



St. Andrews Primary School

Newsletter Term 3 - Issue 14

1st September 2017

Dear Parents,

As I sit to write the newsletter this week just before Fathers Day this Sunday I am also thinking about being a first time grandpa in the coming couple of weeks. I wonder where all the time has gone. I still vividly remember the day I became a first time dad. To think that my first born is about to give birth is an awesome feeling. To all the dads I hope you enjoy your big day and take some time to appreciate how awesome it is to be a dad.

God gave us dads to teach, to love, to encourage, to discipline, to model, to provide and maybe most importantly to teach us who God is. It is easy and difficult to be a dad because of all the things we are trying to teach our kids and to find the balance between the loving and the discipline, the encouraging and the rebuking. These are the things that all dad's struggle with, but they are also the things that give us the greatest reward to have our kids and to be DAD.

Thank you to all the mums for organising the Fathers Day stall for your children. It is great to see just how excited the children become in buying a gift for their dads.

Online Ordering your children's lunches in Term 4- As I have indicated in previous newsletters the canteen cannot operate during term 4 because of the demolition works and there will be no access. We have almost finalised our decision in choosing a company to provide a service for you during term 4. All the information you require to engage the service will be provided before the end of the term if you choose to do so.

Skipathon Monday, 4th September- The children will be participating on Monday. We have organised two sessions for the children A skipping disco in the hall and a long ropes session on the basketball courts near the hall. I am sure the children will enjoy it. Thank you for supporting our main fundraiser for the year.

Lost property- Some of our beautiful mums have sorted through and tidied the lost property next to the canteen. **There are a few clothes with names on them. Not** sure how current those names are. There are also clothes and general items that aren't school related. All the clothes are back in the containers. When you are picking up or dropping off at school you might like to come and have a look.

New Website and Skoolbag App as we announced last week the new website is now operating. I hope you enjoy the new layout. I have included instructions in this newsletter on how to subscribe. We have also sent out a paper flyer today with these details.

Kind regards
Michael Tonnet
Principal

Office News

Second Hand Uniforms

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

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

School Fees Term 3

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

Australian Girls Choir

The Australian School of Performing Arts will be visiting our school on Tuesday 19th September @ 2pm, to carry out auditions for any interested girl from Kinder to Year 6 who would like to try out for the Australian Girls Choir. A leaflet was sent home to all girls this week. The tear off section from the leaflet needs to be returned to the school ASAP.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Parents,

As I have mentioned in an earlier newsletter we have been working behind the scenes to improve our communication with you. Today we have launched our new website and our new SkoolBag App. There are a few things we need you to do to ensure that you are receiving the newsletter and any important announcements.

Step 1

In order for you to receive the school newsletter beginning today you will need to go to the new school website www.standrewspsmarayong.catholic.edu.au Community tab, Newsletters, Subscribe. Unfortunately we cannot roll over your current email addresses into the new website so you must subscribe to receive the school newsletter this week. **We hope you enjoy the new format.**

Step 2- Please follow the instructions below to install the **SAPSM** Skoolbag App onto your smart phone.



Skoolbag 
Smartphone school to parent communication

Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- > School, free push notification alerts
- > School events
- > School newsletters
- > School documents
- > School RSS feeds
- > School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

iPhone & iPad Users

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.



Android Users

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.



Don't forget to like us on Facebook! 

Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au

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Year 6 Canberra Excursion

Our Year 6 Students undertook an educational tour of the National Capital on Thursday 17th and Friday 18th August.

Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

We visited the Australian War Memorial, the Australian Institute of Sport, Questacon, toured Parliament House to see the workings of the House of Representatives and the Senate, and took part in a Parliamentary Education Office session where students debated a Bill.

We also visited the Australian Electoral Commission in Old Parliament House where students learnt about Democracy and the voting process to elect our representatives in Federal Parliament.

The Australian Government recognizes the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of the Civics and Citizenship Education Rebate program. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.





Privacy Notice for Parents and Carers Of Yr 3 and Yr 5 Children

NAPLAN Online 2017 School Readiness Testing

This note is to inform you that some personal information about students and parents which has already been obtained this year is being used again as schools prepare for NAPLAN online.

This personal information will be used by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA), which is the NAPLAN Test Administration Authority responsible for New South Wales.

NESA is responsible for collecting information to be used during the testing that schools are about to undertake to check their readiness for NAPLAN Online. This 'readiness testing' includes the management of student registration, test administration and reporting of results to schools.

The information NESA uses will include school name, year level, student name, date of birth and gender. NESA discloses this information to Education Services Australia LTD (ESA), a national, not-for-profit company owned by Australia's state and territory education ministers. ESA is engaged by the Australian Government to operate the secure online platform used for NAPLAN Online.

NESA will not disclose to EAS any information about students who are not undertaking the readiness testing for NAPLAN Online.

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), which conducts NAPLAN testing, will not access the information provided for the readiness testing.

The personal information provided by each school may be used to:

- conduct NAPLAN Online readiness testing
- provide reports relating to NAPLAN Online readiness testing
- conduct research, and compile and analyses statistics.

The information will not be disclosed other than for the purposes outlined above, unless authorised or required by law.

[More information](#)

If you have concerns about privacy issues relating to NAPLAN Online, please contact your school.

Skipathon



2017 Fundraiser

On **Monday 4th September (Week 8)** SAPS will hold our annual fundraiser. This year is a skipathon. All money raised will go towards much needed outdoor furniture for new and existing outdoor class spaces, as well as the playground.

There are a number of prizes up for grabs:

Any child who raises \$40 dollars or more gets a ticket to go in the draw to win their very own Chromebook!

PLUS Any child who raises \$100 or more gets a ticket to go in the draw for:

Kinder + Year 1: **Bluebot Robot**

Years 2 to 4: **Ozobot Evo**

Year 5 + 6: A **Sphero**

AND the highest earner per class gets an invitation to an invite only pizza party held in the last week of this term.

Forms will go home Monday Week 5 to start collecting sponsors

Will YOU win any of the prizes?



P&F News

Time flies when you are planning Father's Day gifts, I for one am very excited about the Father's Day stall on **Thursday and Friday**. I would volunteer to help but want to keep it all a secret for Sunday. So Instead I will help set the mood.

Rose are Red
Violets are Blue
Mums are pretty cool
But Dads are the real Glue.

Ok in other news only a few weeks left of term 3.

How good was the book parade? There were so many great costumes. I thought it was a such a good idea that I was swept up in the excitement only to realise that dressing up only works if I enter the book parade and wearing a Harry Potter costume at work just looks silly.

We have another reminder on the entertainment book as this is almost finalised now.

"The Entertainment Book" Fundraiser

A second reminder note will be sent out this week to those families who haven't yet returned the book or purchased the app. We would like to finalise this fundraiser by the end of term so please return or purchase the book asap if you haven't already done so.

If you have returned the book or misplaced it, please let Maria or Nicole know so we can note it. These books are the property of "The Entertainment Book" company and need to be returned if they are not to be purchased.

Thank you to those who have purchased a book. If you did purchase a book or app please register the card for further offers.

If you have any queries please **sms or call Maria Webb on 0413180787 or email at webbmaria@gmail.com or Nicole Anderson on 0420996008 or email [ni-cole.muppy.anderson@hotmail.com](mailto:nicole.muppy.anderson@hotmail.com)**

P&F News—continued

Upcoming events

Event: Father's Day Stall

Team Leader: Denise Sessa

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

Time: 9am

Cost: \$5 per gift

Event: Infants Sports Carnival BBQ

Week 8 - Thursday 7th September

This event is being organised by **THEA CLEMENTS**. Thea is looking for volunteers. If you can help no matter how big or how small please contact Thea on **0414 015 819** or **return the slip on the Sausage Sizzle Order Form**.

Sausage Sizzle order forms were sent home recently and are due back tomorrow (Sept 1st) for anyone wanting their child to have a sausage sizzle on the day.

Event: Disco

Team Leader: Elissa Hooper

Theme: TBA

When: Week 9

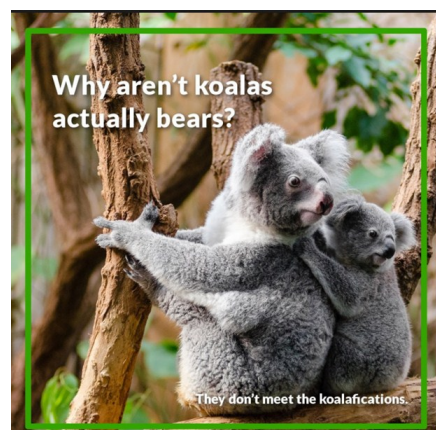
Infants: Thursday 14th September

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

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





OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA

College Open Morning Tour

Wednesday September 6, 2017

expanding beyond what we know we can be



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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Student of the Week



K Blue	Agastya Patel	N'Dea Mahusay
K Green	Matthew Tentosf	Julianna Billiewicz
K Red	James Pisansarakit	Anjas Ghimire
K Yellow	Name Withheld	Genevieve Lok-Saladik
1 Blue	Hasti Khazaei-Ghadirian	Jarryd Pasinos
1 Green	Kavan Makwana	Benjamin Aridah
1 Red	Cayden Go	Alivia Frelek
1 Yellow	Roxanne Walsh	Caleb Singh
2 Blue	Micah Mauricio	Kiara Bartley
2 Green	Brody McLoughlin	Ryley Osborn
2 Red	Dion Abayakone	Sean Kleinig
2 Yellow	Mathis Malong	Rachel Hay
3 Green	Harmanpreet Singh	Name Withheld
3 Red	Name Withheld	David Melki
3 Yellow	Verity Rodriguez	Angelina Marbina
4 Blue	Adrian Jakubowski	Sophie Kirkby
4 Green	Oscar Sherchan	Isaac Hay
4 Red	Nigel Karunaratne	Jayda Amabile
4 Yellow	Matilda Adamecki	Mia Gutierrez-Lanosga
5 Blue	Jeda Osorio	Nicole Felipe
5 Green	Ivan Farkas	Stephanie Sutcliffe
5 Red	Adrian Prundus	Aleina Hartono
5 Yellow	Isabella O'Dea	Siran Papazian
6 Blue	Holly Brasier	Shiloh Penn Gray
6 Green	Ellie Watts	Samuel Pan
6 Yellow	Vy Tong	Michaela Zapanta

TERM 3

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 Newsletter Week	July 17 Staff Development Day	18 Children return to school Term 3	19	20	21 Kindergarten 100 Days Celebration
2	24 P&F Meeting	25	26	27	28 Primary Athletics Carnival
3 Newsletter Week	31	August 1	2	3	4 Assembly 1G & 1R
4	7	8	9	10 Cluster Voice of Youth	11
5 Newsletter Week	14	15	16	17 Yr 6 Canberra	18 Yr 6 Canberra
6	21	22 Dental Check for K, 2, 4 & 6	23	24 Book Parade 9.15am	25 St. Andrews Assembly Kindergarten
7 Newsletter Week	28	29	30 7pm—8pm BYOLTT Information Night School Hall	31 Father's Day Stall	September 1 Father's Day Stall Kinder Fathers Day Liturgy 9.30
8	4 Skip a thon	5	6	7 Infants Sports Carnival	8 Yr 5 Bathurst
9 Newsletter Week	11	12 Disco Yr 5 & 6	13 Disco Yr 3 & 4	14 Disco Kinder, Yr 1 & 2	15 Assembly 5B & 5Y
10	18	19	20	21 Athon Pizza Party	22 Last Day of Term 3



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2017**

DOONSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL



*Join us in our School **80th** Celebration*

*on 22nd September 2017,
from 9:15am to 2:00pm*

Featuring :

** Formal School Assembly showcasing
changes over the years.*

** School Concert*

** Time Capsule Burying,*

** Morning Tea,*

** BBQ Lunch*

** followed by **School Fete** 2:00pm to late.*



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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.