



St. Andrews Primary School

Newsletter Term 3 - Issue 6

18th July 2014

From the Principal's Desk

FROM THE PRINCIPAL- Welcome back everyone as we begin term three and the second half of the year. I hope you all had a chance to spend some extra time with your children and enjoy their company as it won't be long before they are off making a life for themselves. My youngest just recently started a new job at the Sydney Children's Hospital in Randwick which means she will be moving out of home. In the last twelve months we have lost our two daughters and a dog and the house is feeling very different. We are both wondering where all the time has gone and what's next? You all know how much time, energy and hard work goes into raising a family so appreciate it and all the joys that go with it. Enjoy spending time with your children and taking them places as this time goes quickly.

As we begin the term it is important that we focus on those areas of your children's education discussed at the parent interviews last term. Last term you received your child's Learning Report for the first half of the year. Your positive support of the improvements your children are making with their learning will encourage them to keep trying to improve so that they can reach their potential whatever that may be. At the beginning of the year, I spoke to children about working hard to improve. Some of us are blessed with great intelligence but most of us need to work hard to continue to grow and improve. I believe that having a strong work ethic and a willingness to learn is a wonderful asset in today's world. You don't always have to be the smartest to be successful in life. It's about being kind to others and a willingness to work hard that will bring success. Congratulations to all the children who have worked really hard at improving themselves during the first half of the year.

The staff really appreciated the positive feedback and support you have provided to them regarding the children's instruction. It is important for the children that they continue to work hard on those areas identified in their reports for improvement and not just concentrate on the things that they are already good at. As you know, we have really been focusing on the children's literacy and numeracy development over the year. Whoever said "practice makes perfect" really knew what they were talking about. I have spoken about the partnership that we must have if your children are to reach their full potential. A simple way to help your children is to make sure that they are reading every night, completing their homework and being at school every day and on time. By doing this you are giving your child their best chance to reach their potential.

During the holiday break we have had a small renovation to the school foyer and front office. I hope you all like the changes. I certainly feel that it makes a good first impression and reflects the hard work that all the staff are doing

for the benefit of you children. **We are conducting enrolment interviews for the 2015 kindergarten classes on Saturday, 2nd August** so it is vital that you return applications prior to this date for us to be able to accommodate all those wishing to enrol at our great school for next year.

Industrial Action- You may be aware that the current Enterprise Agreements covering Catholic school staff have expired. The Independent Education Union will be taking protected industrial stoppages in Parramatta Diocesan schools **on Wednesday 23 July**.

The teachers and support staff have some concerns regarding some of the proposed changes to their working conditions and teaching and learning. This action has been authorised under the Fair Work Act. As a result of this meeting there will be **very limited** supervision available in the morning. Normal classes will not commence until 12 noon.

If you are able to delay the arrival of your children on Wednesday until 12 noon this would be helpful. I wish to assure you that all students will be appropriately supervised during this period. Normal lessons will resume at 12 noon.

COSHC- As you would be aware a **Before and After School Care Facility has begun operating in the school hall**. This is a great development for our community and a great help to our families. I would just like to remind everyone that this facility is operated completely separately from the school. It is important that you inform the COSHC **directly** of any changes to the arrangements that you have made with them. It is also important for your child and their teacher to know exactly their pick up arrangements each afternoon

The direct contact details for COSHC St Andrew's from 15 July 2014 are:

P: 0427 775 649

E: coshcstandrewsmarayong@parra.catholic.edu.au

Our next P/F meeting will be held on Monday evening at 7pm in the school library. Also included with this newsletter is the updated school calendar for term 3 which can be also accessed from the school website.

Thank you all for your continued support and cooperation as we work together improving our school in the best interests of the children.

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.

St Andrews College

Enrolment applications for Years 7 and 11 for 2015 are currently being finalised at St Andrews College. Limited places are available, and priority is given to Catholic students from local parishes.

It is essential that application forms be submitted as soon as possible to ensure a place for your child.

Application forms were dispatched to all Year 6 students last term, however, if you did not receive it you may collect one from the office at the primary school or you can download the Enrolment application from the web-site on

www.standrewscmarayong.catholic.edu.au.

SEMINAR – UNDERSTANDING FAMILY LAW

The Solo Parent Ministry will be running our next Seminar on "Understanding Family Law" which will cover information on how the Family Law act applies to issues related to living arrangements for children and property settlements post separation or divorce amongst other topics. Date: Tuesday 22nd July, 7.30pm, Venue: Blacktown Cost: \$5.00. Bookings essential: Ph: 9933 0205 or Email:soloparentministry@ccss.org.au

SEASONS FOR GROWTH – BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

CCSS Solo Parent Ministry is running its next Seasons for Growth Program for adults commencing on **Tuesday 5th August 2014**. This small group Program runs for five consecutive Tuesdays and is open to anyone grieving the death of their spouse or partner. See Notice Board for Flyer. **Venue:** CCSS Centre 51-59 Allawah St Blacktown. **Date/Time:** 5 Tuesdays from 05th August -10.00am – 1.00pm. **Cost:** \$80.00. Information and Registration- Ph. 9933 0205 or email: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au

Important Dates—Term 2

Week 2

Mon 21st July

4Green Cares

P&F Meeting 7pm-8pm

Year 4 Reconciliation

Wed 23rd July

Week 3

Wed 30th July

Year 2 Aquarium

Year 4 Reconciliation

Fri 1st Aug

Whole School St Andrews

Assembly 2:15pm—3:00pm

Second Hand Uniform Pool

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

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

Have you considered completing Years 11 and 12 at OLMC Parramatta?

Prospective Year 11, 2015 students and their families are invited to discover the benefits of a senior Mercy education at the **Year 11 2015 Information Evening on Wednesday, July 23** in the Edith Angel Hall at OLMC Parramatta. To attend, please contact the College Registrar on 8838 1222 or email registrar@olmc.nsw.edu.au



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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM FOR THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (FIRST RECONCILIATION) AT ST ANDREW'S IN 2014

Dear Parents,

In the Diocese of Parramatta children are prepared for these Sacraments within a parish-based, family centred programme. This creates opportunities for parents to continue sharing their faith with their children.

Parents have an essential role in deciding when their children are ready to be prepared for the Sacraments. When their children are ready, parents and families are asked to commit to being involved in the full programme.

Children make their Sacraments in the Parish in which they reside or the Parish at which their family worships. If you are not a Parishioner of St Andrew's you will be required to make an appointment with the Priest or the Sacramental Coordinator.

When you choose to register your child, you will also be required to bring along their Baptism Certificate (unless they were baptised at St Andrew's).

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation Programme will take place in Term 3 of this year for children in Years 2 and above who have been baptised.

You might remember this Sacrament as the *Sacrament of Confession* or the *Sacrament of Penance*. Usually the *Sacrament of First Reconciliation* is received in Year 2 or at an age when the parents believe the child is ready. Children need to have received the Sacrament of Baptism first.

Parents are asked to register for this Program before it begins. **All meetings are compulsory.**

Registration Forms...

... may be collected from the Parish Office beginning from **Monday 14th July 2014** between the hours of 9.00am to 4.00pm. These forms may also be collected from the Parish Office on **Sunday 20th July** between 9.30am and 11.30am.

Registration Evening: Tuesday 22nd July 2014 at 7.00pm in the Church

Classes: Sundays 3rd August, 10th August & 17th August 2014.

[Classes begin with 8.45am Mass and conclude at approximately 11.30am]

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated on:

Saturday 23rd August, Saturday 30th August & Saturday 6th September

(You may choose to receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on **ANY ONE** of the Saturdays listed above.)

The Sacramental Programmes in 2015 are usually advertised in the Parish Bulletin during the Christmas season. Children, who have received the *Sacrament of Penance* are eligible to make their **First Holy Communion** from Year 3 onwards. After receiving **Holy Communion** parents may then register their children for the Preparation Programme for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** from Year 5 onwards.

Yours sincerely,

Fr Ron

Fr Ron McFarlane

Parish Priest

Would You Like to Learn How to Assist Your Child with Reading and Writing?

Come along to the **Parents As Tutors** program- **PAT** program

The program will begins this term and consists of 4 x 2hr sessions. There is no cost involved.

The program will be held on the following Wednesday evenings from 7-9pm in the school library – 27th August, 3rd Sept, 10th Sept and 17th Sept.

Please note that as this is an information program it is difficult to accommodate children/toddlers.

Program Covers

Week 1 Parents Role in Children’s Learning

What is the PAT program about?

The way children learn -explore how children learn to talk and apply these principles to reading and writing

Week 2 Preparation for Reading

How to introduce a new book

Explore enjoyable reading and writing activities to use in everyday life

The various reading phases a child passes through

Week 3 Understanding Reading

How to make Reading easier for your child

How to select appropriate reading levelled books

Week 4 Understanding Writing and Spelling and their Relationship

Stages of Talking, Writing and Spelling

Spelling strategies for parents

Ways to help your child write at home

Pulling it all together

Certificate of Achievement

Confirmation slips need to be returned by Monday 18th August so that staffing can be arranged and parents notified.

I would like to attend the PAT program on a Wednesday evenings between 7-9pm

Name; _____

Child’s name: _____

Class _____



Student of the Week

6Red	Isabella Carter	
6Blue	Aletheo Hartono	
6Green	Annie Ajit	
6Yellow	Crystal Slater	
5Red	Amariah Penn-Gray	
5Blue	Charlize Taranto	
5Green	Michael Alegado	
5Yellow	Chloe Isais	
4Red	Justin Dacanay	
4Blue	Zackary Kleinig	
4Green	Duot Aciek	
4Yellow	Jack Melki	
3Red	Jai Pereira	
3Blue	Jyl Bartolo	
3Green	Jorja Pundeet	
3Yellow	Alessandra Bova	
2Red	Raine Tui	
2Blue	Sarah Rodriguez	
2Green	Bryce Vinensig	
2Yellow	Daman Brar	
1Red	Jacqueline Calaquian	
1Blue	Matilda Adamecki	
1Green	Lorenzo Magpayo	
1Yellow	Jobella de la Cruz	
KRed	Lara Childs	
KBlue	Erin Patel	
KGreen	Nicholas Bova	
KYellow	Nicole Gasendo	

Parents and Friends News

Email address: pandstandrewsmarayong@gmail.com
Facebook at: Parentsandfriends StAndrews
Twitter: <http://twitter.com/PandFcommittee>

Dates for your diary.

Term 3 P&F meeting in the Library on Monday 21st July 2014 at 7pm.
Hope to see you there, as we now only have one meeting per term!!

Fathers Day coming up in September !!

Welcome back, hope you all enjoyed your holidays!!

Birthday List

30/06/2014	Felicity Van Der Schoor
01/07/2014	Telisha Chapman, Tyrone Galaxidism, Elaina Quinn
02/07/2014	Euleila Barret, Christian Stern
03/07/2014	Eion Pascua, Henry Clemson, Helen Zammit
04/07/2014	Chantel McPherson
05/07/2014	Danielle El-Khoury Nehme, Gabriella Manessi
07/07/2014	Matthew Medynskyj, Deeyan Kanbi, Julie Nguyen, Jonah Petersen
08/07/2014	Maria Katonibau, David De Guzman
09/07/2014	Emily De Cruz, Monica Magpayo, Dominic Watson
10/07/2014	Ilias Vasiliou, Jordan Billedo, Alicia Futialo
11/07/2014	Cameron Croser
12/07/2014	Jeremy Smith, Bella Smith, Kassidy Peters
13/07/2014	Jairus Del Vega, Ada Ding. Abuk Makog
14/07/2014	Alessandra Bova
15/07/2014	Daniel Zhang
16/07/2014	Peter Mateja, Anna Mateja, Arabella Gutierrez
17/07/2014	Dennis Benjanov, Nyanbuot Deng, Isabella Hanna Aditya Rawal
18/07/2014	Charisse De Mesa, Brock Walker





Why industrial action is taking place in our schools

The current Enterprise Agreements covering Catholic school staff have nominally expired, with their provisions remaining in place until a new Agreement is developed.

On 7 April 2014, Catholic school employers released for discussion a draft Enterprise Agreement covering the majority of staff working in Catholic systemic schools. It's a new, contemporary agreement which presents a range of ideas about how schools can better support 21st century teaching and learning.

Education in Australia is changing. Modern curricula, new technology and community expectations have changed schools forever and our industrial arrangements must reflect this. The proposed agreement rewards excellence in teaching, reduces distractions to the core work of learning and teaching and allows greater flexibility in the way we work. We believe that what has been proposed is equitable, sustainable and supports excellence in education for our children.

We have made it clear to the Union and staff that the proposal is just a *starting point for conversation* and will be subject to revision and change following staff feedback and union negotiation. Importantly, we have highlighted that our staff are in control as only they can vote to change their Agreement.

Despite this, the Union is encouraging industrial action which is likely to take place in some schools. We believe this action is intended to stop discussion about important changes that include:

- pay that is linked to professional standards that all Government's around Australia have mandated;
 - how the school day is organised;
 - supporting quality teaching;
 - managing workloads by changing outdated work practices; and
- having all staff collaborate on what's works best for students instead of relying on a one-size-fits-all approach.

Catholic Employers are committed to good faith bargaining, and working through the issues in an open and fair way. While we acknowledge the Union's important role in acting on behalf of employees, we genuinely believe that opening up the conversation around change is ultimately in the best interest of teachers, students and the whole school community.

During this challenging time, our priority is to ensure that there is minimal inconvenience to parents and disruption to our students' learning and we will ensure that parents are informed as soon as possible about any changes to the school day.

In the meantime, a dedicated website has been created if you would like to learn more about the employers' proposal wwwFOUNDATIONSforexcellence.com.au
We welcome your questions and concerns.

Term 3 Calendar—revised—as at 14th July 2014

TERM 3					
Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 Newsletter Week	July 14 Staff Development day	15 1 st Day for stu- dents	16	17	18
2	21 4 Green Cares Excursion P & F Meeting 7.00pm-8.00pm	22	23 Year 4 Reconciliation	24	25
3 Newsletter Week	28	29	30 Year 2 Aquarium Excursion Year 4 Reconciliation	31	Aug 1 Whole School St. Andrew's Assembly 2.15pm – 3.00pm
Sat 2 nd Kind- er Interviews 4	4	5	6 Year 6 Canberra Year 4 Blue Cares Excursion 9am Year 5 Mass	7 Year 6 Canberra	8 St. Mary of the Cross Year 6 Canberra
5 Newsletter Week	11	12 Stage 2 Rugby	13	14	15 Feast of the As- sumption 9 – 10am Whole School Mass
6	18	19 Voice of Youth	20 K – 6 Music A Viva	21	22 Whole School St. Andrew's Assembly 2.15pm – 3.00pm
7 Newsletter Week	25	26	27 Parent Tutor Program	28	29
8	Sept 1 Walkathon	2 9 – 10am Year 3 Mass	3 Parent Tutor Program	4 Fathers Day Stall	Fathers Day Stall 5
Sunday Fa- thers Day 9 Newsletter Week	8 Year 3 Hyde Park Excursion	9	10 Year 4 Longneck La- goon excursion Infants Sports Carni- val Parent Tutor Program	11 Year 5 Bathurst Year 4 Longneck Lagoon excursion	12 Year 5 Bathurst Year 3 Hyde Park Excursion Stage 3 Boys touch footy Whole School St. Andrew's Assembly 2.15pm – 3.00pm
10	15 10 – 11am Kinder Liturgy	16 Year 5 & 6 Disco	17 Infants Disco Parent Tutor Program	18 Year 3 & 4 Disco Walkathon Prizes	19 Walkathon Pizza Day Last day of Term 3