



St. Andrews Primary School

Newsletter Term 2 Week 1

1st May 2014

From the Principal's Desk

From the Principal

"For many years now, psychologists have been saying that the bonding of a baby with its mother in the first few minutes of life is vital for the stability of the newborn child. The mother-infant bond is an intense relationship of unparalleled human affection. It is the foundation of the child's emotional and physical survival. No wonder the saying: 'Mothers hold their children's hands for a short time but their hearts forever', author unknown and no wonder the Chinese proverb: 'There is only one pretty child in the world and every mother owns it.' There are many ways to answer the question, "What is Motherhood?" and one of those ways might be that Motherhood means sharing in the creative power of God. Conceiving, carrying and giving birth to a human being, is as close as any person can get to the act of creation. This is the beginning of Motherhood but it is far from the end. Motherhood is also about nurturing, sacrificing, loving and, ultimately, letting go."

Mothers teach us that if we all focused on doing something for someone else everyday, not only will the world be a better place, but we would be happier ourselves. I really believe this. It is so easy to get all wrapped up about your lot in life. By focusing on what you can do to help someone else is very rewarding and this is what Jesus tried to teach us. Let us all take up this challenge for the benefit of others.

Thank you- A big thank you to all those mums who have been working hard in organising for the Mothers Day Stall for next week. They have managed to put together lots of gifts for the children to select from next Thursday and Friday at the stall. The money raised from this activity will go to further literacy/ maths and technology resources. These resources are important and the fundraising helps us to continue to upgrade and improve what we currently have. Your support of these activities is gratefully accepted.

I would like to wish all our mothers a happy day for Mother's Day on Sunday week. I hope you all get spoiled, you deserve it.

Term calendars went home earlier this week as a note so that you can see all the events relevant for you this term. An important date to remember is **Tuesday, 10th June as this is the date for our staff development day which is a pupil free day.** Just a reminder that the newsletter is not being printed and will be sent to you via email. You can also access the newsletter from the school website.

Uniform Changeover- The practice for the changeover to the winter uniform always has to be a little fluid as we can still have some quite warm days at the beginning of the second term. Children can continue to wear their summer uniform until Friday, 9th of May if you think it may be a little hot. We expect that all children will be wearing their winter uniform after Mothers Day. Thank you for your continued support with these arrangements.

Next Friday, 9th May at 2:15pm in the hall we have our first St Andrews Assembly for the term using a new format with the whole school present. It will be great to gather as a whole school three times during the term to celebrate the achievements of the children.

Girls Soccer- I managed to escape the office for a little while this week to watch the Stage 3 girls participate in the Soccer Gala day. It was great to see the girls enjoying themselves and having some fun. Thank you to Mr Knight for organising the girls and keeping them safe.

If you have any children commencing school next year it is important to return your application forms as soon as possible so that we can begin our preparations for the 2015 school year. Your support and cooperation in collecting and returning your enrolment forms as quickly as possible will be most appreciated. Thank you to all those parents who have been actively promoting our great school. We have to make sure that our facilities are fully utilised and your support in promoting our school benefits all of us especially your children.

Have a great term

Michael Tonnet

Principal



NAPLAN

In Week 3, on Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th May the children in Years 3 and 5 take part in a national assessment called NAPLAN. NAPLAN stands for the National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy. This test assesses the literacy and numeracy skills of these students.

On Tuesday, 13th May, the children will have two assessments—the language convention test assesses children’s spelling, punctuation and grammar. The writing assessment measures the children’s ability to write, either a narrative or, an exposition/argument. The children’s work will be marked according to the way they structured their writing, as well as their use of grammar, spelling and punctuation.

Obviously, the reading test on Wednesday 14th May, focuses on comprehension. We hope the children will refer to the text given to find the answers and not just rely on their memory. Then on Thursday 15th May is the Numeracy test.

The results of these assessments will provide parents with information on:

- What their child can do

- Specific comments about student’s results and their child’s achievement level in relation to national benchmarks

The school also receives a report. We as a school always analyze our results, with a view of improving the educational program presented to all the children at St Andrews.

So, my advice to the children in Years 3 and 5 is to; have a good night’s sleep the night before, eat a healthy breakfast before coming to school, listen to all the instructions given to you by your teacher and just try your very best.

As for parents, remember these assessments are a snapshot of your child’s literacy and numeracy ability on a given test day.

As of Term 2 week 1 we are going Electronic with our newsletter please subscribe if you wish to receive it via email

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: 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.

Uniform Shop

Elle: 0421216414 Email: elle@ozfashions.com.au
Long Sleeve Polo now available for \$30.

Second Hand Uniform Pool

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

St Andrews College Year 7 and 11, 2015

Enrolment Information

A pre-enrolment meeting will be held at the College, Holy Family Campus, 116 Quakers Rd, Marayong on 6th May at 6:00pm. Applications for Enrolment for Year 7 2015 close on the 16th May.

St Andrews College is a Catholic secondary school located in Marayong, serving families in the Greater Blacktown area.

St Andrews College provides opportunities for each student to become a creative, competent, compassionate and confident person with an informed conscience and a firm conviction of faith.

Details of these are available in the College Prospectus. Copies of the Prospectus and Application are available from the Registrar, Mrs Julie Sabine, phone 96261999

Further information and Enrolment Applications can be obtained from the website at www.standrewscmarayong.catholic.edu.au

Important Dates—Term 2

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| Monday 5th May | P&F Meeting 7pm |
| Tuesday 6th | Dance Fever, Greg Alexander Stage 3 League |
| Thursday 8th May | Dance Fever, Mothers Day Stall |
| Friday 9th May | Mothers Day Stall, Whole School Assembly 2.15pm |

Student of the Week

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|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 6Red | Shulin Parikh | 4Green | Leanne Alata | 1Red | Luke Smith |
| 6Blue | Kimberly Parala | 4Yellow | Pocholo Dy-Liacco | 1Blue | Vesna Kenny |
| 6Green | Joe Boustani | 3Red | Ben He | 1Green | Lily Aldrich |
| 6Yellow | Daniella El-Khoury Nehme | 3Blue | Caitlyn Singh | 1Yellow | Tyler Isais |
| 5Red | Brody Gravina | 3Green | Zechariah Makatule | KRed | Alexis Bigeni |
| 5Blue | Angelique Gialamas | 3Yellow | Ethan Narayan | KBlue | Aesha Rosas |
| 5Green | Arnav Rao | 2Red | Tyler Mates | KGreen | Emily Neill |
| 5Yellow | Holly Campbell | 2Blue | Yisrael Defredes | KYellow | Nathan Roncasvalles |
| 4Red | Varan Pareek | 2Green | Anthony Futialo | | |
| 4Blue | Tereza Achan | 2Yellow | KK Karki | | |

Parents and Friends

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Facebook at: Parentsandfriends StAndrews

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/PandFcommittee>



Dates for your diary

Monday 5th May 2014 P & F Meeting 7.00 in the school library.

Thursday 8th May 2014 - Mothers Day stall number1

Friday 9th May 2014 Mother's Day stall number2

Mothers Day Stall ~ Help needed!!!!

Thursday May 8th

&

Friday May 9th

If you are free to help on both or either of these days, from 8.30am until recess please call Denise Sessa on 0421306996

OR Diana Watts on 0412922 317 Or leave your details at our email address above.

All gifts are \$5.00 each.

P & F Meeting

Monday 5th May 2014 will be our next P & F meeting. You are all WELCOME to come and join in. Thank you.

SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO ARE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

The Solo Parent Ministry is now taking registrations for their next Post-Separation Recovery Program (commencing on May 14th) This is an excellent 7 week Program to assist you work through many of the issues that you face as you negotiate your way through the loss, pain and challenges following the break-down of your marriage relationship. It will be held at Blacktown from 7.30pm – 9.45pm for 7 consecutive Wednesdays. Cost \$80.00. For further details and registration contact soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or Ph. 99330205

PRAYER AND REFLECTION DAY

Sister Eileen Quade will be running another Prayer and Reflection Day at Marymount Mercy Centre, 36 David Rd. Castle Hill on Sunday 4th May, (10.30am – 3.00pm). This is open to anyone and includes guided meditations, Scripture reflections and silent prayer. BYO Lunch. Cost: \$10.00. More details and Registrations: eileen.quade@ccss.org.au or Ph. 99330205

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a *Marriage Enrichment* experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage!

Weekend date: 13 – 15 June at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW
Bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel. 02 4283 3435 or

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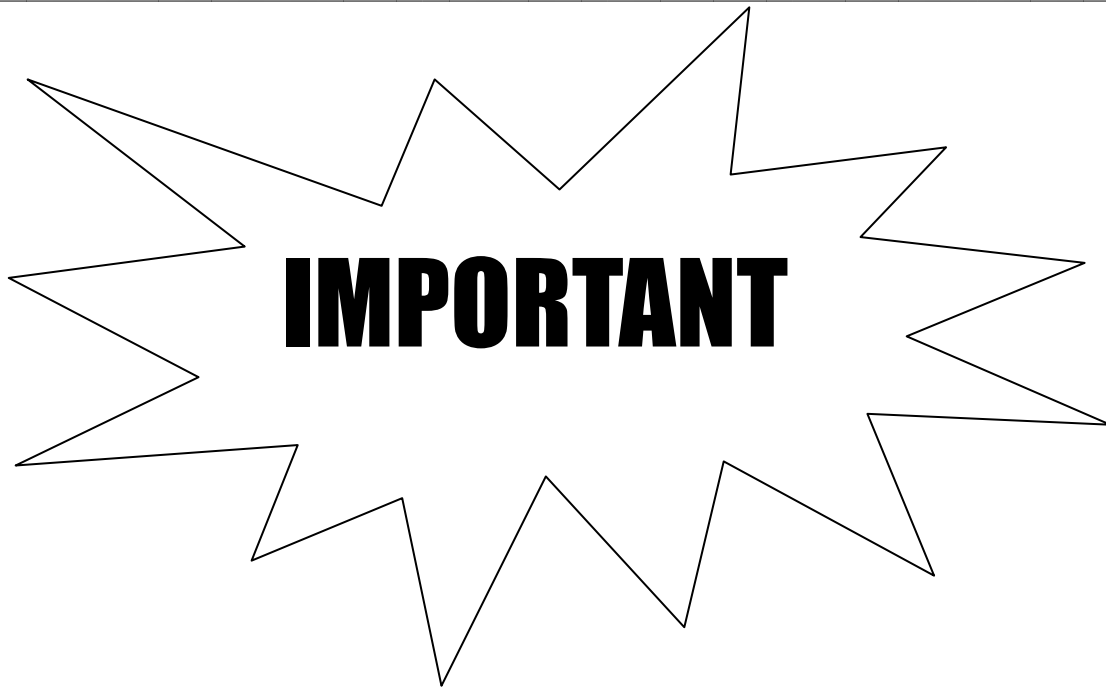


6 WEEKS TO 16 YEARS OLD
(CHILDCARE BENEFIT AVAILABLE)
chuongtuanh@yahoo.com.au



Birthday List

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| 13/04/2014 | Isabelle Louise |
| 14/04/2014 | Ruiz Celeste |
| 15/04/2014 | Nicholas Tyra, Adelayde Baker, Benjamin Reyes, Allannah Bowen |
| 16/04/2014 | Shanay Yeo, Nathanael Petersen |
| 17/04/2014 | Lauren Tabone |
| 19/04/2014 | Katelyn Charles |
| 20/04/2014 | Pouriel Magol, Max Garcia, Ethan Filipino, James Bacon-Cummins |
| 21/04/2014 | Rochelle Koster, Tara Flores, Dwight Filipino |
| 22/04/2014 | Adrian Prundus, Thyrone Henderson |
| 23/04/2014 | Ivy Lowe |
| 24/04/2014 | Julianne Felipe, Lucas Wylie-Fahey |
| 25/04/2014 | Maria Cabral, Ryan Laycock, Finlay Blanch |
| 26/04/2014 | Michael Alaura, Holly Brasier |
| 27/04/2014 | Janelle San Jose, Jye Kalemusic, Dominique Grepo |
| 29/04/25014 | Chloe Herbert |
| 30/04/2014 | Lachlan Rafidi, Zechariah MakatuleFineanganofu, Aliyana Dela Cruz, Larissa Mitchell |
| 01/05/2014 | Jessie O'Donnell, Shang Abol, Mark Carpio, Jasmine Bowen |
| 02/05/2014 | Joeben Danao |
| 03/05/2014 | Isamaela Katu |



PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Please fill in the Parent Teacher Interviews form that your eldest child will bring home on Monday 12th May and send back to school **NO LATER THAN** Friday 16th May.

Please remember, the sooner your form is returned to school the greater your chance is of being allocated your preferred interview times.

TERM 2

| Week | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
|---|---|--|--|--|---|
| | April 28 | 29 | 30 | May 1 | 2 |
| 1 | First Day T2 Newsletter Week | Dance Fever (KR KB 1G 1R 1B 1Y 3B 3Y 3G 3R 5B 5Y 6G 6R) Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day | | Dance Fever (KY KG 2B 2G 2Y 2R 4B 4Y 4G 4R 5G 5R 6B 6Y) | |
| | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 2 | P & F Meeting 7.00pm-8.00pm | Dance Fever (KR KB 1G 1R 1B 1Y 3B 3Y 3G 3R 5B 5Y 6G 6R) Greg Alexander Stage 3 League | | Mother's Day Stall Dance Fever (KY KG 2B 2G 2Y 2R 4B 4Y 4G 4R 5G 5R 6B 6Y) | Mother's Day Stall Whole School St. Andrew's Assem- bly 2.15pm – 3.15pm |
| Sunday Mother's Day 3 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| | Newsletter Week | Dance Fever (KR KB 1G 1R 1B 1Y 3B 3Y 3G 3R 5B 5Y 6G 6R) Naplan- All Day | Naplan – All Day | Naplan – All Day Dance Fever (KY KG 2B 2G 2Y 2R 4B 4Y 4G 4R 5G 5R 6B 6Y) | |
| | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 4 | | Dance Fever (KR KB 1G 1R 1B 1Y 3B 3Y 3G 3R 5B 5Y 6G 6R) | Reconciliation Year 5 | Dance Fever (KY KG 2B 2G 2Y 2R 4B 4Y 4G 4R 5G 5R 6B 6Y) | |
| | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 5 | Newsletter Week | Dance Fever (KR KB 1G 1R 1B 1Y 3B 3Y 3G 3R 5B 5Y 6G 6R) | Reconciliation Year 5 | Ascension Thurs- day Dance Fever (KY KG 2B 2G 2Y 2R 4B 4Y 4G 4R 5G 5R 6B 6Y) | Whole School St. Andrew's Assem- bly 2.15pm – 3.15pm |
| | June 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 6 | P & F Meeting 7.00pm – 8.00pm | Dance Fever (KR KB 1G 1R 1B 1Y 3B 3Y 3G 3R 5B 5Y 6G 6R) | Year 4 Cares – All Day | Year 4 Cares – All Day Year 5 Parliament House/ Mary MacKillop Dance Fever (KY KG 2B 2G 2Y 2R 4B 4Y 4G 4R 5G 5R 6B 6Y) | Year 5 Parliament House/ Mary MacKillop |
| | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| Pente- cost Sun- day 7 | Queens Birthday Public Holiday | Staff Development Day | Newsletter Week Confirmation Yrs 5/6 evening | Dance Fever (KY KG 2B 2G 2Y 2R 4B 4Y 4G 4R 5G 5R 6B 6Y) Year 4 at Cares - All Day | |
| | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| Trinity Sunday 8 | | Dance Fever (KR KB 1G 1R 1B 1Y 3B 3Y 3G 3R 5B 5Y 6G 6R) | | Dance Fever (KY KG 2B 2G 2Y 2R 4B 4Y 4G 4R 5G 5R 6B 6Y) | Reports G Home Whole School St. Andrew's Assem- bly 2.15pm – 3.15 |
| | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 9 | Newsletter Week Parent Teacher Interviews | Dance Fever (KR KB 1G 1R 1B 1Y 3B 3Y 3G 3R 5B 5Y 6G 6R) Parent Teacher Interviews | Parent Teacher Interviews | Dance Fever (KY KG 2B 2G 2Y 2R 4B 4Y 4G 4R 5G 5R 6B 6Y) | Sacred Heart Mass Last Day Term |