



St. Andrews Primary School

Newsletter Term 1 - Issue 3

3 March 2017

From the Principal

If it is true that we are here to help others, what are the others here for?" Author unknown. It is quite possible that this very question, in times of desperation, might enter the heads of parents as they gaze upon their children. It is likewise possible, that after years and years of repeating questions such as, "Are you out of bed yet?" "Have you started your homework yet?" "Have you tidied your bedroom yet?" you might decide to adopt the motto, "Aim low. Reach your goals. Avoid disappointment." But no! You would never settle for mediocrity, for these sometimes undesirable human beings are your children, the nation's next generation: you will do nothing short of nurturing them to be the best human beings they can possibly be.

So how will we do this? By taking the lead and acting from strong positive convictions; leadership is a major function of our parenting role. We can never provide leadership if we are always reactive and constantly responding to crises. When we simply react, it indicates that our children have taken the lead and we are following; we are following children who have little life experience, little wisdom and only a blurred vision of where they are going.

Whatever we want our children to be, we have to demonstrate it to them and be successful models for them, so they can see the benefits of what it is we are leading them to be.

Catholic Schools Weeks- "Learning Connected" In keeping with this year's theme for Catholic Schools Week- "Learning Connected" we thought we would like to give you the opportunity to see the staff in action in the learning spaces during the week. The staff, for the last couple of years have been refining the way we have been teaching across the school to better meet the needs of your children. Part of this work has been to try to make the process of teaching your children less different in every learning space. We would like to demonstrate to you how we are teaching your children so you gain a better understanding of this. We are providing a number of timeslots during Catholic Schools Week for you to come in and observe the teaching in your child's class. We will provide an input session where the teacher will explain the process you will observe in the classroom. You will then be taken to the class to observe the lesson and at the end of the lesson, time to ask a few questions at the end of the session. We hope you will find this explains the process on how the teachers are guiding the learning of your children. If you know a new family who is thinking of enrolling their children you are quite welcome to invite them along. Attached with this newsletter is a timetable of the events for the week and a tear off section to indicate that you wish to attend the learning space sessions. It is important that you complete the tear off section and return it to your child's teacher so that we have some indication of how many people might be attending the sessions so that we can be properly prepared. Please don't hesitate to invite some new families. We look forward to seeing you at one of the planned sessions next week.

Affirmation for St Andrews Staff- This Friday, 3 March, we have over 40 principals and teachers from around our diocese visit our learning spaces to see the great work that your children's teachers are doing to assist your child's learning. It is great as the principal of St Andrews to see our teachers being recognised for the wonderful work they are doing to assist your children on their learning journey. If you can get a chance next week come and have a look for yourselves and visit your child's learning space next week.

2018 Kinder Enrolments- If you have children beginning school in 2018 now is the time to come and collect an enrolment form and begin the process for your child's enrolment into formal school.

P/F Committee 2017- Last week the office bearers for the Parents and Friends were elected at our first meeting for the year. Firstly a huge thank you to the outgoing committee and **congratulations and thank you** to the following community members who volunteered for this important part of school life for 2017.

President: Maria Webb

Vice President: Marianne Cardona

Treasurer: Linda Kinnas

Secretary: Rebecca Shen

Publicity Officer: David McKibbins

Parent Representative Council: Priscilla Pickering

The way the P&F was run by subcommittees last year was successful and will be done the same way again this year. The subcommittees are as follows:

Easter Raffle – Diana Watts

Mother's Day Stall – Pauline Sultana

Father's Day Stall – Denise Sessa

Disco Bags – Elissa Hooper

Christmas Raffle—Maria Webb and Marianne Cardona

Newsletter requests to support these committees as they prepare for events will come home via the newsletter. I encouraged as many people as possible to come and assist as it can be a fun way to get to know each other.

Student Attendance- As I have indicated for the last two years it is just so important that your child attends school every day to ensure that their learning is not interrupted. [We have a goal this year for a 90% attendance level](#) each week.

This week our attendance level is sitting at **86%** our target **90%**. *Please we need your support to reach our goal! I know that we can achieve this with your help.*

Kinder BBQ next week we officially welcome all out Kinder families at the Kinder BBQ next Thursday 9th March commencing at 6pm. This is a fun way to get to know each other a little better in an informal setting. We look forward to seeing you!

Kind regards
Michael Tonnet
Principal



Bus Strike- We have been notified that a bus strike for buses in western and south-western Sydney is planned for next **Tuesday 7 March**. The strike will take effect from 7:00am-9:00am in the morning and from 2:00pm—4:00pm in the afternoon.

Newsletter Subscription

If you wish to subscribe to the St Andrews Primary Newsletter please email standrewsprimarynewsletters@gmail.com with your child's name and class. The newsletter will then be emailed each fortnight. Newsletters are also available to view on the St Andrews Primary website. Thank you.

Canteen News

The canteen is now selling fish burgers for \$3.50.

Spotlight on Sport

Edition 2

Congratulations to the following students from St Andrew's who have been selected to represent Blacktown Zone in the upcoming Parramatta Diocesan Swimming Carnival:

Alyssa Bettiol, Chloe Bettiol, Isabella Narayan and Isabella O'Dea

Special mention must be made to Isabella O'Dea, who achieved the great result of being Junior Girls Age Champion Runner UP.

Congratulations also goes to Malay Doshi who has been selected to represent Parramatta Diocese at the MacKillop Selection Trials in Cricket and Patrick and Kieran McMurrich in making the Parramatta AFL team.

Mr Graham Paynter
WHS/Sports Co-ordinator

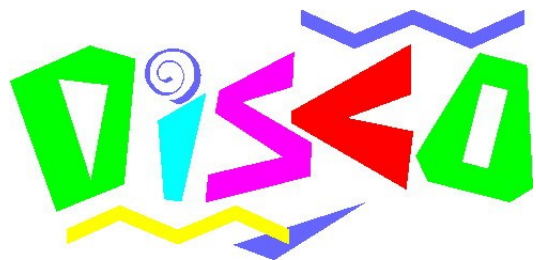
Term 1 School Disco

Dates:

Years 5 and 6: Tuesday 21 March 2017

Years 3 and 4: Wednesday 22 March 2017

Infants: Thursday 23 March 2017



Where: At school

Time: Lunchtime

Cost : \$5.00 (includes entry fee and showbag)

Theme: *Futuristic Fashion*

Come dressed up in what you believe will be the top fashion trends of the future. It may be something that is cool in 10 years time, 100 years or even 1000 years time. Maybe you can invent your own accessories such as a futuristic watch, glasses or shoes with wings? Make sure you wear sensible shoes. No high heels or open toe shoes.

Parent Helpers Information

We love to have parent involvement within our school community, if you would like to help out in anyway we require you to complete the following two course online.

As this is a requirement of the Catholic Education Office. I have attached the information for you.

Please complete the following two courses and once we have received the information from the Catholic Education Office we will forward you a certificate and add your name to our Parent Helpers list. Please be aware to protect our children, unless your name is on our list you will not be able to assist within the school.

BUILDING CHILD SAFE COMMUNITIES – NEW FORMS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

‘Building Child Safe Communities’ is a new initiative developed by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta that enhances our commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all students in our care. It is now a requirement that all volunteers and contractors complete an online undertaking form that confirms expectations in relation to behaviour whilst volunteering or contracting at schools, Catholic Out of Schools Hours Care and Catholic Early Learning Centres. This undertaking form also seeks to determine the suitability of volunteers and contractors by requiring them to declare that they do not have a criminal history involving children.

<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au>

Click on the Green Volunteer tab on the left hand side of the page and follow the directions for Step 1 and Step 2.

If you have a Working With Child Check from the RMS you can send in a copy for our records. Once you have completed this you will receive a certificate to confirm the Catholic Education Office has received a successful completion of both courses for you. Without this being completed you cannot be kept on the Current helpers list.



Parents and Friends

Welcome Parents and Friends to the first P&F newsletter of 2017, welcome back to all the Parents from last year and a special warm welcome to the Kinder Parents finding their feet in the St Andrews Community.

Just a little background on the P&F prior to introducing the star studded line up for 2017, the committee is formed to help raise funds for the school via activities and events like Father's/Mother's day stalls, Christmas and Easter raffles, as well as getting our groove on and helping organise the kids Disco themes. Sending out invites and updates regarding future events is a P&F specialty as is requesting help from our fellow Parents to volunteer/ offer up some time for 1 event, 1 activity or if it suits many activities and events.

Each newsletter I will update these events and request if possible some help. Please don't assume other people will do it as we truly need a hand, and for the new parents to the school this is a great way to get to know the community and the ins and outs of St Andrews. I was a kinder parent last year and did exactly that, jumped in, and it was the best decision I made. So feel free to contact myself or the P&F team with any questions or offers to help no matter how big or small.

Ok now is the time you have all been waiting for, the announcement of the 2017 Parents and Friends Committee. Unlike the Oscars the names you read below are correct will be correct.

PRESIDENT	Maria Webb	mobile : 0413180787	Email: webbmaria@gmail.com
VICE PRESIDENT	Marianne Cardona	mobile : 0422786266	mailto:mariannenina@hotmail.com
PUBLICITY OFFICER	David Mckibbins	mobile : 0416114431	david.mckibbins@gmail.com
SECRETARY	Rebecca Shen		
TREASURER	Linda Kinnas		
PRC	Priscilla Pickering		

The P&F will also have team leaders who will specialise in just one activity, these fabulous team leaders will definitely be looking for help at some stage this year.

	Team Leader	Helpers
Easter Raffle	Diana Watts	
Disco	Elissa Hooper	
Mother's day Stall	Pauline Sultana	
Father's day Stall	Denise Sessa	
Christmas Raffle	Marianne Cardona	Maria Webb

Over the next few newsletters I will introduce the P&F members so you can get to know the team, so stay tuned.

Parents and Friends—cont



Event: Easter Egg Raffle

Team Leader: Diana Watts

Helpers: Needed to pack Easter bags

The amazing Diana will be organising the St Andrews Easter Egg Raffle, some raffle tickets should have come home with your child this week as per image below (found in my son's shorts). To make the raffle a success we need your Easter Egg donations. A flyer will be sent home with what is required.

Please return all tickets to the school no later than **31st March** in an envelope with ticket stubs and monie and please don't forget to write your name and phone number on **each** stub. The raffle will be drawn on **5th April**.

The best news about this Raffle is there are multiple winners, many Easter Egg bags to win.



Event: Catholic Schools Mass Morning tea

Team Leader: Maria

The P&F would like to invite all Parishioners to join us for a nice morning tea after Mass on **Monday 6th March**



Event: Disco week 9

Team Leader: Elissa

Helpers: Needed to help with Disco bags

Wow the first disco of the year will be happening in Week 9. Elissa would like to request some help from parents on **Thursday 16th March** at 9am to pack some bags. So if you can stay after dropping off the kids that would be amazing!



And last but not least my usual Dads Joke. This one was when I was at the beach over the Christmas.

"Connected to Learning"



Day	Event	Location	Time
Monday	Whole School Mass Morning Tea Learning Space visit K to 6	St Andrews The Apostle The Piazza Learning Spaces	9:15am After mass 10:30am
Tuesday	Year 1 Connected to Learning session (Approximately 1 hour) Year 5 and 6 Connected to Learning session (Approximately 1 hour)	Library Hall	9:15am 9:15am
Wednesday	Kindergarten Connected to Learning session (Approximately 1 hour) Year 3 Connected to Learning session (Approximately 1 hour)	Library Hall	9:15am 9:15am
Thursday	Year 2 Connected to Learning session (Approximately 1 hour) Year 4 Connected to Learning session (Approximately 1 hour)	Library Hall	9:15am 9:15am
Friday	Year 3 Assembly Presentation	School Hall	2:00pm

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Number attending:

Please circle which session/s you are attending:

<i>Kindergarten</i>	<i>Year 1</i>	<i>Year 2</i>	<i>Year 3</i>	<i>Year 4</i>	<i>Year 5</i>	<i>Year 6</i>
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Student of the Week



K Blue	Jamia Zapanta	Devansh Dhiman
K Green	Caiden Em	Leah McSweeney
K Red	Charlotte Webster	Crissabella Magayaga
K Yellow	Alexa Felipe	Kyrollos Ebrahim
1 Blue	Rachael Griffiths	Alonzo Fernandez
1 Green	Kavan Makwana	Ashlyn Aldana
1 Red	Hitanshi Shah	Hudson Mulronev
1 Yellow	Synthia Rekam	Kingston Tan
2 Blue	Soham Karki	Nicholas Ingram
2 Green	Hazel Joshi	Layla Walsh
2 Red	Ysabella Alfonso	Zac Lazaro
2 Yellow	Ashton Poon	Zyrill Ilagan
3 Green	Gabriel Narayan	Name Withheld
3 Red	Nikki Gasendo	Name Withheld
3 Yellow	Harrison Green	Andrew Martignago
4 Blue	Sohpie Kirkby	Isabelle Metcalfe
4 Green	Makoi Malual	Joaquin Tarra
4 Red	Dean Hussain	Tyler Isaia
4 Yellow	Alyssa-Mary Petsas	Rachel Laycock
5 Blue	Name Withheld	Dominic Watson
5 Green	Caitlin Burke	Ashley Neri
5 Red	Tyler Mates	Aria Honarpishev
5 Yellow	Emma Croser	Vianney Rodriguez
6 Blue	Jaismeen Thind	Jorja Pundeet
6 Green	Aliyana Dela Cruz	Heaven Michael
6 Yellow	Sebastian Boltis	Carli Pieters

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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.

OUR MAKERSPACE IS COMING!



This term at St Andrews we are creating our very own Makerspace in the library!



WHAT IS A MAKERSPACE?

A Makerspace is an area that allows for creativity and innovation to occur. In our Makerspace students will have the chance to design, create, engineer, build and collaborate.

It is a place to tinker, try new ideas and solve problems.



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that a Makerspace promotes learning through play. Students will play, explore and experience informal learning opportunities. Connections between home, school, and community will be developed and encouraged.

WHERE WILL IT BE LOCATED?



Our very first Makerspace will be located in the library. Our Term 1 Makerspace sessions will be open to primary students only. This is so both teachers running the space, and student volunteers can learn how to run the space effectively.

In Term 2 opportunities will be given to infants to join our school Makerspace community.



WHAT'S ON OFFER?

There are many different types of spaces that can be created within a Makerspace, however for this term we will try the following:

- Lego station
- Code club
- Knitting Club
- Stop motion animation
- Principal's challenge

CAN I HELP?

Definitely. We will be calling for donations of resources, first starting with our Lego-athon.

In the near future, we hope to invite parents in to our community to learn from and collaborate with.



OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA

Open Day

Sunday March 12, 2017

ST ANDREWS
COLLEGE



OPEN DAY 2017—TUESDAY 7 MARCH

St Andrews College is about creating dynamic learning environments that challenge and nurture students to be people of companion, compassion, confidence, competence, creativity, conscience and with the conviction of faith to transform the world.

St Andrews College is offering parents and students the opportunity to tour the Junior Campus.

Tour Times: 9.00am, 9.40am and 11.05am

For Tour Bookings visit: www.standrewscollegeparramatta.catholic.edu.au

Parents of Year 6 and Year 10 students, who wish to enrol their child for Year 7 or Year 11 at St Andrews College must submit an application form before Friday the 5th of May, otherwise their child may miss out on a place.

Parents can download an Enrolment Application from the College website, or phone 9626 4000 for a Prospectus.

Applications close at 3pm on Friday 5 May 2017



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.



SPIRIT OF ANZAC
CENTENARY EXPERIENCE

A free travelling exhibition that tells the story of Australia's involvement in the First World War, featuring artefacts from the Australian War Memorial.

BOOK FREE TICKETS NOW AT
WWW.SPIRITOFANZAC.GOV.AU

We will be hosting free children's activities at the Experience from 17 - 21 April. Find out more and register your interest at www.spiritofanzac.gov.au/sydney/activities

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FINAL TOUR DATES

TERM 1

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	January 23	24	25	26	27 Staff return fro 2017
2 Newsletter Week	30	31	February 1	2	3
3	6	7	8 Opening School Mass 9:15am	9	10
4 Newsletter Week	13 Parent Information Night 7pm Year 1 & Year 2	14	15 Parent Information Night 7pm Year 3 & Year 4	16 Parent Information Night 7pm Kindergarten Year 5 & Year 6 Zone Swimming carnival	17 St Andrews Assembly 2pm 2 Red & 2 Green
5	20 P&F Meeting 7pm	21	22	23	24 Diocesan Swimming Carnival Clean up Australia Day
6 Newsletter Week	27 Meet & Greet	28 Meet & Greet	March 1 Ash Wednesday Whole School Mass 9:15am Meet & Greet	2 Meet & Greet	3 Meet & Greet
7	6 Catholic Schools Mass 9:15am & visit classrooms until 10:50am	7 Connected to Learning—Year 1 Year 5 and Year 6— 9:15am	8 Connected to Learning—Kinder and Year 3—9:15am	9 Connected to Learning—Year 2 and Year 4—9:15am Kindergarten Welcome BBQ 6pm	10 St Andrews Assembly 2pm Year 3
8 Newsletter Week	13	14	15	16	17 Young Leaders Day St Patrick's Day
9	20	21 Disco - Years 5&6	22 Disco - Years 3&4	21 Disco - Infants	24
10 Newsletter Week	27	28	29	30	31
11	April 3	4 Cross Country	5	6	7 St Andrews Assembly 2pm 4 Blue & 4 Green Last day of school Term 1