



St. Andrews Primary School

Newsletter Term 3 - Issue 12

4th August 2017

From the Principal

Dear Parents

Most parents would be hopeful that the observation that, "Children will be a great comfort to you in your old age," is true for them when the time comes; that time might come sooner than expected, if the second part of the observation is true, "and they help you reach it faster, too!" Lionel Kauffman.

Parents are in constant demand from their children but, thankfully, those demands are mostly about food, shelter and pocket money. When demands of a more serious nature arise, such as bullying, we parents need to be immediately available to avoid the prospect of real damage being done to the self-image and self-confidence of our children. However, parents need to be sure that bullying is what actually occurred and that it wasn't taunting or teasing.

Bullying is not accidental but intentional and, whatever its form, its intention is to hurt the other person. Bullying is an aggressive and negative behaviour and can occur regularly over a lengthy period of time. Taunting does not contain a physical component but makes fun of a person with the intention of hurting their feelings. Taunting tends to cause embarrassment to the other person by making them become red-faced or teary or visibly frightened. Teasing is somewhat harmless and occurs when a person pokes fun at another person and usually receives a return serve. Neither person feels hurt, because hurt is not intended nor directed at something distinguishing about the other person, such as their speech or appearance.

As parents, we need to be careful that we don't protect our children too much for, if we do, we aren't empowering them to deal with conflict and challenges that life pops up with. If we want our children to be resilient and able to develop a healthy self image and positive relationships, even through disagreement and conflict, then, we have to allow them some practice at facing their physical, emotional and social challenges with minimal interference from us and other adults. If we are always there for every minor incident, our children will run the risk of growing up unable to look after themselves in adult social situations. Sometimes children are reluctant to tell adults about bullying, because they feel embarrassed and ashamed that it's happening; they might worry that their parents will be disappointed. They might even feel that it's their own fault and that if they looked and acted differently, it wouldn't be happening. When a child does seek help, they need to be praised for being courageous enough to talk about what's happening to them. They need to be reassured that it's the bully who's behaving badly, not them, and that together you can work out a plan of action. Bullying has many styles and motives and devising a strategy to eliminate it will depend on the individual circumstance. However, there are some basic principles that will suit most circumstances and these principles might include: Advise your child not to respond to bullying by fighting or bullying back. This can easily escalate into violence, trouble and someone getting injured. Advise that it's natural to be upset by the bully, because that's what bullies thrive on. Practise not reacting, or looking upset or becoming teary. Advise telling the bully very firmly to stop what they are doing and then calmly walk away. By ignoring the bully you show you don't care. Encourage your child to get with friends that help their confidence; find activities that help your child feel confident and strong. Be a good example of kindness and leadership. Our children learn a lot about power relationships from watching us.

Peace and Best Wishes.

The school phone number has changed Please be aware that on the 26-7-17 the St Andrew's Primary phone system was migrated to the new SIP (digital) phone system.

Our previous school phone number still works for incoming phone calls, but this will be a temporary arrangement while we give people time to get to know the school's new phone number. We are beginning the process of updating our stationary to accommodate the change.

The school's new number of [02 8869 6700](tel:0288696700)

Year 4 Showcase Thank you to all those parents who were able to attend to showcase last Thursday. The children's enthusiasm and excitement in learning about flexible learning spaces and the types of furniture that would help them with their learning has really guided our decision making in terms of the furniture we are purchasing for Stage 2 and Stage 3 children. This week we have placed furniture orders to the value of \$210 000 This will enhance the learning environment for our children. We are all very excited about the improvements to our learning spaces which will begin to enjoy sometime next term.

The Diocesan Parents General meeting for this term is in two weeks: Date - 21st August
Time - 7pm
Venue - St Patricks
Villiers street
Parramatta

Kind Regards

Office News

Second Hand Uniforms

The second hand uniform shop is open each Wednesday 8:30am to 9:00am.

Newsletter Update

We are currently having technical difficulties with the emailing of the newsletter. The newsletter is also put on the School website for your information www.standrewspsmarayong@catholic.edu.au

School fees

Dear Parents,

Term three school fees have now been issued and are due by **21 AUGUST 2017**.

For your convenience we accept cash, cheque, Bpay, Direct Debit, AusPost and credit card payments over the phone.

Please note that this is the last account for the year as we only charge over the first three terms.

If you have not received your school fee statement please contact the office on (02) 96716622.

Thank you

Uniform Shop

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

Naplan Online Readiness Testing- Year 3 and Year 5

NAPLAN, in 2019, will be conducted as an online test. In preparation for this all Catholic schools in the Parramatta Diocese will participate in a practice NAPLAN Readiness test this term. The aim of the practice test is to assess our technology capacity. The practice test also allows children to experience and become familiar with how the testing looks and feels.

The testing is **not an assessment of student ability**. The only information we will receive about the practice testing will be in relation to technology. Our practice testing period for Year 3 and Year 5 will be between Monday 4th September and Friday 8th September. Year 3 will sit one test covering reading, language conventions and Mathematics. Year 5 will sit 2 tests- one covering reading, language conventions and Mathematics and the second will be writing. Teachers will provide opportunities for children to practice for the practice test over the coming weeks. More detailed information for parents will be send home with all children in Years 3 and Year 5 on Monday.

BUNNIES NEED A HOME.....

There are 3 black and 1 brown bunny about 1 month old that are FREE to a good home.

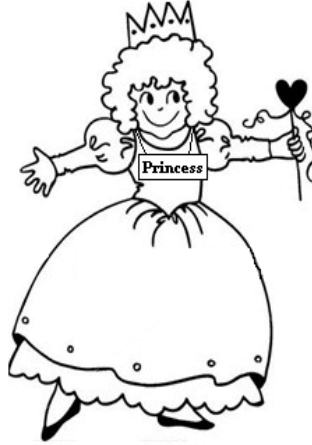
If you would like one please see Nicola in Year 3 Red.



BOOK PARADE

Thursday 24th August.

During Book Week, on Thursday 24th August, we are having a Book Parade. This year the theme is: **"Escape to Everywhere".**



Children are asked to dress up as their favourite book character and must wear a sign or label identifying their character.

Some simple suggestions are as follows:

Pirate, fisherman, painter, grandfather, grandmother, sports player, national costume, dancer, fairy, wizard, super hero, chef, plumber, king, queen etc...

This is a fun activity so please don't feel you need to go to a lot of trouble or expense to organise a costume for your child. Children will be allowed to remain in their costumes for the whole day or change into mufti if necessary. Children who do not 'dress-up' must wear their school uniform.



P&F News

Parents and Friends

Happy Week 3 Parents and friends of St Andrews, how are you all coping with the cold? Lots of runny noses? This week's update has a few key dates to keep an eye out for as well as a couple of requests for help



Ok now I have your attention HIT the RED button and contact Denise for the Father's day Stall week 7 or Elissa for the Disco in week 9 both events need support.

P&F Meeting

Last week we held the P&F meeting for this Term on what I can only suggest was the coldest night in Sydney. Support from the Parents is always strong and this meeting was no different. Ideas were bouncing back and forth like a game of tennis.

What I really enjoy about that process is so many parents are working tirelessly on how they can help the school and get the most out of it for the children. So to that I say "Way to go Parents thumbs up to you"



"The Entertainment Book" Fundraiser

If you haven't already done so and do not wish to purchase The Entertainment Book or app, please return the book back to the school as soon as possible. Reminder notes will be sent out shortly to those families who haven't yet returned the book or purchased the app. We would like to finalise this fundraiser by next week. Thank you to those who have purchased a book.

If you did not receive a book and would like one or wish to purchase extra books/app, please **sms Maria Webb on 0413180787 or email at webbmaria@gmail.com or Nicole Anderson on 0420996008 or email ni-cole.muppy.anderson@hotmail.com** and quote your name and the student's name and class. We will endeavour to get one to you as soon as possible

P&F News (cont'd)

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

So another opportunity to go along and join the PRC for this month's talk, details are below and feedback has always been that these talks are current and insightful, I highly recommend going along.

The next meeting will be held at:

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

Villers Street Parramatta

Date: Monday 21st August 2017

Time: 7pm to 9pm

Topic: Every learner, every day

For more information and to rsvp: <http://www.prc.catholic.edu.au/event-details/prc-meeting-term-3-every-learner-every-day-paul-eston-director-performance-cedp>

Upcoming events

Father's Day stall

Team leader: Denise Sessa

Week 7 - Thursday 31st August and Friday 1st September

If you can help Denise on either or both of these days, please contact her on 0421 306 996

Infants Sports Carnival

Week 8 - Thursday 7th September

Event: Disco

Team Leader: Elissa Hooper

Theme: TBA

When: Week 9

Infants: Thursday 14th September

Yrs. 3 & 4 Wednesday 13th September

Yrs. 5 & 6 Tuesday 12th September

Elissa requires parent helpers to pack disco bags on **Friday 8th September at 9am**. Please contact her on 0411 486 988 if you can help.

And last but not least my usual **Dads Joke**.

Question -How do Billboards Talk?

Answer – Sign language

I hurt my foot driving the other day do you know who I called for help?

The Toe Company!!

Dad Hack 1 – This week's Dad hack is more of a lesson I learnt during this winter season, triple check the pockets before putting a load of washing on because there is always a hidden tissue which ends up making it look like it snowed on the clothes....



PARENTS AND CARERS

Dental Staff from Blacktown/ Mt Druitt Dental Hospital Clinics

Will be visiting your school to provide

Years Kindy, 2, 4, and 6

with a short talk regarding oral health information and diet advice plus a

Free Dental Check – Tuesday 22nd August

The Dental staff will bring portable dental chairs and lights. The dental clinician will use sterilised equipment and wear a new pair of latex free gloves for each child.

Consent forms will be sent home for each child and should be returned as soon as possible to the teacher with all questions completed. Ticked ***Yes or No*** and signed by the parent/ guardian.

Each student (with ***Medicare Number*** and the consent form ticked ***Yes*** and ***signed by a parent***) will be eligible to have a dental checkup.

A letter (result sheet) will be sent home with each child on the assessment day. This will indicate how the parent should follow-up the dental assessment.

Parents ***will not*** need to contact the dental clinic, *unless otherwise indicated on their result sheet*

The child's details will be entered onto the hospital computer data base and will remain confidential.

Treatment appointments will be offered on a prioritised basis and sent ***directly to the child's address***. Students with *urgent treatment needs* will be offered treatment appointments first.

Parents may choose to make an appointment with their Private Dentist if the result sheet indicates their child requires treatment.

Children from grades 1, 3, 5 will not be assessed at school.

Parents with children in Pre-school, Years 1, 3 & 5 or children suffering dental pain or trauma, may call the

Western Sydney Local Health District call centre on :

98456766



Free * dental care is available at NSW public dental clinics for all children under 18 years of age.

NSW Health suggests all children aged 0-18 have a Dental check up every 1 to 2 years and should have their teeth brushed twice a day

Student of the Week



K Blue	Yuvaan Anand	Enoch Leveni
K Green	Pearl Patel	Aaditveer Sethi
K Red	Isaac Ma'u	Zoe Herft
K Yellow	Alexandra Picart	Jonathan Xavier
1 Blue	Ranjot Kaur	Daniella Gobrial
1 Green	Jairaj Arora	Emmanuel Legge
1 Red	Cali Pielago	Kai Wei He
1 Yellow	Gabrielle Bustos-Sabudo	Melissa Eskander
2 Blue	Jasmine Fowler	Hannah Adrales
2 Green	Gurjaap Singh	Nahum Pathak
2 Red	Marley Chaudry	Jerome Michael
2 Yellow	Saige Prats	Youseff Badawy
3 Green	Noah Seymour	Name Withheld
3 Red	Nikola Feltham	Saviour Yosia Edward
3 Yellow	Sebastian Vergara	Angier Malith
4 Blue	Lorenzo Magpayo	Sukhraj Saund
4 Green	Natalie Webb	Lorraine Layug
4 Red	Lily Aldrich	Aditya Rawal
4 Yellow	Lucas Calleja	Jonathan Azzi
5 Blue	Luke Binny	Angus Pavin
5 Green	Akshita Rabadia	Timothy Okot
5 Red	Joy Legge	Milton Gialamas
5 Yellow	Jeremiah Stone	Alannah Bautista
6 Blue	Jorja Pundeet	Arshnoor Mand
6 Green	Name Withheld	Olyvia Radavu
6 Yellow	Sela Leveni	Name Withheld



TWO - PART SEMINAR

Understanding Family Law

PRESENTED BY:

Beth Jarman

Lawyer—Accredited Family Law Specialist

Tuesday 08th August - SESSION 1

Overview of the Family Law Act with Focus on Separation, divorce and children.

- Principles of Family Law Act
- Role of Family Law Courts
- Filing a divorce application
- Family violence
- How court determines the “Best interest of Children”
- Parental Legal Responsibilities
- Mediation
- Role of Independent Children’s Lawyer
- Filing Consent Orders for Children and Property

Tuesday 22nd August - SESSION 2

Overview of the Family Law Act with Focus on Property

- What constitutes or determines Property
- Application of the Act in de facto or same sex relationships
- Requirement for Pre-action Procedures
- Spouse Maintenance
- Timetables under the Family Law Act
- Timetables within the Family Court

DATES

Session 1 Tuesday 08th August 2017

Session 2 Tuesday 22nd August 2017

TIME:

7 pm—9 pm

VENUE:

38 Prince St, Blacktown
(Cnr First Ave)

COST:

\$ 7.00 per session

FURTHER INFORMATION/BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Contact: Solo Parent Services PH: 8822 2222

Email:

soloparentservices@ccss.org.au



2017 SEPTEMBER HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Spring Strings Monday September 25, 2017 - 9.30am-3.30pm

Join leading instrumental practitioners in this 1-day workshop for student musicians who play Orchestral String Instruments at the following approximate levels:

Violin – AMEB Grade 1-5

Viola – AMEB Grade 1-3

Cello – AMEB Grade 1-4

Double Bass – AMEB Grade 1-3

The focus of the workshop will be ensemble technique, small ensembles and performance technique, culminating in a short concert showcasing the pieces that have been developed throughout the day. Bookings are essential.

The Big Sing Thursday October 5, 2017 - 9am-3pm

Attention all singers! If you love singing, would like to try singing or would like to improve your singing, then this is the workshop for you. The 1-day workshop will explore vocal skills and refresh singing techniques through a range of exercises and songs which are designed to explore and develop vocal production, breathing, pitch and tone. Bookings are essential.

The Big Bash Friday October 6, 2017 - 9am-3pm

Attention drummers and percussionists! If you're a young and inspired drummer/percussionist, then this workshop is not to be missed. Students will learn about origins of drumming, technique, reading, hand drumming, the drum kit, orchestral percussion and even create their very own original piece of music. The 1-day workshop caters for the beginner to intermediate skill levels so, if you're interested, please get in contact to book your place! Bookings are essential.

Venue: Christina Creede Music Centre, Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta, Ross St, North Parramatta (Enter via Gate 3)

Ages: Open to boys and girls aged 8 - 18 years

Cost: \$75 per workshop (current OLMC students) or \$75 plus GST per workshop (non OLMC students)

Bookings: olmc.nsw.edu.au/the-academy/apply-now

Enquiries: music@olmc.nsw.edu.au or 02 8838 1288



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Oakhill College Year 7, 2019

Applications for enrolment into **Year 7, 2019** close on **Friday 18 August, 2017**. Interviews will take place on Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 September, 2017. Parents who wish to apply for enrolment of their sons in Year 7 at Oakhill College in 2019, and who have not yet submitted an Application for Enrolment, are requested to contact the Registrar before the closing date **Friday 18 August** on 9899 2288 or registrar@oakhill.nsw.edu.au. Applications are also being taken now for Years 8-11, 2018.



The more that you
read,
The more things you
will know.
The more that you
learn,
The more places
you'll go!
- Dr Seuss



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Wesley Family Services

Parent & Child Activities Calendar



Do all the good you can
Because every life matters

Bubs in Bloom

For children aged 0 - 3 years and their parents/carers

Bubs in Bloom is a new supported playgroup which offers children the opportunity to engage in experiences that will begin to prepare them for the transition to Pre School/ Long Day Care; including following routines, developing concentration, group participation, listening skills, following instructions, independence and self - help skills, respect for others and responsibility for their belongings and for completing tasks.

Breakfast provided for children
& parents/carers from 9:15 - 9:45am

Bookings required

TUESDAYS 15/8/17 - 19/9/17
9:15am - 11:15 am
Riverstone Public School Cottage, Elizabeth St
Riverstone
Contact: Melissa on 9627 3511

Baby Massage

For children aged between 0 - 6 months and their parents/ carers

All children, including babies, love new experiences and benefit from the fun and rewarding activity of baby massage. Meet other local parents/ carers and join in the fun with easy to follow, step-by-step, in-class demonstrations by a qualified Infant Massage Instructor.

The therapeutic benefits of baby massage include:
Improves sleep
Reduces anxiety
Improves alertness
Reduces stress
Assists with developing coordination & flexibility

Bookings required

THURSDAYS 3/8/17 - 14/9/17
10:00am - 11:00am
Box Hill, Community Centre Lot A Nelson Rd, Box Hill
Contact: Dhanya on 9627 3511

Move & Groove Music Group

For children aged 1 - 4 years and their parents/ carers

Our Music Playschool group is an early childhood development program that utilises active music making, singing and movement to facilitate the physical, cognitive, emotional and social components essential for early child development.

It can assist your child with developing their social and emotional skills and increase your child's speech development, whilst strengthening the bond between you and your child.

Bookings required

FRIDAYS 18/8/17 - 22/9/17
10:00am - 12:00 noon
Box Hill, Community Centre Lot A Nelson Rd, Box Hill
Contact: Jessica on 9627 3511

Child, Youth & Family Support

Raising a family is an important job, but it can also be the most difficult. Together we can assist you to explore the strengths and skills you have within your family and identify changes or improvements that you would like made by setting goals and/or locating specialist services to achieve improved outcomes. Contact us on: 9627 3511

Financial Counselling Services

We are able to work with you and your family, providing free independent and confidential face-to-face counselling. Our professional financial counsellors can help you if you are in financial difficulty or would like to manage your money more effectively. They can provide short-term crisis management and long-term prevention strategies. Contact us on: 8805 7288

Multicultural Supported Playgroup

Come along to this fun filled multicultural supported playgroup, specifically targeting children aged between 0 - 5 years and their parents/ carers!

- Children's activities
- Arts and crafts
- Music and singing
- Parents information and resource
- Family Support

Bookings required

MONDAYS 14/8/17 - 18/9/17
10:00am - 12:00noon
Quakers Hill Uniting Church, 32 Highfield Rd
Quakers Hill
Contact: Alice on 8805 7288 or Jess on 9627 3511

Bringing Up Great Kids

The "Bringing up great Kids" program uses ideas of mindfulness and reflection to support parents/ carers to review and enhance their interaction and connection with their children. Through the program parents/ carers of 0-8 year olds will explore:

- Important messages that children communicate to their parents & how they do this
- The importance of building self-esteem in children
- Ways for carers/parents to take care of themselves and to find support when they need it

Bookings required

WEDNESDAYS 23/8/17 - 20/9/17
10:00am - 12:00noon
Wesley Family Centre, The Hills, Unit 437, 14 Lexington Drive, Bella Vista - rooftop parking.
Contact: Jess on 9627 3511

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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.

TERM 3

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Newsletter Week	July 17 Staff Development Day	18 Children return to school Term 3	19	20	21 Kinder 100 Days Celebration
2	24 P&F Meeting	25	26	27 Year 4 Showcase	28 Primary Athletics Carnival
3 Newsletter Week	31	August 1	2	3	4 St Andrews Assembly 1G & 1R
4	7	8	9	10 Cluster Voice of Youth Final Hall out	11
5 Newsletter Week	14	15	16	17 Canberra Year 6	18 Canberra Year 6
6	21	22 Dental Check K 2 4 6 Hall	23	24 Book Parade	25 St Andrews Assembly Kinder
7 Newsletter Week	28	29	30	31 Fathers day stall	September 1 Fathers day stall
8	4 Skipathon	5	6	7 Infants Sports Carnival	8 Bathurst Excursion
9 Newsletter Week	11	12 Stage 3 Disco	13 Stage 2 Disco	14 Stage 1 and K Disco	15 St Andrews Assembly 5B & 5Y
10	18	19	20	21	22 Last Day of Term 3