



St. Andrews Primary School

Newsletter Term 1 - Issue 2

17th February 2017

From the Principal

Next Wednesday, 5th March is Ash Wednesday the beginning of the Lenten season. Mass for the children and parishioners will be at 9:15am. What is the point of Lent? For Christians, it is the time when we try to trim away some inessentials, and return to and refresh the things that are at the real centre of our lives. What are the things that really matter? What sort of person am I? – and what sort of person do I want to be?

So, we try to find a little more time to be still, to wait quietly. We try to let go of some of the less important things. We "give something up". We reach out to those in need, and in doing so we discover something of our own brokenness and need to be forgiven.

By making things a little simpler, a little less cluttered, we are able to see more clearly the things that are important. Love, justice, forgiveness, prayer, our family, our relationships our attitude, let us all take some time to reflect on what is truly important to us as we approach EASTER.

P/F Committee- This year we thought we would have our first meeting on Monday 20th February at 7pm. We are always looking for some people to help on this important committee. As with hospitals, schools rely on fundraising to purchase resources that we would otherwise not have. It is also a fun way to meet and enjoy each other's company. I would ask that you strongly consider attending and lending your support to this committee especially some of our new parents. Last year our first meeting was not well attended and we had to arrange a second meeting. It would be great if you could attend at this first meeting to organise for the year.

Focus on Student Attendance- Many of you would be aware of recent articles in the papers and on the television about children's attendance at school and how important it is for them to be at school every day to ensure they are getting the maximum benefit from the instruction they receive. There has been a renewed focus on attendance rates across the country because there is increasing evidence that a larger numbers of students are consistently absent from school. Our focus is your children's learning, building their confidence and enabling them to be successful. You can assist us in our efforts in maximizing instruction time by ensuring that your children are at school each day at 8:50am sharp ready to begin their day of learning. Children coming after 8:50 need to be accompanied to the office by an adult where a late to school form needs to be completed and signed by the parents **This will be recorded as a partial absence in the school roll.** I know that you will support us with our focus on the learning and ready to start the day at 8:50am sharp. This year in each newsletter I will publish our attendance rate over the previous two weeks of school. Our goal is a 90% attendance rate. **During our first weeks we have had a 92% attendance rate which is a great effort.**

Catholic Schools Week 2017 will be held from 6 to 10 March 2017 and will involve the communities of all 615 Catholic primary and secondary schools across NSW and the ACT.

In greater western Sydney, Catholic schools enrol over a quarter of school-aged children which Executive Director of Schools, Greg Whitby, attributes to the desire for families to want 'more than a great education' for their children.

'Catholic schools are first and foremost here to offer families a faith-based education for their children,' said Greg. 'This is why we exist and it means we must ensure our students develop their full human potential and are well placed to contribute in a meaningful way back to society.'

'Secondly, we must provide quality learning and teaching by recognising that each child can and will learn and ensuring their individual needs are met and their gifts are developed to the best of our ability,' he said. 'And our teachers must continue to learn themselves so they can deepen their expertise.'

'Finally we must ensure schooling is relevant to today's world, so our students will be well prepared to face the challenges and opportunities of a rapidly changing society in the future.'

For our Catholic Schools Week celebration this year, we thought we would do something a little different. The staff for the last couple of years have been changing the way we have been teaching across the school to better meet the needs of your children. We would like to demonstrate to you how we are teaching your children so you gain a better understanding of this. We are providing a number of timeslots during Catholic Schools Week for you to come in and observe the teaching in your child's class. We will provide an input session where the teacher will explain the process you will observe in the classroom. You will then be taken to the class to observe the lesson and at the end of the lesson, time to ask a few questions. We hope you will find this explains the process on how the teachers are guiding the learning of your children. If you know a new family who is thinking of enrolling their children you are quite welcome to invite them along. Attached with this newsletter is a timetable of the events for the week and a tear off section to indicate that you wish to attend the learning space sessions. It is important that you complete the tear off section and return it to your child's teacher so that we have some indication of how many people might be attending the sessions so that we can be properly prepared. Please don't hesitate to invite some new families.

Kinder Enrolment 2017- In Catholic Schools Week we begin the enrolment process for our Kinder classes for 2017. It is important that if you have a child beginning school next year to collect an enrolment form as soon as possible. Our families are the best source of advertising for our school. If you know of any families seeking a Catholic education for their children it is time for them to come and collect enrolment forms. It is important for all of us that our facilities are fully utilised and your recommendation would certainly assist us in ensuring that this occurs. For us to continue to grow and prosper as a school it is important that we fully utilise our facilities.

Kiss and Ride in the Morning- If you have been using the Kiss and Ride in the morning you should have noticed that a No Right Turn sign has been erected at the exit of the car park to facilitate better traffic flow in the morning. I would ask everyone using Kiss and Ride not to turn right from the exit.

Kind regards
Michael Tonnet
Principal

Meet & Greet Meetings

At Parent Information Nights held last week parents were given an invitation to attend a Meet & Greet with teachers. Please return the tear off slip ASAP. If you didn't receive one please let class teachers know so that one can be sent home with your child.

Newsletter Subscription

If you wish to subscribe to the St Andrews Primary Newsletter please email standrewsprimarynewsletters@gmail.com with your child's name and class. The newsletter will then be emailed each fortnight. Newsletters are also available to view on the St Andrews Primary website. Thank you.

Office News

Uniform Shop

Important! Due to construction works the uniform shop has relocated to the back of the school library. Hours of business remain the same.

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.

Oakhill College

Year 7, 2018 and Year 7, 2019 Enrolments



Applications for enrolment into **Year 7, 2018** will close on **Friday 17th March, 2017** and enrolment into **Year 7, 2019** will close on

Friday 18th August, 2017. Parents who wish to apply for enrolment of their sons in Year 7 at Oakhill College, and who have not yet submitted an Application for Enrolment, are requested to contact the Registrar before the closing dates on 9899 2288 or registrar@oakhill.nsw.edu.au



OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA

Retreat Day for Families - Time for Us to prepare our Hearts for Lent.

Sunday 5th March, 2017: 11am Holy Mass in the Family Hall followed by BYO Picnic, 1.30pm Input for Adults and Programme for Children, 3pm Prayer followed by Afternoon Tea.

Free Event but Registration essential: www.trybooking.com/251605

Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa

For further information contact Sr M Julie

Brcar: juliebrcar@gmail.com

Shrine Time in 2017 - Young Adults 18-35

When: 4th Sunday of every month 2017, 7.30pm-8.30pm followed by social gathering.

What: 1 Holy Hour with prayer, reflection, meditation, praise & worship. 2017 is devoted to Praying for Vocations and Devotion to Mary as per our Holy Father's intentions for the next WYD.

Where: In the Shrine at Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa

Why: Mary, honoured as the Mother Thrice Admirable, offers 3 graces in the Shrine, this monthly event is a unique opportunity to experience them regularly:

- Discover your HOME in the hearts of Jesus and Mary
- See breakthrough TRANSFORMATION in your life
- Get your spiritual boost to be an authentic WITNESS.

Formation for Young Adults 18-35 - Love of Mary.

Love of the Church. Love of the Mission of Christ

When: 3rd Sunday of every month 2017

What: 12pm - Lunch - bring a plate to share, followed by formation and prayer - concludes by 3pm

Where: Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa

Why: Want to know what it means to be human? Want to become an authentic Christian? If Yes, then join us for formation in the Schoenstatt Spirituality.

Schoenstatt Shrine Open Times:

The Shrine is open 7 days a week, 365 days a year, 7am to 8pm, for quiet personal prayer and reflection. Come and enjoy the peace and grace of the Shrine and our beautiful rural surroundings. You are always welcome to bring your family and friends and share lunch in the grounds.

Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Please contact the center if you have any questions on 4773 8338.

Open Day

Sunday March 12, 2017

LIBRARY NEWS

All classes have a specific library day for borrowing library books (see below). Children can also borrow and return books before school and at lunchtime every day, provided they have their library bag with them.

Students in Year 1 to Year 6 commenced borrowing in Week 3.

Kindergarten will commence borrowing in Week 5.

KINDERGARTEN	-	FRIDAY
YEAR 1	-	FRIDAY
YEAR 2	-	THURSDAY
YEAR 3 Green	-	WEDNESDAY
YEAR 3 Yellow	-	TUESDAY
YEAR 3 Red	-	MONDAY
YEAR 4	-	TUESDAY
YEAR 5	-	WEDNESDAY
YEAR 6 Yellow	-	MONDAY
YEAR 6 Blue	-	TUESDAY
YEAR 6 Green	-	WEDNESDAY



Mrs Yalda's Bookshop - Pre loved Books

Thank you to all our wonderful families and children who donated books to " Mrs Yalda's Bookshop " at the end of last year.

We had our first Bookshop on Monday and the children couldn't wait to choose books to take home to read - and keep!

Our bookshop is open every Monday at Recess and all children are invited to come, choose a second hand book and keep it. The main aim being to provide books to children from the school who unfortunately do not have many books to read at home.

Next time you or your friends are cleaning out bookshelves and cupboards just remember we would love any of your preloved books. We take picture books, story books, novels, comics, information books, kid's magazines etc.



Please make sure the books are in good condition - no tears or scribbles and are appropriate for 5 - 12 year olds.

If you are able to help, can you please send the books in a plastic bag labelled : Attention MRS YALDA

Happy Reading

"Connected to Learning"



Day	Event	Location	Time
Monday	Whole School Mass Morning Tea Learning Space visit K to 6	St Andrews The Apostle The Piazza Learning Spaces	9:15am After mass 10:30am
Tuesday	Year 1 Connected to Learning session (Approximately 1 hour) Year 5 and 6 Connected to Learning session (Approximately 1 hour)	Library Hall	9:15am 9:15am
Wednesday	Kindergarten Connected to Learning session (Approximately 1 hour) Year 3 Connected to Learning session (Approximately 1 hour)	Library Hall	9:15am 9:15am
Thursday	Year 2 Connected to Learning session (Approximately 1 hour) Year 4 Connected to Learning session (Approximately 1 hour)	Library Hall	9:15am 9:15am
Friday	Year 3 Assembly Presentation	School Hall	2:00pm

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Number attending:

Please circle which session/s you are attending:

<i>Kindergarten</i>	<i>Year 1</i>	<i>Year 2</i>	<i>Year 3</i>	<i>Year 4</i>	<i>Year 5</i>	<i>Year 6</i>
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Spotlight on Sport

Term 1 No. 1

2017

Welcome to the first edition of SPOTLIGHT on Sport for 2017.

The aim of the publication is to inform the students, parents, teachers and wider school community of the achievements in sport of the students at St Andrews. The publication will also provide important information on sporting opportunities available through the Parramatta Diocesan Sports Council.

In our first edition the school would like to congratulate the following year six children who have been voted in by their peers to be the Captains and Vice Captains for 2017. These boys and girls will share in the responsibility of assisting in the running of carnivals and school sports activities.

2017 Sports House Captains and Vice Captains

Lawson:

Captain – Vy Tong

Vice Captain – Taylan Arslan

Sturt:

Captain – Daniel Martignago

Vice Captain – Hannah Ajayi

Cook:

Captain – Chanelle McAnulty

Vice Captain – Jai Pereira

Macquarie:

Captain – Patrick McMurrich

Vice Captain – Maya Lobo

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DIOCESAN SCHOOL FEES 2017

Annual Diocesan Tuition Fee can be paid upfront at the start of the year or as three equal payments in Terms 1, 2 and 3. The fee is only charged for the first three (3) children currently enrolled in the diocese (in other words there is no additional Diocesan Tuition Fee for the fourth child attending a systemic school in the diocese or other participating Catholic schools – see ‘Sibling Discounts’ below.) To work out how much the fee is for each child, check the table below.

The 2017 **Annual and Term** Diocesan Tuition Fees are as follows:

ANNUAL FEES	No charge for 4 th + children	1 st Child 100%	2 nd Child 75%	3 rd Child 50%
Primary	Kindergarten	\$ 1,131	\$ 849	\$ 567
	Years 1 - 6	\$ 1,461	\$ 1,095	\$ 732
Secondary	Years 7 - 8	\$ 2,028	\$ 1,521	\$ 1,014
	Years 9 - 10	\$ 2,250	\$ 1,689	\$ 1,125
	Years 11 - 12	\$ 2,874	\$ 2,157	\$ 1,437
Building Levy	One Levy <u>per family</u> per Year	\$ 756		

The 2017 **Term rate** for each of the first three terms is as follows:

TERM FEES	Charged in Terms 1,2 & 3	1 st Child 100%	2 nd Child 75%	3 rd Child 50%
Primary	Kindergarten	\$ 377	\$ 283	\$ 189
	Years 1 - 6	\$ 487	\$ 365	\$ 244
Secondary	Years 7 – 8	\$ 676	\$ 507	\$ 338
	Years 9 - 10	\$ 750	\$ 563	\$ 375
	Years 11 - 12	\$ 958	\$ 719	\$ 479
Building Levy	One Levy <u>per family</u> per Term	\$ 252		

Annual Diocesan Education Fee Temporary Residents - 2017

The Diocesan Education Fee Temporary Residents for 2017 is **\$1,869 per student, payable in three equal instalments of \$623 in Terms 1, 2 and 3**. The fee applies to new students on the following visa numbers:

173,401,402,411,415,416,417,418,419,420,421,422,423,426,427,428,442,456,457,459,462,476,485, 497,580,600,601,651,675,676,679,685,884,944,956,976 and 977 including where any of these are the preceding visas for families on bridging visas 101 to 090.

ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL BASED FEES	TOTAL ANNUALLY PER STUDENT
<u>KINDERGARTEN - YEAR TWO</u>	
Resource Fee	\$201
Activity Fee	<u>\$ 78</u>
<u>YEAR THREE</u>	
Resource Fee	\$261
Activity Fee	<u>\$ 78</u>
<u>YEAR FOUR</u>	
Resource Fee	\$201
Activity Fee	<u>\$ 78</u>
<u>YEAR FIVE</u>	
Resource Fee	\$201
Activity Fee (Includes Bathurst Day Trip)	<u>\$126</u>
<u>YEAR SIX</u>	
Resource Fee	\$201
Activity Fee	\$ 78
Canberra Overnight Trip	<u>\$198</u>
	\$477 Total

Information for Parents with regards to School Fees for 2017:

School Fee Statements will be posted out by the end of this week. Due to delays in printing the due date for the payment of Term One has been extended until 14th March 2017.

Flexible payment Plans (FPP) will again be offered for 2017. This gives families the choice to pay their annual fees weekly, fortnightly or monthly over a nine month period from March to November. All paperwork to take up this offer will be included with the School Fee Statement and must be returned to the C.E.O. (reply paid envelope included) by **24th February 2017**.

Please be aware that there have been some changes to the school based fees. The annual Resource Fee now includes the Technology Fee. For Year Three students it also includes the Music Subject Fee for the year. The Activity Fee includes all incursions (including Dance Fever Program), excursions and a Sports Fee.

Allergies

Important Information for parents

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.

OUR MAKERSPACE IS COMING!



This term at St Andrews we are creating our very own Makerspace in the library!



WHAT IS A MAKERSPACE?

A Makerspace is an area that allows for creativity and innovation to occur. In our Makerspace students will have the chance to design, create, engineer, build and collaborate.

It is a place to tinker, try new ideas and solve problems.



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that a Makerspace promotes learning through play. Students will play, explore and experience informal learning opportunities. Connections between home, school, and community will be developed and encouraged.

WHERE WILL IT BE LOCATED?



Our very first Makerspace will be located in the library. Our Term 1 Makerspace sessions will be open to primary students only. This is so both teachers running the space, and student volunteers can learn how to run the space effectively.

In Term 2 opportunities will be given to infants to join our school Makerspace community.



WHAT'S ON OFFER?

There are many different types of spaces that can be created within a Makerspace, however for this term we will try the following:

- Lego station
- Code club
- Knitting Club
- Stop motion animation
- Principal's challenge

CAN I HELP?

Definitely. We will be calling for donations of resources, first starting with our Lego-athon.

In the near future, we hope to invite parents in to our community to learn from and collaborate with.

Student of the Week



K Blue	Lauren Hipolito	Amar'e Stewart
K Green	Emilio Lewis-Goode	Name Withheld
K Red	Jasmine Metcalfe	James Pisansarakit
K Yellow	Chloe Wilson	Jai Mittal
1 Blue	Thomas Dinh	Jayden Tarra
1 Green	Alexander Pineda	Emilee Pyda
1 Red	Dylan Bensley	Rhea Sharma
1 Yellow	Hope Caruana	Ann Atienza
2 Blue	Annastasia Russo	Seeya Kanbi
2 Green	Richard Tannous	Aurette Husada
2 Red	Jasmine Cubillo	Name Withheld
2 Yellow	Name Withheld	Name Withheld
3 Green	Elaina Quinn	Ayden Kokcek
3 Red	Name Withheld	Claire Giffney
3 Yellow	Gem Wong	Monica Luong
4 Blue	Isabella Elias	Benjamin Reyes
4 Green	Isabella Cazar	Kevin Pham
4 Red	Matthew Lukudu	Mackenzie Jones
4 Yellow	Name Withheld	Jonathan Azzi
5 Blue	Alexus Romena	Aisis Panaligan
5 Green	Sophia Marcelino	Max Taniegra
5 Red	Name Withheld	Clare Manu
5 Yellow	Ava Mulroney	Anthony Futialo
6 Blue	Nicola Gerardis	Christopher Simonetta
6 Green	Chanelle McAnulty	Name Withheld
6 Yellow	Finlay Blanch	Niamh Healy

Canteen Price List 2017

Please write your child's name, class and lunch order on a paper bag, place money inside and fold (no staples, sticky tape, foil or gladwrap required)

DESCRIPTION	PRICE	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
LUNCH BAGS	\$0.20	PIE/SAUSAGE ROLLS		FRUIT (When in season)	
SANDWICHES		Sausage Rolls	\$2.80	Apple, Banana, Orange	\$1.00
2 Slice Bread and Butter	\$1.00	Meat Pie	\$3.80	Sultanas	\$1.00
Cheese	\$2.00			Fruit Salad (small)	\$1.20
Cheese & Tomato	\$2.50	Tomato Sauce	\$0.20		
Chicken	\$3.80			COLD DRINKS	
Chicken Lettuce & Mayo	\$4.00	HOT FOOD		Spring Water 600mL	\$2.20 (each)
Chicken & Salad	\$4.00	4 Chicken Nuggets	\$2.00	Quench 10% Fruit Juice	
Fairy Bread	\$1.20	6 Chicken Nuggets	\$3.00	Apple + Raspberry	
Ham	\$3.50	Corn Cob	\$1.00	Blue	
Ham & Cheese	\$3.50	Pizza - Ham + Pineapple	\$3.50	Cola	
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$3.80	Hot Dog (w. Tomato Sauce)	\$3.00	Lemon/Lime	
Ham & Salad	\$3.80	Cheese Hot Dogs (w. Tomato Sauce)	\$3.50	Orange	
Salad	\$3.00	Cheese Burger (Beef Pattie + BBQ sauce)	\$4.50		
Salmon & Lettuce	\$4.00	Beef Burger (Beef Pattie, lettuce, tomato + BBQ sauce)	\$4.00		
Sprinkle 100's & 1000's	\$1.20	Chicken Burger (Chicken Pattie, lettuce and mayo)	\$4.00	SPRING VALLEY JUICE	
Strawberry Jam	\$1.20	Fish Burger	\$3.50	Apple	\$3.50 (each)
Tomato	\$2.00	Vegetable Burger	\$3.50	Orange	
Tuna	\$3.50	Pasta Bolognese	\$4.50	Banana + Mango	
Vegemite	\$1.20	Mac & Cheese	\$4.50	POP TOPS	
Vegemite & Cheese	\$2.00			Apple + Blackcurrant	\$1.50 (each)
				Apple	
				Orange	
				Wild Berry	
ROUND / LONG ROLLS		YOGHURTS			
Buttered	\$1.00	Various Fresh Yoghurt (small)	\$1.00	FRESH MILK	
Cheese	\$2.00	JELLY		Oak Lite Chocolate	\$3.00 (each)
Cheese & Salad	\$3.80	Strawberry, Lime, Orange, Pineapple or Raspberry	\$1.00 (each)	Oak Lite Strawberry	
Ham & Cheese	\$3.80				
Ham & Salad	\$4.00	ICE CREAM/ ICE BLOCK		SNACK FOOD	
Salad	\$3.50	Frozen Yoghurt (various)	\$3.00	Popcorn	\$1.10
		Fandangles	\$2.00	Red Corn Chips	\$1.50
		Fairy Floss, or Bubblegum		Plain, Honey Soy	
WRAPS		Life Saver	\$2.00	Smiths Chips	\$1.50
Salad	\$3.00	Icy Poles	\$1.30	Plain, Salt + Vinegar	
Chicken & Salad	\$4.00	Lemonade or, Raspberry		Snake or Mixed Lollies	\$0.50 (bag)
Ham & Salad	\$4.00	Zooper Dooper (various)	\$0.80	Marshmallows	
Cheese & Salad	\$3.50	Juices	\$1.50	Cough Lollies	
		Tropical or Wild berry			
SALAD (TUBS)				Milo (recess only)	\$1.00
Plain Salad	\$3.00			Cheese Melts (recess only)	\$1.00
Cheese Salad	\$4.00	*** ICE CREAMS, ICE BLOCK AND LOLLIES SOLD AT LUNCH TIME ONLY ***			
Chicken Salad	\$4.50				
Ham Salad	\$4.50				
Tuna Salad	\$4.50				

australian girls choir



a very good place to start

Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform.

February Open Classes

Come along and try a free class at your local rehearsal venue!
Annandale, Beecroft, Dee Why, Kellyville, Mosman, North Parramatta, North Ryde, St Ives, Strathfield and Waverley

aspa australian school of performing arts

aspagroup.com.au

australian girls choir



Is this your daughter?



We believe in growing girls through the hidden elements of our curriculum including nurturing confidence, self-esteem, public speaking skills and teamwork. Choristers develop values including commitment, self-discipline and resilience. Frequently seen at prestigious events, our senior performers have entertained everyone from Queen Elizabeth II to Oprah during their Australian visits. 375 choristers recently performed alongside Hugh Jackman in the 'Broadway to Oz' Australian Arena Tour.

Join us at our February Open Classes!

Call 02 9922 6733

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STEPPING BEYOND

A Support Group for Separated or Divorced Adults



STEPPING BEYOND is a Process/Personal Exploration Group. It is a monthly gathering for men and women who are separated or divorced. Through facilitated group interaction opportunity is given to individuals to address issues that arise as a result of changed life circumstances and ongoing adjustments. Emphasis is on personal awareness and self-development.

Facilitators: Rita Chater
Philippa Ford

Date: Last Tuesday of each month - (Jan–Nov)

New Time: 7pm to 9pm

Fee: \$5.00

Venue: CCSS Centre Blacktown
38 Prince St (cnr First Ave)
Blacktown

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
Solo Parent Services
Phone 8822 2222
soloparentservices@ccss.org.au



Focus Questions for Personal Exploration and Sharing



- How well are you "stepping beyond"?
- What do you want to "step beyond"?
- What are you currently "stepping beyond"?
- What is stopping you from "stepping beyond"?
- What have you learnt as you keep "stepping beyond"?

CATHOLICCARE SOCIAL SERVICES

Solo Parent Services



Younger Widowed Support Group



Has your spouse or partner died and are you searching for someone who understands the enormity of your loss and the impact this is having on your life and your children?

Do you long to connect with others who have experienced a similar loss?

Are you unsure of how to assist your children through their grief? Would you like support as you deal with your changed circumstances?

We welcome you to our Monthly Support Group

VENUE: 38 Prince St, Blacktown (CNR First Ave)
DATE: 3rd Tuesday of each Month (Feb–Dec)
TIME: 7.00pm – 9.00pm
COST: \$5.00

REGISTRATION
Solo Parent Services
PHONE: Rita – 8822 2222
EMAIL: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au



CatholicCare Social Services SOLO PARENT SERVICES

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM—BLACKTOWN

For men and women who grieve the death of their spouse or partner.

Introduction and Overview 01st Feb 2017

7 Wednesdays fortnightly: 15th Feb — 10th May 2017

This Program is aimed at those who are widowed, to further understand and come to terms with the many ways in which grief impacts on their lives. An opportunity to ask questions, explore and learn more about the ways in which grief unfolds and how best to deal with the unsuspecting challenges and difficulties of the uncharted waters of this long and painful journey.



WHEN WE ARE LISTENED TO WITH EMPATHY, WE ARE CONSOLED IN OUR GRIEF, OUR LONELINESS IS ALLEVIATED AND CONNECTIONS ARE CREATED AMONGST US.

Eight Workshops

Introduction and Overview of Program	Physical Effects of Grief
Images and Frameworks for the Grieving Process	Dealing with Intense Emotions
Social Effects of Grief	Seasons and Tasks of Grief
Is it Grief or Depression?	Continuing Bonds with the Deceased and Closing Ritual

VENUE: 38 Prince St (cnr First Ave)
Blacktown

DAY/TIME: 10.30 am — 12.30 pm
Introduction and Overview 01st Feb 2017
Seven Wednesdays Fortnightly
15th Feb - 10th May

FEE: \$5.00 per Session

FACILITATOR: Rita Chater

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Contact Rita
Ph. 8822 2222
soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

ST ANDREWS NETBALL CLUB INC. 2017 REGISTRATION

PLAYERS OF ALL AGES - FROM 5 TO SENIORS (no playing experience necessary)

REGISTRATION DATES:

QUAKERS COURT

(Cnr of Quakers & Falmouth Rds)

When: Saturday 4th Feb
Time: 10AM - 1PM

WESTPOINT BLACKTOWN

(Ground floor in front of Mobile King, near Woolworths entry)

When: Sunday 19th Feb
Time: 10AM - 1PM



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SOLO PARENT SERVICES GROUPS AND PROGRAMS FOR 2017

Divorce and Separation Support Groups and Programs for Adults

Group/Program Facilitators	Dates	Time	Duration	Venue	Cost
Stepping Beyond – Rita Chater / Philippa Ford	Last Tuesday of each month (Jan-Nov)	7pm – 9pm	Monthly January - November	CCSS Centre 38 Prince St Blacktown	\$5 per meeting
Post Separation Recovery Program (Blacktown)	18 th Oct – 29 th Nov	7.30pm – 9.45pm	7 consecutive Wednesday evenings	TBA Blacktown	\$80 for 7 weeks
Rita Chater					

Bereavement Support Groups and Programs for Widow/Widowers

Group/Program Facilitators	Dates	Time	Duration	Venue	Cost
Younger Widowed Support Group - Rita Chater / Philippa Ford	3 rd Tuesday of each Month (Feb-Dec)	7pm – 9pm	Monthly February – December	CCSS Centre 38 Prince St Blacktown	\$5 per meeting
Bereavement Support Program (Blacktown) – Rita Chater	Intro & Overview Wednesday 01 st Feb, 7 sessions Wednesdays 15 th Feb – 10 th May	10.30am – 12.30pm	Fortnightly on Wednesdays Intro + 7 Sessions	CCSS Centre 38 Prince St Blacktown	\$5 per session
Bereavement Support Program (Parish Based)	Will facilitate if requested by parishes				
Rita Chater					

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Solo Parent Services Annual Seminars

Seminar	Date	Time	Duration	Venue	Cost
Announcements and the Catholic Church – Catholic Tribunal Office	Tuesday 23 rd May	7pm – 9pm	One session	CCSS Centre 38 Prince St Blacktown	\$7.00
Dealing with the Legal System – Richard Brading Principal Solicitor at Wesley Mission	Tuesday 13 th June	7pm – 9pm	One session	CCSS Centre 38 Prince St Blacktown	\$7.00
Understanding Family Law – Session 1 Beth Jarman Accredited Family Law Specialist	Tuesday 8 th August	7pm – 9pm	Focus of Session 1: Overview of Family Law Act with Focus on Divorce/Separation	CCSS Centre 38 Prince St Blacktown	\$7 per session
Understanding Family Law – Session 2 Beth Jarman Accredited Family Law Specialist	Tuesday 22 nd August	7pm – 9pm	Focus of Session 2: Overview of Family Law Act with Focus on Property Settlements	CCSS Centre 38 Prince St Blacktown	\$7 per session

Registration Essential - For further information or registration please call: 8822 2222 or email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

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Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	January 23	24	25	26	27 Staff return fro 2017
2 Newsletter Week	30	31	February 1	2	3
3	6	7	8 Opening School Mass 9:15am	9	10
4 Newsletter Week	13 Parent Information Night 7pm Year 1 & Year 2	14	15 Parent Information Night 7pm Year 3 & Year 4	16 Parent Information Night 7pm Kindergarten Year 5 & Year 6 Zone Swimming	17 St Andrews Assembly 2pm 2 Red & 2 Green
5	20 P&F Meeting 7pm	21	22	23	24 Diocesan Swimming Carnival Clean up Australia Day
6 Newsletter Week	27 Meet & Greet	28 Meet & Greet	March 1 Ash Wednesday Whole School Mass 9:15am Meet & Greet	2 Meet & Greet	3 Meet & Greet
7	6 Catholic Schools Mass 9:15am & visit classrooms until 10:50am	7 Connected to Learning—Year 1 Year 5 and Year 6— 9:15am	8 Connected to Learning—Kinder and Year 3—9:15am	9 Connected to Learning—Year 2 and Year 4—9:15am Kindergarten Welcome BBQ 5.30pm	10 St Andrews Assembly 2pm Year 3
8 Newsletter Week	13	14	15	16	17 Young Leaders Day St Patrick's Day
9	20	21 Harmony Day 2:00pm	22	23	24
10 Newsletter Week	27	28	29	30	31 St Andrews Assembly 2pm 4 Blue & 4 Green
11	April 3	4 Cross Country	5	6	7 Last day of school Term 1