



St. Andrews Primary School

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From the Principal

Welcome back as we begin term four. I hope you had a chance to share some quality time with your children during the school break. Next week we begin the process of introducing next year's kinder students to big school which is very exciting for everyone. A special thanks to all the staff for making this transition a smooth one for these children. It made me think that our kinders this year have almost completed their first year of schooling. These children will complete year 12 in 2028, what will the world look like then? This poses an interesting question for us. Are we providing an education for our children that will meet their needs when they complete their schooling? This is the question that we have been asking ourselves as we continue to improve the school and the education we are providing. We are blessed to have a wonderful group of teachers and staff who work extremely hard for the children in their care. To be a teacher is a ministry of service, of dedication and of passion. To care, guide, encourage and challenge each child in the class is a special talent. Could you do it? We need to keep encouraging our teachers to be learners themselves so that we can continue to offer the children a vibrant and relevant education in our rapidly changing world. You can help by supporting your child's teachers and encouraging them with your kind thoughts and prayers.

Every year Catholic Mission name the month of October as World Mission Month. Catholic Mission is the official mission and aid agency of the Catholic Church. They operate in 160 countries around the world and support initiatives in 1100 dioceses. They aim to give all people the opportunity to have an enriched life regardless of race, religion and gender. Mission is all about our outreach to others and sharing our good fortune with those less fortunate and this spirit and outreach is alive and well in our community. In my parish, last Sunday, we were again challenged to be more conscious of the needs of others and encouraged to think of the many ways in which we can have a positive influence on the world. It is not all about money but also in the way we choose to interact with others- our kind words, pleasant greetings and small acts of kindness can often have a huge impact on the lives of other people. This Friday, the school captains, Mrs Whiticker and myself will be attending the Mission mass at St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta.

This term, the staff will begin the process of formulating class groupings for 2017. **I believe the staff is in the best position to formulate these groups.** It is important that parents also have the opportunity to provide us with specific information on your child's needs that may not have already been known by the school but which needs to be considered before groups are formed. If you have any specific information which you feel we need to know about when considering the groups for next year could you please forward them **Attention Mr Tonnet by Friday, 23rd October.** I trust that you understand that as a staff we endeavour to make the best decision we can in regards to your child's placement in specific groups. It is important that any information you wish to be provided is done by **Friday, 23rd October.** It is important that you provide this information in writing to ensure that all the information required is available to us before formulating groups.

We look forward to a productive and rewarding last term for 2016.

Kind Regards
Michael Tonnet
Principal

Buses and Opal cards- During this week a bus inspector was checking that the children were using their Opal cards while boarding the bus. About only 50% of the children were using their cards. I had a conversation with the bus inspector about this and he informed me that the bus companies use this information gathered from the cards to allocate buses and routes used according to the number of children tapping on using their Opal cards. If the children don't tap on, it could mean that we will lose the bus service and or routes. It is important that the children tap on using their opal cards otherwise we might lose bus services. Could you please ensure the children have their Opal cards to ensure that we keep our buses.

Office News

New Accounting System

As you may be aware a new accounting system has been installed. The office staff have been provided with the necessary training for the system. However, like anything new it will take time to become proficient in its use. We do acknowledge that parents may be on a tight time schedule but during this initial stage we do ask parents to be understanding and patient as we try to assist you to the best we can.

During this time we are unable to process any payments after 3pm.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your kind understanding.

Lost Property

Please check St Andrews lost property located in the passageway near school canteen for any lost items. Please also remember to clearly mark your child's name on each item of your their clothing and to include lunch boxes, drink bottles, library bags etc. This will ensure that if the item is lost it will be returned to your child.

Thank you for your assistance.

Uniform Shop

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.

Canteen News

On sale at lunch time only

Life Saver	\$2.00
Fandangles Fairy Floss	\$2.00
Zooper Dooper various flavours	\$0.80
Icy Pole Lemonade	\$1.50
Icy Pole Raspberry	\$1.50
Frozen Yoghurt Strawberry	\$2.50

Rescheduled Infants Sports Carnival

Tuesday 25th October 2016

The Infants Sports Carnival will be held on Tuesday 25th October on the oval of St Andrew's Primary School. The carnival will begin at 9am and be completed by approximately 3pm. Please note that this is a normal school day and that children are expected to remain at school for the duration of the carnival.

The children need to wear their sports uniform and are permitted to wear a t-shirt in their team colour. They will also need to bring a towel or small mat to sit on as the grass may aggravate some of the children or it may be slightly damp. Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled.

The children will sit in their House Team all day under large shade tents and will be permitted to have recess and lunch with their parents. Parents are invited to watch their children compete throughout the day from the designated Parent Area which runs from the "starting line" all the way down to the "finishing line" - along the Breakfast Road fence line.

Children are to bring their recess and lunch in a small backpack. No Lunch Orders will be taken on the day. A small canteen will be set up on the oval for parents to purchase drinks (plus a coffee van will be available) and the P & F will be busy cooking and preparing all "Sausage Sizzle" lunch orders.

We look forward to seeing you cheering your children and their house colour!



Parents and Friends



Welcome back to Term 4 , who is excited ? I know like most kids I am excited as the countdown to Christmas holidays are on..... Woo hoo!

What were some of the cool adventures that your family participated in during the recent holidays?

I had received some feedback and stories from a few families about camping trips as well as shopping trips. Feel free to share some more stories and we can add some of the better stories to next newsletter.

For all those working parents, I understand holidays are a tough time to organise leave. Often then kids are jumping from place to place. Again, I feel for you as juggling the kids is difficult.

This term there is a lot to cover off and like most parents make sure you download or have on hand the St Andrews link to the calendar this has saved me on many occasions where my son says something is on and we have an adult to 5 year old "discussion".

Visit this website to view the School Calendar with all the upcoming school events.

<http://bit.ly/2dIBSWv>

****Rescheduled INFANTS Sports Carnival ****

I know many have been asking now that the weather is a little better when will be the infants sports carnival , well great news see below new date

****Infants sports carnival, as it has been rescheduled to October 25.****

Current events:

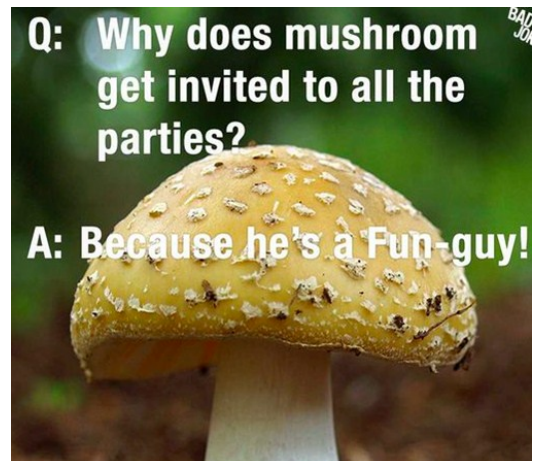
- Kinder transition starts next week

Coming Events :

- Book sale extravaganza in mid November
- Christmas concert
- Gingerbread house extravaganza

More details will follow on these but for now get settled in Term 4 has begun and enjoy my dads joke of the week....

And now for a bad Dads joke –



Spotlight on Sport

Celebration success for two St Andrew's students.

Congratulations to Amelia Cousins who has been selected in the NSW State Softball Team. Amelia will now represent NSW in the National Titles. What a fantastic achievement for a young lady who has worked hard to reach the highest of level in her sport. Well done Amelia!



Congratulations to all the students who have represented the school, the zone and Diocese in the recent Athletics Carnivals.

A special mention to Amposah Antwi who will represent all Parramatta Diocesan schools in the challenging 200 metre race in State Titles. Good luck Amponsah! We all hope that you will also represent your state in the future.

Mr Graham Paynter
WHS and Sports Coordinator



Catholic Education
Diocese of Parramatta

2017 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials

Any Primary students enrolled in Parramatta Diocesan Schools in Year 5 and 6 in 2017 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term Four of 2016 (Summer Sports - Basketball, Cricket, Softball & Tennis) and Term One/Two in 2017 (Winter Sports - AFL, Football, Hockey, Netball, Rugby League League, Rugby Union & Touch).

It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an above average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport. While teams are open in age it is **strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in Years 5 & 6 in 2017 be invited to attend.**

Parramatta Diocesan trials in 2017 will be held in the following sports:

*AFL (boys), Diving (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Football (B&G), Golf (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Netball (girls), Rugby League (11yrs & Opens), Rugby Union (boys), & Touch(B&G).

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed via the website www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au. This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2017 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. You may complete this form to attend a selection trial or if you have been selected in a representative squad or team. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport. Each sport has its own criteria therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed.

Please note that your online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and **MUST be approved by your child's school**. In order for your child to attend the nominated trial or event this may come down to the discretion of your school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports only 2 students per school can be nominated. **Please complete all fields and especially "Representative Experience"**.

Please ensure that the **SUBMIT button** has been pressed upon completing the form and notification email will be sent to the parent/guardian listed on the form confirming this expression of interest has been received.

Your child's school will notify you one week prior to the trial date if your child is to attend to the Parramatta Diocesan trial for their selected sport by providing a trial information sheet.

Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.

Summer Sports Registrations close Friday 28th October 5pm.
Winter Sports Registrations close Friday 3rd February 5pm.

Please contact your school sports coordinator for any further information.

Yours In Sport,

Margaret Thornton

Teaching Educator – Primary Sport
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2017 Team Sport Trials

Parramatta Diocese 2017 Information For Parents of **current Year 4 and Year 5 students**

– Registration window open only for AFL, Basketball, Cricket, Softball & Tennis

Dear Parents,

Parramatta Diocesan Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2017 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term Four in 2016 and in 2017. It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an above average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport. While teams are open in age it is **strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in years 5 & 6 in 2017 be invited to attend**. To facilitate this, Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports:

Sport	Age Group	Trial Date	Nominations Open	Registration closing date
AFL	Open boys & girls	15 th February 2017	Open 13 Oct 2016	Friday 3 rd February 2017
Basketball	Open boys & girls	15 th November 2016	Open 13 Oct 2016	Friday 28 th October 2016
Cricket	Open boys & girls	11 th November 2016	Open 13 Oct 2016	Friday 28 th October 2016
Diving	10/11yrs & 12/13yrs girls & boys	Term One 2017	Nominations Open in 2017	Registration via CSSS in 2017
Football (Soccer)	Open boys & girls	2 nd March 2017	Nominations Open in 7 Nov 2016	Friday 3 rd February 2017
Golf	Open boys & girls	Term Three 2017	Nominations Open in 2017	Registration via CSSS in 2017
Hockey	Open boys & girls	6 th March 2017	Nominations Open in 7 Nov 2016	Friday 3 rd February 2017
Netball	Open girls	14 th March 2017	Nominations Open in 7 Nov 2016	Friday 3 rd February 2017
Rugby League	Open boys & 11yrs boys – NB. No State team selected for 11 yrs	15 th March 2017	Nominations Open in 7 Nov 2016	Friday 3 rd February 2017
Rugby Union	Open boys	28 th April 2017	Nominations Open in 7 Nov 2016	Friday 3 rd February 2017
Softball	Open boys & girls	16 th November 2016	Open 13 Oct 2016	Friday 28 th October 2016
Tennis	Open boys & girls	21 st November 2016	Open 13 Oct 2016	Friday 28 th October 2016
Touch	Open boys & girls	29 th March 2017	Nominations Open in 7 Nov 2016	Friday 3 rd February 2017

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed via the website www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au ~ Click on "REP SELECTIONS" tab and scroll down to the SPORT you wish to register for and click on the "REGISTER" button below the heading "PDCPSSC Expression of Interest Registration Form". **Each sport has a different registration criteria.**

This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2017 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. You may complete this form to attend a selection trial or if you have been selected in a representative squad or team. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport and when completed, click SUBMIT.

Please note that your online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and **MUST be approved by your child's school**. In order for your child to attend the nominated trial or event this may come down to the discretion of your school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports only 2 students per school can be nominated. **Please complete all fields and especially "Representative Experience".**

Your child's school will notify you one week prior to the trial date if your child is to attend to the Parramatta Diocesan trial for their selected sport by providing a trial information sheet.

Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.

\$5.00 trialling fee is payable on the day for **after school trials** & \$8.00 trialling fee is payable on the day for **half day and full day trials**.
– This is to be paid to your school once your child has been approved and confirmed to attend the Parramatta Diocesan Trials.

Please note that the full day trials will be for boys cricket, boys soccer, boys rugby league & boys rugby union.

Due to the popularity of boys cricket, boys soccer and girls netball a maximum of 2 children only are eligible to trial from each school. Selection of the 2 boys and girls will be made jointly by the school sport coordinator and principal. Discretion can be sought.

Half day trial for tennis and netball... all other trials will be held after school beginning at 4pm.

MACKILLOP TRIAL

It should be noted that the main purpose of the Mackillop trial is to select a team to compete at the NSWPSA Championships. The Inter-Diocesan MacKillop Trial is not a competition although a round robin format is often used to facilitate the selection procedure.

NSW PSSA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Children who are successful at being selected in the Mackillop team will compete at the NSWPSA Championships. These championships involve three or four days of competition at various locations in NSW. Children selected in these teams may also be required to attend training sessions. At the NSW PSSA Championships a State team will be selected to participate at the School Sport Australia Inter State Exchange for some sports.

SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA

To be considered for selection in the NSWPSA state team for participation at all School Sport Australia 12 Years & Under championships: Students must be turning between the ages of 10 and 12 in the year of competition i.e. Students turning the ages of 8, 9 and 13 in the year of competition are not eligible for NSWPSA State selection.

Please note the following information:

- Parents are responsible for all transport and supervision arrangements and **must remain to supervise their child at the trial at all times.**
- Children need to generally be of representative standard.
- Attendance at training days, where applicable is compulsory.
- The selector's decisions are final.
- **Parents will need to make their own travel arrangements for children representing Parramatta at Inter-Diocesan MacKillop trials. This may mean travel to Sydney, Wollongong, Canberra, Wagga or Forbes.**
- Please be aware that the teacher conducting the trial and accompanying the team to the venue is a "Team Manager" ~ not a coach.

If you would like your child to participate in one of the Parramatta Diocesan trials **please complete the Team Online Registration Form** that can be accessed via the website www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au ~ Click on "REP SELECTIONS" tab and scroll down to the **SPORT** you wish to register for and click on the "REGISTER" button below the heading "PDCPSSC Expression of Interest Registration Form".

SUMMER SPORTS NOMINATIONS close Friday 28th October 2016 for the sports of Basketball, Cricket, Softball & Tennis.

WINTER SPORTS NOMINATIONS close Friday 3rd February 2017 for the Sports of AFL, Football, Hockey, Netball, Rugby League, Rugby Union & Touch

Information regarding the team sport trials can be found on the Primary Sport website www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au and the **Primary Sport Parramatta Diocese Facebook**.

Good luck to all athletes as they progress through the School Sports Pathway.

Kind Regards,

Margaret Thornton

Teaching Educator Primary Sport ~ CEO Parramatta

WEBSITE: www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au

BASKETBALL 2016 - PARRAMATTA Primary Sport TEAM Registration Form (PDCPSSC)

Thank you for your response. You will receive notification from your school closer to the date of the trial if your child meets or does not meet the criteria for trials.

This is the message that appears once the registration has been submitted correctly.

Click on "REP SELECTIONS" tab and scroll down to the **SPORT** you wish to register for and click on the "REGISTER" button below the heading "PDCPSSC Expression of Interest Registration Form".

Student of the Week



K Blue	Hudson Mulroney	Matilda Watts
K Green	Hope Caruana	Ranjot Kaur
K Red	Ann Atienza	Luka Bastalic
K Yellow	Summer Guillaumier	Montunraye Akinba
1 Blue	Ashton Poon	Savannah Graff
1 Green	Layla Walsh	Harley Oakley
1 Red	Name Withheld	Andre Ramos
1 Yellow	Eveleen Grewal	Kiara Bartley
2 Blue	Geoffrey Atwal	Elaina Quinn
2 Green	Name Withheld	Holly Gorringer
2 Red	Harry Culbert	Darcy Cruikshank
2 Yellow	Deng Jonbai Deng	Nicholas Tan
3 Blue	Rishaan Shrestha	Angus Rice
3 Green	Lily Aldrich	Matthew Sotto
3 Red	Makoi Malual	Elexis Stone
3 Yellow	Isabella Cazar	Tyler Isaïs
4 Blue	Name Withheld	Nathan Andronicus
4 Green	Name Withheld	Nicholas Tsiakoulas
4 Red	Jeremiah Stone	Akshita Rabadra
4 Yellow	Alicia Henry	Jennifer Assi
5 Blue	Jordan Billedo	Drew Beattie
5 Green	Heaven Michael	Haroun Fadlalla
5 Yellow	Name Withheld	Name Withheld
6 Blue	Jemma Lewis	James Tipping
6 Green	Jasmine Alsford	Damon Devine
6 Red	Lorraine Biniahan	Aaliyah Ashraf
6 Yellow	Nicholas Tyra	Jeremy Mathias

TERM 4

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 Newsletter Week	10 October	11	12 School Photos— Summer Uniform	13	14
2	17	18	19 Kinder Transition	20	21
3 Newsletter Week	24	25 Infants Sports Carni- val—Rescheduled	26 Kinder Transition	27	28 St Andrews Assembly 6B & 6Y Year 5/6 Mercy Door
4	31	1 November All Saints Day Mass 9:15am (Mass includes All Souls Day)	2 All Souls Day Kinder Transition	3	4
5 Newsletter Week	7	8	9 Kinder Transition Year 3 Excursion— Australiana Village	10	11
6	14 St Andrews Book Sale Extravaganza (all Week)	15 St Andrews Book Sale Extravaganza (all Week)	16 St Andrews Book Sale Extravaganza (all Week)	17 St Andrews Book Sale Extravaganza (all Week) Kinder Liturgy	18 St Andrews Assembly 3R & 3Y St Andrews Book Sale Extravaganza (all Week)
7 Newsletter Week	21	22	23	24 School Photos— Sports	25
8	28	29 Stage 2 Disco	30 Kinder Orientation Day Infants Disco	1 December Stage 3 Disco	2
9 Newsletter Week	5 Stage 1 Mass 9:15am Orientation After- noon Year 1 to 6 new students	6	7 Christmas Concert 7pm—8pm	8	9 St Andrews Assembly Year 5 Reports go home to parents Year 2 Excursion— Powerhouse Museum Year 6 Farewell Disco
10	12	13	14	15	16 Last Day of School for Students
11	19 Staff Development Day	20 Staff Development Day			