



St. Andrews Primary School

Newsletter Term 2 - Issue 6

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From the Principal

Welcome back from the Easter break, I hope you had a chance to spend some quality time with friends and family. We have another busy term ahead so I would ask parents to ensure the children are at school each day on time to ensure that we can achieve the goals we have for the children. Our **attendance level average for Term 1 was 86%** which is a little disappointing. **I hope that we can get this up to 90%** which is the diocesan goal. It is just so important for the children to be at school on time every day. I hope you all will support us with this goal as it is in the best interests of the children and their learning.

This Wednesday the children commemorated a great event for Australia and New Zealand in ANZAC Day. Great events such as this day are distinguished by the quality of the human endeavour they called upon, by the examples they create for ordinary men and women, and by the legends they inspire. The true achievements of the ANZAC's were in their courage, determination, mateship and sacrifice that they displayed. These achievements set standards that inspire all of us to follow. They inspired new feelings of national pride and the news of their suffering, on reaching the homes of anxiously awaiting families, brought people together in ways they had not known before. It is a day that we mark the deeds of men and women who had come to see themselves as New Zealanders and Australians, and who were mourned by people who regarded themselves as New Zealanders and Australians.

The men and women who forged the ANZAC spirit and those who continue to do so made sure that those who led them earned their respect. They all understood the values of independence, freedom and fairness and above all possessed a willingness to defend these things if need be. Because freedom only survives as long as people are willing to defend it. This is the spirit of ANZAC that has been handed onto us.

Staff Development Day Feedback- On Monday the staff participated in some professional learning activities around the teaching of multiplication and division. As part of the day we conducted interviews with 32 of our children from Year 3 and 4. I would like to thank the children and their parents for making themselves available to come to school and help the staff with their learning. We had a great day which not only will benefit the staff's learning but ultimately the learning of our children. Once again a big thank you to those children and their families.

Cyber Bullying Workshop for Years 4, 5 and 6 children and Parents-Wednesday 17th May, 9:30-10:30am in the school hall. Senior Constable John Bollard has made himself available to talk to Years 4 to 6 on Wednesday the 17th of May at 9.30 am on Cyber Bullying. It is so difficult to be a parent in this social media age. Come and find out what you should be aware of to make your homes safer for your children.

The Mothers Day Stall is coming up on the May 11th. A big thank you to all those mums who have been working hard in organising for the Mothers Day Stall for this day. They have managed to put together lots of gifts for the children to select from 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.

Technology Update- During the holiday break we had a number of 65 inch TV's installed in the learning spaces. Every learning space now has one which is fantastic asset to the learning that is happening in our school.

Over the past 12 months we have purchased close to \$100,000 worth of technology for our students and classrooms. This included each classroom having brand new LED televisions in each room. 70+ iPads and 100 Chromebooks for grades and stages. Now, each grade in infants has their own bank of iPads and each Primary grade has their own bank of Chromebooks.

We have made a huge investment in STEM equipment with the purchasing of:

15 Spehero Robots and 3 high quality dual extruder 3D printers for Stage 3.

18 Ozobots Robots and a class set of Bloxels Builders for Stage 2.

15 Blue Bot Robots and engineering equipment for Infants.

If we also Include stop motion animation resources, Lego and engineering equipment for the Makerspace which we have initiated this year, we are making steady progress in setting up your children to be collaborative and creative learners who will have a range of skills such as coding, CAD design and engineering capabilities to will help them be successful in high school and ultimately, the workplace.

Celebrating STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)

During Term 1 many classes and grades took up the challenge of planning and integrating STEM tasks into their units of work. As this is a relatively new approach at our school it has been amazing to see how excited both staff, and students are regarding STEM and the learning that has occurred because of it.

Kindergarten created a science unit called 'Little Engineers.' Each week students were given a new challenge which saw them really think outside the box and learn to be resilient. Year 1 Blue and Yellow started using the Blue Bots in their Mathematics lessons to learn positional language, problem solving and for students to continue learning the basics of code which they had been exposed to by the Kindergarten teachers in 2016.

Year 4 Green partook in a series of mini PBL and engineering challenges, which quickly became the students favourite part of the week. It was amazing to see children start to really think and pull apart a task, become extremely resilient and start developing the skill of working collaboratively. All of Year 5 have started to learn CAD design in Mathematics, the focus is currently geometric shapes, measurement and angles, but will lead into PBL challenges where students will design products to be printed on the 3D printers. Year 6 are using the Spheros to learn positional language, measurement and coding. Witnessing the focus and drive of every student during their Mathematics sessions is amazing.

To think this has all occurred in the first 11 weeks of the school year. Imagine what the learning will look in the terms and years to come.



2018 Enrolments are now being taken if you have a child commencing school next year it is important that you come and collect your enrolment forms. Our families are the best source of advertising for our school. If you know of any families seeking a Catholic education for their children it is time for them to come and collect enrolment forms now. It is important for all of us that our facilities are fully utilised and your recommendation would certainly assist us in ensuring that this occurs. We are commencing enrolments interviews next week.

Winter Uniforms- The children may begin to wear their Winter uniform from the start of this term but we expect all the children to be wearing the winter uniform by the beginning of week 4 Monday, May 15th.

Please take note of the term calendar that is published in the newsletter each week and which can also be accessed from the school website.

I hope you all have a great term as we continue to work together in the best interests of the children

Kind regards
Michael Tonnet
Principal

Building progress- We are a little behind schedule due to the erratic weather we had last term but here are a couple of photos to show the progress so far



Office News

Uniform Shop

Important! Due to construction works the uniform shop has relocated to the back of the school library. Hours of business remain the same.

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.

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

Second Hand Uniforms

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

Dance Fever Timetable Term 2 "Skipping"

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Thursday
Instructor	Mitch	Emma	Dean	Emma	Luca
12.00 to 12.30				Kindergarten 2 classes Hall	12.15 to 12.45 Year 1 2 classes Amphitheatre
12.30 to 1.15	Year 5 2 classes Hall		12.30 to 1.15 Year 5 2 classes Hall	12.30 to 1.00 Kindergarten 2 classes Hall	12.45 to 1.15 Year 1 2 classes Amphitheatre
2.05 to 2.35	Year 2 2 classes Hall	Year 3 2 classes Hall	2.05 to 2.55 Year 6 3 classes Hall	Year 4 2 classes Hall	
2.35 to 3.05	Year 2 2 classes Hall	Year 3 1 class Hall		Year 4 2 classes Hall	

Please Note: Students are to wear their sports uniform on the day that they will be doing Skipping.

Student of the Week



K Blue	Rose An Mae Nocon	Corban Williams
K Green	Dean Ferguson	Jax Mackie
K Red	Ranvir Minhas	Hayden Straub
K Yellow	Tehara Andradi	Christian Issa
1 Blue	Jack Brewer	Summer Guillaumier
1 Green	Samuel Jesuorobo	Keana Hickey
1 Red	Alivia Frelek	Charlotte Smith
1 Yellow	Jasper Brignell	Jaskeerat Sandhu
2 Blue	Jasmine Fowler	Andre Ramos
2 Green	Name Withheld	Michael Azzi
2 Red	Name Withheld	Jerome Michael
2 Yellow	Olivia Shen	Amelia Mand
3 Green	Ellie Galaxidis	Samanta Cardona
3 Red	Emmanuel Eroles	Achan Malith
3 Yellow	Name Withheld	Name Withheld
4 Blue	Adrian Jakubowski	Daniel Modaffari
4 Green	Maribel El Khoury	Elyscia Barrett
4 Red	Jacqueline Calaquian	Aditya Rawal
4 Yellow	Danielle Amabile	Giancarlo Samuel
5 Blue	Tyrone Galaxidis	Nathan Andronicus
5 Green	Lilli Langley	Loghan Pyda
5 Red	Kieran McMurrich	Alicia Henry
5 Yellow	Jillyza Aldana	Name Withheld
6 Blue	Alysha Pillay	Maya Lobo
6 Green	Junior Siale	Andre Garcia
6 Yellow	Magol Maker	Daniel Martingago

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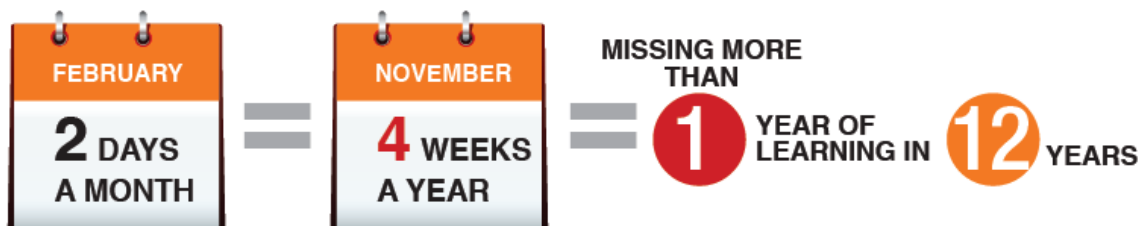
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every learner every day

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.

TERM 2

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 Newsletter Week	April 24 Staff Development Day	25 ANZAC Day	26 Children return to school Term 2	27	28
2	May 1 P&F Meeting	2 Cross Country Eastern Creek Parish Mass Year 4 9am	3	4	5
3 Newsletter Week	8	9 NAPLAN Spelling Writing and Grammar Reconciliation 6B/6G 10am Reconciliation 6Y 11:30am	10 NAPLAN Reading	11 NAPLAN Numeracy Mother's Day Stall	12 Assembly 4R & 4Y Kinder Mother's Day Liturgy 9:15am Mother's Day Stall
4	15	16 Parish Mass Year 5 9am	17 Stage 1 Mass 9am	18	19
5 Newsletter Week	22	23 Reconciliation 3Y/3R 10am Reconciliation 3G 11:30am	24 Our Lady Help of Christians Feast Day	25	26 National Sorry Day
6	29	30 Parish Mass Year 6 9am	31	June 1	2 Assembly 1B & 1Y
7 Newsletter Week	5 Mass Stage 2 9am	6 Reconciliation 5R/5G 10am Reconciliation 5B/5Y 11:30	7	8	9
8	12 Public Holiday	13 Parish Mass Year 3 9am	14 Mass Stage 3 9am	15	16 Reports go home
9 Newsletter Week	19 Parent Teacher Interviews	20 Parent Teacher Interviews Reconciliation 4Y/4R 10am Reconciliation 4B/4G 11:30am	21 Parent Teacher Interviews	22	23 Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Whole School Mass 9:15am Assembly 5G & 5R
10	26	27 Parish Mass Year 2 9am Stage 3 Disco	28 Stage 2 Disco	29 Stage 1 & Kinder Disco	30 Last Day of Term 2