



# St. Andrews Primary School

## *Newsletter Term 1 - Issue 6*

*8th April 2016*

### ***From the Principal***

As we begin the Term 1 holiday break I recall a poster that I saw a few years back which read: "God's gift to me is my life. What I do with my life is my gift to God". There is really nothing profound in this brief statement except that it has stuck with me and influenced me a little to realise that our lives are invited to be a conscious and active response to the Gospel. Another poster I saw hanging in a classroom read: "A great deal of talent is lost in the world for want of a little courage". It made me to ask what our source of courage might be to develop and live this potentially lost talent to the world.

When you think it through it really was quite obvious what the source of courage could be and that is to share the simple gifts that are innate in all of us: the gift of thankfulness and our willingness to share it with those around us particularly our family. The gift of enjoyment, the "en" in enjoy comes from the Greek meaning in, meaning in joy. Joy isn't just when we are laughing our heads off. It can also be a more serious experience, one which takes us a lot of energy and commitment to achieve something meaningful. In our Christian experience something that helps someone else. The gift of encouragement: to spur people on to something greater. We can be great gifts to each other in this regard. The gift of affirmation: It is easy for me and many of us to pick faults. Affirming gifts is generally a more productive energy though! All of us possess these gifts and Christ calls us into companionship with him to share them with others. "God's gift to me is my life. What I do with my life is my gift to God".

**Kindy Enrolment 2017.** If you have children beginning school next year it is essential that you return your completed enrolment forms as quickly as possible. Interview times are filling quickly so please return your forms to the office as soon as possible.

**Winter Uniform-** Often when we return to school after the term one break the weather can still be warm. We expect that all the children will be wearing the winter uniform by Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> May (Week 3). This means that for the first two weeks of the term we will leave the decision to parents to decide which uniform your child should wear depending on the weather conditions.

This is the last newsletter for the term so I hope you have a chance to spend some quality time with your families during the school holiday break. Remember that the first day back next term is a Staff Development Day where we will be working on the new report formats.

**Children return on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.**

Kind regards  
Michael Tonnet  
Principal

## **Sacramental Program Dates for 2016 ...**

### **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

*This Program will commence in Term 2 for children in Years 5 & above who have made their First Holy Communion.*



**Registration Forms** may be collected from the Parish Office **from Wednesday 27th April 2016**

[These forms may also be collected from the Parish Office

on Sunday 1st May and Sunday 8th May between 9.30 and 11.30am]

### **NAPLAN DATES—Year 3 and Year 5**

The dates and topics for these tests are as follows:-

Tuesday 10th May	-	Language Conventions and Writing
Wednesday 11th May	-	Reading
Thursday 12th May	-	Numeracy

It is important that all children in Year 3 and Year 5 are present for the NAPLAN tests.

## **Winter Uniforms**

Winter uniforms are now available for purchase.

The last day of term 1 for the uniform shop will be Wednesday 6th April and we will re open on Wednesday 27th April.

For any further enquiries please contact

Elle: 0421216414

Email: [elle@ozfashions.com.au](mailto:elle@ozfashions.com.au)

Normal trading hours

Monday 8.30-10.00am

Wednesday 8.30-10.00am

## **Important dates for your calendar**

### **Staff Development Day**

Tuesday 26th April 2016

### **Children's first day Term 2**

Wednesday 27th April 2016

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: 24-26 June at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW**

**Bookings online at [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au) or**

**Bill and Ardell Sharpe on 02 4283 3435 or [wsharpe@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wsharpe@bigpond.net.au)**

## **Nagle College Year 7 (2017) Information Afternoon/Evening**

An Information Afternoon/Evening will be held for prospective Year 7 students at Nagle College on Wednesday 27th April 2016 from 4.00 pm until 7.00 pm.

Enrolment packages will be available on the afternoon and tours of the school will be conducted.

Applications will be available from early April 2016. If you would like to receive a prospectus, please go to our website [nagleblacktown.catholic.edu.au](http://nagleblacktown.catholic.edu.au) or contact the school office on 8887 4501."



## **The Australian Girls Choir**

The Australian Girls Choir is very excited to be launching a new venue in Kellyville in Semester 2, 2016.

The AGC has been providing high quality Performing Arts education for more than 30 years; and now proudly train 5000 girls aged between 5 and 18 years in Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney. Enjoyment of music is the only prerequisite for girls interested in joining the choir. We believe that every girl can learn to sing and our classes cater to varying confidence and experience levels.

We will be conducting a short assessment workshop on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30 at St Andrew's Primary School, with any interested students.

At the beginning of next term we will provide an information notice for parents, which will have a permission slip on the bottom. Parents will be required to sign and return the permission slip to the school if they are interested in having their daughter participate.

Interested girls will be assessed by one of our tutors on the day and parents are given a personalised assessment report following on from the workshop.

# Student of the Week

K Blue	Leonardo Domingo	Keanu Kotere
K Green	Chris Manu	Angelina Eltom
K Red	Alexis Caraig	Keana Hickey
K Yellow	Brandon Guteriez	Jamie Herta
1 Blue	Sohan Karki	Alek Mayen
1 Green	Sahas Shergill	Annastasia Russo
1 Red	Olivia Shen	Name Withheld
1 Yellow	Mikaela Hooper	Kiara Bartley
2 Blue	Noah Seymour	Name Withheld
2 Green	Danielle Lau	Name Withheld
2 Red	Jacob Parnis	Claire Giffney
2 Yellow	Name Withheld	Nicholas Tan
3 Blue	Isabelle Metcalfe	Kevin Pham
3 Green	Matthew Sotto	Name Withheld
3 Red	Christian Stern	Name Withheld
3 Yellow	Isaiah Bob	Raphael Gubreial
4 Blue	Luke Binny	Nathan Andronicus
4 Green	Moses Badelles	Chloe Smith
4 Red	Name Withheld	Tyler Mates
4 Yellow	Holly McLoughlin	Caitlin Burke
5 Blue	Ben He	Caitlyn Singh
5 Green	Name Withheld	Alessandra Bova
5 Yellow	Name Withheld	Name Withheld
6 Blue	Nicole Suarez	Ryan Laycock
6 Green	Emily Webb	Kane Mizzi
6 Red	Zain Chaudry	Jack Melki
6 Yellow	Deep Batra	Raphael Jimmy



## TERM TWO WORKSHOPS

TERM DATES: 7 MAY – 25 JUNE

### Mixed Media

Saturday  
10am – 12 noon  
5 – 9 years old  
\$150

Inspired by both the Gallery's changing exhibition program and selected traditional and contemporary artworks, you will be introduced to painting, drawing, sculpting and mono-printing. Participants will also gain confidence in their own art making skills whilst learning about art and artists. New art projects each term.

### Design And Illustration

Saturday  
10am – 12 noon  
7 – 10 years old  
\$150

Learn design and illustration techniques: create your own drawings, posters and comic book/s whilst developing your illustration skills. New projects each term.

### Wednesday Drawing School

Wednesday  
4pm – 5.30pm  
8 – 12 years old  
\$150

Have fun developing your observational drawing skills whilst exploring a variety of drawing media, including graphite, charcoal, oil pastel, ink and water colour. This term learn how the expressive qualities of tone and colour can add extra dimensions to your drawings.

*All skill levels welcome.*



## KIDS WORKSHOP PROGRAM

Bookings essential.  
All art materials supplied.  
Pay by credit card over the phone.  
Wear old clothes and bring a snack.

### VISITOR INFORMATION

Penrith Regional Gallery  
& The Lewers Bequest  
86 River Road  
Emu Plains NSW 2750

Phone 02 4735 1100  
Email [galleries@penrithcity.nsw.gov.au](mailto:galleries@penrithcity.nsw.gov.au)

[www.penrithregionalgallery.org](http://www.penrithregionalgallery.org)

OPEN DAILY 9am - 5pm  
ADMISSION FREE



## KIDS WORKSHOPS

APRIL HOLIDAYS  
& TERM TWO  
2016





# HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

TERM DATES: 18 APRIL – 23 APRIL

## Animal Soap Carving

Monday 18 April  
10am – 12noon  
5 – 8 years  
\$25

Explore desert animals found in central Australia, then design and carve your own creature using the patterns and qualities of the bush animals you research. Participants will use a variety of simple tools and soft soap to carve their animal sculpture.

## Canvas Painting

Tuesday 19 April  
10am – 12 noon  
6 – 9 years  
\$25

Using paints and pastels, workshop participants will use circle and organic patterns inspired by the artworks in Punuku Tjukurpa to make a circle inspired, abstract bubble painting on canvas.

## Cartooning: Desert Creatures

Wednesday 20 April  
10am – 12 noon  
5 – 8 years  
\$25

Inspired by the allusive desert animals found in Punuku Tjukurpa, workshop participants will create a series of lively, cartoon creatures using a variety of drawing mediums.

## Clay Workshop

Thursday 21 April  
10am – 12 noon  
8 – 12 years  
\$25

Workshop participants will learn clay hand building techniques including coiling to create a pinch pot, and then use imprinting to apply a design. Participants will create a surface design inspired by the patterns found in Punuku Tjukurpa.

## Sand, Salt, Paint: Magic Painting For Kids

Friday 22 April  
10am – 12noon  
6 – 9 years  
\$25

Watch the magic unfold before your eyes as you paint on top of salt and sand. Harnessing the beautiful effects of this process, participants will make a textured, patterned artwork using paint, glue and the natural elements of salt and sand.

## Decorate Garden Tools: Fun Family Workshop

Saturday 23 April  
1.30pm – 3pm  
Adults don't pay but must stay!  
\$20 per child

Go on a family tour of Punuku Tjukurpa, then work together as a family to create a colourful and decorative personalised garden tool inspired by the artworks on exhibition.

## Focus exhibition: Punuku Tjukurpa

Inspired by the desert, explore the materials of wood, sand, salt, clay, paint and graphite to create abstract paintings and bush animal themed sculptures and drawings.



## ST ANDREWS COLLEGE



# 2017 Year 7 Enrolment

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

Parents of Year 6 students, who wish to enrol their child for Year 7 at St Andrews College must submit an application form before Friday the 6th 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 6 May 2016**



## CatholicCare Social Services SOLO PARENT SERVICES

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM—BLACKTOWN

For men and women who grieve the death of their spouse or partner.

Tuesdays fortnightly: 05th April — 12th July 2016



An opportunity for those who are widowed to further understand and come to terms with the many ways in which grief impacts on their lives.

An opportunity to ask questions, explore and learn more about the ways in which grief unfolds and how best to deal with the unsuspecting challenges and difficulties of the uncharted waters of this long and painful journey.

**WHEN WE ARE LISTENED TO WITH EMPATHY, WE ARE CONSOLED IN OUR GRIEF, OUR LONELINESS IS ALLEVIATED AND CONNECTIONS ARE CREATED AMONGST US.**

#### Eight Workshops

Introduction and Overview of Program

Images and Frameworks for the Grieving Process

Social Effects of Grief

Is it Grief or Depression?

Physical Effects of Grief

Dealing with Intense Emotions

Seasons and Tasks of Grief

Continuing Bonds with the Deceased and Closing Ritual

**VENUE:** 38 Prince St (cnr First Ave)  
Blacktown

**DAY/TIME:** 10.30 am — 12.30 pm  
Tuesdays, Fortnightly  
05th April - 12th July

**FEE:** \$5.00 per Session

**FACILITATOR:** Rita Chater

#### BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Ph. 8822 2222

[soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)



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## STEPPING BEYOND

A Support Group for  
Separated or Divorced Adults



STEPPING BEYOND is a Process/Personal Exploration Group. It is a monthly gathering for men and women who are separated or divorced. Through facilitated group interaction opportunity is given to individuals to address issues that arise as a result of changed life circumstances and ongoing adjustments. Emphasis is on personal awareness and self-development.

Facilitators: Rita Chater  
 Philippa Ford

Date: Last Tuesday of each month - (Feb—Nov)  
 Time: 7.30pm to 9.30pm  
 Fee: \$5.00  
 Venue: CCSS Centre Blacktown  
 38 Prince St (cnr First Ave)  
 Blacktown

### BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Solo Parent Services  
 Phone 8822 2222  
[soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)



### Focus Questions for Personal Exploration and Sharing

- 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 learnt as you keep "stepping beyond"?



**DRAMA ACADEMY**

Speech, movement, mime, scripts, drama games, improvisation, play building, musical theatre and performance techniques. New: Musical Theatre course

**Weekly classes:**  
 BLACKTOWN

**Enrolling now for Term 2 2016**  
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# TERM 1

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<b>1 Newsletter Week</b>	Jan 25	26 Public Holiday	27 Year 1 to Year 6 1st day Term 1	28 1st day Years 1 - 6  1st group Kinder 8:50am-12pm	29 2nd group Kinder 8:50am-12pm
<b>2</b>	Feb 1	2	3	4	5 Opening School Mass 9:15am
<b>3 Newsletter Week</b>	8 P&F Meeting 7pm	9	10 Ash Wednesday	11	12
<b>4</b>	15 Parent Information Evening 7pm Years 1 and 2  AFL Auskick—oval 3:30pm	16 Parent Information Night 7pm Kindergarten	17 Parent Information Night Years 3 and 4	18 Parent Information Night Years 5 and 6 Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival	19 St Andrews Assembly 2:15pm—3:15pm
<b>5 Newsletter Week</b>	22 P&F Meeting 7pm  AFL Auskick—oval 3:30pm	23	24	25 Kindergarten BBQ 6pm—7pm	26 Diocesan Swimming Carnival
<b>6</b>	29 Young Leaders Day  Meet and Greet Week AFL Auskick—oval 3:30pm	March 1	2	3	4
<b>7 Newsletter Week</b>	7 Catholic Schools Week	8 School Mass 9:15am  Open Classrooms Morning Tea	9	10 Kindergarten BBQ 6pm—7pm Rescheduled	11 St Andrews Assembly 2:15pm—3:15pm  Gold Coin Mufti— Favourite team colours
<b>8</b>	14	15	16	17	18 Patrician Brothers visit to Year 6 boys 2pm-3pm
<b>9 Newsletter Week</b>	21	22	23	24 Holy Thursday Stations of the Cross 10am & 11:30am	25 Good Friday Public Holiday
<b>10</b>	28 Easter Monday Public Holiday	29	30	31	April 1 St Andrews Assembly 2:15pm—3:15pm
<b>11 Newsletter Week</b>	4	5 Stage 2 Disco 1pm—2pm	6 Infants Disco 1pm—2pm	7 Stage 3 Disco 1pm—2pm	8 Stage 3 Touch Foot- ball Gala Day  Last Day Term 1