



St. Andrews Primary School

Newsletter Term 2 - Issue 2

16th May 2014

From the Principal's Desk

From the Principal

I hope all the mums had a special day, last Sunday as the family honoured you for Mother's Day. A big thank you to everyone for your support of the Mothers Day stall. The money raised will be put to good use.

The Six Secrets of Being Successful- This week I thought I would share some reading I was doing over the weekend that you might like to share with your children about being successful at what ever they put their mind to....

1. **Persevere-** to be successful you must keep trying
2. You have to **"do it"** to succeed- in other words we learn to do things by doing them. You cannot expect to be a great reader if you never read a book. Likewise great writers write and so on.
3. Being successful is **not being lucky-** don't wait for success to tap you on the shoulder.
4. **It takes time-** success wont happen overnight but it will happen- it takes regular practice over days, weeks, months and in some cases years.
5. **Be ordered-** having an organized work space, school book, uniform and environment helps you be successful.
6. **Be cheerful-** those people with a happy disposition are more likely to succeed, research suggests. So try your hardest and keep a smile on your face!

At school we focus the children's time very efficiently onto learning and this term we have even created more time for learning with the changes to the school day, minimizing line up time and changing assemblies to the afternoon. Just like an athlete children need to complete a number of repetitions of a particular activity to make them competent in completing a particular task. We strongly encourage daily reading at home for 20 minutes as it

- Develops a love of reading
- Creates independence in your child
- Exposes the students to many thousands of words
- Develops your child as a reader

The 20 minutes can be made up of being read to by an adult, children reading their home reader and for the older more independent reader, silent reading

Nightly reading is critical to being a successful learner and to support you in your parental role this term Miss Figuero and the teachers began a morning Readers program. It's great to see the older students listening to and helping the younger students with their reading. The whole concept of our learning spaces is trying to encourage the children to collaborate with each other and this is a good example of how the children can support each other with their learning. Thank you to Miss Figuero and the staff for organizing this for the children. It is also a great way to avoid the cold mornings so I encourage all the children to take advantage of this time.

Pre loved Books

We are looking for donations of pre loved children's books. They can be picture books, story books, novels, comics, information books, kid's magazines etc - appropriate for 5 - 12 year olds. Please make sure the books are in good condition - no tears or scribbles. We will be giving the books to children from the school who unfortunately do not have many books to read at home. If you are able to help, can you please send the books in a plastic bag labelled : Attention MRS YALDA

Well done to all those children who represented the school last week at the Cross Country. Well done also to all those children who received St Andrews Awards at last Friday's assembly. It was great to see our student leaders leading the assembly. Thank you to all those parents who were able to attend. Our next St Andrews Award assembly will be held on Friday 30th May at 2:15pm in the hall.

Kind Regards
Michael Tonnet
Principal

Newsletter Subscription

Thank you to the parents who have subscribed to receive the newsletter.

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: Newsletters are available to view on the St Andrews Primary Website. 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.

Assembly Information

Parents as you are aware we have changed the times for our whole school assembly, these will be held every 3 weeks from 2.15pm to 3.00pm, this we believe will be a good opportunity for the whole school to come together as one.

We ask that you avoid collecting your child / children early on these Fridays unless you have an appointment or it is urgent. For the office staff to be calling down children constantly during the assembly it is very disruptive, the teacher who answers the phone needs to locate your child / children among 750 students. We understand that at times you do need to collect your child due to an appointment, we ask that you advise the teacher with a note in the morning so they are prepared for their departure from the assembly.

Kindergarten Enrolment 2015- If you have children beginning school next year it is essential that you return your completed enrolment forms as quickly as possible. Thank you to all who continue to support St Andrews in the community. We have a great school with a dedicated and caring staff providing an excellent education to our children.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop trading hours

Monday 8.30am -10.00am

Wednesday 8.30am- 10.00am

We also do online orders and they can be downloaded from your school website and emailed to elle@ozfashions.com.au.

If parents can't pick up orders they will be taken to the office and they will be given to your child.

Elle: 0421216414 Email: elle@ozfashions.com.au

Second Hand Uniform Pool

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

Important Dates—Term 2

Week 4

Tues 20th May
Wed 21st May
Thurs 22nd May

Dance Fever
Reconciliation Year 5
Dance Fever

Week 5

Tues 27th May
Wed 28th May
Thurs 29th May
Fri 30th May

Dance Fever
Reconciliation Year 5
Ascension Thursday/Dance Fever
Whole School Assembly
2:15pm—3:15pm

IMPORTANT FUTURE DATE...Staff Development Day
Tuesday 10th June. This is a pupil free day as the staff examine the new English Syllabus. Please mark this date in your calendar.

Media statement—14 May 2014

Federal Budget 2014-15: No certainty on funding or direction says Catholic Schools Director

The Federal Government's priority to cut the budget deficit will significantly reduce school funding in real terms and create greater uncertainty for schools says Executive Director of Schools, Greg Whitby.

'Catholic schools need certainty on two key areas: funding and direction,' said Greg. 'The Better Schools Plan (Gonski) which had given schools a clear mandate has been abandoned by the Federal government in this budget.'

'This 'back to the future' approach of devolving responsibility to the states and the constantly shifting educational focus is a distraction to the core work of improving schooling.'

'If Australia wants to be competitive internationally, we need a coherent, funded national policy framework for schools focused on the areas that makes the greatest difference. We know the focus needs to be on improving the quality of teaching by building professional expertise and practice,' he said.

'Cuts to AITSL and ACARA will significantly impact on the ability to deliver a national framework encompassing a national standard for teachers and leaders, and a national curriculum.'

'As funding will now be linked to the CPI, which is almost half the real cost of school expenditure, there are real concerns for the growing financial burden on families.'

'Government funding for Catholic schools beyond 2017 needs to keep pace with real school costs and we need a clear plan for capital funding given the expected demand for Catholic schools to rise by 350 nationally over the next 10 years.'

'We are committed to providing affordable, quality Catholic education for the families of western Sydney and will continue to invest our efforts into working with our teachers to improve the learning outcomes of each child in each school.'

**Media Enquiries and interview with Greg Whitby,
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Reporting to Parents

This term children will bring home their half yearly reports. Over the next few weeks information will be published in the newsletter to assist parents with our school's reporting process. Reports describe what your child can do and identifies areas where they may need help. Reports for Years 1 to 6 also provide a comparison of your child's achievement using the Common Grade Scale E to A. It is important that parents are aware that this E-A Scale differs from the one you may have experienced at school. Reports are only one way of gaining information about your child's learning. To gain the best information about your child's performance and how it can be improved is by attending Parent-Teacher interviews - Monday 23rd June, Tuesday 24th June and Wednesday 25th June.

E	The student has an elementary knowledge and understanding in few areas of the content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills.
D	The student has a basic knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a limited level of competence in the processes and skills.
C	The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.
B	The student has a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In addition, the student is able to apply this knowledge and these skills in most situations.
A	The student has extensive knowledge and understanding of the content and can readily apply this knowledge. In addition, the student has achieved a very high level of competence in the processes and skills and can apply these skills to new situations.



Parents and Friends News

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Mothers Day Stall ~Thank you to all our wonderful parent helpers, we really appreciate your time you have given to assist our children.

We hope all the mothers had a lovely day.



Also a reminder if you buy goods from THE GOOD GUYS BLACKTOWN , if you mention our school "ST ANDREWS MARAYONG" we get Vouchers in return for our end of year fundraising, so don't forget to Mention our school.

Thank you.

Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day



RUGBY LEAGUE – GREG ALEXANDER

On Tuesday 6th May, 11 Year 5 and 6 students participated in a 7 a side competition. In the first game St Andrew's defeated Blacktown South 18-12. In the second game Walters Road Public School defeated St Andrew's 20-6. In the third game St Andrew's defeated Shelley Public School 30-4. Congratulations to the team for displaying great sportsmanship throughout the day.

Mr Gawidziel

CRICKET- MARK TAYLOR SHIELD

On Monday 5th May our school cricket team played St Finbar's, Glenbrook. We won the toss and batted first. After 30 overs our team scored 100 runs. Stephen Zammit scored 29 runs and Nicholas Mathias scored 10 runs. In reply, St Finbar's were all out for 52 runs. The best of our bowlers were Oscar Housego 3 for 6, Ayden Wilson 3 for 10 and Nicholas Mathias 2 for 0. Congratulations to the boys as we prepare for round 3.

Mr Gawidziel

CROSS COUNTRY

On Tuesday the 6th May 34 boys and girls from St Andrew's participated in the Diocesan Cross Country, which was held at Eastern Creek Raceway. The children competed over a 2km or 3km course that twisted and turned through the motorsport complex. It was a challenging course with hills and a mixture of surfaces, which also included running on the racetrack. At the end of the day we had three students finish in the Top 8. Congratulations to Raouth Elrayah (2nd) Ngong Achiek (3rd) and Thon Achiek (8th). These students will now represent the Diocese and attend the NSWCPSCCC Cross Country Trials in June.

Matt Haynes

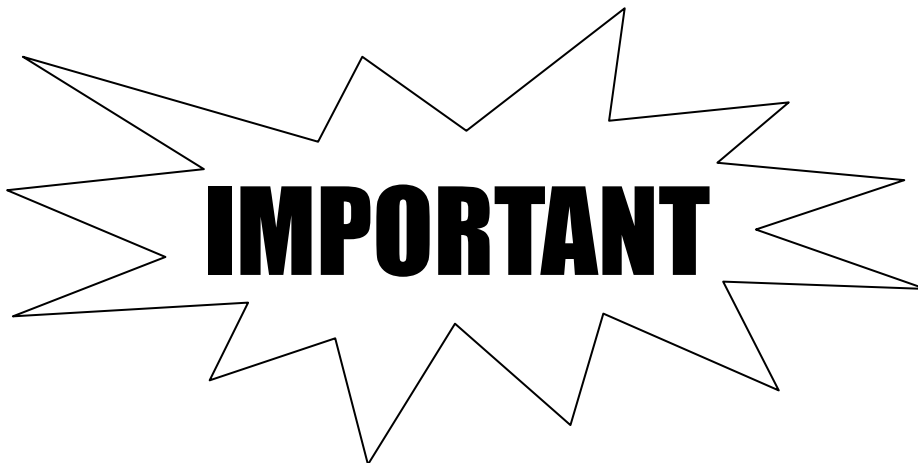


Student of the Week

6Red	Jade Alsford	Angeline Moncada
6Blue	Ngong Ackiek	Natasha Ciappara
6Green	Carol Metry	Jerome Sanchez
6Yellow	Brandon Lowe	Amisha Narayan
5Red	Atasha Domingo	Jerome Sumagaysay
5Blue	Neymer Elias	Natalie Boustani
5Green	Stephanie Morocs	Revathi Hyson
5Yellow	Christian Mallia	Chantelle Lekov
4Red	Tara Flores	Nicole Suarez
4Blue	Jaycob McLoughlin	Hayden Reeder
4Green	Ivy Lowe	Alicia Futialo
4Yellow	Dylan Fernando	Nathaniel Cowley
3Red	Zyelan Rimando	Drew Beattie
3Blue	Cassandra Kokcek	Alyssa Hallatt
3Green	Aliyana Dela Cruz	Jye Kalemusic
3Yellow	Mikaela Zapanta	Samuel Pan
2Red	John McCaffray	Jasmin Finadri
2Blue	Alex Futialo	Isabella Hanna
2Green	Deeyan Kanbi	Jade Lumayno
2Yellow	Justin Spiteri	Caitlin Burke
1Red	Lucas Wilson	Jamie Callus
1Blue	Ysabel Rimando	Christian Stern
1Green	Alyssa-Mary Petsas	Luca Petroni
1Yellow	Ella Bautista	Agaar Madheng
KRed	Daniel Zhang	Ellie Galaxidis
KBlue	Amelia Manks	Sean Healy
KGreen	Matthew Mackie	Monica Luong
KYellow	Darcy Cruickshank	Jonathan Bautista

Birthday List

04/05/2014	Amy Butler, Luigi Taniegra, Jackson Baker, Rachel Laycock, Deng Deng
06/05/2014	Daniel Hurlstone, Daniel Burchmore
07/05/2014	Alisha Chandra, Anthony Futialo
08/05/2014	Aliyah Fernando, Lucas Calleja
10/05/2014	Jack Melki, Jennifer Olsen
11/05/2014	Matthew Jesswein
12/05/2014	Mia Gutierrez-Lanosga
13/05/2014	Abigail Kinloch, Ryan Pollock
14/05/2014	Jesselyn Wijaya, Mackenzie Jones, Aydin Arslan
15/05/2014	Zyelan Rimando, Alyssa Timbs, Lauren Caraos, Matthew Atencia-Morales
16/05/2014	Kimberly Parala, Bailey Corapi, Jerome Sumagaysay
17/05/2014	Isabella Dos Santos, Mikayla O'Neill, Brendan Cassar, Harrison Green



Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thank you to all those families who have already handed in their parent teacher interview request form. The majority of these will receive the time requested due to their prompt return. **If you have not returned your request form, please do so immediately as spaces are quickly filling.** In the event that your preferred times are no longer available you **must** ensure that you include a contact phone number so that an alternate time may be arranged. If no contact number is supplied you will be allocated a time.

Diocesan Works Appeal

During the month of May, we will be joining all schools and parishes in the Diocese of Parramatta to help support the Diocesan Works Fund. Over the coming weeks we will learn about some of the ministries and people it supports. Also known as faith @work this fund reaches out to people in our local communities that are not supported by regular parish contributions.

On 26th May we will send out collection envelopes with letter to parents about the Appeal. Bishop Anthony Fisher has written his letter on the back of the Giving Envelope to you and other members of the Catholic community across Western Sydney to ask for everyone's support. The faith@work appeal gives us the opportunity to act together as one Church family to support ministries and services that no individual parish or school can offer. Of particular interest is Blacktown Neighbour Aid service, which assists the frail, aged, people with a disability and their carers in our community; and the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) which trains religious education teachers who give witness to their faith in public schools in Western Sydney. Your contribution enables services such as Blacktown Neighbour Aid, CCD and Catherine Villa (supporting homeless mothers aged 16-25) to respond to more people in need. Please be generous so these good works can continue.



Did you know?

Did you know that CatholicCare Social Services responds to more than 20,000 calls for help each year? There are many requests for relationship or gambling counselling, or for assistance in dealing with a disability, mental ill health or ageing.

Did you know that DWF supports the 13 seminarians in training and more than 1000 Catechists working in state schools in Western Sydney?

Did you know that DWF Appeal provides funds for Youth Ministry and Faith Education in Western Sydney too! Your donations will be Faith @ Work!



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SAINT ANDREWS YOUTH WORD AND TEACHING
YOUTH PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS
FROM YR 4 ~ YR12

FRIDAY, 16TH MAY 2014

7:00PM ~ 10:00PM

ST. ANDREWS CHURCH MARAYONG

Theme:

"Follow me, I'm right behind you"

Based on the Gospel : JOHN 14: 1-12

*We all believe and follow Jesus
as he is the Way the Truth and the Life...*

**BRING A FRIEND AND A \$2.00
non compulsory donation.**

Celebrating the Early Years

When: Sunday 18th May 2014 at 11am

Where: St Patricks Cathedral Parramatta

This Mass will recognise, celebrate and be offered for couples celebrating Wedding Anniversaries between 1 and 20 years. Those celebrating their 1st, 5th, 10th, 15th or 20th Wedding anniversary will be given a commemorative certificate after the Mass. Couples and their families are invited to a light lunch in the parish hall after the Mass.

From “I do”, to “We do”: a unique approach to making couple decisions.

When: Thursday 29th May 2014. 730 – 9pm.

Where: Diocesan Assembly Centre, Cnr Flushcombe & Marion St, Blacktown

Run by Francine and Bryon Pirola Directors of Smart Loving.

- Do you find it difficult to make decisions as a couple?
- Does one or both of you end up feeling compromised and without an equal voice?
- Do your discussions often end up in unpleasant arguments or cold wars?

Come and learn a method for making couple decisions. This unique Values Based Decisions Making framework will help you to learn how to connect with your deepest values for love and unity so that your choices become true couple decisions.

Francine Pirola an experienced marriage educator, a director and founder of the Smart loving series courses will give this presentation. Admission is free!

Faith in Marriage – a conference about marriage for couples (speakers include tv personality and psychologist Jo Lambert)

When: Sunday 24th August 9:30 – 4:30pm

Where: Our Lady of Mercy College, Ross Street North Parramatta

ANNULMENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Each year the Catholic Tribunal Staff and CatholicCare Solo Parent Ministry present Information Sessions to help people understand how the process of Annulments in the Catholic Church is conducted. Questions are answered on details such as the length of time it takes, the cost, the role of witnesses, the number of interviews required, the grounds for an Annulment, how to start the process, etc. The evening is open to anyone at all who is interested in gaining more information about the Annulment process in the Catholic Church. Venue: CCSS Centre, 2 A Villiers St. Parramatta. Date: Tues 20th May. Time: 7.30 – 9.30. Cost: \$5.00. Registration: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or Ph. 9933 0205. Later in the year we will advertise more details of the same Seminar to be held in Springwood on 14th October.

OLMC Parramatta Open Morning Tour

Discover rich tradition and cutting edge education at OLMC Parramatta during an Open Morning Tour on May 19. In this special 125th anniversary year, join us for a tour of the College before enjoying a ‘comfortable cup of tea’ with the College Leadership Team.

The College is now enrolling for 2015 and 2016.

Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 8838 1263 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

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SOLO PARENT MINISTRY - TRIBUNAL OFFICE

Understanding the Process of Annulment of a Marriage within the Catholic Church Seminar

Date/Time: 7.30—9.30pm: Tues 20th May 2014

Venue: CCSS - 2A Villiers St, Parramatta

Marriage breakdown is usually a traumatic experience for all concerned.

The Church reaches out in support of those whose marriage has broken down, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage.

Many separated and divorced people and their families wonder about their status within the Catholic Church, and begin to ask such questions as ...

What is the basis for an annulment?

How does an annulment differ from a divorce?

How long does it take?

Are children of a marriage declared null considered illegitimate?

On this Information Night you will have the opportunity to have these and other such questions clearly answered.



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