



# St. Andrews Primary School

## Newsletter Term 3 - Issue 11

21st July 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope you had a chance to spend some quality time with your children during the holiday break. There is just so much happening at the moment. We are at full speed ahead with lots of exciting things happening around the school. The building project is steaming ahead now with the roof on. We are hoping to move into the new spaces next term. In regards to this, much detailed planning has been happening behind the scenes to get the most out of the new facilities. The plan is to move Years 1 and Year 2 into the current double storey building occupied by Year 3 and Year 4. Year 3 and Year 4 will move into the new building and Year 5 and Year 6 will be moving to the current Year 1 and Year 2 learning spaces. We are planning for this to happen at the beginning of term 4. This is when Stage 2 of the project begins with some demolition, remodelling and landscaping works taking place during the term 3 holiday break and into term 4. I imagine this might require quite a bit of change to movement around the school while this is in progress but we will keep you fully informed as we get closer to the time.

**Year 4 Project based learning project-** Last term the year 4 students were involved in a project regarding flexible learning spaces and the purchase of furniture for our new learning spaces. Next Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> July, the children will be showcasing their learning for all interested parents in two sessions: Session 1- 2:50- 3:30pm and Session 2- 4:30- 5:30pm. All parents are welcome to attend even if your children are not in Year 4, as you might be interested in learning from the children about flexible learning spaces and why we are so excited to be able to provide such dynamic learning environments for the children.

**Enrolment-** We are continuing with interviews for kindergarten for next year. It is important for our resourcing that the school facilities are fully utilised. As parents you are the best people to promote our great school. Your positive talk in the community assists us in keeping our school highly regarded in the community. Your support with this is most appreciated. There is absolutely no doubt that we are providing an excellent education for your children. Just this week I received some fantastic compliments from my colleagues working in the central office congratulating the staff on the fantastic work they are doing with regards to your children's learning. Any school's journey is about continuous improvement and I can honestly say that the staff is working hard to ensure that we are continuously improving our practice for the benefit of the children.

**Attendance-** In term one, I indicated to parents that we have a 93% attendance goal for your children this year. We currently have the following attendance rates:

Kinder -83.6%

Year 1 - 81.4%

Year 2 - 78.8%

Year 3 - 92.9%

Year 4 - 84.4%

Year 5 - 81.5%

Year 6 - 84.7%

**Congratulations to our Year 3 students** on their attendance. To achieve the goal of 90% each child could have no more than 12 days absence for the year. During the holiday break, some families would have received a letter regarding their child's attendance. The letter was sent to those families where their child had already exceeded the 12 days. This letter was not sent to upset anyone but just a reminder of how many days your child has been absent from school for the first half of the year. Sometimes the number of days your child has been absent can add up quickly without you realising it. Sometimes your child can just be having a bad year with illness, sometimes you have taken them out for an approved holiday and sometimes, unfortunately, your child just has too many days off. The research shows that a child's attendance pattern in Kindergarten and Year One is a good indicator of their attendance for the rest of their schooling. It is important that your child attends school as frequently as possible, barring illness or special circumstances. We are trying to supply you with the information you need to assist us with our school goal for the benefit of your children. We will do our best to make every day a valuable learning experience for your children.

We look forward to term three being another busy and productive term as we continue to work together to ensure that the children build upon their learning. We have had a great year so far.

Hope you all have an enjoyable and productive term

Kind regards

Michael

# Office News

## **Second Hand Uniforms**

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

## **Newsletter Update**

We are currently having technical difficulties with the emailing of the newsletter.

The newsletter is also put on the School website for your information

[www.standrewspsmarayong@catholic.edu.au](mailto:www.standrewspsmarayong@catholic.edu.au)

## **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)

## ***PARENTS AND CARERS***

### ***Dental Staff from Blacktown/ Mt Druitt Dental Hospital Clinics***

Will be visiting your school to provide

***Years Kindy, 2, 4, and 6***

with a short talk regarding oral health information and diet advice plus a

### ***Free Dental Check – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August***

The Dental staff will bring portable dental chairs and lights. The dental clinician will use sterilised equipment and wear a new pair of latex free gloves for each child.

Consent forms will be sent home for each child and should be returned as soon as possible to the teacher with all questions completed. Ticked ***Yes or No*** and signed by the parent/ guardian.

Each student (with ***Medicare Number*** and the consent form ticked ***Yes*** and ***signed by a parent***) will be eligible to have a dental checkup.

A letter (result sheet) will be sent home with each child on the assessment day. This will indicate how the parent should follow-up the dental assessment.

Parents ***will not*** need to contact the dental clinic, *unless otherwise indicated on their result sheet*

The child's details will be entered onto the hospital computer data base and will remain confidential.

Treatment appointments will be offered on a prioritised basis and sent ***directly to the child's address***. Students with *urgent treatment needs* will be offered treatment appointments first.

Parents may choose to make an appointment with their Private Dentist if the result sheet indicates their child requires treatment.

### ***Children from grades 1, 3, 5 will not be assessed at school.***

Parents with children in Pre-school, Years 1, 3 & 5 or children suffering dental pain or trauma, may call the

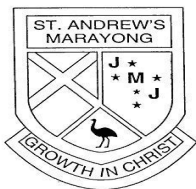
***Western Sydney Local Health District call centre on :***

***98456766***

Free \* dental care is available at NSW public dental clinics for all children under 18 years of age.



NSW Health suggests all children aged 0-18  
have a Dental check up every 1 to 2 years  
and  
should have their teeth brushed twice a day  
with a fluoride toothpaste.



# St. Andrew's Primary School

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Dear Parents

Our Primary Athletics Carnival is being held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of July 2017(Week 2 Term 3). Information regarding the day is as follows:

**DATE:** Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of July, 2017

**VENUE:** **NOTE CHANGE:**  
**CHARLIE BALI RESERVE, DOONSIDE**  
Access via Nurrungingy Reserve entrance

**TRANSPORT:** **ALL** children will be travelling to the carnival by BUS. Buses will leave the school at 9.00 am and will pick up again at 2:15pm to return to the school for afternoon dismissal.  
**Parents are welcome to collect their children from the carnival, but must inform the class teacher in writing before the day and see them before taking their child home from the ground.**

**COST:** Nil.

**STARTING TIME:** 9:30am (approx.)

**ALL CHILDREN WHO TURN 8 YEARS OF AGE OR MORE THIS YEAR WILL BE TAKING PART IN THE CARNIVAL, INCLUDING YEAR 2 STUDENTS.**

Children are to wear their sports uniform, but may wear a T-shirt in their House colour instead of their sports shirt. Hats must be worn. Please ensure all clothing is clearly marked with your child's name. Children should also wear sunscreen and bring plenty of fluids to drink throughout the day (**NO GLASS PLEASE**).

Children are advised to bring their lunch and snacks (please remember our allergy children). A canteen will operate on the day, but there will be no lunch orders.

**SPIKES** – if children are using spikes they must be tartan spikes (5mm) and spikes **MUST** be worn if using starting blocks.

Parents are asked to complete the permission and volunteer notes below and return them to school by **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2017**. Parent Helpers must have completed the **“CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS” AND RECEIVED A CERTIFICATE FROM MR TONNET.**

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PLEASE RETURN THIS SECTION TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ in class \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the St. Andrew's Athletics Primary Carnival on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at Charlie Bali Reserve. I understand that children will travel by bus on the day.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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PLEASE RETURN THIS SECTION TO Mr. Paynter

**VOLUNTEERS:**

I HAVE COMPLETED THE CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS SESSION 1 & 2

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I HAVE RECEIVED A CERTIFICATE FROM ST. ANDREWS PRIMARY

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I AM ABLE TO ASSIST AT THE CARNIVAL WITH: (PLEASE CIRCLE)

TIMEKEEPING   JUDGING   LONG JUMP   SHOTPUT   HIGHJUMP   BALL GAMES   ANYTHING

NAME OF PARENT \_\_\_\_\_ CHILD'S CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print)

# Additional Information for the Sports Carnival:

## Field Event – High Jump

High Jump events will be held at the **Diocesan Athletics Carnival** on 25th August, 2017 at Blacktown International Sports Park, Athletics Track, Rooty Hill. **HIGH JUMP will NOT be held at zone carnivals.** These events will lead to qualification and selection for **MacKillop Athletics**.

To facilitate selection of the children to participate in the events children must meet the qualification height and have their jump verified by presenting their Little Athletics record cards to Mr Paynter. Mr Paynter will then forward the results to the Diocesan Sports Coordinator for consideration.

## Minimum Qualifying Heights

- Junior Girls Qualifying height – 1.00m
- Junior Boys Qualifying height – 1.00m
- 11 yrs Girls Qualifying height – 1.05m
- 11 yrs Boys Qualifying height – 1.05m
- Senior Girls Qualifying height – 1.10m

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## Field Event - Discus

Discus events will be held at the **Zone Athletics Carnival**.

Blacktown Zone – 15th August

These events will lead to qualification and selection for the **Diocesan Athletics**. To facilitate selection of the children to participate in the events children must meet the qualification throws and have their throw verified by presenting their Little Athletics record cards to Mr Paynter. Mr Paynter will then forward the results to the Diocesan Sports Coordinator for consideration.

- Junior Girls 500gms Qualifying distance – 12m
- Junior Boys 500gms Qualifying distance – 14m
- 11 yrs Girls 750gms Qualifying distance – 13m
- 11 yrs Boys 750gms Qualifying distance – 15m
- Senior Girls 750gms Qualifying distance – 14m

Senior Boys 750gms Qualifying distance – 16m

To be nominated for Discus and High Jump, results must have been handed in to Mr Paynter by Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> of June (the last day of this term).

# Parents and Friends

Welcome back to school Parents and Friends. How was school holidays? Was it a beautiful time to spend with family and friends or was it hours of planning how to keep kids entertained?



Well, the good news - schools' back and there is a lot going on. The school is transforming before our eyes as well as some parent participation activities that we can all take part in.

The first activity is the below P&F meeting on Monday night. What a great way to start the term and be across all the upcoming events. The door is open to all and would be great to see new faces.

Term 3 also means I can start talking about the most important of all the stalls and that is the FATHERS DAY STALL!!!! Look out for details below.

## P&F Meeting

Come and join us for our first P&F meeting for the term next Monday, 24th July at 7pm in the Library.

The second activity was "The Entertainment Book". This was a suggestion from one of the newer members of the P&F. Details are below and we are in the final stages so keep an eye out for the reminder note.

## "The Entertainment Book" Fundraiser

If you haven't already done so and do not wish to purchase The Entertainment Book or app, please return the book to the school as soon as possible. Reminder notes will be sent out shortly to those families who haven't yet returned the book or purchased the app. We would like to finalise this fundraiser by Week 4. Thank you to those who have purchased a book.

If you did not receive a book and would like one or wish to purchase extra books/app, please **sms Maria Webb on 0413180787** or email at [webbmaria@gmail.com](mailto:webbmaria@gmail.com) or **Nicole Anderson on 0420996008** or email [nicole.muppy.anderson@hotmail.com](mailto:nicole.muppy.anderson@hotmail.com) and **quote your name and the student's name and class**. We will endeavour to get one to you as soon as possible.



## Upcoming events – details to follow

### Father's Day stall

**Team leader: Denise Sessa**

**Week 7** - Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September

### Infants Sports Carnival

**Week 8** - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September

**Event: Disco**

**Theme: TBA**

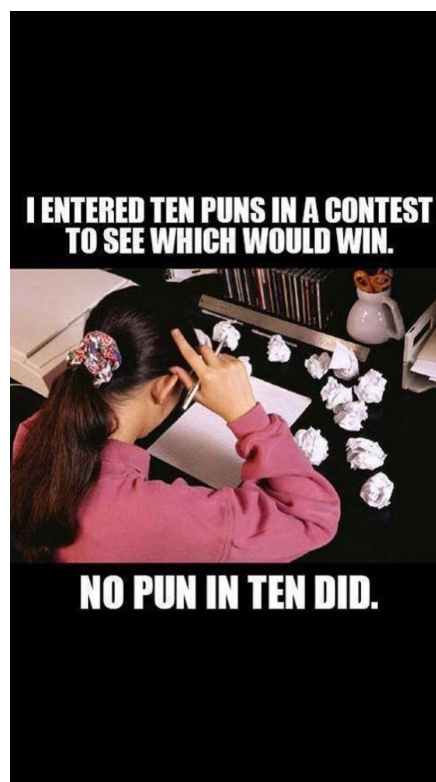
**When: Week 9**

Infants: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September

Yrs. 3 & 4 Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Yrs. 5 & 6 Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September

And last but not least my usual **Dads Joke**.



Dad Hack 1 – Keeping Kids occupied during School holidays

Featherdale Wildlife Park was free for kids in July – It's a local right around the corner and educational but definitely go early.



TERM 3					
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b> <b>Newsletter Week</b>	July 17 Staff Development Day	18 Children return to school Term 3	19	20	21 Kinder 100 Days Celebration
<b>2</b>	24 P&F Meeting	25	26	27 Year 4 Showcase	28 Primary Athletics Carnival
<b>3</b> <b>Newsletter Week</b>	31	August 1	2	3	4 St Andrews Assembly 1G & 1R
<b>4</b>	7	8	9	10 Cluster Voice of Youth Final Hall out	11
<b>5</b> <b>Newsletter Week</b>	14	15	16	17 Canberra Year 6	18 Canberra Year 6
<b>6</b>	21	22 Dental Check K 2 4 6 Hall	23 Book Parade	24	25 St Andrews Assembly Kinder
<b>7</b> <b>Newsletter Week</b>	28	29	30	31 Fathers day stall	September 1 Fathers day stall
<b>8</b>	4 Skipathon	5	6	7 Infants Sports Carnival	8 Bathurst Excursion
<b>9</b> <b>Newsletter Week</b>	11	12 Stage 3 Disco	13 Stage 2 Disco	14 Stage 1 and K Disco	15 St Andrews Assembly 5B & 5Y
<b>10</b>	18	19	20	21	22 Last Day of Term 3

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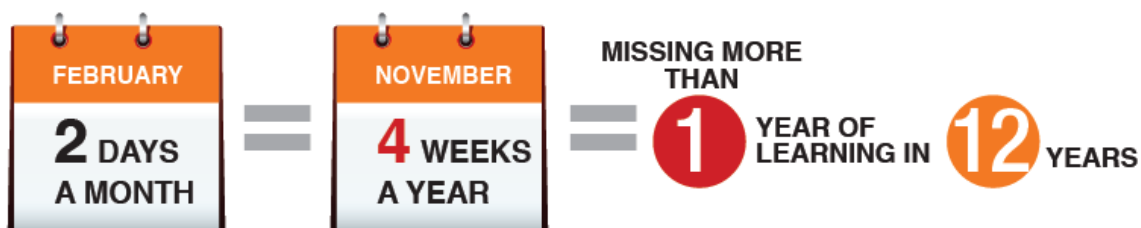
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# every learner every day

## ABSENCES ADD UP!



## 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



## 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.