



St. Andrews Primary School

Newsletter Term 1 - Issue 1

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From the Principal

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope you all were able to spend some quality time with your families over the Christmas and New Year period. As I have said so many times before the children just grow up so fast that it is important to take every opportunity to enjoy quality time with your loved ones. We are just so busy when we are working paying the bills and raising the children and are constantly bombarded with all the bad news regarding the state of the world, we often forget about the most important part of our lives and how lucky we are to share in good family relationships and all the joy and fulfilment this brings to us. I hope we all can enjoy a happy, successful and safe year as we work together in the best interests of the children.

As always, the excitement of a new group of Kinders beginning their school journey is a source of great joy to us all! It is an emotional time for everyone, placing your children in the care of someone else can be a bit scary but I assure everyone that we take this responsibility very seriously. The moment they begin we all start referring to them as our children we hope that the dreams and hopes we have for them are the same as what you want for them and with this sentiment we begin the new year. We wish all these little ones and the new families that have begun the journey here at St Andrews all the best for a happy and fulfilling year.

Parent Information Evenings will be held at 7pm - Monday 15th February (Years 1/2) - Tuesday 16th February (Kindergarten) - Wednesday 17th February (Years 3/4) - Thursday 18th February (year 5/6).

This is a great opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to find out how the class will be organized throughout the year. The teachers will also be asking for parent helpers for the classrooms on this night. The more support we can get from you the easier it will be for your children to reach their full potential.

Your child will learn best when they know that you are interested in what they are doing. One way you can show that interest is by your attendance at the parent information evenings. It is a chance for you and your children's new teacher to meet to discuss the year's activities and for you to learn about the class routines for the year.

As I always do at the beginning of each year I want to encourage you to take an active interest in your child's education and try to get up to the school to help. If you have any questions or concerns I encourage you to speak with your children's teachers, the Coordinators Stage 1 Miss Joanne Figuero, Stage 2- Mrs Luisa Brewer Stage 3- Mrs Debbie Ross I am always available to speak with you to answer questions or clarify anything. Please don't hesitate as you will always be given an honest response. It is always good to hear from you and give another perspective.

P/F Committee- This year we thought we would have our first meeting on Monday 8th February at 7pm. We are always looking for some people to help on this important committee. As with hospitals, schools rely on fundraising to purchase resources that we would otherwise not have. It is also a fun way to meet and enjoy each other's company. I would ask that you strongly consider attending and lending your support to this committee especially some of our new parents.

Renewed Focus on Student Attendance- Many of you would aware of recent articles in the papers and on the television about children's attendance at school and how important it is for them to be at school every day to ensure they are getting the maximum benefit from the instruction they receive. There has been a renewed focus on attendance rates across the country because there is increasing evidence that a larger numbers of students are consistently absent from school. Our focus is your children's learning, building their confidence and enabling them to be successful. You can assist us in our efforts in maximizing instruction time by ensuring that your children are at school each day at 8:50am sharp ready to begin their day of learning. Children coming after 8:50am need to be accompanied to the office by an adult where a late to school form needs to be completed and signed by the parents **This will be recorded as a partial absence in the school role.** I know that you will support us with our focus on the learning and ready to start the day at 8:50am sharp.

Term calendar- For anyone wishing to know what is coming up here at school please access the school calendar on the school website.

After school pickup/parking. It is always difficult at the beginning of each new school year with dismissal in the afternoons. I would ask all of you to remember the importance of safety. Your children are precious and it is important that everyone is able to leave the school grounds safely. It is also important that we look after the school's neighbours in the afternoon and not block their driveways as does happen. I understand the difficulties with the pick up in the afternoons. Please do not enter the parish or staff car park for pick up in the afternoon

I hope that you enjoy the year. I look forward to all the great things that we have planned for your children. I trust that I will continue to see many parents involving themselves positively in the life of the school throughout the year as we continue to work together in the interests of the children.

Have a great 2016

Michael Tonnet
Principal

Allergies

Important Information for parents

Dear Parents,

Schools cater for many differences that children present, academic, emotional, social and health issues.

Throughout our school, we have children with **life threatening** allergies. This is a serious matter, one that the school must address. Therefore, we appeal to all parents to assist us in caring for these children by considering the type of foods you pack for your own child's lunch.

Our aim is to minimize the amount of **peanut** and **nut** products brought into the school and avoid all foods that contain **nuts**. These foods are extremely dangerous to our children with allergies. Common foods that trigger an allergic reaction are listed below and we ask that they **not** be brought to school at **any time**.

- ⇒ Peanuts – including M & M peanuts
- ⇒ Cashews, hazelnuts, almonds, walnuts and all tree nuts
- ⇒ Peanut butter
- ⇒ Nutella
- ⇒ Sesame seeds – remember some bread rolls have sesame seeds on them including some McDonald's hamburger buns
- ⇒ Foods that contain satay e.g. Thai, Malaysian, Indonesian dishes
- ⇒ Chocolate – blocks, biscuits and lollies
- ⇒ Whole egg – boiled egg, curried egg

Our canteen does not sell any of the items above. In the case of a child bringing a nut product to school, teachers will bring the matter to the attention of parents.

If peanut or nuts are **not** on the ingredient list of a particular packaged food but the food has the statement:

“MAY CONTAIN TRACES OF NUT.....”

this food may be brought to school and consumed only by **non-allergic children**.

Due to safety concerns, we discourage children from sharing food. We would also appreciate parents speaking with children regarding this matter.

We thank you for helping us to provide a safe environment for all of our children.



SCHOOL TIMETABLE

WESTERN SUBURBS REGION

St Andrews Primary - Marayong

Timetable effective from Monday 30 November 2015

Amended 18/11/2015

(R) Bus Turns Right - (L) Bus Turns Left

MORNING

Trips highlighted in yellow have been changed as of Term 1 2016

Bus Number	Route Number	Time	Locations Serviced	Route Description
6026	-	7:52 AM	Quakers Hill Acacia Gardens	Departs Burdekin Rd & Hambledon Rd via Burdekin Rd (L)Walker St (L)Bali Dr (L)Hambledon Rd (R)Barnier Dr (R)Farnham Rd (L)Kennington Ave (R)Farnham Rd (L)Quakers Hill Pkwy (R)Pye Rd (R)Highfield Rd (L)Lalor Rd (R)Hambledon Rd (L)Quakers Hill Pkwy (L)Quakers Rd (R)Breakfast Rd. SETS DOWN OPPOSITE SCHOOL
6031	-	8:05 AM	Blacktown Marayong	Departs Blacktown Interchange via Richmond Rd (R)Breakfast Rd.
6047	-	8:06 AM	Dean Park Doonside	Departs Yarramundi Dr & Richmond Rd via Yarramundi Dr (L)Hoyle Dr (R)Symonds Rd (L)Richmond Rd (R)Knox Rd (L)Power St (R)Hill End Rd (L)Cameron St (L)Milson Rd (L)Power St (R)Hill End Rd (R)Richmond Rd (L)Falmouth Rd (R)Quakers Rd (R)Breakfast Rd. SETS DOWN OPPOSITE SCHOOL
6019	-	8:10 AM	Blacktown Marayong	Departs Blacktown Interchange via Richmond Rd (R)Breakfast Rd .
6068	-	8:15 AM	Glendenning	Departs Lamb St & Adrienne St via (L)Adrienne St (R)Armitage Dr (L)Golding Dr (R)Richmond Rd (L)Quakers Hill Pkwy (R)Tallagandra Dr (L)Falmouth Rd (R)Quakers Rd (R)Breakfast Rd to School. SETS DOWN OPPOSITE SCHOOL
-	753	8:16 AM	Doonside Marayong	Departs Crawford Rd & Power St via Crawford Rd (L)Cross St (L)Hillend Rd (L)Richmond Rd (R)Quakers Hill Pkwy (R)Tallagandra Dr (R)Falmouth Rd (L)Brook St (L)Tambaroora Cr (R)Terrigal St (L)Breakfast Rd. SETS DOWN IN JOHN PAUL II BUS BAY

AFTERNOON

Bus Number	Route Number	Time	Locations Serviced	Route Description
6514	-	3:14 PM	Dean Park Glendenning	Departs School via Breakfast Rd (L)Quakers Rd (L)Falmouth Rd (R)Tallagandra Dr (L)Quakers Hill Pkwy (R)Richmond Rd (R)Symonds Rd (L)Hoyle Dr (R)Yarramundi Dr (L)Richmond Rd (R)Stone St (L)Armitage Dr (R)Golding Dr (R)Armitage Dr (L)Adrienne St to Lamb St.
6504	-	3:15 PM	Doonside	Departs School via Breakfast Rd (L)Quakers Rd (L)Falmouth Rd (R)Richmond Rd (L)Hill End Rd (R)Power St (L)Crawford Rd (L)Cross St to Doonside Station.
6536	-	3:20 PM	Quakers Hill	Departs School via Breakfast Rd (L)Quakers Rd (R)Chaplin Cr (R)Medlow Dr (R)Quakers Rd (R)Quakers Hill Pkwy (R)Eastern Rd (L)Douglas Rd (R)Lovegrove Dr (R)Chisholm St (R)Eastern Rd (L)Quakers Hill Pkwy (R)Hambledon Rd (L)Lalor Rd (R)Hillcrest Rd (L)Pye Rd (L)Quakers Hill Pkwy (R)Farnham Rd (L)Kennington Ave (R)Farnham Rd (L)Barnier Dr to Hambledon Rd.
6582	-	3:20 PM	Quakers Hill	Departs School via Breakfast Rd (L)Quakers Rd (R)Arnott Rd (L)Warrimoo Dr (L)Chaplin Cr (L)Medlow Dr (R)Quakers Rd (R)Quakers Hill Pkwy (L)Eastern Rd, into Nirimba campus, turn around, returns Eastern Rd (L)Quakers Hill Pkwy (L)Hambledon Rd (L)Bali Dr (R)Walker St (R)Burdekin Rd to Hambledon Rd.
6523	-	3:34 PM	Blacktown Marayong	PICK UP STUDENTS FOR ST ANDREWS AFTER SCHOOL CARE Departs School via Breakfast Rd (L)Quakers Rd (Holy Family) (R)Narrabri St (R)Warrimoo Dr (R)Amott Rd (L)Quakers Rd (R)Breakfast Rd (L)Richmond Rd to Blacktown Interchange.



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Morning

<i>Bus No</i>	<i>Route Time</i>	<i>Bus Route</i>
2054	7:26	EX CNR LUCAS ST & FREEMAN ST via Freeman, R>Northcott, L>Heffron, R>Vardys, L>Botany, R>Solander, L>Seven Hills Rd, L>Joseph Banks, R>Whitby, R>James Cook, L>Sunnyholt, R>Madagascar, Cobham, R>Vardys, R>Quakers, L>Davis, R>Osbourne, R>Breakfast to school

Afternoon

<i>Bus No</i>	<i>Route Time</i>	<i>Bus Route</i>
2537	15:15	TO KINGS LANGLEY & LALOR PARK via Breakfast, R>Quakers, L>Shedworth, L>Railway, L>Pippita, L>Guerie, Pick up Marayong Hts PS, R>Nairana, L>Arnott, R>Quakers to Holy Family HS, Quakers, R>Narribri, R>Warrimoo, R>Arnott, L>Quakers, L>Vardys, L>Cobham, Madagascar, L>Sunnyholt, R>James Cook, L>Whitby, L>Joseph Banks, R>Seven Hills Rd, R>Solander, L>Botany, R>Vardys, L>Heffron, R>Northcott, L>Freeman, L>Lucas, R>Seven Hills Rd to interchange

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Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 Newsletter Week	Jan 25	26 Public Holiday	27 Year 1 to Year 6 1st day Term 1	28 1st day Years 1 - 6 1st group Kinder 8:50am-12pm	29 2nd group Kinder 8:50am-12pm
2	Feb 1	2	3	4	5 Opening School Mass 9:15am
3 Newsletter Week	8 P&F Meeting 7pm	9	10 Ash Wednesday	11	12
4	15 Parent Information Evening 7pm Years 1 and 2	16 Parent Information Night 7pm Kindergarten	17 Parent Information Night Years 3 and 4	18 Parent Information Night Years 5 and 6 Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival	19 St Andrews Assembly 2:15pm—3:15pm
5 Newsletter Week	22	23	24	25 Diocesan Swimming Carnival Kindergarten BBQ 6pm—7pm	26
6	29 Young Leaders Day	March 1	2	3	4
7 Newsletter Week	7 Catholic Schools Week Meet and Greet Week	8	9	10	11 St Andrews Assembly 2:15pm—3:15pm
8	14	15	16	17	18
9 Newsletter Week	21	22	23	24 Holy Thursday Stations of the Cross 10am & 11:30am	25 Good Friday
10	28 Easter Monday	29	30	31	April 1 St Andrews Assembly 2:15pm—3:15pm
11 Newsletter Week	4	5	6	7	8 Stage 3 Touch Foot- ball Gala Day Last Day Term 1