



St. Andrews Primary School

Newsletter Term 1 - Issue 4

17 March 2017

From the Principal

Last week we celebrated Catholic Schools Week. I would like to thank everyone for the support you gave the staff and the children in your attendance at the learning sessions. The staff were thrilled to have so many parents attending the events. Catholic Schools Week provides us with the opportunity to show you some of the many great things that the children and the staff are doing here at school. We hope this strengthened the relationship we have with you in educating your beautiful children. We hope that you could see how hard the staff and the children are working to have a coherent strategy for learning throughout the school. It was great to see so many parents and grandparents attending the activities during the week and supporting our work together here at St Andrews. It is great privilege for me to have spent thirty-five 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 and learner that they can be. The children are doing some great work with numeracy and literacy and I thank all our teachers for all their hard work and care. If you would like to contribute any thoughts regarding last week's presentations please let me know through my direct email at mtonnet@parra.catholic.edu.au

Quality Catholic Schools Survey- Commencing this week, 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.

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.

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 2018- I would just like to remind everyone that we have begun the process of enrolment for the 2018 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.

Attendance level this fortnight is 87% our target is 90%. Please we need your support to reach our goal! I know that we can achieve this with your help.

Kind regards
Michael Tonnet
Principal

Staff Development Day
Monday 24th April

Office News

School Fees Term One 2017

School fees are now due for Term One. If you have paid thank you. If not please contact the office to arrange a payment arrangement as soon as possible. Please be aware that we do take credit card payments over the phone.

Uniform Shop - Winter Uniforms and Holiday Trading

All winter uniforms are now available for purchase.

Please note:

Last day of uniform shop trading for Term 1 will be **Wednesday 5th April (8.30-10.00am)**.

The uniform shop will reopen on **Wednesday 26th April (8.30-10.00am)**.

We will also open **Tuesday 11th April (12.30-2.00pm)**.

Uniform Shop—General News

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.

Term 1 School Disco

Years 5 and 6: Tuesday 21 March 2017
Years 3 and 4: Wednesday 22 March 2017
Infants: Thursday 23 March 2017

Where: At school
Time: Lunchtime
Cost : \$5.00 (includes entry fee and showbag)

Theme: *Futuristic Fashion*

Come dressed up in what you believe will be the top fashion trends of the future. It may be something that is cool in 10 years time, 100 years or even 1000 years time. Maybe you can invent your own accessories such as a futuristic watch, glasses or shoes with wings? Make sure you wear sensible shoes. No high heels or open toe shoes.

Parents and Friends

Welcome Parents and Friends to edition 2 of the P & F update. If its ok with you all I am going to just write P&F rather than Parents and Friends, as it just dawned on me this week that this is not a word minimum assignment and I'm not in school anymore Phew

I have a few updates this week and still seeking some help that you will see below, so please help out if you can. To make it a little easier to understand what the P & F do, I have put down some frequently asked questions and answers for the new parents .



- **Can anyone get involved in the P&F?** – Yes. All Parents, grandparents and friends of St Andrews children are welcome to join the P&F
- **How much time do I have to give to the P&F?** – This depends on the role you want within the P&F. You can give as much or as little time as you have available. We are all busy parents within the team and understand time restraints.
- **Am I really needed?** – Yes. All contributions are welcomed and needed. For the most part it's the same parents giving up their time every time and remember many hands make light work
- **Is it fun?** – Yes of course. To be around other like-minded parents brainstorming ideas and fun activities for the children.
- **What's the next activity I can get involved in?** - Great question. Currently Diana is looking for helpers on the 4th April to pack the Easter Raffle prizes at 9am.

Get to know the team..

First cab of the rank is our P&F President, Maria Webb. Maria has been part of the school community since 2010 and has 3 girls. One in high school - wow! good luck with that Maria. She became involved in the P&F to become part of the school community. Last year Maria offered to look after an event and this year has really stepped up to the top position. I asked her why such a busy person take this extra burden on?

"I took on this role as I wanted the opportunity to be able to be part of a committee to help organise and coordinate events as I have experienced before in being part of a playgroup committee."

I went on to ask about the school and the community and what she believes is the best parts of St Andrew's.

"St Andrew's is a great school community always striving to undertake new experiences and exploring new directions to improve the school.

I encourage other families wherever possible to help out, support and get involved so together we can continue to make St Andrews the best school it can be."

Event: Easter Egg Raffle

Team Leader: Diana Watts

Contact: 0412922317.

Helpers: **Needed to pack Easter bags and prizes**

When: 4th April 9am

Reminder- Please return all tickets to the school no later than **31st March** in an envelope with ticket stubs and monies please. The raffle will be drawn on **5th April**



Event: Disco week 9

Theme: Futuristic Fashion

Permission slips have been sent out. How cool is the theme Futuristic Fashion? Ok my mind went straight to my childhood and the Jetsons! However the is open to any interpretation so be creative.

Dates for the Discos will be

Tuesday 21st March - Years 5 & 6

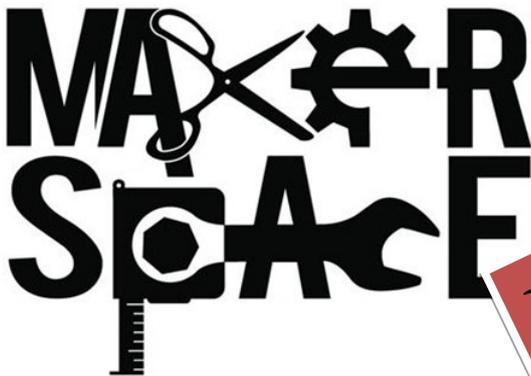
Wednesday 22nd March - Years 3 & 4

Thursday 23rd March - Infants

Feedback from Catholic Schools Mass morning tea was that it was a great success with many people coming for a quick bite and a cup of tea or coffee. We really want to thank all who attended, and we look forward to seeing you all again at a future P&F morning tea.



And last but not least my usual Dads Joke. This is a little subtle but great to confuse kids when learning geography! So enjoy!



Entry for the next round of Makerspace opened today and any interested child would have collected their note to take home (Years 3-6). Students have until Tuesday afternoon to submit their application, as names will be drawn on Wednesday morning.

Due to our Makerspace moving to the teacher hub for the rest of term, we will only be able to have 30 children participate, as space is limited. Once we are back in the library we will return to regular sized groups and also invite infants to be involved.

Round 2 activities

Coding: Learn the basics and experiment with block code

Knitting: Learn how to knit

Design your own game: Become a software engineer and design your very own video game that you and your friends can play!

Have a look in the next issue of the newsletter for a write up and review of our first round of Makerspace.

The Makerspace Team

Student of the Week



K Blue	Agastya Patel	Jessreet Kaur
K Green	Thien Tong-Ho	Auristo Husada
K Red	Jacob Leleimalefaga	Christopher Asiegbu
K Yellow	Genevieve Lok-Saladik	Roger Orule
1 Blue	Curtis Cripps	Justine Webb
1 Green	Timothy Moreno	Kasandra Razon
1 Red	Kai Wei He	Angeline Rentoy
1 Yellow	Nathan Ojinna	Jeremiah Elrayah
2 Blue	Savannah Graff	Isaac Consolini
2 Green	Lucas Luong	Yoanna Gubreial
2 Red	Machol Mawut	Jerome Michael
2 Yellow	Alyssa Bettiol	Name Withheld
3 Green	Name Withheld	Name Withheld
3 Red	Harudhay Badesha	Emilio Gonzales
3 Yellow	Name Withheld	Nicholas Bova
4 Blue	Sharlene San Pedro	Tyrone Micallef
4 Green	Natalie Webb	Isaiah Bob
4 Red	Shalynn Charan	Dimiana Abadier
4 Yellow	Name Withheld	Name Withheld
5 Blue	Erin Blanch	Chudi Ojinna
5 Green	Elijah Ashraf	Jakub Rutkowski
5 Red	Chloe Bettiol	Joycie Bacolod
5 Yellow	Jennifer Assi	Marco Domingo
6 Blue	Alessandra Bova	Maverick Tayson
6 Green	Patrick McMurrich	Caitlyn Singh
6 Yellow	Malay Doshi	Hannah Ajayi

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every learner every day

ABSENCES ADD UP!



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MISSING MORE THAN

1

YEAR OF LEARNING IN

12

YEARS

DID YOU KNOW



1 IN 6

PRIMARY STUDENTS ARE NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL REGULARLY!

EACH DAY MISSED:

- ▶ Puts your child behind and makes it harder for them to catch up
- ▶ Can lead to lower achievement in reading, writing and numeracy
- ▶ Can lead to gaps in learning and social connections

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO



- BE FIRM.** Send your child to school every day unless they are sick
- Develop good sleep and morning routines
- Schedule appointments after school
- Avoid taking holidays during term time

GOOD HABITS BEGIN EARLY



Good attendance starts in Kindergarten and sets students up for success in their school life

SCHOOLS ARE THERE TO HELP



If you're having attendance issues with your child, speak to your school about ways to address it.

ST ANDREWS COLLEGE



St Andrews College is about creating dynamic learning environments that challenge and nurture students to be people of companion, compassion, confidence, competence, creativity, conscience and with the conviction of faith to transform the world.

2018 Year 7 Pre-Enrolment Meeting

Wednesday 29 March at 6.00pm

Holy Family Hall — Junior Campus

School Tours: 1.30pm and 2.00pm

For Tour Bookings visit: www.standrewscomarayong.catholic.edu.au

Parents of Year 6 students, who wish to enrol their child for Year 7 at St Andrews College must submit an application form before Friday the 5th of May, otherwise their child may miss out on a place.

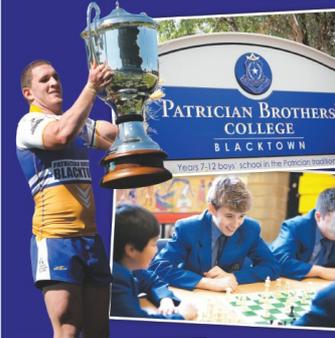
Parents can download an Enrolment Application from the College website, or phone 9626 4000 for a Prospectus.

Applications close at 3pm on Friday 5 May 2017



OPEN NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH 2017
7.00pm



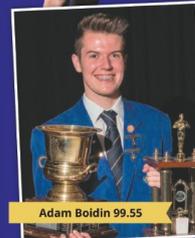
PATRICIAN BROTHERS' COLLEGE continues to produce outstanding HSC results. The school is consistently ranked as one of the best performing HSC schools in NSW.

The College achieves spectacular success across a variety of sports and co-curricular activities.

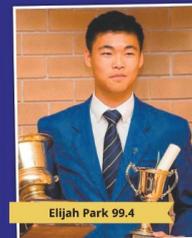
Prospective students and their families are invited to inspect the quality experience on offer at Patrician Brothers' College at our annual OPEN NIGHT.

It is extremely rare for a school to achieve an ATAR in excess of 99. Patrician Brothers' College continues its fine tradition of academic achievement.

A Remarkable Achievement!



Adam Boidin 99.55



Elijah Park 99.4



Manpreet Singh 99.7

ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN

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**Year 7, 2019
Enrolment Information Evening**

Year 7, 2019 families are invited to collect an enrolment pack, enjoy a tour of the College and meet the Leadership Team and staff at the Enrolment Information Evening.

Tuesday March 21, 2017

- College Tours (Optional) 5.30pm
- P&F Afternoon Tea 5.30pm
- Registration 5.45pm
- Information Session 6.30pm

Enquiries: Rosalba Sorgiovanni Yee, Registrar T 8838 1222 E registrar@olmc.nsw.edu.au

expanding beyond what we know we can be



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MERCY

COMPASSION

JUSTICE

DIGNITY

EXCELLENCE

HOSPITALITY

STEWARDSHIP

SERVICE

TERM 1

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 carnival	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 6pm	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 Disco - Years 5&6	22 Disco - Years 3&4	21 Disco - Infants	24
10 Newsletter Week	27	28	29	30	31
11	April 3	4 School Cross Country	5	6	7 St Andrews Assembly 2pm 4 Blue & 4 Green Last day of school Term 1