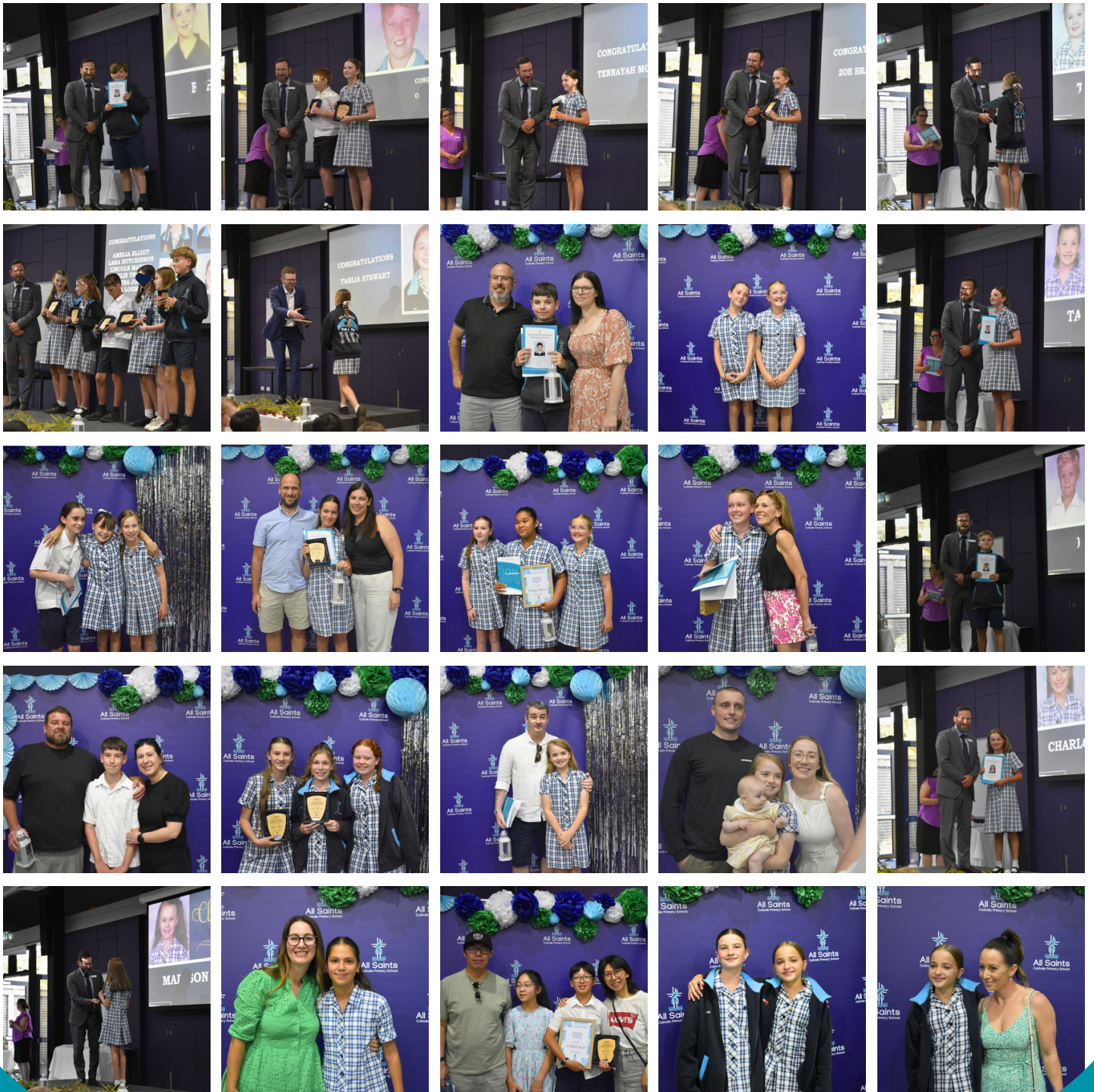
YEAR 6 GRADUATION

What a fantastic night we had at our Year 6 Graduation this week! Thank you to Principal Nick Wright, Deputy Principal Megan Lovering, and all the amazing staff: Mr K, Mrs Graff, Ms Roesler, Mr Holmesby, Mrs Burton and Fran for making this event a wonderful success. We also extend our gratitude to all the teachers and ESOs who have supported our 2024 graduating class throughout their journey at All Saints.

Congratulations to our incredible Year 6 students! As you embark on your high school adventure, know that we will miss you, but we are so proud of the individuals you have grown into during your time with us.

A special shoutout to our award winners:

- Cooper and Tahlia for Excellence in Sport
- Ethan and Audrey for Excellence in the Arts
- Academic Endeavour St. Mary McKillop: Amelia, Lara, Lincoln, Amelie, Sienna, and Luka
- Academic Excellence St John Bosco: Autumn, Ethan, Bailey, Alisia, Audrey, and Kian
- Social Justice St. Mother Teresa: Tennayah
- Chris Picton All Saints Stewardship and Service Award: Tahlia



REMINDERS

Sick Room Seeking R-2 Uniforms:

The sick room frequently lends out uniform items to students in need. To help us replenish our stock, we are seeking donations of any spare uniforms, particularly for students in Reception to Year 2. Your contributions would be greatly appreciated and would ensure that we have enough items on hand when needed.



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

LOST PROPERTY!

ABSENTEES

0418 117 541

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

The SMS should include the child's name, class, reason and length of absence.

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

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 or directly to your class teacher on their email

OR

via SMS: 0418 117 541

OR

by calling the Front Office on 8327 0020