



# St. Andrews Primary School

## Newsletter Term 1 Week 7

14th March 2014

### From the Principal's Desk

#### Important Dates

##### Week 8

##### Mon 17th March

- Primary Athletics Carnival

##### Tues 18th March

- Year 7 visit SAC  
2pm - 3pm

Going home with this week's newsletter...

#### No Inserts

This week we celebrated Catholic Schools Week with some special activities on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> 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. The theme for the week has been *More than a great education* with the aim of strengthening relationships between all those who have a stake in our schools. It was wonderful 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. It was great meeting a few more parents and grandparents, as we came together, to celebrate the great work that the staff are doing with your children. The children are doing some great work with numeracy and literacy and I thank all our teachers for all their hard work and care.

**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 2015-** I would just like to remind everyone that we have begun the process of enrolment for the 2015 school year. If you have a child beginning school next year now is the time to come and collect 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.

**Newsletter** -From next term we will not be printing paper copies of the school newsletter so now is the time to register your email address so that we can dispatch the newsletter electronically next term. I would like to thank the many families who have already registered.

**Quality Catholic Schools Survey-** Commencing on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March and continuing through to 22<sup>nd</sup> March 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.

**Kind Regards**  
**Michael Tonnet**  
**Principal**

## ATTENTION PARENTS!

Thank you to the parents who have subscribed to receive the newsletter next term. If you have yet to subscribe please follow the steps below.

1. Access your preferred email account (ie your home email address or work email address)
2. Send an email stating your eldest child's name and class to the following newsletter email address **standrewsprimarynewsletters@gmail.com**

These two simple steps will ensure you receive a newsletter each fortnight.

**PLEASE NOTE: Emails sent via the website will not be received by St Andrews Primary. Please email your request for a newsletter to the above email address only.**

## Canteen

Just a few points to remember when placing a lunch order for children at the canteen

- Please make sure your child's name and class are clearly marked on the lunch bag.
- And that all lunch orders are paid for on the day.

## Primary Athletics Carnival

A reminder that the Primary Athletics Carnival is on this coming Monday (17<sup>th</sup> March). The carnival will be on rain or shine. Please ensure that your child has their name written on all clothing and equipment. Children will be transported to and from the venue by bus. There will be a signout table at the carnival which will open at 12:30pm. Please note that if your child is leaving with someone other than yourself you **must** supply a note otherwise your child will not be able to leave with that adult.

## Attention Parents

A little note from the uniform shop..

We will be opening 2 Saturday afternoons for any parents wishing to purchase winter uniforms.

Date:

Saturday 22nd March 2014 2pm-4pm

Saturday 5th April 2014 2pm-4pm

Elle: 0421216414

Email: [elle@ozfashions.com.au](mailto:elle@ozfashions.com.au)

Thank you

Long Sleeve Polo now available for \$30.

## Second Hand Uniform Pool

The second hand uniform pool will be open each Wednesday morning from 8:30am to 9:00am.

## Birthdays

09/03/14	Angus Pavin, Colin Lu
10/03/14	Jerico Pasinos, Connor Tipping
11/03/14	Zackary Kleinig, Trevor Previoux, Luca Petroni, Alaysha Garg
13/03/14	Lara Caraos, Jakub Rutkowski, Kevin Pham
14/03/14	Lorraine Biniahan, Isabella O'Dea, Cielo Carpio
15/03/14	Alicia Henry

## Online Training Module—Child Protection for Volunteers

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.

**<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.

## NAPLAN Testing Dates- Years 3 and 5

The dates for NAPLAN testing are Tuesday 13 May, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May. It is important that all children in Years 3 and 5 attend school during the 3 days of National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing.

## Bereavement Support Program

CatholicCare Solo Parent Ministry is holding its second fortnightly Bereavement Support Group Session on Tuesday 18th March, for those whose spouse or long term partner has died. The topic for this Session is "Images and Frameworks for Understanding Grief". Venue: 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown, from 10.00am – 12pm, cost \$5.00. This is an opportunity to gain some information about the grieving process and to support each other during this most difficult and painful time. Details and Registration: [soloparentministry@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentministry@ccss.org.au) or Ph. 99330205.



# Parents and Friends News

Email address: [pandfstandrewsmarayong@gmail.com](mailto:pandfstandrewsmarayong@gmail.com)

Facebook at: Parentsandfriends StAndrews

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/PandFcommittee>

## Thank you - disco helpers!

Thank you parent helpers for assisting us in preparing the show bags for the school disco this week. All your help is greatly appreciated.



## Monster 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. If you miss out on tickets, please see the ladies in the office, or contact us by email (address above). All tickets are to be returned with monies by Friday 4th April 2014. Mr Tonnet will be drawing the raffle on Wednesday 9th April 2014.

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

### DATES FOR YOU DIARY.

Please keep sending in your Easter egg donations. Last day for donations is Friday 4th April 2014.

The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 9th April 2014.



## **Student of the Week**

<b>6Red</b>	Alisha Chandra	<b>4Green</b>	Damon Devine	<b>1Red</b>	Rachel Laycock
<b>6Blue</b>	Giorgia Hurlstone	<b>4Yellow</b>	Angeolo Sangalang	<b>1Blue</b>	Taj Hurlstone
<b>6Green</b>	Chloe Gebulan	<b>3Red</b>	Nathania Perera	<b>1Green</b>	Jairus Dela Vega
<b>6Yellow</b>	Nathan Capulong	<b>3Blue</b>	Ayla Areola	<b>1Yellow</b>	Taylor Sultana
<b>5Red</b>	Thomas McKinley	<b>3Green</b>	Sienna Dades	<b>KRed</b>	Gabriel Narayan
<b>5Blue</b>	James Guidotti	<b>3Yellow</b>	Taylan Arslan	<b>KBlue</b>	Liam Burke
<b>5Green</b>	Matthew Martignago	<b>2Red</b>	Abuk Makog	<b>KGreen</b>	Emilio Gonzales
<b>5Yellow</b>	Lachlan Zammit	<b>2Blue</b>	Bridget Adigue	<b>KYellow</b>	Ava-Rose Lewis
<b>4Red</b>	Aaryan Nambissan	<b>2Green</b>	Elijah Ashraf		
<b>4Blue</b>	Jacob Cubillo	<b>2Yellow</b>	Jackson Baker		



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**E. mail@earlychildhoodpiano**

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