



# St. Andrews Primary School

## Newsletter Term 1 Week 10

4th April 2014

### *From the Principal's Desk*

*As we approach Easter, at the very core of our faith is the reality of the Resurrection of Jesus. We base everything on the truth of the event, but establishing that truth is not reliant on Science but Faith. As we grow in our faith we call upon the Spirit, alive in our Catholic Christian Communities to strengthen our faith and commitment. The Gospels at Easter tell of the first witnesses- Jesus was risen, they had experienced him alive in their midst.*

*Today, we live in a truly sceptical world. How many times have you heard- "I'll need proof", "Are you sure". "Let me check up on that".*

*It is very easy to call for proof, we don't want to be taken by wild speculations.*

*One of the Easter Gospels shows Thomas as a sceptic. He demands proof of resurrection. Even with first hand experiences by his peers, of clothes in the tomb, Jesus walking with the disciples and Mary Magdalene hearing his voice, Thomas still asks for further proof.*

*What do we say to those who believe without seeing physical evidence? Look around this weekend at Church and take heart and inspiration from your fellow believer.*

*If at times your faith wavers, take strength in the work of the Spirit in your local Church community.*

We exercise our bodies for good physical health.

However, our minds need exercise too so that we develop the intelligence we need for learning, for coping with new ideas and for dealing sensibly with the challenges of everyday life. Knowing how to think is even more important than knowing what to think. Modern brain research tells us that the brain is just like a muscle and will grow stronger the more it is used.

Albert Einstein thought that possessing knowledge was less important than having a flexible, creative mind. The Roman writer Juvenal expressed the concept so well we still use his Latin words today: mens sana in copore sano- a healthy mind in a healthy body.

A good way to make our brain grow is to train ourselves to avoid mental shortcuts that often lead us to the wrong answer. You may have noticed that some people often have very firm opinions and cannot be persuaded to change their minds. Sometimes we close off our minds to different ideas.

The computer company IBM had as its motto the word *Think*. When Apple computers started out as a very small company its motto was *Think different*. We all need to think different if we are to continue to grow as a learning community.

**P/F Meeting**-Next Monday Evening at 7pm in the hall we have our second P/F meeting for the term. We will be making further preparations for the Mothers Stall and I will take some time to explain the changes in timetable for the school day which commences next term.

Next Thursday morning, 10<sup>th</sup> April, we will be hosting a number of principals from other schools for professional learning. These principals will be involved in an instruction walk looking at all the great instruction going on here at St Andrews. A big thank you to our dedicated staff for accommodating the principals in their classes next Thursday.

**2015 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.

*Kind Regards*  
**Michael Tonnet**  
*Principal*

**THE INVITATIONS OF HOLY WEEK 2014**

All parishioners are invited by Jesus Christ to experience our God's love by our presence at the liturgies of the coming week. All of us are encouraged to renew our commitment to Jesus Christ and his way of living by the renewal of our Baptismal Promises at our Easter Masses.

**HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE 2014 -**



**CEREMONIES....**

**WEEKDAY MASSES -**

MONDAY (14TH APRIL) 9.00AM  
 TUESDAY (15TH APRIL) 9.00AM  
 WEDNESDAY (16TH APRIL) 9.00AM  
**[NO EVENING NOVENA MASS]**

**WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL - CHRISM MASS**

AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA AT 7.30PM

**NO MORNING MASS... ON THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

**THURSDAY, 17TH APRIL - HOLY THURSDAY**

**MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT 7.00PM**

We extend an Invitation to our Altar Servers, our Ministers of the Eucharist and our Acolytes. It is a tradition in St. Andrew's Parish for these *Ministers of the Altar* to renew their commitment at the *Mass of the Lord's Supper*. There is a Commissioning Service that takes place during this most wonderful Mass.

**FRIDAY, 18TH APRIL - GOOD FRIDAY**

**10.00AM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
 (RE-ENACTED BY YOUTHWORKS! AND SAYWAT MEMBERS)**

On Good Friday at 10.00am we come together as a parish family to walk the final journey of Jesus by prayerfully reflecting on the *Stations of the Cross*. This year, the Stations will be re-enacted by our Youthworks! Ministry and children from Saywat.

**3.00PM - COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION**

On Good Friday after the *Commemoration of the Lord's Passion* there will be prayers involved in the Novena that leads up to the *Feast of Divine Mercy* on Sunday 27th April. These Novena Prayers will continue in our Parish Church each morning as per our usual schedule.

**SATURDAY 19TH APRIL - HOLY SATURDAY**

**6.00PM - EASTER VIGIL**

**SUNDAY 20TH APRIL - EASTER SUNDAY**

**MASSES AT: 7.30AM; 8.45AM & 10.30AM**



**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE....** I would like to invite all parishioners to make the most of the opportunity to meet Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**FRIDAY 18TH APRIL AT 11.00AM [PARISH RECONCILIATION]**

**SATURDAY 19TH APRIL AT 9.00AM [1ST RITE OF RECONCILIATION]**

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MONSTER EASTER EGG RAFFLE Will be drawn on Wednesday 9th April by Mr Tonnet.

HELPERS ARE NEEDED to assist to wrap the Easter egg prizes this coming Tuesday the 8th April at 9am, please call Denise 0421 306 996 or Diana on 0412 922 317 to inform them that you are available to help.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU to all that contributed to the prizes.

ALL PRIZES will be handed out by Friday 11th April 2014.

NEXT P & F meeting will be on Monday 7th April at 7pm in the school library ALL WELCOME.



### Important reminder to parents

Thank you to the parents who have subscribed to receive the newsletter next term. 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: 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.***

**Uniform Shop** A little note from the uniform shop. We will be opening 1 Saturday afternoon for any parents wishing to purchase winter uniforms.  
Date: Saturday 5th April 2014 2pm-4pm  
Elle: 0421216414 Email: elle@ozfashions.com.au  
Thank you. Long Sleeve Polo now available for \$30.

### Second Hand Uniform Pool

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

### Birthdays

30/03/14	Charli Clements
01/04/14	Matthew Martignago
02/04/14	Sophie Kirkby, Aiden Zaki, David Melki
04/04/14	Patrick Felipe, Chanelle McAnulty, Maureen Wijaya, Shalynn Charan

### St Andrews College Year 7 and 11, 2015

#### Enrolment Information

A pre-enrolment meeting will be held at the College, Holy Family Campus, 116 Quakers Rd, Marayong on 6th May at 6:00pm. Applications for Enrolment for Year 7 2015 close on the 16th May.

St Andrews College is a Catholic secondary school located in Marayong, serving families in the Greater Blacktown area.

St Andrews College provides opportunities for each student to become a creative, competent, compassionate and confident person with an informed conscience and a firm conviction of faith.

Details of these are available in the College Prospectus. Copies of the Prospectus and Application are available from the Registrar, Mrs Julie Sabine, phone 96261999. Further information and Enrolment Applications can be obtained from the website at [www.standrewscmarayong.catholic.edu.au](http://www.standrewscmarayong.catholic.edu.au)

#### Important Dates—Week 11

Wednesday 9th April

St Andrews Awards

- 2:00pm—Primary 2:30pm—Infants

Friday 11th April

- Last Day of Term 1

#### Term 2

Monday 28th April

- First day of Term 2

#### Bereavement Support Program – Session 3

CatholicCare Solo Parent Ministry is holding its third fortnightly Bereavement Support Group Session on Tuesday 01<sup>st</sup> April, for those whose spouse or long term partner has died. The topic for this Session is *“Dealing with Intense Emotions”*. Venue: 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown, from 10.00am – 12.00pm. This is an opportunity to gain some information about various aspects of the grieving process and to support each other during this most difficult and painful time. You are still able to attend this session if you haven't attended previous sessions. Details and Registration: [soloparentministry@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentministry@ccss.org.au) or Ph. 99330205

## Student of the Week

<b>6Red</b>	Connor Ison	<b>4Green</b>	Jacob Hay	<b>1Red</b>	Isaiah Bob
<b>6Blue</b>	Kimberly Parala	<b>4Yellow</b>	Rogan Smith	<b>1Blue</b>	Lily Bayrich
<b>6Green</b>	Michelle Fu	<b>3Red</b>	Eric Ngo	<b>1Green</b>	Chantel Azari
<b>6Yellow</b>	Rachel Khalil	<b>3Blue</b>	Georgene Hipolito	<b>1Yellow</b>	Isabella Elias
<b>5Red</b>	Cielo Carpio	<b>3Green</b>	Nathanael Petersen	<b>KRed</b>	Emmanuel Eroles
<b>5Blue</b>	Alyssa Callus	<b>3Yellow</b>	Nicholas Boustani	<b>KBlue</b>	Ryan Pollock
<b>5Green</b>	Ashleigh Stacey	<b>2Red</b>	Chudi Ojinna	<b>KGreen</b>	Verity Rodrigues
<b>5Yellow</b>	Genevieve Petersen	<b>2Blue</b>	Hermione Mendoza	<b>KYellow</b>	Brock Walker
<b>4Red</b>	Janine Roqueza	<b>2Green</b>	Tyrone Galaxidis		
<b>4Blue</b>	Lachlon Felizardo	<b>2Yellow</b>	Alicia Henry		





# St. Andrew's Primary Enrol now for 2015



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