



# St. Andrews Primary School

## Newsletter Term 1 Week 3

14th February 2014

### From the Principal's Desk

This week at  
St. Andrews

#### Mon 17th Feb

- Parent Information Evening Kindergarten

#### Fri 21st Feb

- Kinder Welcome BBQ 6 pm

#### Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb

- P/F meeting - 7pm

Going home with  
this week's  
newsletter...

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Thank you to all those parents who were able to attend the Parent Information Evenings. The feedback that I had was very positive. The staff wish to thank you for your support. I know it is extremely difficult to fit everything into our busy lives but it is important to your children that you have the information you need to ensure that your child has a successful year in their new classes. For those of you who were unable to attend I stressed how important it is for you to support your child's teacher during the year. The best way to do this is to keep yourselves fully informed, to ask questions if you are worried or concerned by your child's progress, to support your child's learning through their homework and particularly how they are progressing towards the grade's literacy and numeracy expectations. I expect that this year will again be a successful learning year for your children by following these simple suggestions and supporting your children's teachers.

To work hard is a tremendous value to develop early in life. I have spoken to some of the children about this. None of your children will reach their learning potential unless they do the hard work that is required to continue to develop. It is also great in preventing things like boredom setting in. Working hard is essential for the children in learning basic skills in Literacy and Numeracy which are the foundations to other learning. I would particularly encourage all the children to spend some home time with regularly reading. This is essential particularly for the children in Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 in practicing their reading every night. The children will not be able to reach our expectations for them without the reading practice every night. It is important for parents with children in these grades to ensure that the children are doing this practice. If you are unsure of how to approach this please speak with your child's teacher.

**P/F Meeting** The first P/F meeting will be held on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm. This is one way for you to contribute further to life of the school. I really appreciated the support at my previous school from the P/F. Being the principal can be a difficult task at times and I appreciate all the support that I can get. It would be nice to get a few people from every class group to come along to my first meeting.

**Morning Drop Off** One of the most important tasks for teachers is preparation and preparation for the day's learning takes place after official hours in most cases. Teachers as a condition of their employment must be at school thirty minutes before the scheduled start time (8:20am). Of course it would be impossible to run a school effectively if teachers stuck strictly to these minimal expectations. Teachers more often than not are here well before these times.

In my first few weeks here at St Andrews I have been worried about the number of children that are here at school well before the start time of the school day and sitting outside the school gates. Just last week there was a police pursuit at high speed down breakfast road before the school starting time. It is not appropriate to be dropping children off at school before 8:20am as there is no teacher on duty until 8:20am. **Morning supervision begins at 8:20am.** If your child arrives before 8:20am and the gate is open they are to come in and sit down in the undercroft area until a teacher arrives at 8:20am for morning supervision. This should not be occurring on a regular basis. Your cooperation with this arrangement is appreciated. Please no students before 8:20am unless there is a family emergency.

**After school pickup/parking.** It is always difficult at the beginning of each new school year with dismissal in the afternoons. I would ask all of you to remember the importance of safety. Your children are precious and it is important that everyone is able to leave the school grounds safely. It is also important that we look after the schools neighbours in the afternoon and not block their driveways as does happen. I understand the difficulties with the pick up in the afternoons. Please do not enter the staff carpark, either in the morning or afternoon.

*Kind Regards*  
*Michael Tonnet*  
*Principal*

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO ARE WIDOWED

CCCSS Solo Parent Ministry is commencing two Bereavement Support Programs within the next few weeks. Seasons for Growth is a five week Program that commences on 19<sup>th</sup> Feb at Glenbrook, between 10.30 and 12.30. If we do not have a required number for this Program we will postpone it for a couple of weeks. The other Program is an 8 Session Bereavement Support Program that runs every fortnight at Blacktown between 10.00 and 12.00 and commences on 4<sup>th</sup> March (This was postponed due to lack of numbers on 4<sup>th</sup> Feb). Both of these Programs provide education and personal support within a small group setting, assisting those who grieve the death of their spouse to better understand the process of grief and to be supported in moving forward gently but assuredly in the midst of deep pain and loss. For further details and registration for both of these Programs contact Eileen or Rita on 9933 0205 or [soloparentministry@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentministry@ccss.org.au)

## Sacramental Program Dates

### **Sacrament of First Holy Communion**

*[For children in Year 3 and above who have made their first Reconciliation.]*

Registration Period begins: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014  
Registration Evening: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014  
Classes (including Mass): Sundays 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Date of Sacrament: Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2014 [8.45am or 12.15pm]

### **Sacrament of Confirmation**

*[For children in Year 5 and above who will have made their First Holy Communion before the Confirmation Ceremony.]*

Registration Period begins: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014  
Registration Evening: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2014  
Classes (including Mass): Sundays 18<sup>th</sup> May & 25<sup>th</sup> May 2014

Date of Sacrament: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2014 [7.00pm]

### **Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation)**

*[For children in Year 2 and above who have been baptised.]*

Registration Period begins: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014  
Registration Evening: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2014  
Classes (including Mass): Sundays 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> August 2014

Date of Sacrament: *[Choose one]*

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August or Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August or Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2014 [All 9.30am]

*Parish Sacramental Team*

*Parish of St Andrew the Apostle, Marayong*

## Birthdays

09/02/14

Kaelah Garcia

13/02/14

Giorgia Hurlstone, Kelsie Guerrero, Hayden Reeder, Lara Childs

14/02/14

Olivia Saad, Emilia Milas, Daniella Dominello, Tohan Fadlalla, Achuil Makog

## Newsletter

Parents will be informed of the email address to subscribe to for the St Andrews Newsletter to be emailed to them in the coming weeks. As of Term 2 the newsletter will not be printed and parents will be emailed the newsletter which will be published fortnightly.

## Staff Car Park

Parents are reminded **NOT** to park in staff car park. The practice of not parking in the car park has been established for many reasons. The most important one is children's safety. There have been some very close mishaps with cars reversing and not seeing children. It would be terrible for an accident to occur before this practice is taken seriously.

### **PLEASE DO NOT PARK, DROP OFF OR PICK UP CHILDREN IN THE TEACHER'S CAR PARK.**

*Other alternatives for parking are:*

#### **NO 1 Zone: JPIL Car Park:**

Drive in the parking area, drive to the side gate near Father Ron's garage. Stop. Drop off the children, then drive on out of the car park. Don't allow children to exit the car until you come to a complete stop at the gate. Please have children alight from the passenger's side. The children enter the school grounds via the gate beside the Church.

#### **No 2 Zone: Back Gate:**

Come off the Falmouth Road onto Marampo Street then Caratel Crescent, Nunga Place. Drop the children off at the back walkway entrance then drive on. It will save you looking for a park.

**Dropping Off Under the Church Portico-** this practice is **ONLY** in the morning

- Children are to alight after the car has come to a complete stop under the church portico
- Children are to **ONLY** exit from the left hand doors
- Drivers remain in the car at all times
- Primary children enter the school through the top gates
- Infants children walk along the pathway and enter the school through the front gates
- No child should walk onto the driveway or need to walk through parked cars

**No car is to be parked in this area of an afternoon – it is NOT a carpark.**

## OLMC Parramatta Open Day - Sunday March 2

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta invites you to its 2014 Open Day on Sunday March 2, 2014.

Discover the College's rich tradition and cutting edge education, enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' and join in the celebrations as we mark 125 years of Mercy Excellence at OLMC in 2014

Dear Parents,

If you would like to help in the classroom or within the school for special events you need to complete the Child Protection Module Online. This involves you completing a Child Protection course, as this needs to be renewed every two years. This will keep you on the current helpers list.

### **Online Training Module—Child Protection for Volunteers**

The online training module is a Catholic Education Office requirement that child protection training be completed by all volunteers commencing work in our schools and needs to be renewed every two years for existing volunteers. An online training module for use by volunteers is now available. After successfully completing the module, an email notification will be sent automatically to the volunteer's email address and to the Catholic Education Office email address. The email is a confirmation that the training has been successfully completed by the volunteer. Child Protection for Volunteers may be accessed via the following link located in the Child Protection Kit, Section 10, Child Protection Training for Volunteers.

**<http://ceo-web.parra.catholic.edu.au/asp/volunteerscpmodule/index.asp>**

Using Child Protection for Volunteers

Open the module by clicking the Start link

Read through the presentation

Complete and submit quiz questions—this will take approximately 45 minutes

After successful completion of the module, fill out the form by typing name, email address, contact number, contact address and the school.

A notification of successful completion of the module will be sent via e-mail to the school and also to the volunteer's email address.

**Once you have completed this Online module the Catholic Education Office will advise us of your completion and you will receive a certificate to confirm this. Until you have received the certificate you cannot be added to our Current helpers list.**

Thank you for your attention on this matter.

### **Student of the Week**

<b>6Red</b>	Tara Lobo	<b>4Green</b>	Elias Cousins	<b>1Red</b>	Lorraine Layug
<b>6Blue</b>	Cecilia Guerra	<b>4Yellow</b>	Alexis Kalemusic	<b>1Blue</b>	Adrian Jakubowski
<b>6Green</b>	Andrea Abreu	<b>3Red</b>	Aliyah Fernando	<b>1Green</b>	Jake Timbs
<b>6Yellow</b>	Nhi Tong	<b>3Blue</b>	Niamh Healy	<b>1Yellow</b>	Jayda Vakai
<b>5Red</b>	Paige McGrath	<b>3Green</b>	Holly Brasier	<b>KRed</b>	Evie Brignell
<b>5Blue</b>	Deacon Vanderhooven	<b>3Yellow</b>	Alysa Sklibosios	<b>KBlue</b>	Kyle Gonzales
<b>5Green</b>	Maryssa Ghazaleh	<b>2Red</b>	Alyssa Timbs	<b>KGreen</b>	Jaiven Dela Vega
<b>5Yellow</b>	Kodi Kalemusic	<b>2Blue</b>	Holly McLoughlin	<b>KYellow</b>	Clare Giffney
<b>4Red</b>	Aditi Pal	<b>2Green</b>	Lilli Langley		
<b>4Blue</b>	Melvin David	<b>2Yellow</b>	Jack Hewitson		

# Allergies

Dear Parents,

Schools cater for many differences that children present, academic, emotional, social and health issues.

Throughout our school, we have children with **life threatening** allergies. This is a serious matter, one that the school must address. Therefore, we appeal to all parents to assist us in caring for these children by considering the type of foods you pack for your own child's lunch.

Our aim is to minimize the amount of **peanut** and **nut** products brought into the school and avoid all foods that contain **nuts**. These foods are extremely dangerous to our children with allergies. Common foods that trigger an allergic reaction are listed below and we ask that they **not** be brought to school at **any time**.

- ⇒ Peanuts – including M & M peanuts
- ⇒ Cashews, hazelnuts, almonds, walnuts and all tree nuts
- ⇒ Peanut butter
- ⇒ Nutella
- ⇒ Sesame seeds – remember some bread rolls have sesame seeds on them including some McDonald's hamburger buns
- ⇒ Foods that contain satay e.g. Thai, Malaysian, Indonesian dishes
- ⇒ Chocolate – blocks, biscuits and lollies
- ⇒ Whole egg – boiled egg, curried egg

Our canteen does not sell any of the items above. In the case of a child bringing a nut product to school, teachers will bring the matter to the attention of parents.

If peanut or nuts are **not** on the ingredient list of a particular packaged food but the food has the statement:  
**“MAY CONTAIN TRACES OF NUT.....”**  
this food may be brought to school and consumed only by **non-allergic children**.

Due to safety concerns, we discourage children from sharing food. We would also appreciate parents speaking with children regarding this matter.

We thank you for helping us to provide a safe environment for all of our children.

## The Flamingo Netball Club Inc

Interested in Playing Netball?

Register with The Flamingo Netball Club INC. We're a fun, family orientated club and looking for players aged 7 and up!!  
New members under 18 must provide a copy of birth certificate.  
All members must supply 2 passport size photos (club can arrange photos if needed).

### REGISTRATION DATES:

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2014 11am – 3.00pm

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 11am-3.00pm

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2014 6pm-8pm

Harvey Park, Benella Cres, Marayong

Contact: Registrar: 0415 624 162

Email:[theflamingonetballclubinc@hotmail.com](mailto:theflamingonetballclubinc@hotmail.com)



[www.flamingonetballclub.com.au](http://www.flamingonetballclub.com.au)

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST AN OVERSEAS STUDENT?

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