



St. Andrews Primary School

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9th December 2016

From the Principal

The season of Advent is a favourite of mine. Advent allows us the space to get life into perspective and not to be swept away with all the commercial hype of the Pre-Christmas rush and ponder on the things that really matter. The call to "wake up" always challenges us to keep asking our own questions as to how we can contribute a little to the bigger picture of our world and to other people. As followers of Christ, we are to think outwardly and not be caught up in the popular philosophy that says we are here to look after ourselves! Our faith is not a private matter. Our faith calls us to be a light of hope for all people around us. 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 ourselves and in the people around us. **From all the staff, we wish all of you a happy and safe Christmas and holiday. I look forward to seeing you all again in the new and exciting year ahead as we continue to work together in the best interests of our children.**

Staffing 2017, we have some teachers moving on to other schools next year which is a good thing. It is important for a school's growth and for teachers' individual growth to have regular change in schools. **Adam Fletcher, Stephanie Fatone and Natalie Williams have accepted new challenges in 2017.** Adam has accepted a new position and will share his talents with the Holy Family community, Emerton. Natalie has accepted a new position at St Madeleine's, Kenthurst. Stephanie is moving to the Central coast with her family. I would like to thank them for their wonderful contribution to the St Andrews community. We know that they will be great assets to their new communities. Leonie Craven and Vicki Fiorino two of wonderful TA's are moving on to other things in 2017. I would like to thank both of them for their great work supporting your children. I am pleased to announce that we have some new staff who will commence with us next year they are **Kaelih Peaty (Year 4), Tara Tonkin Kindergarten one day a week), Rosanne Noble (Year 5).** I know that you will welcome them warmly to our school community. We move into next year with great confidence that our school will continue to grow and move onto bigger and better things with your continued support.

Staffing 2017- I pleased to let everyone know about the 2017 staffing.

Kinder- Lauren Spencer Salt, Sophie Barrett, Melissa Schrader /Tara Tonkin, Justine Klafas

Year 1- Livia Iafigliola, Sueanne Aquilina, Stephanie Loesch, Renee Krasinski

Year 2- Veronica Sultana/Eva Delaney, Julie Figuero, Melanie Hatcher, Joanne Figuero/Editha Mendoza

Year 3- Vaughan Knight, Janine Spurtacz/Vanessa Lessar, Caimin Harris

Year 4- Kaelih Peaty, Luisa Brewer/Vanessa Lessar, Karen Ciantar, Caty Adler

Year 5- Rebecca Borg, Liana Scarpin, Maria Hyson/Rosanne Noble, Debbie Ross/Judith McMurrich

Year 6- Nadine Hancock/Savita Starr, Graham Paynter/Editha Mendoza, Wendy Herbert

STEM- Matt Haynes, Nicholas Bugeja

Learning Support- Claudia DeCruz, Grace Tabone, Angelina Yalda, Karyn Paluzzano, Maree Burke, Mary Harris Clarke, Louise Duff

Reading Recovery- Karen Whiticker, Carmel Russell, Vicki Taylor,

RFF- Christine Chaplin, Savita Starr, Judith McMurrich, Editha Mendoza, Maree Burke

Library- Roslyn Rush, Debbie Ross

Building news- During the Christmas break work will begin on new facilities for our children. This is extremely exciting for us and well deserved. We will be building four new collaborative learning spaces and having a large part of our playground renovated. I am expecting this project to be completed by the end of 2017. This will mean some changed conditions for all of us while the building takes place but we will be able to deal with it without too many difficulties. To accommodate the building the uniform shop is being relocated to the back room of the library. The children's music lessons are being relocated to one of the learning support rooms. This process has already begun and will be completed before the end of the term. I will keep you informed of any other changes when the need arises.

Technology news- The technology team has been working hard making plans for next year. During the last couple of months we have been purchasing new resources to allow us to bring some new exciting learning to your children for 2017. We have been purchasing robots, 3D printers and some coding resources for the children. We have been trialling some of these new resources in Year 5 and Kindergarten this term. To watch the children's engaging in the use of these resources is something to see. We are extremely excited to be able to support your children in developing their 21st century skills.

Thank you to all those parents who were able to attend last week St Andrews Day Mass. I was very much moved by the spirit and reverence the children have for our Church celebrations. I would like to say a huge thank you to the P/F and all of our wonderful parents who give so generously of their time for the children and to support the staff and myself. I want you all to know that the staff and myself are very grateful to all who have supported us so generously throughout the year. We cannot reach our full potential as a school without your continued generous and whole-hearted support.

Christmas Concert- Last night's Christmas Concert was a wonderful success we hope that all the families enjoyed the night as we focused on the true meaning and spirit of Christmas. Thank you to all who supported this night. I special thank you goes to Mrs Whitaker for all the great work in preparation and organization of the evening.

Reports- It has been wonderful reading the children's reports over the last few weeks. Reports will be going home on Friday, 9th Decemeber. I take a great interest in reading about the children's growth and development. I thank all the teachers and the children for the great efforts during 2016.

Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year full of hope for the future

Kind Regards
Michael Tonnet
Principal

Important Dates

2016: Friday 16th December 2016—Last day of school for children.

2017: Monday 30th January 2017—First day of school for Years 1 to 6 and Kindergarten Monkeys Group (8:50am to 12pm)

Tuesday 31st January 2017— First day of school for Kindergarten Tigers Group (8:50am to 12pm)

Mrs Yalda's Bookshop - Pre loved Books

Thank you to everyone who donated books this year to " Mrs Yalda's Bookshop."

It has been wonderful to watch the delight on all the children's faces when they come down to choose their free books. YES you can keep them.

Over the holiday break when you are busy cleaning out your bookshelves just remember we would love any of your preloved books. We take picture books, story books, novels, comics, information books, kid's magazines etc.

Please make sure the books are in good condition - no tears or scribbles and are appropriate for 5 - 12 year olds.

Can you please send the books in a plastic bag labelled : Attention MRS YALDA

Wishing you a very happy and safe Christmas, full of hours of holiday reading.

Merry Christmas



Office News

Yearly Reports

Yearly reports will go home on Friday 9th December.

If any parents wish to have an interview with teachers in response to reports they are asked to contact teachers by writing a letter or contacting the office.

If your child's teacher is on leave during the last week of school please contact the office and a meeting will be arranged with the class teacher and parent early 2017.

New Accounting System

As you may be aware a new accounting system has been installed. The office staff have been provided with the necessary training for the system. However, like anything new it will take time to become proficient in its use. We do acknowledge that parents may be on a tight time schedule but during this initial stage we do ask parents to be understanding and patient as we try to assist you to the best we can.

During this time we are unable to process any payments after 3pm.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your kind understanding.

Back Gate- Parking

Parents who park, drop and or pick up children from the back gate need to be aware that parking rangers have been ensuring that people are correctly following new signage as well as not double parking to drop off or pick up children. The rangers have said that they will continue to do random checks both before and after school. They provided the attached information.

Lost Property

Please check St Andrews lost property located in the passageway near school canteen for any lost items. Please also remember to clearly mark your child's name on each item of your their clothing and to include lunch boxes, drink bottles, library bags etc. This will ensure that if the item is lost it will be returned to your child.

Thank you for your assistance.

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.

UNIFORM SHOP HOLIDAY TRADING— IMPORTANT DATES

Last day of trading will be Wednesday 14th December and we will open for normal trading on Monday 30th January 8.30-10.00am.

JANUARY 2017 HOLIDAY TRADING

Monday 16th January 2017

1.30-3.00pm

Saturday 21st January 2017

2.00-4.00pm.

Thank you

FOR ANY FURTHER ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT ELLE: [0421216414](tel:0421216414) or
EMAIL: elle@ozfashions.com.au

Second Hand Uniforms

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

Canteen News

The canteen is open every day.
Most items in stock

Zooper Doopers 80 c each

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sports and Extra Curricular Photos

Dear Parents,

The Sport and Extra Curricular Photos were taken on Thursday 24th November, 2016.

If you wish to order any of the Sport teams or Extra Curricular Photos you will need to go online to:

www.advancedlife.com.au

Every child received a red and white photo card from their teacher within the last two weeks, you will need to use the information to order your selection of Sports or Extra Curricular Photos.



Christmas Hamper Winners



1	Danielle 4Y	18	Arnav 3Y
2	Arianna 3R	19	Kaelah 2R
3	Hope 6R	20	Roseanne—Canteen
4	Jacob 2R	21	Jorja 5G
5	Anthony 6Y	22	Jamine 6G
6	Liam 2G	23	Christopher 5G
7	Ramez 6Y	24	Dominique 5B
8	Ben 3B	25	Alonzo KR
9	Metuky 3R	26	Tamika 2Y
10	Kasandra KB	27	Marcus 6G
11	Siran 4R	28	Jaycob 6G
12	Matilda 3Y	29	Hudson KB
13	Jodie c/o 3R	30	Luke 5B
14	Ivan 4G	31	Aradhana 3B
15	Tanisha 2G	32	Samanta 2R
16	Ellie 2B	33	Olyvia 5B
17	Elexis 3R	34	Chehade c/o KG

Student of the Week



K Blue	Mahli-Rose Brennan	Name Withheld
K Green	Jessica Assi	Aadi Sharma
K Red	Alonzo Fernandez	Dylan Borg
K Yellow	Jamie Herta	Joshua McKibbins
1 Blue	Brodie McLoughlin	Ebonie Em
1 Green	Annastasia Russo	Israel Badato
1 Red	Lucas Luong	Aurelle Husada
1 Yellow	Name Withheld	Name Withheld
2 Blue	Angelina Marbino	Name Withheld
2 Green	Tanisha Andradi	Dominic Battikha
2 Red	James Reid	Samanta Cardona
2 Yellow	Name Withheld	Saviour Yosia Edwards
3 Blue	Jonathan Azzi	Name Withheld
3 Green	Faith Peters	Matthew Sotto
3 Red	Name Withheld	Ella Bautista
3 Yellow	Jayda Amabile	Matilda Adamecki
4 Blue	Emma Croser	Justin Spiteri
4 Green	Jillyza Aldana	Chloe Smith
4 Red	Rudra Vaidya	Jarrod Alsford
4 Yellow	AJ Rentoy	Jackson Baker
5 Blue	Dominique Grepo	Maverick Tayson
5 Green	Jorja Pundeet	Chanelle McAnulty
5 Yellow	Joshua Bhundoo	Name Withheld
6 Blue	Jemma Lewis	Ryan Laycock
6 Green	Dalvesh Chand	Asmi Walia
6 Red	Sara Lamba	Jacob Kirkby
6 Yellow	Deep Batra	Janella Canete

You are invited to our Parent Helpers' Morning Tea

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

WHEN: Monday 12 December, 2016

TIME: 10:45—11:30 (STRAIGHT AFTER Principal Awards)

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 Helpers' Morning Tea on Monday 12th December at 10:45am

Name / s _____

Child's Name: _____

Class: _____

P&F News

Good morning St Andrews community, as the countdown to Christmas is on let's all make sure we look after each other this holiday season, stay safe on the roads, be patient in car parks (no shopping rage) and remember it's almost School holidays which means we will all go through the same pain below

- I'm hungry
- I'm bored
- I'm hungry bored

Gingerbread House Making evening

So the amazingly sugary Gingerbread house event has come and gone. For those who went along there were some wonderful works of art. Some I couldn't call art let alone a house ... please see images below of some of the successes and some of the failures (please note I didn't take any photos on the night these are all downloaded)

All in all it was a fun event and for those that ordered their house to take home and build my only advice is don't eat the materials you may need them later.



Winning House design

(if she was part of St Andrews and came to the event)

if any one has any advice on how we can make this event better in the future please contact Pauline on 0412663649.

Christmas Raffle – Ok so no more reminders of the Raffle and no more interpretive dancing from me, winners will be announced at the concert which is tonight (at time of writing) however as this will be published in a few days time I would like to preemptively congratulate all winners..

Christmas Disco

The Discos are all done and dusted for the year, I know my little guy has had a lot of fun at each of these and so I would like to on behalf of all the parents thank the ladies organising each event Manisha and her team.

And now for a bad Dads joke –

No Memes this week but I need to tell a real life story. I was standing in the Kindy playground and said to my boy.....

“ Be careful standing near those trees “

Son –“Why Dad the sky is clear and there's no chance of lightening?”

So I said “ I don't really know why , they just look really Shady to me”...



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24th October, 2016

TO THE FAMILIES WHO HAVE CHILDREN THEY WISH TO BE PREPARED FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION),

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION IN 2017

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.

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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 the child's original Baptismal Certificate.

What should you do now?

The Program for 2017 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:	Monday 30 th January, 2017
Registration Evening:	Tuesday 14 th February, 2017
Classes (including Mass):	Sundays 26 th and 5 th March 2017
Date of Sacrament:	Saturday 18 th March, 2017 (6 pm) &
(Choose One)	Sunday 19 th March, 2017 [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 the parish office.]

Sacrament of Confirmation

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

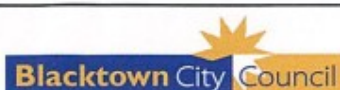
Registration Period begins:	Wednesday 26 th April, 2017
Registration Evening:	Tuesday 9 th May, 2017
Classes (including Mass):	Sundays 21 st and 28 th May, 2017
Date of Sacrament:	6 th and/or 7 th June, 2017 [7.00pm]
	[Note: Date of the Sacrament to be confirmed]

Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation)

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

Registration Period begins:	Monday 18 th July, 2017
Registration Evening:	Tuesday 1 st August, 2017
Classes (including Mass):	Sundays 13 th , 20 th and 27 th August, 2017
Date of Sacrament: <i>[Choose one]</i>	Saturday 2 nd September, 2017
(All at 9:30 am)	Saturday 9 th September, 2017 OR Saturday 16 th September, 2017

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



Obstructing access to driveways

Council has received complaints regarding the parking of vehicles across driveways. In the interest of safety, please be advised, the *Road Rules Regulation 2014 – Rule 198 (2)* provides that:

A driver must not stop on or across a driveway or other way of access for vehicles travelling to or from adjacent land unless:

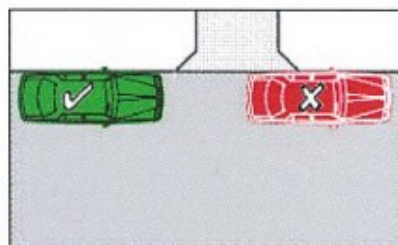
(a) the driver:

(i) is dropping off, or picking up, passengers, and

(ii) does not leave the vehicle unattended, and

(iii) completes the dropping off, or picking up, of the passengers, and drives on, as soon as possible and, in any case, within 2 minutes after stopping, or

(b) the driver stops in a parking bay and the driver is permitted to stop in the parking bay under these Rules.



Accordingly, Council Officers will carry out regular patrols of the area to ensure that the parking of vehicles occurs in accordance with the Road Rules. Penalty Notices may be issued without further advice to vehicles parked contrary to this regulation. Should you require any further information regarding this matter, please contact Council's Community Law Enforcement Officers on 9839 6000.

TERM 4

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 Newsletter Week	10 October	11	12 School Photos— Summer Uniform	13	14
2	17 7pm—8 pm P&F Meeting.	18	19 Kinder Transition	20	21
3 Newsletter Week	24	25 Infants Sports Carnival—Rescheduled	26 Kinder Transition	27	28 St Andrews Assembly 6B & 6Y Year 5/6 Mercy Door
4	31	1 November All Saints Day Mass 9:15am (Mass includes All Souls Day)	2 All Souls Day Kinder Transition	3	4
5 Newsletter Week	7	8	9 Kinder Transition Year 3 Excursion— Australiana Village	10	11
6	14	15	16	17 Kinder Liturgy	18 St Andrews Assembly 3R & 3Y
7 Newsletter Week	21	22	23	24 School Sports Photos	25 Kindergarten Excursion
8	28 Kinder 2017 Parent Information Night 7pm	29 Stage 2 Disco	30 9:15 St. Andrews Day Mass 9am—11am Kinder Orientation Day Infants Disco	1 December Stage 3 Disco	2 7.30 Gingerbread House Making
9 Newsletter Week	5 Stage 1 Mass 9:00am Orientation Afternoon Year 1 to 6 new stu- dents 2-3pm	6	7 Christmas Concert 7pm—8pm	8 Swimming Selection Twilight Session	9 St Andrews Assembly Year 5 Reports go home to parents Year 2 Excursion— Powerhouse Museum Year 6 Farewell Disco
10	12 Principal Awards Parent Helper Morn- ing Tea	13	14	15 7-8pm Graduation Mass Year 6	16 Last Day of School for Students
11	19 Staff Development Day	20 Staff Development Day			