



St. Andrew's Primary School

Newsletter Term 1 Week 5

28th February 2014

From the Principal's Desk

Important Dates

Week 6

Mon 3rd March

- Meet & Greet

Tues 4th March

- Meet & Greet

Wed 5th March

- Ash
Wednesday

Thur 6th March

- Meet & Greet

Week 7

10th-14th March
Catholic Schools
Week

Going home with
this week's
newsletter...

Catholic Schools Week Forms

- Picnic Lunch
Order Form
- Early
Dismissal
Procedures—
Permission

P&F News

Newsletter Ads

Next Wednesday, 5th March is Ash Wednesday the beginning of the Lenten season. Mass for the children and parishioners will be at 9:15am. What is the point of Lent? For Christians, it is the time when we try to trim away some inessentials, and return to and refresh the things that are at the real centre of our lives.

What are the things that really matter? What sort of person am I – and what sort of person do I want to be?

So, we try to find a little more time to be still, to wait quietly. We try to let go of some of the less important things. We "give something up". We reach out to those in need, and in doing so we discover something of our own brokenness and need to be forgiven.

By making things a little simpler, a little less cluttered, we are able to see more clearly the things that are important. Love, justice, forgiveness, prayer, our family, our relationships our attitude. Let us all take some time to reflect on what is truly important to us as we approach EASTER

On Thursday 6th March an Education Mass for all teachers in the diocese will be celebrated after school at St Patricks at Blacktown. This is a highlight of the year for the teachers in the diocese as this is the time we all get the chance to come together. It is a great experience attending this celebration seeing so many people committed to the growth and development of children in our diocese

Kinder Enrolment 2015-In Catholic Schools Week we begin the enrolment process for our Kinder classes for 2015. It is important that if you have a child beginning school next year to collect an enrolment form as soon as possible. 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. 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. For us to continue to grow and prosper as a school it is important that we fully utilise our facilities.

Our P/F Meeting last week was well attended with about fifty parents attending which I thought was a great turn out and reflects the interest you have in the school and the need for you to understand what we are trying to achieve for your children. A big thank you goes to last year's committee for their hard work in assisting the school with the purchase of resources. Congratulations to the following people who were elected as committee members for 2014.

President- Denise Sessa

Vice President- Diana Watts

Secretary- Rosa Dos Santos

Treasurer- Margaret Alford

Publicity Officer- Lynette Menouhos

Parent Representative- Priscilla Pickering

At last night's meeting I spoke to parents about successful schools and their qualities. There are three key principles and four key elements

3 Principles: Student Need/Voice/Leadership- Purposeful/Explicit – Teamwork

Key Elements: Maximise Instructional time – High expectations – Prioritised curriculum- consistent practice

These are the things that I would like us to work towards improving to make our school the best place it can be. I also explained to parents that it is important that we work together in the best interests of the children and that if there were any concerns that it is important that you come and discuss them with me. Once again I would like to thank all those who were able to attend, it is very much appreciated.

Kind Regards
Michael Tonnet
Principal

Newsletter—Don't forget to subscribe

If you have not already subscribed to receive a newsletter each fortnight from Term 2 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. **5 WEEKS TO GO!**

Canteen

Just a few points to remember when placing a lunch order for children at the canteen

- Please make sure your child's name and class are clearly marked on the lunch bag.
- And that all lunch orders are paid for on the day.

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: 21 – 23 March at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW

Bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel. 02 4283 3435

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Religion and English Books

In the coming weeks Religion and English books will be sent home for parents to view. This practice provides children with the opportunity to share their learning with their parents. Each grade will inform parents of when books will go home and when they are to be returned. Enjoy exploring and discussing your child's learning.

NAPLAN Testing Dates- Years 3 and 5

The dates for NAPLAN testing are Tuesday 13 May, Wed 14th May and Thursday 15th May. It is important that all children in Years 3 and 5 attend school during the 3 days of National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing.

Birthdays

22/02/14	Jemma Lewis, Alannah Bautista
23/02/14	Nabila Lukasa, Raine Tui
24/02/14	Riley Cullen
25/02/14	Isaac Wasef, Eric Forcadilla, Riya Chauhan
26/02/14	Angeline Moncada, Ella Mates
27/02/14	Annie Ajit, Milton Gialamas, Joycie Bacolod
28/02/14	Angus Rice

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-](http://ceo-web.parra.catholic.edu.au/asp/volunteerscpmodule/index.asp)

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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.



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OPEN NIGHT
Wednesday 12th March, 2014

Come at 4pm for 1st tour and then presentation at 6pm OR come at 6pm for presentation then 2nd tour at 6.30 pm

Students and families from Years 5 and 6 are particularly welcome.
Enrolment Applications for 2015 will be available that evening.

For further details, please contact Mrs Biermann at the College on 9670 4588

87-109 Bakers Lane, Kemps Creek

Sports News

Blacktown Zone Carnival Results.

Last Friday, 21st of February, we had 16 children represent our school at the Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival. The weather was perfect as our students gave their all in the swimming heats. Two students; Georgia Green and Oscar Housego made it through to the Parramatta Diocesan Swimming Carnival on Friday 28th. Thank you to Mrs McMurrich and Mrs Paluzzano who attended as team manager and place recorder on the day. Thank you to our parents for driving their children and of course to our students who were fantastic on the day.



Primary Athletics Carnival

Notes for our Primary Athletics Carnival went home to primary children yesterday. The carnival this year will be held on Monday 17th March. Please return the permission notes to your child's class teacher. If you are willing to be a helper please fill in your information on the permission note. Helpers are always needed and welcomed.

A reminder to parents that the infants sports carnival will be held later in 2014.

Matt Haynes
Sports Coordinator

Student of the Week

6Red	Arop Leek	4Green	Jeremy Mathias	1Red	Joaquin Tarra
6Blue	Leanna David	4Yellow	Nicholas Gibbons	1Blue	Margaret Batay
6Green	Ruiz Celeste	3Red	Louella David	1Green	Jayda Amabile
6Yellow	Peter Mateja	3Blue	Maya Lobo	1Yellow	Jacob Felipe
5Red	Aiden Tipping	3Green	Francesca Calaquian	KRed	Male Smith
5Blue	Jayden Mallia	3Yellow	Jordan Billedo	KBlue	Jacob Parnis
5Green	Maiah Lazaro	2Red	Angelo Sayas	KGreen	Robson Carrier
5Yellow	Tohan Fadlalla	2Blue	Aerona Sangalang	KYellow	Michael Kerry
4Red	Jayden Merhab	2Green	Clare Manu		
4Blue	Awout Chol Manus Metinag	2Yellow	Zachary Obcemia		

Celebrating Catholic Schools Week

Please come and join us for our Catholic Schools Week celebrations on

Tuesday 11th March 2014

11.30am	Whole School Mass in the church
12:20 to 1:00pm	Open Classrooms: Families are invited to visit their children's classrooms
1.00–2.00pm	Picnic – children will join their families for lunch. Families are invited to have a picnic on the oval or in the Infants playground, so bring along a rug, chairs and picnic basket. Please note the amphitheatre area and Primary playground will be out of bounds for both students and parents.

Following the open classrooms (approx 1.00pm) families are invited to have a picnic in the school grounds – oval or infants playground.

In order to ensure the safety of all children leaving the school during the day we have an early dismissal procedure.

The procedure for taking children home early on this day is as follows:

- a. Parent signs child out from the classroom
- OR**
- b. Teachers have received a permission note (sent home with today's newsletter) giving permission for the child to go home with someone other than a parent. This person must also sign out the child.

All classroom teachers will be able to sign out children from the classroom until 1.00pm (when playground duty begins). **After this time parents will need to go to the sign out tables on the Infants front playground.**

Parents are asked to be mindful of our allergy children when preparing foods for picnic baskets particularly foods with egg or nuts (all types), sesame seeds, seafood (salmon/tuna) and chocolate are to be avoided.



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Permission Note

I, _____ give permission for my child, _____

in class _____ to go home with _____ on Tuesday 11th March 2014

(Parent/Guardian)

(Date)

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Permission Note

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in class _____ to go home with _____ on Tuesday 11th March 2014

(Parent/Guardian)

(Date)

Celebrating Catholic Schools Week

Picnic Lunch

Tuesday 11th March 2014



As part of Open Day during Celebrating Catholic Schools Week there will be a Picnic on the Oval at lunchtime. The Canteen will be offering "Meal Deals" for students and their family members.

THESE MUST BE PRE-ORDERED AND PRE-PAID by **Friday 7th March 2014**

Lunches will be delivered through normal class lunch baskets to classrooms before the start of the lunch break. **NO lunches will be given out at the Canteen.** If you are ordering for other family members please state which lunch basket it is to be delivered in.

MEAL DEALS – NO SPECIAL ORDERS PLEASE

LUNCH 1:	Salad Wrap - + Water \$5.00	Salad Wrap + Apple or Orange Juice \$6.00
LUNCH 2:	Chicken, lettuce, and mayonnaise Wrap + Water \$6.00	Chicken, lettuce, and mayonnaise Wrap + Apple or Orange Juice \$7.00
LUNCH 3:	Chicken burger (with lettuce and mayo) + water \$5.80	Chicken Burger (with lettuce and mayo) + Apple or Orange Juice \$ 6.80
LUNCH 4:	4 Chicken Nuggets + Tomato Sauce + Small Water \$4.20	4 Chicken Nuggets + Sauce + Apple or Orange Juice \$ 5.20
LUNCH 5:	Sausage Roll + Tomato Sauce + Water \$4.40	Sausage Roll + Tomato Sauce + Apple or Orange juice \$ 5.40

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be **no Canteen on the day** at all. **NO** other lunch orders will be taken that day.

PICNIC ON THE OVAL – MEAL DEAL ORDER FORM

Name:										Delivered to Class::									
Circle desired Lunch Deal and write in how many of each lunch deal is needed																			
LUNCH1	HOW MANY?	LUNCH 2	HOW MANY?	LUNCH 3	HOW MANY?	LUNCH 4	HOW MANY?	LUNCH 5	HOW MANY?										
SALAD WRAP		CHICKEN LETTUCE MAYO		CHICKEN BURGER		NUGGETS		SAU-SAGERO LL											
How many water?			How many Apple Juice?				How many Orange Juice?												
Total Number of Lunches Ordered:										Amount Enclosed:									

This form is designed to cater for single and multiple orders. Only one form is needed per family.



Parents and Friends News

Email address: pandfstandrewsmarayong@gmail.com

Facebook at: Parentsandfriends StAndrews

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

Monster Easter Egg Raffle Donations

Parents, it is time again for the Easter Egg Raffle. We are asking for donations of either boxed Easter eggs or eggs that are already packaged as a prize. Many single eggs are damaged in transit and once the foil/wrap has been torn and chocolate is exposed, we are unable to use them.

The children can give the donated eggs, raffle tickets and monies to their class teachers.

Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets are \$1 each and a book of 10 will be sent home on Monday. If you miss out on tickets, please see the ladies in the office, or contact us by email (address above). All tickets are to be returned with monies by Friday 4th April 2014. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 9th April 2014 by Mr Tonnet.

PLEASE REMEMBER, to write contact details on every ticket, INCLUDING the child's name and class of who you are purchasing from.

Dates for your diary

All Easter Eggs donations to be in by Friday 4th April 2014

Raffle to be drawn on Wednesday 9th April 2014



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