



# St. Andrews Primary School

## *Newsletter Term 3 - Issue 14*

*19th August 2016*

### ***From the Principal***

On Monday the church celebrated the Feast of the Assumption giving us a great opportunity to focus on the qualities of Mary and how we might apply these in the living of our own lives. The values of care, perseverance, honesty, compassion and humility are certainly values that our world needs more action on. It is extremely important for all of us to take some time out from the busyness of our daily lives to pray, which can help us all to centre ourselves and to realize just what are the most important things that we need to focus on - our relationships with our husbands and wives, children, extended families and to those less fortunate. May Mary continue to be a source of inspiration to all of us in our daily interactions.

This week I had the great pleasure of accompanying our Athletes to the Zone Athletics carnival. I would like you all to know how wonderful our students behaved and how well they assisted in the organization of the carnival. All the people who were helped by the children took time to tell me just how respectful and polite our children were. A big congratulations to all of our student helpers at this event. A special thank you also to Mr Paynter, Mr Harris, Mrs Burke and Mrs McMurrich for assisting and making the carnival such a success. Congratulations to all our athletes for their efforts on the day. We have 16 students selected for the Diocesan carnival next week, we wish them the best.

We are still interviewing for kindergarten and other grades for 2017. It is extremely important that we fully utilize the resources that we have here at St Andrews. There are many great things happening in terms of your children's learning and providing a safe and supportive environment in which to do this. You as parents, are the best advertisement for our school. I encourage all of you to support us in our efforts in educating the children of Marayong and to continue to improve our great school.

Next week is Book Week. Mrs Ross has organized a special visit on Monday by Stephen Michael King, a children's author, who will share his experiences and some of his writing with the children. Stephen Michael King was born in Sydney and loved drawing from an early age. After leaving school he worked at the local library as a children's library assistant where he read stories to pre-schoolers. This was valuable training for his future career as a children's author. He went to work as an artist at Walt Disney studios in Sydney. In 1994 Stephen started working as a designer and illustrator for a children's publisher. Since then King has authored and illustrated numerous children's books and won several awards. Stephen will share his experience with the children. We hope this might encourage some of the children to continue to develop their own writing skills. A big thank you to Mrs Ross for organizing this experience for the children.

As part of the Year of Mercy celebrations our school orchestra will be sharing their musical prowess at St Patrick's Blacktown on Sunday 21st August at 12:15pm. Please come along and be part of the celebrations and witness our children sharing their wonderful talents.

*Kind Regards*  
*Michael Tonnet*  
*Principal*

# Library News

## Book Week 2016, 22<sup>nd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> August

The theme for "Book Week" this year is:

### **‘Australia – Story Country’**

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August, as part of our "Book Week" celebrations, the school will be visited by famous Australian children's author/illustrator Stephen Michael King. In the lead up to this exciting week, teachers will be reading some of Stephen's books to the children.



# Office News

## **School Fees Term 3 2016**

School Fees for Term 3 are due by **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2016**.

*If you have paid thank you.*

Please note that these are the last school fees payable for the year. We accept most methods of payment. Please contact the school office on (02) 96716622 if you have any concerns/queries or email [Lcamilleri@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Lcamilleri@parra.catholic.edu.au).

## **Canteen** - Now in stock!

- Fresh Yoghurt—Various Flavours \$1 ea
- Fish burgers \$3.50 each
- Veggie Burgers \$3.50 each

## **Uniform Shop**

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](mailto: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](mailto:elle@ozfashions.com.au)

## **Second Hand Uniforms**

The second hand uniform shop is open each Wednesday 8:30am to 9:00am.

# Year 6 Canberra Excursion

Our Year 6 Students undertook an educational tour of the National Capital on July 28 and 29 (Thursday and Friday Week 2).

Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

We visited the Australian War Memorial, the Australian Institute of Sport, Questacon, toured Parliament House to see the workings of the House of Representatives and the Senate, and took part in a Parliamentary Education Office session where students debated a Bill.

We also visited the Australian Electoral Commission in Old Parliament House where students learnt about Democracy and the voting process to elect our representatives in Federal Parliament.

The Australian Government recognizes the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of the Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.



# Fundraiser Information

## 2016

### St Andrew's Primary School Fundraiser 2016 "REMEMBERING RIO" Quiz!

Dear Parents,

This year the St Andrew's Primary School fundraising task will be to complete a grade quiz about the 2016 Olympic Games, "Remembering Rio".

Your child will receive a sponsorship card and is encouraged to collect sponsors and donations to help support our school to purchase resources.

This year we will have **GRADE** prizes for the grades that raise the most money.

The Grade that raises the most money will receive 10 IPADS!!! The second prize will be 5 grade IPADS!!

The classes that raise the most money in Infants and Primary will be rewarded with a pizza party celebration lunch!



The QUIZ will be completed in class on Wednesday, the 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2016. The children are invited to wear mufti **GREEN** and **GOLD** or "AUSTRLAIA" themed clothing on the day to help us to get into the spirit of the QUIZ FUN!!!

Thank you for your support,  
St Andrew's Fundraising Committee

# Parents and Friends

Wow! Does anyone else think Term 3 is flying? I definitely think it's flying. So much so I missed a P & F update last newsletter! I know the regular readers were disappointed as they expressed to me that they felt something was lacking in their lives. It was so true. Something was missing. It was the awesome update from the P & F team!

Individuals within the P & F train all year for a single event such as the Mothers Day Stall. The effort behind the scenes sometimes goes unnoticed. All we see is a flawless routine on the day. At a stretch we could relate this to an athlete who trains all year to showcase their prowess on the biggest stage such as the Olympics.

What a subtle Segway !!!!!!!

So who's been watching the Olympics? There are so many great teaching points as a parent. I have been teaching my little boy about teamwork, fairness, and goal setting.

**Do you have some of stories about or lessons learned watching the RIO Olympics with your child? If you do, we would love to hear about your experience. Please email in and share with the school community.**



Inspirational Olympic Stories

As well as comparing our P & F members to being Olympic athletes, I would like to thank our true gold medal performers—the teachers. I think everyone would agree they all deserve a gold medal!

## **Recent Events**

On Monday 15th August we attended a Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Many thanks to all who helped out. The feedback was very positive and this was a beautiful event.

## **Coming Events**



**1. Infants Sports Carnival BBQ – 14th September 2016.** This event is being organised by **THEA CLEMENTS**. Thea is looking for volunteers **ASAP**. If you can help no matter how big or how small please contact Thea on **0414 015 819**. All offers will be greatly appreciated. With the Buzz from the Olympics, this should be a great event!

**2. Father's Day Stall - 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> September** – perfect to show how much you and your child love their FATHER !!!!!!! Help is definitely needed. If you can help please contact **DENISE**, our Olympic Fathers Day athlete on 0421 306 996



**And now for a bad Dads joke –**





# ★ St Andrew's Got Talent ★

## A message from the Talent Show Committee ☺

The annual St Andrew's Got Talent Show is finally here! We ask you to mark your calendar for the upcoming event, which will be held on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September, Week 10. The performance is held in the school hall at 11.45am.

All children will be allowed to audition for the show. They can practise an act either as an individual or in a group with peers in their grade. We ask that the acts are to be no more than **two-minutes**.

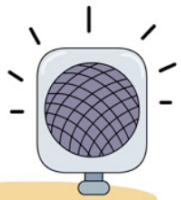
Students wanting to audition will have to complete an audition form from their class teacher. We ask parents to support your child in preparing them for the show and encouraging them to have-a-go.

Auditions will be held in each grade during week 8 to select the **2 finalists** for the 2016, St Andrew's Got Talent Show! The chosen finalists will receive a golden ticket, inviting them to showcase their act in front of the whole school.

This is a wonderful and fun community event that students enjoy being part of. We hope to see you there to support the students and celebrate the talent at St Andrew's Primary school.



*The Talent Show Committee ☺*



# Student of the Week



K Blue	Dylan Bensley	Ashlyn Aldana
K Green	Chris Manu	Karman Singh
K Red	Alex Pineda	Alivia Frelek
K Yellow	Haylee Marks	Nathan Ojinna
1 Blue	Isabella Mau	Michael Azzi
1 Green	Jasmine Fowler	Zyrill Ilagan
1 Red	Liam Gerardis	Hazel Joshi
1 Yellow	Name Withheld	Aarish Singh
2 Blue	Name Withheld	Name Withheld
2 Green	Evie Brignell	Name Withheld
2 Red	Kaelah Garcia	James Reid
2 Yellow	Khenav Katariya	Monique Richardson
3 Blue	Name Withheld	Jayda Vakai
3 Green	Isaac Hay	Name Withheld
3 Red	Abbey Rifidi	Lucas Wilson
3 Yellow	Emerold Wong	Arnav Lamba
4 Blue	Ava Mulroney	Joycie Bacolod
4 Green	Name Withheld	Name Withheld
4 Red	Zac Obcemia	Name Withheld
4 Yellow	Isabella Saunders	AJ Rentoy
5 Blue	Lauren DelaCruz	Alysa Sklibosios
5 Green	Name Withheld	David Bolis
5 Yellow	Name Withheld	Thomas Formosa
6 Blue	Isaiah Bob	Janelle Lumayno
6 Green	Jaycob McLoughlin	Tara Flores
6 Red	Luigi Taniegra	Jack Melki
6 Yellow	Justin Dacanay	Shakaya Tallon



Think Club Australia provides experiential workshops for the inquisitive, problem-solving, creative and capable primary school child. Our one day, hands-on workshops are enjoyable, fun and interesting.

**TUESDAY 27th & WEDNESDAY 28th SEPTEMBER 2016**  
9am – 3.30pm, Sydney Boys High School, Moore Park, Sydney  
[www.thinkclubaustralia.com](http://www.thinkclubaustralia.com)

## BOOKING INFORMATION

To book one of our amazing workshops please visit our website: [www.thinkclubaustralia.com](http://www.thinkclubaustralia.com)

1 Workshop - \$110 • 2 Workshops - \$210 • 3 Workshops - \$300 • each subsequent workshop \$90  
Total costs are calculated on the number of workshops booked per registration form.

Please ensure you select a first & second workshop preference as the 1st choice cannot be guaranteed. Places are allocated on a 'first' in basis. **Closing date for registration is 10th September 2016** (unless places are filled prior). For more information contact us at [info@thinkclubaustralia.com](mailto:info@thinkclubaustralia.com)

## Tuesday 27th September 2016 - DAY 1 Workshops

### RIOTOUS ROBOTICS Yr 1&2

Learn how to program playful LEGO designs with movement and sound using LEGO WeDo hardware and software. LEGO WeDo is also equipped with sensors that allow designs to act like real robots. Design, build and program your own creative game, or tell an imaginative and interactive story. Great day of problem solving and challenging fun! All equipment supplied.

### CREATURE KEEPERS Yr 1&2

Calling all mini-zookeepers! Spend a day caring for REAL Australian reptiles, frogs, invertebrates, omnivores, herbivores, carnivores and ectothermic animals! Get your hands dirty alongside our trained zoo keepers and explore the habits and homes of these creatures.

### SLIMY SCIENCE Yr 1&2

Experiment with giant bubbles, gooey slime and other gunky substances to explore the wonderful world of science. Do you have what it takes to be a mad scientist? In this exciting day of hands-on experiments you will learn to ask probing questions, test your crazy theories...and get messy along the way!

### MASTER MIND Yr 3&4

The brain has been described as the most complex thing yet discovered in our universe. With billions of neurons- it is faster than the fastest computer. Whether you're awake or asleep- your brain enables you to think, process information from your senses, feel emotions, learn, create, remember, generate ideas, move, react, breathe and blink... It sends more messages in one day than all the phones in the world at speeds of over 300 kph! Want to learn how the brilliant brain works, how to improve yours or even how to trick it?

### FASCINATING FORENSICS Yr 3&4

Ever wondered how a scientist can become a super sleuth? Immerse yourself in the intriguing world of forensic science including a CSI workshop, DNA extractions, fingerprinting, and other amazing crime solving techniques.

### PROGRAMMING PRODIGIES Yr 3&4

Interested in programming? Want to create the next great computer game? Explore programming tools and algorithms in the Scratch language developed by computer engineers at MIT. As its founders say, programming enables kids "to think creatively, reason systematically, and work collaboratively". All equipment supplied.



# Time for You

A spiritual retreat weekend for individuals

## 5-6 November 2016

Sometimes YOU need...

- ...time out from your day to day life
- ...a little spiritual help from someone outside of your current circles.
- ...a break to go within, reconnect with self and restore your connection to the divine within you and around you.

Accommodation	Meals	Reflection
Spiritual Direction	Personal time	Yoga
Orientation	Guided labyrinth walk	Massage

Early Bird Price \$333\* Closes 21 September 2016  
Standard Price \$395\*

REGISTER NOW  
[www.outoftheboxretreats.org.au](http://www.outoftheboxretreats.org.au)

\*Includes GST

## PLAYERS WANTED



Celebrating 40 years

### Under 10's to Under 16's

Qualified Coaches & Bowling Machine  
\$120.00 Season Total (Juniors)

**Coaches are fully qualified**

### Senior Teams of all Levels

\$200.00 Season Total (Seniors)

Registration – Saturdays

6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> August

1pm – 3pm Kareela Reserve

[www.doonsidecricketclub.com.au](http://www.doonsidecricketclub.com.au)

### ENQUIRIES

JNRS- Michael 0416-323-260

SNRS- Nathan 0421-651-064

CLUB- Graham 0422-427-838

Doonside CC is fully compliant with  
the NSW Working With Children Act

## KINGS LANGLEY Little Athletics Centre

FOR CHILDREN 3 - 17 YEARS OLD

MORGAN POWER RESERVE  
VARDYS ROAD  
KINGS LANGLEY

1 - 2 ATHLETES - \$110 EACH

3+ ATHLETES - \$100 EACH

TINY TOTS (3-5 YEARS) - \$90 EACH

REGISTER FOR  
2016/17 SEASON  
[www.kllac.org.au](http://www.kllac.org.au)

SEASON STARTS  
FRIDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER

### PRC—(Parent Representative Council) Upcoming Events

- **Term 3, 2016 General Meeting - Mon 22 Aug 2016**  
**Topic: Helping Your Child Manage Anxiety**

College Library, Nagle Girls' Catholic College, 58A Orwell Street, Blacktown Sth

31/5/2016 07:00 PM until 22/8/2016

- **Term 4, 2016 General Meeting - Mon 14 Nov**  
**Topic: Future Directions/Where we're heading in Catholic Education**  
**Diocese of Parramatta**

Diocesan Assembly Centre, Cnr Flushcombe Rd & Marian St, Blacktown

23/8/2016 07:00 PM until 14/11/2016

## TERM 3

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<b>1</b> <b>Newsletter Week</b>	18 July	19	20	21	22
<b>2</b>	25 P&F Meeting 7pm	26	27	28 Yr 6 Canberra Excursion	29 <b>Year 5 Mass</b> Yr 6 Canberra Excursion
<b>3</b> <b>Newsletter Week</b>	August 1	2	3 Reconciliation Year 4	4	5 St Andrews Assembly—Year 1  100 Day of Kinder Celebrations
<b>4</b>	8	9 Reconciliation Year 6	10	11	12
<b>5</b> <b>Newsletter Week</b>	15 Feast of the Assumption Mass 9:15am	16 Blacktown Zone Athletics Carnival	17	18	19
<b>6</b> <b>BOOK WEEK</b>	22 Stage 1 Mass 9:15am  Author Visit  Term 3 fees due	23	24 Reconciliation Year 5	25	26 St Andrews Assembly Year 6G & 6R  Reconciliation Year 3
<b>7</b> <b>Newsletter Week</b>	29 4 Green Cares Excursion	30 4 Blue Cares Excursion	31 4 Yellow Cares Excursion	<b>September 1</b> 4 Red Cares Excursion  Fathers Day Stall  Year 1 Zoo Excursion	2 Kinder Fathers Day Liturgy  Fathers Day Stall
<b>8</b>	5	6	7 Fundraising Day— Children wear green and gold	8	9 Year 5 Bathurst Excursion
<b>9</b> <b>Newsletter Week</b>	12	13 Stage 2 Disco  Voice of Youth Semi Final	14 Stage 3 Mass 9:15sm  Stage 3 Disco  Infants Sports Carnival	15 Infants Disco	16 St Andrews Assembly Year 4Y & 4R
<b>10</b>	19	20	21	22	23 Talent Show 11:45  Last Day Term 3