



St. Andrews Primary School

Newsletter Term 2 - Issue 7

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From the Principal

This weekend we celebrate Mothers Day, the most charming, faithful and caring person you will ever meet, is your mother. Never miss a chance to say a big thank you to her! She is the reason you live and the reason you feel safe and happy.

PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Lord,

We thank you for your special gift of important women in our lives.

Thank you for the love they share with us in so many ways.

Thank you for their warmth,
For their ideas and understanding,
For all the times they listen to us.

Thank you for letting them see the good in us that sometimes we don't see in ourselves.
Help us to love and treasure them.
Keep them close to you always.

We ask this in the name of Jesus.

Amen

Mother's Day

Thank you- A big thank you to all those mums who have been working hard in organising for the Mothers Day Stall this week. They have managed to put together a good selection of gifts for the children to select from. The money raised from this activity will go to further technology resources. These resources are important and the fundraising helps us to continue to upgrade and improve what we currently have. Your support of these activities is gratefully accepted.

Enrolment 2018- We have begun the process of interviewing our kindy children in preparation for the 2018 school year. If you have any children commencing school next year it is important to return your application forms as soon as possible so that we can arrange interview times. Your support and cooperation in collecting and returning your enrolment forms as quickly as possible will be most appreciated. Thank you to all those parents who have been actively promoting our great school. We have to make sure that our learning facilities are fully utilised and your support in promoting our school benefits all of us especially your children.

Office News

Canteen– Now Available

Corn Cobs	\$1.00 each
Vege Burgers	\$3.50
Chicken Burgers	\$4.00
Beef Burgers	\$4.00
Cheese Burgers	\$4.50

Uniform Shop

Important! Due to construction works the uniform shop has relocated to the back of the school library. Hours of business remain the same.

The uniform shop is open every Monday 8.30-10.00am and Wednesday 8.30-10.00am.

Parents who cannot come in these hours can make an online order by downloading the order form from the school website and emailing the order to elle@ozfashions.com.au.

These orders need to be placed before Monday trading or Wednesday trading days to ensure they receive them on those days.

Orders will be sent to the office and they will be given to your child.

FOR ANY FURTHER ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT ELLE: [0421216414](tel:0421216414) or

EMAIL: elle@ozfashions.com.au

Second Hand Uniforms

The second hand uniform shop is open each Wednesday 8:30am to 9:00am.

Annulment Information Seminar

Solo Parent Services will be holding our annual seminar on Annulments in the Catholic Church for anyone interested in learning more about this process.

Date: Tuesday 23rd May **Time:** 6.45pm for 7pm start to 9pm. **Venue:** 38 Prince St, Blacktown (cnr First Ave) **Cost:** \$7.00. **Registration Essential:** Contact Rita Chater Ph: 8822 2222 or email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

Younger Widowed Support Group

This monthly support group is for men and women aged approx. 55 years or younger, who are facing life after the death of a spouse or partner to come together for support and sharing. **Date:** Third Tuesday of each month - next gathering 16th May. **Time:** 7pm -9pm **Venue:** 38 Prince St, Blacktown (cnr First Ave) **Cost:** \$5.00

For details and registrations please contact Rita Chater Ph: 8822 2222 or email soloparentservices@ccss.org.au



Invitation to Children in the Parish
You are cordially invited to actively participate in the...

May Flower Offering
to our
Blessed Virgin Mary

It is to be held on **Saturday, 13th May 2017** leading to the
6pm Vigil Mass.

It will start with the **Holy Rosary** at 4:45pm followed by the
flower offering to our Blessed Mother. (Children are invited
to bring a flower)

All children are encouraged to wear their Sunday best.



(St. Andrews Youth Word And Teaching)

Our next SAYWAT will be held on:

Friday, 19th May, 2017 at 7.00pm.

The theme for the night is:

"And the call isn't out there at all, it's inside me."

The evening commences with our Youth Mass
followed by supper and social & faith activities.

The evening will conclude by 10:00pm. We ask
parents to pick up the participants by this time.

The evening is open to all young people from
Yrs 4 to 12. Bring a friend and a \$2 donation.
SAYWAT is held on the third Friday of the month.

Spotlight on Sport

Edition 3

On Tuesday the 2nd of May, 45 students from St Andrews competed in the 2017 Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country Event at Sydney Motorsports Park at Eastern Creek. The children had a very successful day with all students finishing in the top third of their events.

Congratulations must go to the following students from St Andrews who have been selected to represent Parramatta Diocese in the upcoming PSSA State Cross Country Carnival:

Under 11 Boys

Amponsah Antwi - 1st in his age group – Western Division

Under 12 Boys:

Haroon Fadlalla— 5th and Patrick McMurrich— 6th in their age group – Western Division

A huge thank-you to all the parents and family members who assisted with transport and helped with supervision of the children to and from the marshalling area on the day. Your help was greatly appreciated by the teachers. A special thank you to Mrs McMurrich who worked on the course all day.

Late breaking news.

Congratulations to Maya Lobo in Year 6 Blue who has been selected in the 2017 MacKillop Girls Football side. Fantastic effort Maya, all the best for the future in your chosen sport.

Mr Graham Paynter
WHS/Sports Co-ordinator

P&F News



Hope everyone enjoyed the last minute edition to the P&F newsletter. A lot of the same themes in this week's edition. With Mothers Day on Sunday I would like to show my gratitude to all Mothers out there. In last week's edition, I had added some flowers and some kind words. So hoping you all get spoiled. If you don't, here is breakfast in bed on behalf of the P&F

The P&F also got together Monday night (1st May) to discuss upcoming events and ideas to raise money for the school. We also had an amazing update on technology and what is being used and

will be used within the school and it was truly amazing. I even asked if there was an adult's class that can be run so I can keep up with the language the kids are using.

One of our members, Denise, was recently invited along to the PRC - Parent Representative Council. Now Denise is a pretty positive and happy person normally but her excitement was barely being contained regarding the PRC update. It was an open forum and discussed very relevant subject matter. I can't wait to post the update in the next newsletter.

The next talk on the 29th May I think is very topical and I for one am looking forward to it.

Guest Speaker – Dr Justin Coulson

Topic – Raising Resilient Children

Catholic Learning Communities of St John XXIII, St Mark's Catholic College

Address: 160 Perfection Avenue Stanhope Gardens

Doors open 6.30 for 7.00pm start and will be held in the staff room , please enter via main school foyer

<http://www.prc.catholic.edu.au/event-details/prc-meeting-term-2>

Event: Mother's Day stall

Team Leader: Pauline Sultana

Mother's day stall is this week , thanks for the volunteers who have offered to help . Fingers crossed the kids can find something special.



Upcoming events – details to follow



Event: Sacred Heart Mass Morning tea

Team Leader: Maria and Elissa

When: Friday 23rd June

More details to follow however this is an important mass with an amazing morning tea to follow. What a great opportunity for all parents and parishioners to grab a cuppa together as a school community

P&F News—continued

Event: Disco

Theme: TBA

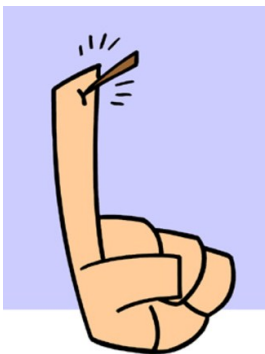
When: Infants Thurs 29th June
Yrs. 3 & 4 Wed 28th June
Yrs. 5 & 6 Tues 27th June

And last but not least my usual **Dads Joke**. Next edition I will adjust this section to include Dad Hacks so stayed tuned.

I rang the school to book a reservation in the Library , they said they were all booked out .



Dad Hack 1 – removal of splinters



As most parents will know tiny little splinters can bring even the strongest kids down (even at times some adults) well my 5 year old was no different.

I thought some pliers and a steady hand and I can remove it however I was instantly informed this was not going to work.

So I did what any Dad would do and rang my mates and below are the options you can do

- Apply sugar soap mix, wrap with a band aid and leave for 24hrs
- Apply vegemite, wrap with a band aid and leave for 24hrs
- Leave for 6-8 weeks it might grow out
- Apply baking soda, wrap in a band aid leave for 24hrs
- Apply duct tape for 30 mins, leave then pull off hopefully with splinter attached.

Truth is none of the above worked !!!! send in some of your own home remedies and I can add them here.

providing quality public transport



2nd May 2017

SCHOOL BUS 6068 - AM SERVICE

Dear Parents and Students,

Commencing **Monday 29th May 2017** there will be a change to the Morning **School Bus 6068**.
As detailed below:

School Bus 6068 will depart **Adrienne St & Lamb St** at **8:18am** and operate **10 minutes earlier** throughout the trip.

There are no other changes to **School Bus 6068**.

For further information please contact Busways Customer Service on **9497 1878** or **9497 1887**.
Alternatively visit our website at www.busways.com.au

Yours sincerely

BUSWAYS BLACKTOWN PTY LTD
(1755i) SB 6068 184B

Student of the Week



K Blue	Holly Gobrial	Angad Saggu
K Green	Cienna Cripps	Hannah Farag
K Red	Sean Willathgamuwa	Tiya Rabadia
K Yellow	Sheeya Jaganiya	Cooper Conlin
1 Blue	Aadi Sharma	Matilda Watts
1 Green	Mahli-Rose Brennan	Alexis Murray
1 Red	Manveer Gill	Jamie Herta
1 Yellow	Nathan Ojinna	Miles Parnis
2 Blue	Hannah Adrales	Name Withheld
2 Green	Shaun Christian	Ebonie Em
2 Red	Erica Robin	Jayden Ferguson
2 Yellow	Name Withheld	Michae'l Kenny
3 Green	Ondre Farag	Matthew Mackie
3 Red	Holly Gorringe	Name Withheld
3 Yellow	Tanisha Andradi	Harry Culbert
4 Blue	Zephaniah Mahusay	Jobella de la Cruz
4 Green	Lara Kearns	Luke Smith
4 Red	Jayda Amabile	Robert Orule
4 Yellow	Emerold Wong	Jamie Callus
5 Blue	Euleila Barrett	Danielle Dominello
5 Green	Aerona Sangalang	Eric Forcadilla
5 Red	Bridget Adigue	Bryce Vinensig
5 Yellow	Elizabeth Akinba	Aryan Rao
6 Blue	Nicola Gerardis	Maverick Tayson
6 Green	Bianca Infante	Thomas Formosa
6 Yellow	Tanisha Sharma	Vironika Raman

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every learner every day

ABSENCES ADD UP!



DID YOU KNOW



1 IN 6

PRIMARY STUDENTS ARE NOT
ATTENDING SCHOOL REGULARLY!

EACH DAY MISSED:

- ▶ Puts your child behind and makes it harder for them to catch up
- ▶ Can lead to lower achievement in reading, writing and numeracy
- ▶ Can lead to gaps in learning and social connections

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO



GOOD HABITS BEGIN EARLY



Good attendance starts in Kindergarten and sets students up for success in their school life



SCHOOLS ARE THERE TO HELP

If you're having attendance issues with your child, speak to your school about ways to address it.

TERM 2

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 Newsletter Week	April 24 Staff Development Day	25 ANZAC Day	26 Children return to school Term 2	27	28
2	May 1 P&F Meeting	2 Cross Country Eastern Creek Parish Mass Year 4 9am	3	4	5
3 Newsletter Week	8	9 NAPLAN Spelling Writing and Grammar Reconciliation 6B/6G 10am Reconciliation 6Y 11:30am	10 NAPLAN Reading	11 NAPLAN Numeracy Mother's Day Stall	12 Assembly 4R & 4Y Kinder Mother's Day Liturgy 9:15am Mother's Day Stall
4	15	16 Parish Mass Year 5 9am	17 Stage 1 Mass 9am	18	19
5 Newsletter Week	22	23 Reconciliation 3Y/3R 10am Reconciliation 3G 11:30am	24 Our Lady Help of Christians Feast Day	25	26 National Sorry Day
6	29	30 Parish Mass Year 6 9am	31	June 1	2 Assembly 1B & 1Y
7 Newsletter Week	5 Mass Stage 2 9am	6 Reconciliation 5R/5G 10am Reconciliation 5B/5Y 11:30	7	8	9
8	12 Public Holiday	13 Parish Mass Year 3 9am	14 Mass Stage 3 9am	15	16 Reports go home
9 Newsletter Week	19 Parent Teacher Interviews	20 Parent Teacher Interviews Reconciliation 4Y/4R 10am Reconciliation 4B/4G 11:30am	21 Parent Teacher Interviews	22	23 Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Whole School Mass 9:15am Assembly 5G & 5R
10	26	27 Parish Mass Year 2 9am Stage 3 Disco	28 Stage 2 Disco	29 Stage 1 & Kinder Disco	30 Last Day of Term 2