



St. Andrews Primary School

Newsletter Term 4 - Issue 15

5th December 2014

From the Principal's Desk

The first candle of the Advent wreath was lit on Sunday. The lighting of the first candle calls us to hope in the promise of Christ's birth. Whoever we are, wherever we are, we are invited into Christ's mission. That mission calls us, as equals, to reach out wherever there is need and be the good news of God's love in whatever way we can. The Advent journey encourages us along the way. Let us all endeavour to reach out to those who need our support during this Advent time. The Advent season encourages us to keep asking our own questions as to how we can contribute a little to the bigger picture of our world and its people. As followers of Christ, we are to think outwardly, not being satisfied by the popular philosophy that says we're here to look after ourselves! Our faith is not a private matter. It's a matter which calls us to the heart of God's world and people, to ask where we can be help to others. As we prepare for Christmas, may we welcome the re-birth of that light in us, that we may bring the light of Christ to birth again in our world.

This time of the year is always very interesting and extremely busy as we prepare to wrap up the year and get ready for 2015. The staff have been working hard assessing your children, preparing for the reports, preparing for the for the Principals award ceremony, our daytime Christmas assembly, Year Six graduation, and preparing for the 2015 school year. While this is happening we have the refurbishment of the Year 3/4 spaces happening as well. It is extremely busy trying to meet all the deadlines as we approach the end of what has been a very productive and successful year.

School Leaders 2015- During the past weeks the Year 5 students elected their school leaders for 2015. Year 5 students nominated for the eight positions It is wonderful to see the wealth of talent available for these leadership positions. A special thank you to our Year 5 teachers for the way the children were prepared. The School Captains for next year will be announced at the Christmas Assembly on Thursday 12th December along with the other school leaders for next year.

The class teachers for 2015 have now been finalised. I would like to thank the staff for their support and enthusiasm for these arrangements for next year.

Staffing 2015-

Kinder- Lauren Spencer-Salt, Janine Spurtacz, **Stephanie Fatone**, Justine Klafas

Year 1- Livia Iafigiola, Vicki Taylor, Luisa Brewer, Renee Asonitis

Year 2- Veronica Azzopardi, Julie Figuero, Allison Simpson, Joanne Figuero

Year 3- Vaughan Knight, **Miriam Formosa**, Caimin Harris, Eva Delaney

Year 4- Graham Paynter, Melissa Schrader/Grace Tabone, Chris Gawidziel, Caty Adler

Year 5- Matt Haynes, Liana Scarpin, Maria Hyson/Rebecca Borg, Adam Fletcher

Year 6- Editha Mendoza, Maree Burke, Karen Whiticker/ Nadine Hancock, Wendy Herbert

We welcome Stephanie Fatone and Miriam Formosa onto the teaching staff in 2015. Mrs Carmel Russell will join the Reading Recovery team in 2015 and Mrs Chaplin eases back to two days a week in 2015 doing some relief work. We are all really excited by our staffing arrangements for next year and I am sure that your children will benefit from the preparations we have already made for new year as we continue to improve what we do for the benefit of the children

In the coming week you will be receiving your child's end of year report. It has been a pleasure reading and signing these reports. As a school community we can be well pleased with the children's achievements in all kinds of areas during this year. I commend all the children and staff for all their hard work during the year.

Kind regards
Michael Tonnet

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Encouraging your children to develop a love of reading is just so important for their ongoing cognitive development. The Executive Director of the diocese loves to play his part in encouraging the children to read during the summer break. He is encouraging the children to read a minimum of 10 books over the school holiday period to go into a draw to win one of four iPad mini's!

The competition opened on **the 28th November, 2014** and **entries must be received via our online form by 5pm on Friday 6 February, 2015**. Winners will be announced on Monday, 16 February on the website. **Enter online via www.parra.catholic.edu.au**

Important Dates 2014

Week 10

Monday 08/12/14

- Meet the Teacher Day
- Year 6—St Andrews College Yr 7 2015 Orientation

Tuesday 09/12/14

- Years 3&4 Disco

Wednesday 10/12/14

- Reports go home to parents
- Infants Disco

Thursday 11/12/14

- Principal's Awards
9:00am Infants -:- 9:30am Stage 2 -:- 10:00am Stage 3
- Parent Helper Morning Tea—10:30am
- Year 5&6 Disco

Friday 12/12/14

- Christmas Celebration—11:30am—Hall

Week 11

Tuesday 16/12/14

- Year 6 Graduation Mass—7:00pm

Wednesday 17/12/14

- Last day of school for children
- Year 6 Rewards Day

Thursday 18/12/14

- Staff Development Day

Friday 19/12/14

- Staff Development Day

Important Dates 2015

Week 1

Tuesday 27/01/15

- Staff return for 2015

Wednesday 28/01/15

- Years 1 to 6 return to school for 2015
- 1st Group of Kinder classes 8:50am—12:00pm

Thursday 29/01/15

- 2nd Group of Kinder classes 8:50am—12:00pm

Friday 30/01/15

- 3rd Group of Kinder classes 8:50am—12:00pm

Week 2

Monday 02/02/15

- All Kinder first full day at school 8:50am—3:00pm

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.

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

St Andrew the Apostle, Marayong Children's Christmas Play

If you would like to participate in this year's Christmas Play, please come along to our rehearsal sessions at the church on Saturday 6 and 20 December, from 10.30am to 12.30pm. We will also be practising during Sunday School, which runs from 9.45am to 10.30 am every Sunday.

The play will be presented to the parish at the Christmas Eve family Mass at 6.00pm on December 24.

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office on 9622 0817.

We look forward to seeing you at practice!

Canteen News

Ice Blocks / Ice Creams

Please be advised that children can purchase ice blocks and ice creams at lunch time.

Price List as follows...

Fandangles Fairy Floss.....	\$2.00
Icy Poles Lemonade.....	\$1.30
Icy Poles Raspberry.....	\$1.30
Life Saver.....	\$2.00
Zooper Dooper Various.....	\$0.80
Tropical Juices.....	\$1.50
Wildberry Juices.....	\$1.50
Sunny Boys Raspberry.....	\$1.30
Sunny Boys Cola.....	\$1.30

READERS THEATRE

This week in the library the children attended



Readers Theatre. This is an exciting activity where all children are involved in drama, mime, character voices, characterisation, dance and music. Each class visited the library to experience books "come to life".

Also, a reminder that all Library books on loan to your children must be returned to school as soon as possible.

With Thanks
Library Staff

ST. ANDREW'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Our Christmas celebration will take place on Friday December 12, starting at 11:30 in the hall. Students are asked to wear Christmas mufti clothes (T-shirts, red/green/white colours etc.- not dress-up costumes) to school on the day, remembering to wear appropriate shoes for being on the playground at recess and lunch.



All parents are welcome to join us (in your Christmas clothes too!) as we focus on -

"THE SYMBOLS OF CHRISTMAS"

The St John of God Institute of Counselling, established in 1969, offers a course designed to develop skills in personal growth, communication, parenting and general counselling principles. Participants can learn new skills in dealing with daily personal challenges and the issues that arise within families, the school environment and in the workplace. It is conducted on Tuesday evenings within the school term between 7.30pm – 9.45pm at Holy Cross College, Victoria Road, Ryde commencing on Tuesday 3 February 2015.

The cost for the course is \$450.00 for the year with an early bird offer of \$400.00 if paid in full by the end of February 2015. For enquires please contact:

Michael Hill - 9869 3774 or 0410 774 432;
Carol Harding - 9639 0096 or 0408 705 848;
Janelle Carlile - 0431 598 004; or
Email: counselling1969@gmail.com

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR PARENT HELPER'S MORNING TEA

Parents help at St. Andrew's in many ways; reading, excursions, sports carnivals, P&F fundraisers, hospitality events, market garden and in so many other ways.

As a way of saying THANK YOU, the children and staff would like to invite you to our special morning tea for parent helpers.

WHEN: Thursday 11th December, 2014

TIME: 10:45am-11:30am

WHERE: School Library

If you are able to come please fill in the RSVP form below and return it to the school as soon as possible.

Thank you

Kim McDonald



I/we will be able to attend the Parent Helper's Morning Tea on **Thursday 11th December** at 10:45am

Name/s _____

Child's Name _____

Class: _____



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17th October, 2014

TO THE FAMILIES WHO HAVE CHILDREN THEY WISH TO BE PREPARED FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION), FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION IN 2015

In 2011, the Diocese of Parramatta released a revised *Sacraments of Initiation Policy* for children preparing for the above mentioned sacraments. The process of preparation for these sacraments remains as a parish based, family centred program which creates particular opportunities for parents to continue sharing their faith with their child at the appropriate time. The sequence for the reception of these sacraments has returned to the order that you may remember as a child.

The *Sacraments of Initiation* are **Baptism, First Holy Communion** and **Confirmation**. The Sacrament of **Penance**, sometimes called *Reconciliation* or *Confession*, is also an important part of the journey of faith for all of us. It is necessary to receive this Sacrament before you are able to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

As with all Sacramental Programs it is essential that parents and children are involved. While the students are supported by religious studies in the schools, the actual preparation takes place on a parish and home level. Parents and children are required to attend Sunday Mass and classes, and parents are helped by Facilitators who conduct the sessions.

Each year there are opportunities for your children to receive the Sacraments of **Reconciliation, First Holy Communion** and **Confirmation**. This is based on the presumption that they have already received the **Sacrament of Baptism**, as this is the pre-requisite for all other Sacraments. Usually the **Sacrament of Penance** is received in Year Two. **First Holy Communion** may be received the year after the **Sacrament of Penance** is received. Preparation for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** may begin when your child has entered Year 5 or Year 6 and have already made their First Holy Communion.

Parents have an essential role in discerning when their children are ready to be prepared for the Sacraments. When they believe this is the case they should present the children for registration in the appropriate Sacramental Program.

There is a definite commitment required of families involved in Sacramental Programs. Parents will have to attend one or two *Parent Education Evenings* in regard to the Sacraments concerned. There will also be an *Enrolment Ceremony* conducted during Mass on a Sunday morning. **Attendance at the 8:45am Sunday masses and all classes during the Sacramental Preparation Program are compulsory.**

Please Note: What does 'Parish-Based Preparation Programs mean?

What this means in practice is that families need to present their children to their own parish community for preparation. In other words for people to be eligible to receive the sacrament in St. Andrew's Parish, Marayong, they need to fulfil one of the following criteria --

The family must live within the parish boundaries of the Parish *and / or*

The families need to have chosen this parish as their parish community and this is expressed by ...

- their registering as parishioners of this Parish and
- by their participation in the life of this parish community.

If you do not live within the parish boundaries of St Andrew's, or are not registered as a parishioner of the parish, you will need to explain why you are seeking the Sacraments here at St Andrew's. This should be done before the Registration Night. It will require an appointment with one of the Priests or the Sacramental Coordinator. Attendance at the schools in the parish does not automatically make one a parishioner of this parish. As all Sacramental Programs are parish based, it is normally the case that Sacraments are received in the parish where you live or the parish where you worship and are involved.

If your child was baptised at a Church other than St Andrew's Marayong, you will need to bring along a copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate.

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What should you do now?

The Program for 2015 is outlined below. Please note in your diaries the Registration Period for each Sacramental Preparation Program you wish to enroll your child for and register in person at the Parish Office during that period. **[Only PARENTS can collect a Registration form for their child / children.]**

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

[For children in Year 3 and above who have made their first Reconciliation.]

Registration Period begins:	Tuesday 27 th January, 2015
Registration Evening:	Tuesday 10 th February, 2015
Classes (including Mass):	Sundays 1 st & 8 th March, 2015
Date of Sacrament:	Saturday 21 st March, 2015 (6 pm) &
(Choose One)	Sunday 22 nd March, 2015 [8.45am or 12.15pm]

[Please note – Allocation to the 6pm, 8:45 am or 12:15pm masses will be based on when Registration forms are collected from parish office.]

Sacrament of Confirmation

[For children in Year 5 and above who will have made their First Holy Communion before the Confirmation Ceremony.]

Registration Period begins:	Monday 20 th April, 2015
Registration Evening:	Tuesday 5 th May, 2015
Classes (including Mass):	Sundays 17 th May, & 24 th May, 2015
Date of Sacrament:	9 th and/or 10 th June, 2015 [7.00pm]

Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation)

[For children in Year 2 and above who have been baptised.]

Registration Period begins:	Monday 6 th July, 2015
Registration Evening:	Tuesday 21 st July, 2015
Classes (including Mass):	Sundays 2 nd , 9 th & 16 th August, 2015
Date of Sacrament: <i>[Choose one]</i>	Saturday 22 nd August or Saturday 29 th August or Saturday 5 th September, 2015 [All 9.30am]

*Parish Sacramental Team
Parish of St Andrew the Apostle, Marayong*

P&F NEWS

CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

To end the year in the festive spirit, the Parents and Friends Association are planning a Christmas raffle to be drawn on **Wednesday 10th December**.

We hope to be able to make loads of Christmas hampers for prizes that will surely appeal to everyone. This is the part where we need your help. We are asking if each family could bring at least one item to donate for the Christmas Hampers.

Extra raffle tickets are available from the office, if a permission note has been signed. **We need to ask that you ensure all items donated are new, unused and unopened otherwise we cannot use them.**

If you find it difficult to get to the supermarket or department store, please feel free to send in with your child, a donation, in an envelope marked P&F Christmas Hamper Appeal, and we will do the shopping for you.

To make your selections easier **EACH GRADE HAS BEEN GIVEN A CHRISTMAS THEME as follows**

KINDER: Christmas Party Goods

Eg: Christmas paper plates, bowls, serving platters, paper serviettes, plastic cutlery, Christmas cd's, Christmas crackers etc

YEAR 1: Christmas Decorations

Eg: Tree Decorations, Table decorations, Lights, Wall hanging decorations, etc.

YEAR 2: Christmas Cards, Ribbons and Wrapping

Eg: Gift tags, Gift wrap, Gift Boxes, Baskets, Christmas gift tape, Christmas cards etc.

YEAR 3: Christmas Sweets and Nibbles

Eg: Christmas lollies, Candy Canes, chocolates, biscuits, shortbread, party nibbles etc.

YEAR 4: Christmas Cakes and Puddings

Eg: Fruit Cakes, Christmas Puddings, Fruit Mince Tarts, Long life custards etc.

YEAR 5: Christmas Table Wear and Kitchen Linen

Eg: Tablecloths, Napkins, Napkin Rings, Table runners, Christmas candles, Tea towels, Aprons, Ham bags etc.

YEAR 6: Year 6 are not required to participate as they are donating in class for the school.

If you own a business and would like to donate goods or services, the P&F would be more than happy to use these for the raffle also. Kindly leave any donations in the office, marked P&F. Please also attach a business card.

FIRST PRIZE- photography package.

We had a fantastic photography package donated to the school for our Christmas Raffle. A BIG THANK YOU dpArt photography for this amazing gift.

Don't forget to purchase your raffle tickets. HELPERS NEEDED To assist to pack Christmas hampers on Tuesday 9th December at 9am, call Diana for more info 0412922317.

Thank you from the P&F



Student of the Week

6Red	Kathryn Garcia	Hashwitaa Maynoor
6Blue	Kimberly Parala	Leanna David
6Green	Andrea Abreu	Madeleine Alforque
6Yellow	Jayson Hanna	Crystal Slater
5Red	Lachlan Rafidi	Brandon Pollock
5Blue	Deacon VandenHoooven	Elijah Barret
5Green	Olivia Saad	Maiah Lazaro
5Yellow	Angelo Marasigan	Kodi Kalemusic
4Red	Varun Pareek	Amelia Guerra
4Blue	Jason Hodges	Emily Webb
4Green	Alicia Futialo	Jasmine Alsford
4Yellow	Alexis Kalemusic	Jacob Guloy
3Red	Aliyah Fernando	Finlay Blanch
3Blue	Georgene Hipolita	Nyanbuot Deng
3Green	Ethan Silva	Chanelle McAnulty
3Yellow	Anaai Nguech	Alessandra Bova
2Red	AJ Rentoy	Claire Farrugia
2Blue	Aerona Sangalang	Hermione Mendoza
2Green	Daniel Hurlstone	Loghan Pyda
2Yellow	KK Karki	Jackson Baker
1Red	Robert Orule	Avani Shrestha
1Blue	Isabella Cazar	Malaki Taulago
1Green	Daniel Joseph	Zahra Maudave
1Yellow	Lexy Marasigan	Tyler Isais
KRed	Lara Childs	Heidi Kam
KBlue	Liam Burke	Aluel Mac Acuek
KGreen	Slaiden Zecevic	Emilio Gonzales
KYellow	Nathan Roncesvalles	Harbhagat Singh



06/12/2014	Daman Brar
07/12/2014	Rhys Prats
08/12/2014	Isabella Elias, Evie Brignell, Geoffrey Atwal
09/12/2014	Isabella Cardino
10/12/2014	Robert Orule
11/12/2014	Hannah Ajayi, Chloe Bettiol
13/12/2014	John Hammond, Andrew Azzi, Vironika Raman
14/12/2014	Maddoux Panaligan, Samuel Lowe, Joshua Bhundoo
15/12/2014	Nicole Suarez
16/12/2014	Ina Issar
18/12/2014	Alier Alier
19/12/2014	Oscar Housego, Isaac Hay
20/12/2014	Conor Langley
21/12/2014	Jemma Forsythe, Daniel Stacey, Raneeka DE Alwis
23/12/2014	Michael Alegado, Jai Pereira, Emmanuel Adigue
24/12/2014	Arop Leek, Lara Sitchon, Loghan Pyda, Jonathan Bautista
25/12/2014	Shulin Parikh, Christian Malfitana, Edgar Tovmasian
26/12/2014	Gabriela Latoure, Maryssa Ghazaleh, Karly Burrell
27/12/2014	Madeleine Alforque, Max Taniefra
29/12/2014	Nathania Perera, Gracy Gaba, Samanta Cardona, Reyana Montecillo
30/12/2014	Jazsmine Kovacs, Alyssa Callus, Trinity Rane, Nicholas Tsiakoulas
31/12/2014	Samantha Wilson, Moura Mikaheal
01/01/2015	Jacob Kirkby, Joshua Defredes, Connor Ison
02/01/2015	Monica Luong, Harbhagat Singh
03/01/2015	Anthony Brown, Patrick Nelson
04/01/2015	Elana Lekov
05/01/2015	Jeremy Garcia
06/01/2015	Gabrielle Ciantar, Isaiah Limcauco
07/01/2015	Mercy Yosia Edward, Alana Kalemusic, Alexis Kalemusic, Maya Lobo, Arianna Borg
08/01/2015	Francine Dequina
09/01/2015	Jasper Sessa
10/01/2015	Maiah Lazaro
11/01/2015	Janelle Lumayno, Nicole Wasef, Claire Farrugia, Jok Alier
12/01/2015	Mina Kassis
13/01/2015	Edward Vito, Akim Chuty, Carol Metry
14/01/2015	Amisha Narayan, Brandon Lowe
15/01/2015	Ella Enfield, Deep Batra Dev Batra, Ben He
16/01/2015	Monique Collins
17/01/2015	Angelique Gialamas
18/01/2015	Jonathon Orłowski, Jai Walker
20/01/2015	James Tipping, Shania San Pedro
21/01/2015	Matthew Issa, Nathaniel Cowley, Bree Stone, Avani Shrestha
22/01/2015	Nicholas Boustani, Anthony George
23/01/2015	Chloe Gebulan
24/01/2015	Lara Kearns, Moses Badelles, Danny Abadier
25/01/2015	Allan Felipe, Christopher Uta
26/01/2015	Lebron Mantua, Gia Alvarez
27/01/2015	Raphael Jimmy, Danielle Lau
28/01/2015	Jayden Mallia, Bryce Vinensig, Reece Crescenzo
29/01/2015	Veronica Burchmore
30/01/2015	Lucas Battikha, Daniel Joseph, KK Karki, Brittany McCarthy
31/01/2015	David Amosa, Ivan Farkas

TERM 4

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 Newsletter Week	Oct 6 Public Holiday	7 1 st Day for students Full Summer Uniform	8 St Andrews Photo day	9	10
2	13 P&F Meeting 7pm— Library	14	15 Kinder 2015 Transition 9am-11am	16	17
3 Newsletter Week	20	21 Stage 3 Basketball	22 Kinder 2015 Transition 9am-11am	23	24 St Andrews Assembly 2:15pm – 3:15pm 1 Blue
4	27 Year 3 Excursion Sculptures by the Sea 3B & 3G Infants Sports Carnival	28	29 Year 3 Excursion Sculptures by the Sea 3R & 3Y	30	31 All Saints & All Souls Day Mass 9:15am
5 Newsletter Week	NOV 3	4	5 Kinder 2015 Transition 9am-11am	6	7
6	10	11	12 Kinder 2015 Transition 9am-11am	13	14 St Andrews Assembly 2:15pm – 3:15pm 6 Blue & 6 Yellow
7 Newsletter Week	17	18 Year 6 Reconciliation	19	20	21 Staff Development Day
8	24 Kinder 2015 Infor- mation Night 7pm	25 Year 6 Reconciliation	26 Kinder 2015 Orientation 9am – 11am	27	28
9 Newsletter Week	DEC 1 St Andrews Feast Day Mass 9:15am	2	3	4	5 St Andrews Assembly 2:15pm – 3:15pm 1 Red & 1Green
10	8 Meet the teacher Day Year 6 - St Andrews College Orientation	9 Year 3 & 4 Disco	10 Reports go home to par- ents Infants Disco	11 Principal's Awards and Parent Helper Morning Tea Year 5 & 6 Disco	12 Christmas Pageant 11:30am
11 Newsletter Week	15	16 Yr 6 Graduation 7pm	17 Last day for students Yr 6 Rewards Day	18 Staff Development Day	19 Staff Development Day