



St. Andrews Primary School

Newsletter Term 2 - Issue 7

29th April 2016

From the Principal

Welcome back as we begin term two. This weekend I celebrate my 58th birthday. I just cannot believe that I have reached this age so quickly as I truly don't think that I have changed that much since my twenties, except when I look in a mirror. A lot of people live their lives feeling terrible about everything: who they are **not**, where they are **not** and what they **haven't** got. That's no way to live. Life is too short not to take advantage of what it has to offer. Have you been feeling like the aforementioned people lately? People like our Pope Francis and the Dalai Lama and the new science of positive psychology can teach us a lot about how we can use our own minds to create happier lives. The path to genuine and lasting happiness lies in developing the positive qualities of altruism, kindness, generosity and compassion. It may just lie in creating a more caring and humane society which is at the heart of the catholic message in living a life of service. Here are some tips to living a more happy and fulfilling life.

1. You must be truly grateful for all that you have in your life.
2. You must develop and maintain a positive mental attitude.
3. You must take care of and respect what you have.
4. You must build happy and healthy relationships.
5. You must respect laws and boundaries.
6. You need to educate yourself and gain more knowledge every day.
7. You need to give to charity.
8. You need to be a spiritual person.

Everything you possess in life, all of your material possessions are just temporary; when you focus on the needs of others and have a spirit that is truly focused on giving to others then you have found happiness. You have something that lasts beyond your years on this earth. It is really important that we also try to develop these attitudes in the children so that they can continue to grow into happy and compassionate people and be able to walk in the shoes of someone else. It is in this way that we can fulfil Christ's message and be part of a harmonious community. Let us invite the spirit to help us to be better people and provide a positive example to the children so that we give them the best chance to be happy.

Building works- Over the past term I have been involved in planning for new learning spaces to be built with Monsignor Ron, Stanton Dahl Architects and people from the Catholic Education office. This extremely exciting for our community, as we continue to improve our facilities in delivering high quality learning opportunities for your children. At this stage, it looks like we may be able to move into the new facilities by term 3, 2017. I will be able to share with you some of the plans in the near future.

We have begun the process of interviewing our kindy children in preparation for the 2017 school year. If you have any children commencing school next year it is important to return your application forms as soon as possible, so that we can arrange interview times. Your support and cooperation in collecting and returning your enrolment forms as quickly as possible, will be most appreciated. Thank you to all those parents who have been actively promoting our great school.

Mothers Day is fast approaching and next week on **Thursday 5th May and Friday 6th May** the children will have the opportunity to shop for their mums here at school at the **Mothers Day Stall**. We wish all our mums a happy Mothers Day on Sunday 8th May.

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.

For any further enquiries please contact

Elle: 0421216414

Email: elle@ozfashions.com.au

Trading hours

Monday 8.30-10.00am

Wednesday 8.30-10.00am

Second Hand Uniforms

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

P&F News



MOTHERS DAY STALL

The P&F Mothers Day Stall will be held on the Thursday 5th May and Friday 6th May.

All gifts cost \$5.00.

If you wish your child to purchase a gift, please send them to school with \$5.00 on 5th May.

For any child who forgets their money on the 5th May the stall will be open on 6th May.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! If you are able to help on the Mothers Day stall please contact Pauline on 0412 663 649.

Thank you

Birthday Cakes

On occasions parents have wanted to share their child's birthday with their class friends.

They do this by bringing cup cakes to school and asking the teacher to share these among the children. Being mindful of children with life threatening allergies we do ask the following:-

- Cup cakes or donuts only
- No chocolate icing or chocolate decorations eg. Sprinkles
- No soft drinks

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Gymnastics

Sports day for some classes may have changed for Term 2 due to our gymnastics programme. The schedule is as follows:-

Monday—Year 2, 5B & 1st half 5Y

Tuesday—Year 3

Wednesday—Year 1, 5G & 2nd half 5Y

Thursday—Year 4, 6B and 6Y

Friday—6R and 6G

Student of the Week

K Blue Hudson Mulrone
K Green Crystal Shiber
K Red Keana Hickey
K Yellow Miriam Bols
1 Blue Jayden San Jose
1 Green Gabrielle Cardino
1 Red Andre Ramos
1 Yellow Name Withheld
2 Blue Ayden Kokcek
2 Green Tanisha Andradi
2 Red Gem Wong
2 Yellow Name Withheld
3 Blue Angus Rice
3 Green Luca Petroni
3 Red Rachel Laycock
3 Yellow William Alegado
4 Blue Name Withheld
4 Green Shania San Pedro
4 Red Helen Zammit
4 Yellow Danielle Dominello
5 Blue Maverick Tayson
5 Green Chanelle McAnulty
5 Yellow Christina Bolis
6 Blue Vaughn Verago
6 Green Sebastien Grima
6 Red Aaliyah Ashraf
6 Yellow Charli McCaffray

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



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TERM 2

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 Newsletter Week	25 April ANZAC DAY Public Holiday	26 Staff return to school	27 Children return to school Term 2	28	29
2	2 May	3	4	5 Mothers Day Stall	6 Mothers Day Stall Kindergarten Liturgy 9:30am in Library
3 Newsletter Week	9 P&F Meeting 7pm Girls Choir Visit 2:30pm Children wear full winter uniform	10 NAPLAN—Language Conventions and Writing	11 NAPLAN—Reading	12 NAPLAN—Numeracy	13 St Andrews Assembly 2R & 2G
4	16	17 Athletics Carnival	18	19	20
5 Newsletter Week	23	24	25	26	27
6	30	31	June 1	2	3 St Andrews Assembly 3G & 3B Sacred Hear Mass
7 Newsletter Week	6	7	8	9	10
8	13 Public Holiday	14	15	16	17 Reports go home
9 Newsletter Week	20 Parent/Teacher Interviews	21 Stage 2 Disco Parent/Teacher Interviews	22 Infants Disco Parent/Teacher Interviews	23 Stage 3 Disco	24 St Andrews Assembly KB & KR
10	27	28	29	30	July 1 Last Day Term 2