



St. Andrews Primary School

Newsletter Term 1 - Issue 4

13th March 2015

From the Principal's Desk

This week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week with some special activities on Friday, 13th March. Catholic Schools Week provides us with the opportunity to show you some of the many good things that the children are doing here at school. This week we hope to strengthen the relationships between all those who have a stake in our schools. It would be great to see many parents and grandparents attending on this day and supporting our work together here at St Andrews. The staff and your children really appreciate your attendance not only at these special celebrations but also your wonderful support throughout the year. It is great privilege for me to have spent over thirty years teaching in Catholic schools and being part of so many supportive and caring communities which is the real strength of Catholic education and not just the provision of an excellent education. All our Catholic schools try to encourage the children to take better care of each other by being more thoughtful and considerate to others. Your attendance at school celebrations and activities allows the children to see that there are many people around them who want to help so that they can become the best person that they can be. The children are doing some great work with numeracy and literacy and I thank all our teachers for all their hard work and care.

Congratulations to Kaya Lisowski on winning a highly commended certificate in Interrelate's 2015 'Say No to Bullying' poster competition. Kaya and her parents will attend a special awards ceremony with His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (retd), Governor of New South Wales next Friday at a special ceremony at the Power House Museum. Well done to Kaya for her contribution.

Talk to the Principal morning tea with parents-Next week on Friday 20th March we are having a morning tea commencing at 8:30am for parents to come along and enjoy each other's company and perhaps share your thoughts with me about our great school in a very informal way. I hope to have a morning tea like this each term to give everyone the opportunity to feel welcome and be part of the community. It gives me another opportunity to hear parents thoughts.

Quality Catholic Schools Survey- Commencing this week, sixty families have been randomly selected to participate in this survey. This is a valuable initiative for all Catholic schools in the Diocese of Parramatta to continue our focus on improving the learning outcomes of every student and ensuring our teachers have professional and rewarding working lives.

All Catholic schools in the Diocese of Parramatta are participating in QCS which will help to build on our successes to date and to identify ways in which we can continue to improve. As this is the second year of the survey, it will enable us to track our progress on those areas identified from last year's findings and included in our school planning.

Your views are very important and with the responses from staff and student surveys, will provide information about:

- Cultural behaviour
- Relationships
- Learning community

We have engaged external survey consultants, Insight SRC, to facilitate the collection and analysis of the data. For those families selected, your responses will not be available to your school or the Catholic Education Office (CEO) and individuals cannot be identified from the results, or from the information provided to schools or the CEO.

The value of QCS will be greatly enhanced by your thoughtful reflection on the areas surveyed. I thank those families selected for taking the time to complete the survey.

Safety and Consideration- I would like to remind everyone about the importance of safety around the school. Your children's safety is very important to all of us so I ask that no cars enter the staff car park. I have also noticed a number of people walking through the car park and I ask that you please set the example to your children by using the footpath either outside or inside the staff car park to ensure that we don't have any accidents. Thank you for your consideration for both of these things.

Enrolment 2016- I would just like to remind everyone that we have begun the process of enrolment for the 2016 school year. If you have a child beginning school next year now is the time to come and collect an enrolment form to begin this process. We also have some vacancies in some grades so if you know of anyone who is interested in enrolment your support and encouragement of St. Andrews is greatly appreciated.

Kind Regards
Michael Tonnet
Principal

Mrs Yalda's Free "Bookshop"

Once again we will be running our FREE 'bookshop ' this year. Children are welcome to come and take some books to read at home. The book shop is open at 11am on a Monday morning. Children do NOT need to pay or return books as the aim of the bookshop is to provide children with books to read so they can develop a love of literacy.

Many thanks to all the wonderful families who have donated preloved books to the school. The children love coming down to choose books which they are taking home and enjoying. It is so nice to see so many of them also getting books for their siblings.

If you or your family and friends have any more books or kids magazines which you would like to donate please send them in marked ATTENTION : MRS YALDA.

DID YOU KNOW? Non-government schools educate more than one-third of all NSW students, yet receive just 12% of the capital funding provided to schools by the NSW Government. Furthermore, non-government schools will receive almost 20% LESS funding in 2014/15 than they did six years ago – despite educating 33,600 more students in that time. This is why funding support from Federal and State Governments must keep pace with rising education costs - to maintain education quality and to ensure a Catholic education remains affordable for all families.

DISCOVER WHAT A MERCY EDUCATION CAN DO FOR YOUR DAUGHTER –

Year 7, 2017 Enrolment Information Evening

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta invites prospective families to the Year 7, 2017 Enrolment Information Evening at 4.45pm on **March 31**. Tour the College, collect an Enrolment pack, attend an information session, meet the College staff and enjoy a BBQ with the OLMC P&F. For enquiries, please contact the Registrar on 8838 1222 or email registrar@olmc.nsw.edu.au. Limited places available for Year 7 2016.

All Families

School Fees are now due. If you have paid thank you.
Please contact the school office on (02) 96716622 for any queries.
Payments can be made through Bpay, eftpos, cheque, cash or credit card.

Staff Development Day Monday 20th April



Birthdays

14/03/2015	Lorraine Biniahan, Isabella O'Dea, Cielo Carpio
15/03/2015	Alicia Henry
16/03/2015	Yuri Marcelino
17/03/2015	Isabella Cazar, Mya Xuereb
19/03/2015	Lily Bayrich, Deng Malok Deng
20/03/2015	Jacob Cubillo, Claudia Davis, Aliya Bernardo
21/03/2015	Jillyza Aldana
22/03/2015	Thomas Hancock, Antonio Ma'u, Anthony Cortese
23/03/2015	Angelo Marasigan, Amelia Mand
24/03/2015	Matthew Esmores, Melvyn David
26/03/2015	Diaco Lloyd-Jones, Amariah Penn-Gray, Anja Krha
27/03/2015	Billy Cruickshank
28/03/2015	Andrej Garcia, Katelyn Wichman
29/03/2015	Tanisha Sharma, Hudson Toenroe, Nikith Eedara, Stefani Tentsof, Erica Robin
30/03/2015	Charli Clements
01/04/2015	Matthew Martignago, Nitpreet Sandhu
02/04/2015	Sophie Kirkby, David Melki



Student of the Week

6Red	Allysa Domingo	Charlize Taranto
6Blue	Ethan Wong	Joshua Defredes
6Green	Riya Chauhan	Elijah Barret
6Yellow	Jayden Mallia	Christine Mboro
5Red	Alicia Futialo	Amy Butler
5Blue	Jeremy Mathias	Luigi Taniegra
5Green	Danny Petsas	Lachlon Felizardo
5Yellow	Rogan Smith	Max Garcia
4Red	Haroun Fadlalla	Mishthi Sharma
4Blue	Nyanbuot Deng	Vironika Raman
4Green	Caitlyn Singh	Malay Doshi
4Yellow	Alyssa Hallatt	Ellie Watts
3Red	Yisrael Defredes	Rabab Elrayah
3Blue	Timothy Okot	Maureen Wijaya
3Green	Alisha Dong	Bryce Vinsensig
3Yellow	Bishoy Shaker	Lilli Langley
2Red	Ella Bautista	Isaac Hay
2Blue	Jairus Dela Vega	Margaret Batay
2Green	Chantel Azari	Angelina Salama
2Yellow	William Alegado	Adam Krha
1Red	Geoffrey Atwal	Reyana Montecillo
1Blue	Kaelah Garcia	Divine Ojinna
1Green	Linah Sadiq	Deng Malok Deng
1Yellow	Tanisha Andrani	Ryan Pollock
KRed	Jasmine Cubillo	Sean Kleinig
KBlue	Rain Atuuu	Zachariah Lazaro
KGreen	Hazel Joshi	Nirmit Singh
KYellow	Layla Walsh	Zayne Bayrich

Parents and Friends News

Easter Egg Raffle Donations

Parents, it is time again for the Easter Egg Raffle. We are asking for donations of either boxed Easter eggs or eggs that are already packaged as a prize. Many single eggs are damaged in transit and once the foil/wrap has been torn and chocolate is exposed, we are unable to use them.



The children can give the donated eggs, raffle tickets and monies to their class teachers.



Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets are \$1 each and a book of 10 have been sent home, for additional books please see the office staff.

All tickets are to be returned with monies by **Friday 27th March 2015**.

The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 1st April 2015 by Mr Tonnet.

PLEASE REMEMBER, to write contact details on every ticket, INCLUDING the child's name and class of who you are purchasing from.

Morning Tea

Morning Tea with Mr Tonnet on Friday 20th March 8.30 - 10.30am.

Come along and have an informal chat with Mr Tonnet.

He can be contacted by email on mtonnet@parra.catholic.edu.au



The P & F Facebook page is no longer active as the school now has its own. For updates relating to the school we recommend you follow the school's page.



St. Andrew's Primary School

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DIOCESAN SCHOOL FEES 2015

Annual Diocesan Tuition Fee can be paid upfront at the start of the year or as three equal payments in Terms 1, 2 and 3. The fee is only charged for the first three (3) children currently enrolled in the diocese (in other words there is no additional Diocesan Tuition Fee for the fourth child attending a systemic school in the diocese or other participating Catholic schools – see 'Sibling Discounts' below.) To work out how much the fee is for each child, check the table below.

The 2015 Annual and Term Diocesan Tuition Fees are as follows:

ANNUAL FEES	No charge for 4 th + children	1 st Child 100%	2 nd Child 75%	3 rd Child 50%
Primary	Kindergarten	\$ 1,047	\$ 786	\$ 525
	Years 1 - 6	\$ 1,350	\$ 1,014	\$ 675
Secondary	Years 7 - 8	\$ 1,875	\$ 1,407	\$ 939
	Years 9 - 10	\$ 2,079	\$ 1,560	\$ 1,041
	Years 11 - 12	\$ 2,658	\$ 1,995	\$ 1,329
Building Levy	One Levy per Family per Year	\$ 702		

The 2015 Term rate for each of the first three terms is as follows:

TERM FEES	Charged in Terms 1,2 & 3	1 st Child 100%	2 nd Child 75%	3 rd Child 50%
Primary	Kindergarten	\$349	\$ 262	\$ 175
	Years 1 - 6	\$ 450	\$ 338	\$ 225
Secondary	Years 7 – 8	\$ 625	\$ 469	\$ 313
	Years 9 - 10	\$ 693	\$ 520	\$ 347
	Years 11 - 12	\$ 886	\$ 665	\$ 443
Building Levy	One Levy per family per Term	\$ 234		

ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL BASED FEES	TOTAL
Resource Fee	
One Levy per Student per Year	\$125
In School Activities per Student	\$36
Kinder In School Activity per student	\$15
Technology Fee	\$60
Year 3 Music Subject Fee	\$50

NB: If a student leaves the school during a term, no refund will be made in respect of the remaining portion of that term unless we receive ten weeks' notice in writing (please refer to the conditions of enrolment.)

THE INVITATIONS OF HOLY WEEK 2015

All parishioners are invited by Jesus Christ to experience our God's love by our presence at the liturgies of the coming week. All of us are encouraged to renew our commitment to Jesus Christ and his way of living by the renewal of our Baptismal Promises at our Easter Masses.

HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE 2015 -



CEREMONIES.....

WEEKDAY MASSES -

MONDAY (30TH MARCH)	9.00AM
TUESDAY (31ST MARCH)	9.00AM
WEDNESDAY (1ST APRIL)	9.00AM
[NO EVENING NOVENA MASS]	

WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL - CHRISM MASS

AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA AT 7.30PM

NO MORNING MASS... ON THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY OF HOLY WEEK

THURSDAY, 2ND APRIL - HOLY THURSDAY

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT 7.00PM



Minister of the Altar

We extend an Invitation to our Altar Servers, our Ministers of the Eucharist and our Acolytes. It is a tradition in St. Andrew's Parish for these *Ministers of the Altar* to renew their commitment at the *Mass of the Lord's Supper*. There is a Commissioning Service that takes place during this most wonderful Mass.

FRIDAY, 3RD APRIL - GOOD FRIDAY

10.00AM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

(PRESENTED BY THE STUDENTS OF ST ANDREW'S PRIMARY SCHOOL)

On Good Friday at 10.00am we come together as a parish family to walk the final journey of Jesus by prayerfully reflecting on the *Stations of the Cross*. This year, the Stations will be presented by our students from St Andrew's Primary School.

3.00PM - COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION



On Good Friday after the *Commemoration of the Lord's Passion* there will be prayers involved in the Novena that leads up to the *Feast of Divine Mercy* on Sunday 12th April. These Novena Prayers will continue in our Parish Church each morning as per our usual schedule.

SATURDAY 4TH APRIL - HOLY SATURDAY

6.00PM - EASTER VIGIL

SUNDAY 5TH APRIL - EASTER SUNDAY

MASS AT: 7.30AM, 8.45AM & 10.30AM



SACRAMENT OF PENANCE..... I would like to invite all parishioners to make the most of the opportunity to meet Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

SATURDAY 28TH MARCH AT 9.30AM [PARISH RECONCILIATION]

FRIDAY 3RD APRIL AT 11.00AM [PARISH RECONCILIATION]

SATURDAY 4TH APRIL AT 9.00AM [1ST RITE OF RECONCILIATION]



TERM 1

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 Newsletter Week	Jan 26 Public Holiday	27 Staff 1st Day of Term 1	28 Year 1 to Year 6 1st day Term 1 1st group Kinder 9am-12pm	29 2nd group Kinder 9am-12pm	30 3rd group Kinder 9am-12pm
2	Feb 2	3	4	5	6
3 Newsletter Week	9 Parent Information Evening 7pm Year 1 and Year 2	10	11 Parent Information Evening 7pm Year 3 and Year 4	12 Parent Information Evening 7pm Year 5 and Year 6	13 Opening School Mass—9:15am St Andrews Assembly 2:15pm-3:15pm
4	16 Parent Information Evening 7pm Kindergarten	17	18 Ash Wednesday 9:15am Zone Swimming	19 Kinder BBQ	20
5 Newsletter Week	23 P&F Meeting 7pm Panthers Players Visit	24	25	26	27 Primary Diocesan Swimming Carnival
6	March 2 Meet and Greet the Teacher Week	3	4	5	6 St Andrews Assembly 2:15pm—3:15pm
7 Newsletter Week	9	10 3/4 Disco	11 Infants Disco	12 5/6 Disco	13 Catholic Schools Week Mass—9:15am Open Classrooms
8	16	17	18	19	20 Principal's Morning Tea 8:30am St Andrews Assembly 2:15pm—3:15pm
9 Newsletter Week	23 Young Leaders Day	24	25	26	27 Primary Athletics Carnival
10	30	31	April 1 Easter Raffle	2 Holy Thursday Stations of the Cross Last Day of Term 1	3 Good Friday

TERM 2

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 Newsletter Week	April 20 Staff Development Day	21 First Day for Students Term 2	22	23	24
2	27	28	29	30	May 1
3 Newsletter Week	4 P&F Meeting 7pm	5 Confirmation Cross Country	6	7 Mothers Day Stall Soccer Stage 3 Girls	8 St Andrews Assembly 2:15pm-3:00pm
4	11	12 NAPLAN	13 NAPLAN	14 NAPLAN	15
5 Newsletter Week	18	19	20	21 Soccer Stage 3 Boys	22
6	25	26	27	28	29 St Andrews Assembly 2:15pm-3:00pm
7 Newsletter Week	June 1	2	3	4	5
8	8 Long Weekend No school	9 Confirmation Night	10	11	12 Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass 9:30am Reports go home
9 Newsletter Week	15 Parent/Teacher Interviews	16 Parent/Teacher Interviews	17 Parent/Teacher Interviews	18	19 St Andrews Assembly 2:15pm-3:00pm
10	22	23 Disco 3/4	24 Disco Infants	25 Disco 5/6 Soccer Stage 2 Boys	26 Last Day of Term 2

BARGAINS GALORE – ‘Downsizing Garage Sale’

* 3- Person, Sit-on-Top Kayak (3.9m, ‘Gemini’):

2 yro, excellent con; 2 strong moulded handles; rear wheel; light weight pulling trolley; 2 fishing rod holders..... \$790 ono

* Dining /Outdoor Entertainment Set:

Safety Glass top; Black aluminium frame, 4 matching stackable chairs; sits 6 comfortably, can fit 8. Kept indoors, like new condition! Dimensions: 1840x1080mm. \$159 ono.

* Eight-in-One Entertainment Games Table:

2- Man Hand Soccer; Electric Air Hockey; Mini Table Tennis... All parts accounted for; Di-
mensions: 1160x620mm; fun for whole family! \$49

* Outdoor, 4-Activity Swing Set: Well preserved -no rust! \$75 - deliver locally!)

* Dozens of children/youth board games -I still in original boxes & intact! \$5-8 ea.

* Books: HSC Science & IT texts; General chn’s reading books (5-13 yrs)

WHERE: 13 Noora Place, MARAYONG.

WHEN: Sat-Sun 14th-15th March

TIME: 8:30-5:00pm

Kevin: (0497-176-717).

Piano Tuition

Places available for lessons in
piano and music theory.

Please contact Michael at
0405945117 or 98314538



Keeping Kids In Mind

A Course for Parents Experiencing Conflict After Separation



PARRAMATTA

Parents love their children and want the best for them. However, after separation, parenting often gets much tougher.

Keeping Kids in Mind is a 5 week course for separated parents who are experiencing on-going conflict. The course is designed to:

- assist parents to see through their children's eyes the experience of parental separation.
- develop greater understanding about how to support children following family separation

The course covers the following topics:

Grief and Loss after Separation
The Hidden World of Children
Rebuilding Resilience
Bridging the Gap
Looking Back, Moving Forward



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Dates: Term 2 2015 Evening group

Over 5 Wednesdays
6 May to 3 June 2015

Time:
6:00pm to 8.30pm

Venue:
CCSS Parramatta
2A Villiers Street,
Parramatta NSW 2150

Fee:
\$100 includes handbook
(Concessions can be negotiated)

Bookings Essential:
02 9933 0222

All participants must register their interest in attending the course and participate in a pre-group interview prior to the course.

Keeping Kids in Mind is facilitated by qualified and experienced educators and counsellors.

Certificate of Attendance provided



CatholicCare Social Services SOLO PARENT SERVICES

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM—BLACKTOWN

For men and women who grieve the death of their spouse or partner.



Tuesdays fortnightly: 3rd Feb — 12th May 2015

An opportunity for those who are widowed to further understand and come to terms with the many ways in which grief impacts on their lives.

An opportunity to ask questions, explore and learn more about the ways in which grief unfolds and how best to deal with the unsuspecting challenges and difficulties of the uncharted waters of this long and painful journey.

**WHEN WE ARE LISTENED TO WITH EMPATHY, WE ARE CONSOLED IN
OUR GRIEF, OUR LONELINESS IS ALLEVIATED AND
CONNECTIONS ARE CREATED AMONGST US**

Eight Workshop Topics

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| 1. <i>Physical Effects of Grief</i> | 5. <i>Tasks of Grief</i> |
| 2. <i>Images & Frameworks for Understanding Grief</i> | 6. <i>Grief or Depression?</i> |
| 3. <i>Dealing with Intense Emotions</i> | 7. <i>Continuing Bonds with the Deceased</i> |
| 4. <i>Social Effects of Grief</i> | 8. <i>Normal Grief Responses</i> |

VENUE: 51-59 Allawah St
Blacktown

DAY/TIME: 10.00 am — 12.00 pm
Tuesdays, Fortnightly
3rd Feb - 12th May

FEE: \$5.00 per Session

FACILITATOR: Eileen Quade.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Ph. 9933 0205
soloparentservices@ccss.org.au



By Your Side

CATHOLICCARE SOCIAL SERVICES Solo Parent Services

Younger Widowed Bereavement Support Group



Has your spouse or partner died and are you searching for someone who understands the enormity of your loss and the impact this is having on your life and your children?

Do you long to connect with others who have experienced a similar loss?

Are you unsure of how to assist your children through their grief?
Would you like support as you deal with your changed circumstances?

We welcome you to our Monthly Support Group

VENUE: CCSS Centre 51 – 59 Allawah St., Blacktown

DATE: 3rd Tuesday of each Month (Feb – Dec)

TIME: 7.00pm – 9.00pm

COST: \$5.00

REGISTRATION

Solo Parent Services

PHONE: Eileen or Rita - PH: 9933 0205

EMAIL: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

Visit WWW.CCSS.ORG.AU  www.facebook.com/CCSSParramatta



DIVE IN MOVIES

at
Mount Druitt Swimming Centre

ICE AGE 4

Float in the pool or set up a family picnic on the grass as you relax and enjoy a movie under the stars.

Saturday 14 March 2015

Doors open 7pm and the movie will screen at 8.15pm.

Cost: **\$5.00** per adult
\$2.00 per child
\$10.00 per family
(includes 2 adults and up to 3 school aged children).

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!
DON'T MISS OUT!



Purchase Tickets at Mount Druitt Swimming Centre

For more information phone: **(02) 9625 6360**

Mount Druitt Swimming Centre Mount Street,
Mount Druitt NSW 2770

Blacktown City Council



Year 7, 2017
Enrolment Information Evening

Tuesday March 31, 4.45pm

*A Mercy Education is
treasured for life*

Enquiries: 8838 1222 or registrar@olmc.nsw.edu.au

www.olmc.nsw.edu.au



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2016 & 2017

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