



# St. Andrews Primary School

## Newsletter Term 1 Week 4

21st February 2014

### From the Principal's Desk

#### Important Dates

##### Mon 24th Feb

- P&F Meeting  
7pm

##### Wed 26th Feb

- St Andrews  
Awards  
Primary  
2:00pm-2:30pm  
Infants  
2:30pm—3:00pm

##### Week 6

##### Meet and Greet Week

##### Wed 5th March

- Ash Wednesday

Going home with  
this week's  
newsletter...

No Inserts

*A man once told me that he really looked forward to getting home from work each day, putting on the shorts and T-shirt and making sure to have a bit of a chat with each person in the family as he went about helping with dinner, homework and all the busy mundane tasks of a typical family evening. It seemed that he was committed to bringing a different spirit to all that had to be done; a spirit of interest and sharing, support and calm.... Rather than stressing and hassling and carrying on. As a result the tasks got done but rather than being a headache, he loved this part of the day and I know he contributed greatly to bringing calm to his family environment. Sounds idealistic don't you reckon? But he made it work! He translated idealism into reality and it worked. The busy week day evenings were a good time in his family. Lets never stop being idealistic and trying to make our idealism a reality. It won't work all the time but the alternative is to dry out. On a world scale, there's just as much need for trying to translate idealism into reality. Some people would believe that it is much easier to have wars and kill a lot of innocent people to make a point than it is to persevere with other ways and means. Peace begins at home in our own families. Let's really commit to praying each day for peace in our homes and around the world.*

**P/F meeting On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the hall** we have our first meeting for the year and my first at St Andrews. As I mentioned at the Parent Information evenings I would like to take a little time at this meeting to tell you a little more about myself, my history and what I think about schools and education in this century. Inevitably there will be some changes in the operation of the school and some of the procedures that you have been accustomed to at St Andrew's under Mr. McGuinness's fine leadership. I am a different person from a different generation and I think it is important that you understand how I would like to improve the school. There is no such place as the perfect school, all we can do is commit ourselves as teachers and parents to continually look at ways to improve what we do for the benefit of the children. It is difficult to communicate this thinking through newsletters so I am hoping that many of you could take the time to come along to the first meeting. I look forward to seeing you at this meeting.

**Protecting your Privacy**-From time to time we would like to publish children's photograph's and names for newspaper articles, on the website, brochures or other materials to promote the school and acknowledge individual or group achievements. If you have any objections to your child's name or photograph appearing in such material could you please inform me in writing at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your co-operation and consideration of this.

Tonight we welcome the Kindy families to St Andrew's with a family barbecue at 6pm. I would like to thank the Kindy teachers and other members of the staff for so generously giving their Friday time in preparing and helping out at the barbecue. The staff at St Andrew's are very generous with their time in making this a great place to be.

**Kind Regards**  
**Michael Tonnet**  
**Principal**

## **OLMC Parramatta Open Day - Sunday March 2**

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta invites you to its 2014 Open Day on Sunday March 2, 2014.

Discover the College's rich tradition and cutting edge education, enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' and join in the celebrations as we mark 125 years of Mercy Excellence at OLMC in 2014

Sunday, March 2 10am – 2.00pm. Principal's welcome at 10.00am and 12.00 noon.

Reservations can be made by visiting

[www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au) or phone 8838 1263 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

### **Staff Car Park**

Parents are reminded **NOT** to park in staff car park. The practice of not parking in the car park has been established for many reasons. The most important one is children's safety. There have been some very close mishaps with cars reversing and not seeing children. It would be terrible for an accident to occur before this practice is taken seriously.

### **PLEASE DO NOT PARK, DROP OFF OR PICK UP CHILDREN IN THE TEACHER'S CAR PARK.**

*Other alternatives for parking are:*

#### **NO 1 Zone: JPil Car Park:**

Drive in the parking area, drive to the side gate near Father Ron's garage. Stop. Drop off the children, then drive on out of the car park. Don't allow children to exit the car until you come to a complete stop at the gate.

Please have children alight from the passenger's side.

The children enter the school grounds via the gate beside the Church.

#### **No 2 Zone: Back Gate:**

Come off the Falmouth Road onto Marampo Street then Caratel Crescent, Nunga Place. Drop the children off at the back walkway entrance then drive on. It will save you looking for a park.

**Dropping Off Under the Church Portico-** this practice is **ONLY** in the morning

- Children are to alight after the car has come to a complete stop under the church portico
- Children are to **ONLY** exit from the left hand doors
- Drivers remain in the car at all times
- Primary children enter the school through the top gates
- Infants children walk along the pathway and enter the school through the front gates
- No child should walk onto the driveway or need to walk through parked cars

**No car is to be parked in this area of an afternoon – it is NOT a carpark.**

## **Birthdays**

15/02/14	Kristian Walker, Arnav Rao, Tyler Isais, Jakob Baltis
16/02/14	Georgia Green, Udhay Badesha, Taran Mittal, Louella David
17/02/14	Amelia Guerra, Alexis Bigeni
18/02/14	Alexia Zaki, Lorenzo Magpayo
19/02/14	Shakaya Tallon, Jake Mikhail
20/02/14	Kristelle Sangalang, Jeremy Mathias, Michelle Rodriguez, Elyscia Mary Barret, Nicholas Ingram
21/02/14	Lilli Langley, Neeraj Naidu, Nicholas Bova, Angelo Demian

## **Newsletter—How to subscribe**

As you are aware the newsletter will be sent to families via email each fortnight commencing in Term 2.

Printed copies of the newsletter will no longer be available. To receive a newsletter each fortnight 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](mailto:standrewsprimarynewsletters@gmail.com)**

These two simple steps will ensure you receive a newsletter each fortnight.

Please subscribe before the end of Term 1 (6 weeks to go).

## **Online Training Module—Child Protection for Volunteers**

If you would like to help in the classroom or within the school for special events you need to complete the Child Protection Module Online. This involves you completing a Child Protection course, as this needs to be renewed every two years. This will keep you on the current helpers list.

**<http://ceo-web.parra.catholic.edu.au/asp/volunteerscpmodule/index.asp>**

### **Using Child Protection for Volunteers**

Open the module by clicking the Start link

Read through the presentation

Complete and submit quiz questions—this will take approximately 45 minutes

After successful completion of the module, fill out the form by typing name, email address, contact number, contact address and the school.

A notification of successful completion of the module will be sent via e-mail to the school and also to the volunteer's email address.

**Once you have completed this Online module the Catholic Education Office will advise us of your completion and you will receive a certificate to confirm this. Until you have received the certificate you cannot be added to our Current helpers list.**

Thank you for your attention on this matter.

## Sports News

### Our First Swimming Twilight Session and Blacktown Zone

At 4pm Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> Of February we held our first twilight swim session to pick our zone swimming team. It was a great event, with Sixteen (16) students and seven teachers and parents attending the pool. It took an hour to complete all the races, which left plenty of time for students and families to enjoy the rest of their afternoon. A huge thank you to the teachers and students who attended. Today (21<sup>st</sup>Feb) these students are swimming in the zone carnival at Riverstone Pools. We will report on their efforts in next weeks newsletter.

### Sports Captains and Vice Captains for 2014

We congratulate the Sports Captains and Vice Captains for 2014 that were elected by their peers last week. The following boys and girls will become familiar faces with primary students over the coming months as they perform their duties.

At the next primary assembly; Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February they will receive their badges. Parents are more than welcome to attend.

	<b>Captain</b>	<b>Vice Captain</b>
<b>Sturt</b>	Robyn Chanco 6R	Yared Girma 6R
<b>Cook</b>	Ruiz Celeste 6G	Andrea Abreu 6G
<b>Lawson</b>	Nhi Tong 6Y	Dylan Lentern 6B
<b>Macquarie</b>	Achiek Chol 6B	Tara Lobo 6R

### Mark Taylor Shield

Our cricket team was to compete in the coming week in the first round of the Mark Taylor Shield. Fortunately for us the school we were to compete against have forfeited so they boys have made it through to the second round. We will keep you posted on their progress.

Matt Haynes  
Sports Coordinator

### Student of the Week

<b>6Red</b>	Christopher Uta	<b>4Green</b>	Lara Sitchon	<b>1Red</b>	Angelina Khalil
<b>6Blue</b>	Rayana Soller	<b>4Yellow</b>	Louna Rice	<b>1Blue</b>	Matilda Adamecki
<b>6Green</b>	Tayla Welsh	<b>3Red</b>	Joshua Bhundoo	<b>1Green</b>	Dimiana Abadier
<b>6Yellow</b>	Jesselyn Wijaya	<b>3Blue</b>	Jacob Tabone	<b>1Yellow</b>	Alexandra Marasigan
<b>5Red</b>	Joshua Kehal	<b>3Green</b>	Maverick Tayson	<b>KRed</b>	Jai Walker
<b>5Blue</b>	Dufie Antwi	<b>3Yellow</b>	Larissa Mitchell	<b>KBlue</b>	Tamika Lewis
<b>5Green</b>	Joshua Defredes	<b>2Red</b>	Nathan Andronicus	<b>KGreen</b>	James Reid
<b>5Yellow</b>	Kirstin Salvador	<b>2Blue</b>	Eric Forcadilla	<b>KYellow</b>	Harbhagat Singh
<b>4Red</b>	Amelia Cousins	<b>2Green</b>	Hudson Toenroe		
<b>4Blue</b>	Emily Webb	<b>2Yellow</b>	Maureen Wijaya		

I would like to invite you to the *SmartLoving Workshop* on Sunday March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2 - 5pm in the Holy Family School Hall.

Please see below for full details.

God Bless,  
Father Zvonimir



**BreakThrough**  
Overcoming  
Relationship gridlock

**SMARTLoving workshop**

**Luddenham NSW**  
\*Spouses can attend on their own or as a couple

**SUNDAY, MAR 23**  
**2-5PM**

**BreakThrough** Overcoming Relationship gridlock

**Workshop Details**  
**Sunday, March 23**  
**2-5pm**

Holy Family School Hall  
32 Willowdene Ave  
Luddenham NSW 2745  
Donation at the door  
(afternoon tea provided)

**Bookings essential**  
Call Jess: 02 931 9 8280  
info@smartloving.org

All couples go through periods where their relationship is strained. Stress, sleep-deprivation, demands from family and work can strain your marriage of the positive energy it needs and deserves. Soon, you find yourselves arguing more often, making up with less enthusiasm and becoming someone even you yourself don't like.

If this sounds like you, or someone you love, it's time to do something about it! The *SmartLoving BreakThrough* Workshop is a practical, solution-focused event for all stages of marriage. Drawing on contemporary research and Catholic theology, this workshop will arm you with skills and insights to transform your relationship into the thriving, joy-filled encounter that it is meant to be.

- Identify your conflict triggers
- Learn strategies to de-escalate an argument
- Understand what the real issues are
- Find constructive ways to re-establish connection

\*Check website for more dates



**EARLY CHILDHOOD**  
**Piano**  
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E. mail@earlychildhoodpiano  
W. earlychildhoodpiano

**STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED**

If you have been separated or divorced and would benefit from regular shared discussion evenings with others who are in a similar situation to you, come along to STEPPING BEYOND on the last Tuesday of each month at CCSS Centre, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown, at 7.30pm! You are very likely to be supported and helped through the sharing of experiences on matters such as "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 learned as you keep stepping beyond?" Venue: CCSS centre 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown. Time: 7.30 – 9.30. Cost: \$5.00. Registration: [soloparentministry@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentministry@ccss.org.au) or Ph. 99330205

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM**

CatholicCare Solo Parent Ministry is commencing an eight session Bereavement Support Program in Blacktown for men or women who have suffered the death of their spouse or long term partner. They will be held on every second Tuesday commencing 4th March from 10.00am – 12.00pm at CCSS Centre 51-59 Allawah St Blacktown. Each fortnight we will take a different aspect of grief and have some input, reflection, sharing and discussion about how grief is affecting you and how you are working through it. You do not have to commit to the whole 8 Sessions when you come; you may just prefer to come to Sessions that particularly seem fitted to your need. The first topic is "The Physical Effects of Grief". Details and Registration: [soloparentministry@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentministry@ccss.org.au) or Ph. 99330205