



St. Andrews Primary School

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From the Principal's Desk

A few weeks ago, I was lucky to stand on the spot where Jesus was born and as I get closer to Christmas the experience of being there takes on a greater significance. Whoever we are, wherever we are we are invited into Christ's mission. That mission calls us, as equals, to reach out wherever there is need, to be whoever is in need, and be the good news of God's love in whatever way we can. The Advent journey encourages us along the way. Let us all endeavour to reach out to those who need our support during this Advent time. The Advent season encourages us to keep asking our own questions as to how we can contribute a little to the bigger picture of our world and its people. As followers of Christ, we are to think outwardly, not being satisfied by the popular philosophy that says we're here to look after ourselves! Our faith is not a private matter. It's a matter which calls us to the heart of God's world and people, to ask where we can be help to others. As we prepare for Christmas, may we welcome the re-birth of that light in us, that we may bring the light of Christ to birth again in our world.

From all the staff, I wish all of you a happy and safe Christmas and holiday. I look forward to seeing you all again in the new and exciting year ahead as we continue to work together in the best interests of our children.

Community Generosity-Thank you to all those families who have contributed so generously to the Christmas hampers. This is one small way in which we can reach out to those less fortunate during this Advent season. St Vincent De Paul Society expressed their thanks to the school for their support of the needy families of Marayong.

Thank you to all the parents who have helped in so many capacities throughout the year. Your support enables us to provide a wide variety of activities to support your children's growth and development. The staff really appreciates your ongoing support which helps to make our school a great place to work.

Congratulations to all those students who received awards at the Awards ceremony. A special congratulations to our new School Captains and leaders who I am sure will do a great job next year.

End of Year Celebrations for Year Six –Thank you to all the staff who have helped organise all the end of year celebrations. These type of activities take a lot of thought and preparation and I thank all those who have worked so hard in organising this for your children's enjoyment and development.

May all of you have a wonderful Christmas and New Year holiday season. Let us all take time to rest and thank God for the wonderful blessings of 2015. May we look forward with enthusiasm and excitement to 2016 and all that it holds for us.

Kind regards
Michael Tonnet
Principal

Staffing 2016

Kindergarten- Lauren Spencer-Salt, Sophie Barrett, Justine Klafas, Miriam Formosa.

Year 1- Melanie Hatcher, Vicki Taylor, Nicole Leahy, Renee Asonitis.

Year 2- Livia Iafigliola, Joanne Figuero/ Natalie Williams, Veronica Sultana, Julie Figuero

Year 3- Stephanie Fatone, Caimin Harris, Vaughan Knight, Janine Spurtacz /Rebecca Borg

Year 4- Karen Ciantar, Luisa Brewer/Vanessa Lesar, Caty Adler, Adam Fletcher

Year 5- Maria Hyson/Rebecca Borg, Liana Scarpin, Matt Haynes

Year 6- Graham Paynter/Nadeen Hancock, Wendy Herbert, Maree Burke, Editha Mendoza

Learning support- Grace Tabone, Melissa Schrader, Karen Paluzzano, Angelina Yalda, Nadeen Hancock, Judith McMurrich

Reading Recovery- Sueanne Aquilina, Carmel Russell, Karen Whiticker

Teacher Assistants- Vicki Fiorino, Leonie Craven, Jennifer Sharp, Roslyn Rush

RFF- Christine Chaplin, Savita Starr, Kirsha Mendoza

Library- Debbie Ross, Kirsha Mendoza, Roslyn Rush

Office Staff- Carmel McLoughlin, Anne King, Debbie Muscat, Debbie Kaio, Lesley Camilleri, Joyce Inglis, Michelle Bones

Maintenance- Mario Spiteri

Principal- Michael Tonnet

Assistant Principal- Kim McDonald

Stage 1 Coordinator- Joanne Figuero

Stage 2 Coordinator- Luisa Brewer

Stage 3 Coordinator- Debbie Ross

Technology Coordinator- Matt Haynes

WHS Coordinator- Graham Paynter

For 2016, we welcome Miss Sophie Barrett, Natalie Williams, and Kirsha Mendoza onto the staff. Term 1 for 2016 commences for students on Thursday, 28th January. We look forward to another exciting year ahead.

P&F Christmas Hamper—Raffle Winners

1.	Anthony Year 3	20.	Jonathan Year 5
2.	Samuel Year 4	21.	Janelle Year 5
3.	Jacob Year 4	22.	Felicity Year 6
4.	Elana Year 3	23.	Matthew Year 1
5.	Samuel Year 4	24.	Samanta Year 1
6.	Isabella Year 3	25.	Chris Year 4
7.	Christabel Year 2	26.	Nathania Year 4
8.	Lorraine Year 2	27.	Evie Year 1
9	Alyssa Year 5	28.	Lily Year 2
10	Rhys Year 5	29.	Emmanuel Year 1
11	Ellie Year 1	30.	Brody Kindergarten
12	Nicole Year 5	31.	Felicity Year 6
13	Luke Year 3	32.	Layla Year 1
14	Brody Kindergarten	33.	Niamh Year 4
15	Isabella Year 3		
16	c/: Jacob Year 5		
17	Nicole Year 5		
18	Abbey Year 2		
19	Karly Year 4		

P & F News

Thank You

The P & F would like to say a special thank you to Emma Culbert of Emajne Costmetics, Welda Bacolod of Skintastic Skin & Beauty and Marianne Cardona of Partylite for their generous donations to our Christmas Raffle and also to all the parents who helped pack the Christmas Hampers.

Thank You

The Year 6 Parents Disco Committee would like to say thank you to all the parents who helped organise and supervise the Year 6 Graduation Disco and also to Jim and Anna of Mick's Deli at Quakers Court for their generous donation of 120 bottles of water for our Year 6 Graduation Disco.

The disco was a great success.

Also

The P & F want to thank all the St Andrews families for their support throughout the year and want to wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

We hope to see you all in 2016.



Important Future Dates—2016



Term 1 Week 1

Wednesday 27 January

- Staff return to school

Thursday 28 January

- Year 1 to Year 6 return to school
- Kindergarten first group—1/2 day—8:50am to 12:00pm

Friday 29 January

- Kindergarten second group—1/2 day—8:50am to 12:00pm

Term 1 Week 2

Monday 1 February

- Kindergarten all children—all day—8:50am to 3:00pm

Tuesday 2 February

- Opening School Mass and Induction of School Leaders 9:15am

Term 1 Week 3

Monday 8 February

- P&F Meeting 7pm

Wednesday 10 February

- Ash Wednesday

Term 1 Week 4

Monday 15 February

- Information Night—Year 1 and Year 2

Tuesday 16 February

- Information Night—Kindergarten

Wednesday 17 February

- Information Night—Year 3 and Year 4

Thursday 18 February

- Information Night—Year 5 and Year 6

What is Crunch and Sip?

“Crunch and Sip” is a primary school program that gets children eating vegetables and fruit and drinking water in the classroom.

The program encourages children to select fruit and vegetables as the first choice for a snack and water as a thirst quencher.



A mid morning snack that is eaten during the first learning session of the day is seen as an opportunity to fuel your children with nutritious energy. It assists physical and mental performance in the classroom.

Starting next year, from the first day of school all classes at St Andrews Primary School will be participating in the “CRUNCH AND SIP” program. The staff and children are eager to start this program and we know that all parents will understand the importance of promoting such a worthwhile program. Year 3 and Year 4 have already started!

More parent information can be found on our school website or visit www.healthy-kids.com.au.

St John of God—Institute of Counselling

The St John of God Institute of Counselling, established in 1969, offers a course designed to develop skills in personal growth, communication, parenting and general counselling principles.

Participants can learn new skills in dealing with daily personal challenges and the issues that arise within families, the school environment, pastoral care and in the workplace.

It is conducted on Tuesday evenings within the school term between 7.30pm – 9.45pm at Holy Cross College, Victoria Road, Ryde commencing on **Tuesday 2 February 2016**. Enrolments are accepted up to the end of March.

The cost for the course is \$450.00 for the year with an early bird offer of \$400.00 if paid in full by the end of February 2016. For enquires please contact:

Michael Hill - 9869 3774 or 0410 774 432 (7.00 to 9.00 p.m. Mon to Fri);

Carol Harding - 0408 705 848 (anytime);

Jannelle Carlile - 0431 598 004 (5.30 to 8.30pm Mon to Fri); or

Email: counselling1969@gmail.com



JANUARY KIDS WORKSHOP PROGRAM

Bookings essential 4735 1100

All art materials supplied

Pay by credit card over the phone

Wear old clothes and BRING A SNACK

Go to www.penrithregionalgallery.org to sign up for our e-newsletter

Penrith Regional Gallery

86 River Rd

Emu Plains, 2750

All things collage and assemblage –workshops inspired by our summer exhibition program

THREE DAY ART CAMP

Wednesday 13 January – Friday 15 January

10am – 3pm

8 – 12 yrs

\$270

Bring Lunch

Spend three days at Art Camp working with the Gallery's Manager of Education Naomi McCarthy and three guest artists: Freya Jobbins, Rochelle Summerfield and David Capra. The camp includes drawing, collage, assemblage sculpture, painting and printmaking.

Where do old toys go to be reborn? Well this summer you'll find them at Penrith Regional Gallery as part of our kid's summer art camp inspired by the collage work of Deborah Kelly and Freya Jobbins' quirky and fascinating caravan, *The Museum of Childhood Memories*. We'll explore toys as a subject for drawing and painting, from tiny fine-line illustrations to life sized collages and an acrylic on canvas painting. Guest artist Freya Jobbins will come along to create an assemblage sculpture made from recycled toys; Rochelle Summerfield will deliver a drawing and collage workshop where people transform into toys and artist David Capra will help you make your own toy-inspired wallpaper. Take home a portfolio of creative experiences and artist-inspired, toy-themed artworks.

HOLIDAY WORKSHOP PROGRAM

Recycled Cardboard Sculpture Workshop

Monday 11 January

10am – 12noon

7 - 10 yrs

\$25

Use cardboard, glue, wallpaper and paint to create a decorative, sculptural wall hanging. Make an abstract flower motif or come up with your own abstract design. Then add a layer of colour to your artwork so that it's ready to hang up once you get home.

Garden Art, Fun, Family Workshop

Saturday 16 January

1.30pm – 3pm

\$15 per child

Adults don't pay but must stay

Work together as a family to create colourful, decorative plants and flowers using recyclable goods, such as paper, plastic containers and cardboard.

Collage Workshop

Monday 18 January

10am – 12noon

8 – 12 yrs

\$25

Using a variety of collage materials, including tissue paper, magazine photos and paint, create a colourful and fun large scale poster of a harlequin/rainbow child.

Midnight Forest Painting Workshop

Wednesday 20 January

10am – 12 noon

6 - 8 yrs

\$25

Inspired by *Sharing The Seeds*, this workshop will use masking techniques and watercolour to create a forest nightscape.

Draw It, Cut It, Paste It: Street Art For Kids

Thursday 21 January

10am – 12 noon

8 - 12 years

\$25

Inspired by illustration and street art, workshop participants will create a series of lively characters, then select their favourite to turn into a 'paste-up,' by gluing your finished work to a backing board.

Printmaking Workshop

Friday 22 January

10am – 12noon

6 - 9 yrs

\$25

Use simple, colourful printmaking techniques and a range of decorative papers to create a fabulous fascinator (tiny hat) or a terrific tie.