



St. Andrews Primary School

Newsletter Term 3 - Issue 13

18th August 2017

Dear Parents,

The school building works are progressing well, we hope to be moving into the new spaces next term. We are expecting Stage 2 of the project to begin during the next school holiday break. It will then become a little more difficult to navigate the school site as we begin the process of the partial demolition of the current Year 6 classrooms and some remodelling of the playground. One of the consequences for us is the school canteen will not be operational during term 4. This has given us a good opportunity to rethink the canteen operations into the future. The current canteen operators have been informed and our contract with the current operators will cease at the end of this term.

To help you with your children's lunches during term 4 we will be tendering for an online canteen to begin next term, where parents will be able to order your children's lunches online and will be delivered to school to replace the current canteen arrangement at least initially for term 4. I have been speaking with a number of my colleagues and have been investigating some successful options in some of our other schools. I hope to be able to share more information with you as we move closer to making a decision.

As stage 2 of the building project begins there will be further changes to how we move around the school site in term 4—there will be demolition and remodelling of the playgrounds. However, our facilities will be better than ever supporting the learning needs of your children. We are really looking forward to the improvements to our school site and the investment in your children and our teaching staff. There are some great things happening with the learning at our school. I had the pleasure of observing Mr Knight behind a screen at the Angus Kavanagh Centre in Mt Druitt this morning supporting the mathematics teaching of other teachers in our diocese.

On Thursday and Friday our Year 6 children are off to Canberra. I know that they will represent the school with great pride. I am looking forward to spending some time with them in a different setting. A big thank you to staff for accompanying the children and providing this experience for them.

Congratulation to all our athletes who attended the Blacktown Zone Athletics Carnival on Tuesday. Many of them are going onto represent the Blacktown Zone at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival next week. As usual your children were very well behaved and it was a pleasure to spend the day with them.

Thank you for your continuing support as we work together in the best interests of the children.

Kind regards
Michael Tonnet
Principal

Office News

Second Hand Uniforms

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

Newsletter Update

We are currently having technical difficulties with the emailing of the newsletter.

The newsletter is also put on the School website for your information

www.standrewspsmarayong@catholic.edu.au

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

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Request for proposal to supply meals for school children

School - St Andrews Primary School, Marayong

Proposals are invited for supply of school meals based on an online ordering model, commencing 09/10/17, for a term of 9 months (3 school terms) with an option to renew by a further 12 months upon agreement by both parties. The school is a Kindergarten to Year 6 co-educational school of 670 students and 60 staff.

For a copy of the Tender Information Package, please email mtonnet@parra.catholic.edu.au.

A Tender visit can be made by appointment with the principal. Please contact the School to make an appointment.

BOOK PARADE

Please come and join us for our Book Parade on Thursday 24th

August. The theme being

“Escape to everywhere”.

To add to the atmosphere of the day, the children are being encouraged to dress as their favourite book character. Children must wear a sign identifying their character. The staff are busy planning their costumes and are looking forward to sharing the excitement of the day with the children.



SOME SUGGESTIONS:



- A group of friends could come as a group of characters from books like the 'Wizard of Oz', 'Charlottes Web', Star Wars etc...
- 'Cool characters' such as Harry Potter, Geronimo Stilton, Zac Powers, Boyz Rule or Girlz Rock
- Other characters such as Superman, Batman, Spiderman, pirate, fisherman, painter, grandfather, grandmother, sports player, national costume, dance, fairy, chef, plumber, king, queen etc...

Please do not go to a lot of trouble or expense. Costumes should be as simple and comfortable as possible. The children may remain in costume for the entire day or change into mufti if necessary. **Children who do not dress up must wear their school uniform on the day.** Please remember that the children's shoes must be safe and comfortable for wear on the playground. Hope you can come and join in the fun and see how creative the staff and children here at St Andrew's can be.

PARENTS AND CARERS

Dental Staff from Blacktown/ Mt Druitt Dental Hospital Clinics

Will be visiting your school to provide

Years Kindy, 2, 4, and 6

with a short talk regarding oral health information and diet advice plus a

Free Dental Check – Tuesday 22nd August

The Dental staff will bring portable dental chairs and lights. The dental clinician will use sterilised equipment and wear a new pair of latex free gloves for each child.

Consent forms will be sent home for each child and should be returned as soon as possible to the teacher with all questions completed. Ticked ***Yes or No*** and signed by the parent/ guardian.

Each student (with ***Medicare Number*** and the consent form ticked ***Yes*** and ***signed by a parent***) will be eligible to have a dental checkup.

A letter (result sheet) will be sent home with each child on the assessment day. This will indicate how the parent should follow-up the dental assessment.

Parents ***will not*** need to contact the dental clinic, *unless otherwise indicated on their result sheet*

The child's details will be entered onto the hospital computer data base and will remain confidential.

Treatment appointments will be offered on a prioritised basis and sent ***directly to the child's address***. Students with *urgent treatment needs* will be offered treatment appointments first.

Parents may choose to make an appointment with their Private Dentist if the result sheet indicates their child requires treatment.

Children from grades 1, 3, 5 will not be assessed at school.

Parents with children in Pre-school, Years 1, 3 & 5 or children suffering dental pain or trauma, may call the

Western Sydney Local Health District call centre on :

98456766

Free * dental care is available at NSW public dental clinics for all children under 18 years of age.



NSW Health suggests all children aged 0-18
have a Dental check up every 1 to 2 years
and
should have their teeth brushed twice a day
with a fluoride toothpaste.



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.

Bring Your Own Learning Tool Trial (BYOLTT) Years 3 - 6

What: BYOLTT Information night
When Wednesday 30th August Week 7
Time 7:00pm – 8:00pm
Where School Hall



In order to maximise the access of technology, to enrich and also extend the learning opportunities for the Stage 2 and 3 students, we are excited to be initiating a learning tool trial period that will run for the remainder of 2017.

SAPS will be holding an information night for parents of children in Stages 2 and 3 (Years 3-6) who are interested in learning more about the upcoming **trial** period of BYOLT. Parents are invited to attend, as they will learn more about the trial and the process involved. Correspondence will be sent home to all parents of primary students as the trial begins regardless of whether a parent attends the information night or not.

During this trial period, students will be able to bring a specific learning tool from home (an iPad that meets the minimum requirements) and use it in class so as to enrich their learning.

The decision to allow your child to use a personal device at school is yours alone. BYOLTT is not compulsory nor should parents feel pressured to purchase a device.

Students who do not participate in the trial will still be given access to classroom/grade devices.

There are a number of protocols that need to be implemented as we initiate BYOLTT. These include: Teacher and student expectations, safety precautions, device security and registration of devices onto the CEDP Acceptable Users Policy.

The school will use the trial experience to help collect data (Wi-Fi capabilities, preferred devices etc) that will prepare our school for the implementation of BYOLT in 2018.

A note will be sent home with your child to invite parents to register for the information night in the coming week.

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

Here we go Parents and Friends another installment of the eagerly anticipated newsletter update. So many great things coming up like Father's Day (hint hint), warmer weather, the completion of the new building , Father's day to name a few.

Has anyone realised how close we are to Christmas, yeah I know it sneaks up every year and always around the same time period how strange.

Who has used the entertainment book so far?, I am hearing great feedback from families who have started to use it on Restaurants and weekend trips and by doing so have already saved some money. For all the Dads out there don't be stubborn and let the Mums get all the savings from this book, get your hands on it there are so many things you can save on. You can probably even get a discount on some flowers and still get full credit at home.

What a brilliant and subtle Segway.

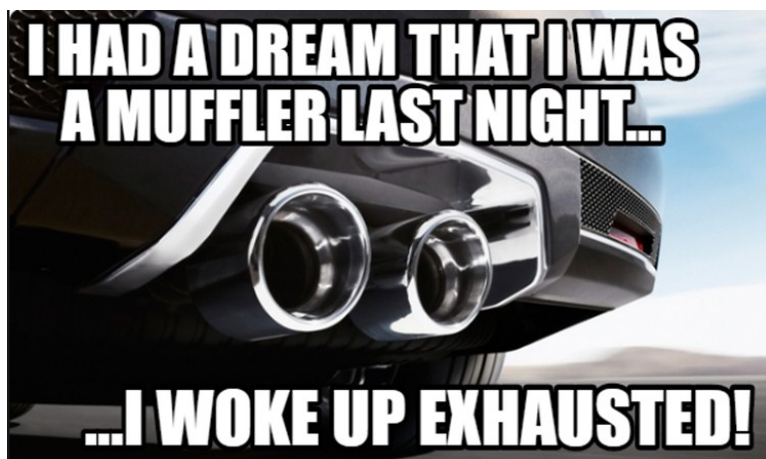
"The Entertainment Book" Fundraiser

Reminder notes have been sent out to those families who haven't yet returned the book or purchased the app. We would like to finalise this fundraiser so please return the book asap if you haven't already done so.

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 nicole.muppy.anderson@hotmail.com

Dads Joke.



P&F News—continued

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

So, another opportunity to go along and join the PRC for this month's talk, details are below and feedback has always been that these talks are current and insightful, I highly recommend going along.

The next meeting will be held at:

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

Villers Street Parramatta

Date: Monday 21st August 2017

Time: 7pm to 9pm

Topic: Every learner, every day

Guest Speaker: Mr. Paul Easton

For more information and to rsvp:

<http://www.prc.catholic.edu.au/event-details/prc-meeting-term-3-every-learner-every-day-paul-easton-director-performance-cedp>

Upcoming events

Father's Day stall

Team leader: Denise Sessa

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

Time: 9am

If you can help Denise on either or both of these days, please contact her on 0421 306 996

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**.

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 help.

Student of the Week



K Blue	Lauren Hipolito	Amar'e Stewart
K Green	Emilio Lewis Goode	Leah Mc Sweeney
K Red	Jasmine Metcalfe	James Pisansarakit
K Yellow	Chris Thomas Kurian	Christian Issa
1 Blue	Dylan Borg	Fiona Doshi
1 Green	Ansel Nocon	Athan Galaxidis
1 Red	Jesse de la Cruz	Miriam Bols
1 Yellow	Leonardo Domingo	Kingston Tan
2 Blue	Mia Davies	Amol Singh
2 Green	Lucas Luong	Brody McLoughlin
2 Red	Grace Atwal	Keylan Smith
2 Yellow	Fynn Clements	Andrew Orule
3 Green	Deng Jongbai Deng	James Ilgan
3 Red	Jonah Petersen	Sean Ninte
3 Yellow	Moses Leveni	Stefani Tentsof
4 Blue	Faith Peters	Jayda Vakai
4 Green	Arianna Borg	Kevin Pham
4 Red	Ysabel Rimando	Luca Petroni
4 Yellow	Name Withheld	Name Withheld
5 Blue	Sinali Weerasinghe	Moses Badelles
5 Green	Izabella Bartley	Bhabishya Poudel
5 Red	Isabella Saunders	Jade Lumayno
5 Yellow	Alisha Dong	Helen Zammit
6 Blue	Deng Joseph	Nathania Perera
6 Green	Christina Bolis	Annabella Ayton
6 Yellow	Dominique Grepo	Jensen Mitchell

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
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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FRI

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.