



St. Andrews Primary School

Newsletter Term 2 - Issue 3

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From the Principal's Desk

From the Principal

In the last couple of weeks I have interviewed a few new families for enrolment. This is always good fun as often the children say some very funny things at these interviews to the horror of their parents. One of the great things for me is sharing with the parents their hopes for their children as they begin at a new school. It is great to also hear the reasons the parents have chosen St Andrews as the place to educate their children. Over the past week, I have heard parents saying that they have heard that St Andrews is a wonderful school. A place where their children will receive a quality education in a friendly environment where there is a strong sense of community. The children just grow so quickly at school and it is a great privilege to be part of this journey.

This week the children will be talking about the many people in the world that are less fortunate than ourselves. On Monday we sent home a diocesan works fund envelope. Many of you would have received this at the Sunday mass during the last few weeks so we are not expecting another donation. However some of you may have missed this opportunity to support the good works of the diocese. If you are able to contribute please return the envelopes to school at your earliest convenience. It is the Holy Spirit who God sent to empower us to love one another and to be witnesses to our faith. The Spirit gives us many daily opportunities to express our love for those in need in our homes, our school, our places of work, our parishes and the world. Let us open our hearts more generously to the Spirit so that we can be a positive influence on the people around us.

COSHC Update- Things are progressing well and as planned for the opening of the COSHC in term 3. I meet with Michael McGrath last week to organise furniture and other details. I would like to assure all those people interested in a place either for before or after school care for children that you will have no problem securing a position. When more details come to hand I will pass the information on.

On the Parenting ideas website I found a couple of ideas that you might find useful to use in your own parenting journey. Here are a couple of them.

Responsibility and consequences. As children get older, you can increasingly give them responsibility for their own behaviour and the chance to experience the **natural consequences** of that behaviour. You don't have to be the bad guy all the time. For example, if she forgot to put her lunchbox in her bag, she will go hungry at lunchtime. It is her hunger and her consequence and it won't hurt her to go hungry just that one time. Sometimes, with the best intentions, we do so much for our

children that we don't allow them to learn for themselves. At other times you need to provide consequences for unacceptable behaviour. For these times, it is best to ensure that you have explained the consequences and that your children have **agreed to them in advance**.

Say it once and move on. Nagging and criticising is boring for you and doesn't work. Your child will just end up tuning you out. Try to avoid **idle threats**. Your child will very quickly work these out and ignore them. The best way is to let them know what you think once and then take action if you need to set limits or back up a rule.

Consequences don't have to be harsh, mean or long to be effective. The advantage of keeping a consequence short is that you quickly give your child an opportunity to try again. For example, if the television is turned off for 10 minutes because children are fighting over it, they will quickly have another opportunity to solve the problem in a different way. If it is turned off for the rest of the day, there are no more opportunities in the day for them to learn to manage the situation differently. Also, a long consequence can be worse for parents than children – a child deprived of his bike for a week is likely to get bored and cranky!

Wherever possible, **explain consequences to the children ahead of time** so they don't come as a surprise. If you talk to the children about possible consequences they're less likely to be resentful and angry when they are implemented. Negotiating consequences ahead of time makes them more effective and easier to implement if they are ever needed.

It has been a privilege over the past few years to be able to visit other schools to see how they provide an education for the children in their communities. This is the best form of professional learning when teachers can visit other schools and share ideas. This week we have four teachers visiting another school to share their experiences which will help in the formulation of our agenda for our **Staff Development Day on Tuesday, 10th June**. **There will be no school for students on this day.**

This week I had the pleasure of sitting down and listening to Anthony in Year 2 read. He read very confidently- what a great job I have and thanks to Anthony for making my day special.

Kind regards
Michael Tonnet
Principal

Children's Safety before school- As you are aware supervision of the children does not begin until 8:20am each day. We are happy to open the gates in the morning before this time so in the event that you need to drop the children off before 8:20am that they can be safely inside the school grounds. Again I ask that children do not come to school before morning supervision starts to allow the staff to get on with their work of preparing for the days learning unless it is unavoidable.

Parish News

Feast of Pentecost Celebration & International Supper 7th June 2014

Commencing with the Rosary at 5:20pm, followed by the 6:00pm Vigil Mass.

Mass will begin with a candle procession highlighting the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, followed by representatives from the different nations that make up our parish community. Following Mass, the celebration will continue in the Primary School hall, from 7:30~9:00pm, with an International Supper, some entertainment and fellowship.

You are encouraged to wear your national costume or something red.

Volunteers are still needed to help with the following:

- * Decorating the church and setting up tables in the hall after 9:00am Mass on Saturday, 7th June
- * The donation of drinks and food from different nationalities; preferably finger foods and easy to serve foods as there will be no heating facility. The hall will be open from 4:30pm for food donations.

* Serving of food & drinks.

* Packing away tables and clean up of the hall afterwards.

Please indicate your involvement/donation on the sign-up sheets at the church entrance or contact the office.



Newsletter Subscription

Thank you to the parents who have subscribed to receive the newsletter.

If you have yet to subscribe 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.

PLEASE NOTE: Newsletters are available to view on the St Andrews Primary Website. Emails sent via the website will not be received by St Andrews Primary. Please email your request for a newsletter to the above email address only.

Important Dates—Term 2

Week 5

Fri 30th May Whole School Assembly
2-15pm to 3:15pm

Week 6

Tues 3rd June Dance Fever
Wed 4th June Year 4Y CARES
Thurs 5th June Dance Fever
Year 4G CARES
Year 5B & 5Y Parliament House/
Mary MacKillop
Year 5G & 5R Parliament House/
Mary MacKillop
Year 6 Mass 9am

Fri 6th June

Week 7

Sun 8th June Pentecost Sunday
Mon 9th June Public Holiday
Tues 10th June Staff Development Day
Year 6 Confirmation
Dance Fever
Year 4R CARES
Year 1 Liturgy 10am

Thurs 12th June

Fri 13th June

ALL PLAY

The last session of All Play for Term 2 will be conducted on Friday, 20th June.

All Play for Term 3 will begin on Tuesday, 15th July.

Thank you,
All Play coaches

Second Hand Uniform Pool

The second hand uniform pool will be open each Wednesday morning from 8:30am to 9:00am.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop trading hours

Monday 8.30am -10.00am

Wednesday 8.30am- 10.00am

We also do online orders and they can be downloaded from your school website and emailed to

elle@ozfashions.com.au.

If parents can't pick up orders they will be taken to the office and they will be given to your child.

Elle: 0421216414 Email: elle@ozfashions.com.au

Reporting to Parents

Things to know:

- ◆ Student's Learning Reports (except Kindergarten) report individual student learning achievement according to an E-A scale.
- ◆ All schools formally report in writing, twice a year, to parents regarding students' learning achievement in all subjects, including Religious Education.
- ◆ Students' Learning Reports (except Kindergarten) will publish the performance of the individual students relative to the rest of the cohort e.g.

E Elementary Achievement	D Basic Achievement	C Sound Achievement	B High Achievement	A Excellent Achievement
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- ◆ The number of students achieving at various levels is not determined by any mathematical formula but by the year group's achievement.

Reports will go home on Friday 20th June. Parents are urged to complete and return their Parent Teacher interview sheet.



PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

This Friday 6th June, **EVERY** child at St Andrew's will be bringing home their confirmed Parent/Teacher Interview time.

Please check your child's school bag and inform the classroom teacher if this note does not arrive home.

Parents and Friends News

Email address: pandfstandrewsmarayong@gmail.com

Facebook at: Parentsandfriends StAndrews

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

Dates for your diary

Term 2 school disco

THEME IS CRAZY SOCK DISCO

dates;

Years 3 and 4 Tuesday 17th June 2014

Infants Wednesday 18th June 2014

Years 5 and 6 Thursday 19th June 2014



If you are free to help on Friday 13th at 7pm to help pack the show bags for the disco please call Denise Sessa on 0421306996 **OR** Diana watts on 0412922 317 Or leave your details at our email address above, Thank you."

Code of Conduct For School Disco

We will enjoy ourselves and have fun when we:

- Always act in a safe way.
- Obey instructions given by teacher.
- Inform a teacher that we are going to the toilet.
- Participate in disco activities rather than always sitting down.
- Remember not to bring toys, electronic games. mobile phones or large sums of money to the disco.
- Always speak with a teacher if there are any problems.

Seminar Program

The seminar (3 hours) is designed for use in a variety of contexts with up to 25 participants, and allows individuals to deepen their general understanding of the nature and impact of change, loss and grief on their lives or in their workplace. The seminar is helpful for individuals with an interest in this area and for professionals supporting children and adults through times of change, loss and grief. You will receive your own workbook to complete throughout the seminar.

Monday June 23, 2014, 9:30am – 12:30pm

- Cost:** \$25.00 per person
(Workbook and morning tea included)
- Venue:** Joachim Forbes Room
Museum Entrance
Mary MacKillop Place
Mount Street, North Sydney
- RSVP:** Monday, 16th June, 2014
- Email:** fiona.mccallum@goodgrief.org.au
Please provide phone, title and organisation details
- Info:** www.goodgrief.org.au

STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

If you have been separated or divorced and would benefit from regular shared discussion evenings with others who are in a similar situation to you, come along to STEPPING BEYOND on the last Tuesday of each month at CCSS Centre, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown, at 7.30pm! You are very likely to be supported and helped through the sharing of experiences on matters such as *"How well are you stepping beyond? What do you want to step beyond? What are you currently stepping beyond? What is stopping you from stepping beyond? What have you learned as you keep stepping beyond?"* Venue: CCSS centre 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown. Time: 7.30 – 9.30. Cost: \$5.00. Registration: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or Ph. 99330205

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: 13 – 15 June at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW

Bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel. 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au

www.wwme.org.au

www.facebook.com/WWMEasternUnit

DEALING WITH THE LEGAL SYSTEM

Each year CatholicCare Solo Parent Ministry offers an Information night for anyone interested in gaining a greater understanding on how to choose the best lawyer for your situation, how best to deal with Lawyers so as to minimize your legal fees and how to protect your rights regarding family assets. This night is being held on Tues 10th June at 7.30pm at CCSS Centre, 51-58 Allawah St, Blacktown. Guest Speaker: Mr Richard Brading, (Solicitor at Wesley Legal Service, Castlereagh St.) Further details and registration: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or Ph. 99330205



Student of the Week

6Red	Liam Murcia	Robyn Chanco
6Blue	Shanay Yeo	Mariah Radovu
6Green	Joshua Lal	Raouth Elrayah
6Yellow	Peter Mateja	Damian Cotelo
5Red	Julie Nguyen	Samuel Lowe
5Blue	Isaac Wasef	Abeny Manassah
5Green	Felicity Clements	Ayden Wilson
5Yellow	Georgia Green	Ilias Vasiliou
4Red	Ryan Laycock	Amelia Guerra
4Blue	Holley Manks	Daniel Azzi
4Green	Dranjae Guillermo	James Tipping
4Yellow	Gracy Gaba	Semeina Ambolo
3Red	Mishthi Sharma	Nicole Wasef
3Blue	Riley Bettiol	Jerico Pasinos
3Green	Molina Grozdanovic	Deng Joseph
3Yellow	Mathew Saguid	Anthony Gravina
2Red	Isabella Smith	Erin Blanch
2Blue	Hermione Mendoza	Isabella Saunders
2Green	Hudson Toenroe	Charli Clements
2Yellow	Moses Badelles	Jeda Osorio
1Red	William Alegado	Angus Rice
1Blue	Freby Julit	Daniel Burchmore
1Green	Aiden Zaki	Shalynn Charan
1Yellow	Oscar Serchan	Kassidy Peters
KRed	Reyana Montecillo	Udhay Badesha
KBlue	Thomas Wise	Elaina Quinn
KGreen	Hannah Gibbons	Samanta Cardona
KYellow	Jasmine Bowen	Isaiah MakatuleFineanganofa

Birthday List

18/05/2014	Ayla Areola, Cameron Zammit
19/05/2014	Giselle Cazar, Kane Mizzi, Armand Gehan, Dominic Battikha
21/05/2014	Tane Bob, Cristian Prudus, Raphael Gubrieal, Angelina Salama Diya Shah
22/05/2014	Genevieve Petersen, Giancarlo Samuel
23/05/2014	Aditi Pal, Antonio Tagat, Maria Madheng, Agaar Madheng, Maleli Smith
24/05/2014	Francesca Calaquian, Matilda Adamecki, Joaquin Tarra
25/05/2014	Annette Calleja, Duot Achiek, Crystal Phyung, Rabab Elrayah, Rahab Elrayah
26/05/2014	Jerome Sanchez
28/05/2014	Isabella Malgioglio
29/05/2014	Gabby Espiritu
30/05/2014	Raphael Montecillo
31/05/2014	Nicholas Gibbons, Taylah Dolly, Maribel El-Khoury Nehme

