



# St. Andrews Primary School

## *Newsletter Term 4 - Issue 17*

*3rd November 2017*

For the last couple of weeks, the new kinders for 2018 have been attending the kindy transition. It is always exciting for us to see the next group of children arriving at school, ready to embark on the next phase of their little lives. It can be scary getting used to all the new routines and the fact that they have to share the teachers time with so many other children. It can also be an anxious time for many parents as they see their child come under the influence of another significant adult perhaps for the first time in their short lives. It is important to remember that this is all part of growing up. School is a safe place to experience success but more importantly disappointment. This might seem strange but I don't know anyone who is happy 100% of the time or hasn't experienced stress, pressure and disappointment. School is a great place for the children to sometimes experience these things because they are surrounded by lots of people who will help them through these feelings, not take them away, but help them through. Over my many years in this job, I have seen an increase in well intentioned parents trying to ensure that their children are always happy wanting to protect them from trouble, disappointment or stress which is natural. What we need to do is walk with them and help them through these feelings not stop them from experiencing them. This will help them be able to deal with these feelings during their adult life.

Our kindy transition program is progressing well. The new kindy's are so cute and many of them are really looking forward to commencing school to join their older brothers and sisters. What a great privilege it is for us to play such an important part in the children's lives as they grow towards being independent people. At present, we look to be having somewhere between 110 and 120 kinder enrolments for next year. This is the biggest number of enrolments we have had for quite a few years. It is great to see so many families taking advantage of our new learning spaces.

As you can see we have moved into the new learning spaces and work continues to progress on the grounds. I want to thank the community and especially the staff for the patience, understanding and support as we made this change. There is absolutely no doubt that we will all benefit from the changes that we continue to make to provide the best possible learning environment for the children. This is an exciting time in the history of the school and I am very grateful to be part of it.

**Children's Safety-** Your child's safety is our number one priority and we need your help to ensure that no accidents happen at Kiss and Ride particularly in the morning drop off. Could you please stay in the car when dropping off in the morning and allow the children to get out of the car on the kerb side of the carpark. It is best that they have their bags as they get out of the car and are not moving behind the vehicle to collect their bags from the car boot. Remember the kiss and ride area is just for dropping off not parking. Thank you for your cooperation.

A huge thank you to the Parents and Friends for providing a lovely morning tea for the staff in appreciation for World Teachers Day last Friday.

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

## SCHOOL OPAL CARDS – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TAPPING ON AND OFF IS IMPORTANT SO BUS SERVICES ARE NOT CANCELLED DUE TO THE LACK OF PATRONAGE.

An important requirement of School Opal Card is the need for students to tap on and off as this gathers data for the bus company to ensure the appropriate level of service is offered to students.

Please be aware that Busways will be conducting checks over the coming months. All Opal Cards need to be carried with the student.

Applications for 2018 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) and Term Bus Pass (TBP) travel entitlements are now open.

In coming days students who hold an SSTS entitlement and are changing grade bands i.e. going from year 2 to 3 or year 6 to 7 and changing school, and students whose entitlement was approved under a medical condition, will receive notification by email or post informing them of the pending expiry of their entitlement. TBP holders will also receive notification.

Students enquiring about pending cancellation should be advised to go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails> to update details/make application for next year's entitlement.

Application needs to be made before 31 December 2017 to ensure their entitlement is updated and their current card is not cancelled. If application is made after the expiry of their entitlement (31 December) the system will automatically cancel their card and a new one will need to be issued.

**Please note:** Students who are changing grade band and are remaining at the same school will not receive notification and do not need to reapply (the system now automatically validates a student's on-going eligibility if at the same school and going from infants to primary or primary to secondary). Where a student meets the new eligibility the system will automatically update their entitlement and card.

Students in the Opal area applying for a SSTS or TBP entitlement for the first time will receive their card (posted to the nominated address) a week or two before the commencement of 2018 classes. Please let students know new cards for 2018 are not posted in 2017 or during the Christmas / New Year period.

# Student of the Week



K Blue	Devansh Dhiman	Michael Uta
K Green	Melina Skilbosios	Hannah Farag
K Red	Ellie Lorenzo	Christopher Aseigbu
K Yellow	Anaya Suther	Autumn Byrne
1 Blue	Marcus Dequina	Jack Brewer
1 Green	Christian Calleja	Benjamin Tyra
1 Red	Saveeni Kularathne	Rhea Sharma
1 Yellow	Jack Palmer	Ann Atienza
2 Blue	Annastasia Russo	Name Withheld
2 Green	Leila Walsh	Harley Oakley
2 Red	Gabrielle Cardino	Amelia Farag
2 Yellow	Name Withheld	Alyssa Bettiol
3 Green	Noah Seymour	Divine Ojinna
3 Red	Samantha Xavier	Angelo Demian
3 Yellow	Jacob Parnis	Nicholas Tan
4 Blue	Chrisabel Gobrial	Priyana Sahai
4 Green	Freby Julit	Lily Bayrich
4 Red	Schoenel Delacruz	Name Withheld
4 Yellow	Abbey Rafidi	Monique Lau
5 Blue	Alexus Romena	Aisis Panaligan
5 Green	Amponsah Antwi	Ashley Neri
5 Red	Kieran McMurrich	Antonio Tagat
5 Yellow	Elana Lekov	Ava Mulroney
6 Blue	Jai Pereira	Ethan Filipo
6 Green	Joshua Burrows	Bianca Infante
6 Yellow	Hayden Saunders	Jordan Billedo

# CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Our St. Andrew's Christmas Pageant is fast approaching!!

Put **THURSDAY DECEMBER 7 at 1:30 pm in the Hall** in your diaries and on your home calendars.

Each grade will be presenting songs as part of our overall story of the hope in coming of the Messiah, the Annunciation, the journey to Bethlehem and the joy at the birth of Jesus.

In order to fully enter into the spirit of the celebration, we are asking that each grade wear appropriate costumes for their part in the presentation. We ask that you check the list below for the outfits your children will need.

GRADE	COSTUME REQUIREMENTS
KINDER The Magi visit	STARS or WISE MEN (students can wear outfits with stars on them, dress as a star or wear star headbands/ Crowns and cloaks for Wise Men)
YEAR 1	PEOPLE OF BETHLEHEM. (Students can wear caftans/long dressing gowns/ oversized shirts, long skirts and a cloth/shawl for head cover.)
YEAR 2 Angels announce the birth of Jesus	SHEPHERDS or ANGELS. (Students dress as angels or for shepherds - wear caftans/long dressing gowns/ oversized shirts, long skirts and a cloth/shawl for head cover)
YEAR 3	PEOPLE OF NAZARETH. (Students can wear caftans/long dressing gowns/ oversized shirts, long skirts and a cloth/shawl for head cover.)
YEAR 4 Journey to Bethle-	PEOPLE OF JUDEA. (Students can wear caftans/long dressing gowns/ oversized shirts, long skirts and a cloth/shawl for head cover.
YEAR 5	ANCIENT HEBREWS. (Students can wear caftans/long dressing gowns/ oversized shirts, long skirts and a cloth/shawl for head cover.
YEAR 6 Story Recap and	Students can wear Christmas T-shirts or combinations of red/green/white clothing.

The images below may help you with some ideas.





## A message from the Talent Show Committee

The "Little BIG Shots" talent show is finally here for 2017! So mark your calendar for the upcoming event, which will be held on **Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> of November**. The performance will be held in the school hall at **11.45am**.



All children will be allowed to audition for the show. They can practise an act either as an individual or in a group with peers in their grade. We ask that the acts are to be no more than **two-minutes**.

Students wanting to audition will have to complete an audition form from their class teacher. We ask parents to support your child in preparing them for the show and encouraging them to have-a-go.

Auditions will be held in each grade during week 6 to select the **2 finalists** for the 2017, St Andrew's Little BIG Shots Showcase! The chosen finalists will receive a golden ticket, inviting them to perform their act in front of the whole school.



This is a wonderful and fun community event that students enjoy being part of. We hope to see you there to support the students and celebrate the talent at St Andrew's Primary school.



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

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## 2018 Diocesan School Fees

24 October 2017

Dear parents and carers

Please find below the 2018 Diocesan school fees schedule which includes a modest 3.6% increase on the fees from 2017.

School-based fees will also be limited to a 3.6% increase to ensure we have consistency across our Diocese. School-based fees cover the costs of important things such as technology and school administration.

I appreciate that from time to time, some families might experience financial challenges. With this in mind, I take this opportunity to remind you that confidential fee support is available through

- discounts for families with multiple siblings in our schools
- flexible payment plans
- hardship concession policies for families in need
- the Bishop Manning Scholarship Fund
- the Byawalla Co-contribution Scheme for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families

## Tuition Fees - 2018

The 2018 diocesan tuition fees are outlined below:

ANNUAL FEES	No charge for 4th+ children	1st Child 100%	2nd Child 75%	3rd Child 50%
Primary	Kindergarten	\$1,173	\$879	\$588
	Years 1 – 6	\$1,515	\$1,137	\$759
	Years 7 – 8	\$2,100	\$1,575	\$1,050
Secondary	Years 9 – 10	\$2,331	\$1,749	\$1,167
	Years 11 – 12	\$2,976	\$2,232	\$1,488

The 2018 term rate for each of the first three terms is outlined below:

Instalment FEES	Charged in Terms 1, 2 & 3	1st Child 100%	2nd Child 75%	3rd Child 50%
Primary	Kindergarten	\$391	\$293	\$196
	Years 1 – 6	\$505	\$379	\$253
	Years 7 – 8	\$700	\$525	\$350
Secondary	Years 9 – 10	\$777	\$583	\$389
	Years 11 – 12	\$992	\$744	\$496



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**Diocesan Building Levy - 2018**

The Diocesan Building Levy enables us, through our capital works program, to meet the demand for new schools and new classes in high growth areas, and to continue to maintain all schools to a high standard.

All families with one or more children in a Parramatta Diocesan school or at St Dominic's College Kingswood are required to pay the annual Diocese of Parramatta Diocesan Building Levy. This levy has replaced the various building levies that parents previously paid to school building funds (managed by either parishes or schools). **The levy for 2018 is \$783 per family, payable in three equal instalments of \$261 in Terms 1, 2 and 3.**

**Annual Diocesan Education Fee Temporary Residents - 2018**

The Diocesan Education Fee Temporary Residents for 2018 is **\$1,935 per student, payable in three equal instalments of \$645**. The fee applies to new students on the following visa numbers: 173, 401, 402, 411, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 426, 427, 428, 442, 456, 457, 459, 462, 476, 485, 497, 580, 600, 601, 651, 675, 676, 679, 685, 884, 944, 956, 976 and 977 including where any of these are the preceding visas for families on bridging visas 010 to 090.

Families charged this fee in 2013 will continue to be charged on a *per family* basis to the eldest student whilst the family has continuous current students.

Thank you for your continuing support of Catholic education, support that allows us to provide students with exciting learning experiences within our Catholic faith environment.

With warmest wishes



**Gregory B Whitby**  
Executive Director  
Catholic Education  
Parramatta of Diocese



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Diocese of Parramatta

# TERM 4

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	9th October	10	11 SCHOOL PHOTO DAY	12	13
2 Newsletter Week	16 Yr1 Excursion to the Zoo	17	18	19 9—11am Kinder 2018 Transition	20
3	23 <b>Staff Develop- ment Day</b> <b>P&amp;F Meeting</b>	24	25	26 9—11am Kinder 2018 Transition	27 2.15pm 2Y & 2B Assembly World Teachers Day
4 Newsletter Week	30	31 Yr 6 Basketball Gala Day	1 November All Saints Day	2 All Souls 9—11am Kinder 2018 Transition	3
5	6	7	8	9 9—11am Kinder 2018 Transition	10
6 Newsletter Week	13	14	15 Step Up Day SAC	16	17 Year 6 Assembly
7	20 Year 4 Cares Excursion	21 Year 4 Cares Excursion	22 Year 4 Cares Excursion	23 Year 4 Cares Excursion SPORT PHOTO DAY	24
8 Newsletter Week	27 7pm Kinder 2018 Parents Information Night	28	29	30 St Andrews Day 9—11 am Kinder 2018 Orientation Day	1 December
9	4 2 pm Changeover afternoon 2018 Orientation Afternoon Orientation day SAC 2018 YR7	5 Stage 3 Disco	6 Stage 2 Disco 6—8.30pm Year 6 Farewell Night	7 1.30—3.00 Christmas Celebration Whole School	8 Principals Awards Assembly Infants 9:30 Primary 10:00 Parent Helper Morning Tea Stage 1 and Kinder Disco Reports Go Home
10 Newsletter Week	11	12 Year 6 Leaders Bowling Day	Year 2 Power- house Museum Excursion 7:00 pm Year 6 Graduation Mass	14 Year 6 Rewards Day	15 LAST DAY OF THE YEAR!!!!

# TUCKSHOP2U

HEALTHY - AFFORDABLE - CONVENIENT

## What is TUCKSHOP2U?

Tuckshop2U is an easy-to-use school lunch ordering service that delivers healthy, affordable and convenient lunches directly to schools.

Our mission is to prepare and deliver fresh and nutritious lunches that your child will look forward to eating!

## Join Today!

With over 80 menu items to choose from, we're certain we can provide nutritious lunches that your child will look forward to eating!



Meal



Drink



Snack



Fruit



1300 TUCKER(1300 882 537)

[info@tuckshop2u.com.au](mailto:info@tuckshop2u.com.au)

[tuckshop2u.com.au](http://tuckshop2u.com.au)



### Healthy & Sensible

- Great tasting options
- Meals perfectly balanced by our expert paediatric nutritionist
- Top quality lunches freshly prepared every day

### Affordable & Flexible

- Great value, satisfying meals delivered straight to your child's school
- No contracts or minimum orders
- Order up to 4 weeks in advance
- Order up to 11pm the night before

### Convenient & Simple

- Easy-to-use website
- Children go to school cash free
- Instant order confirmation emails at checkout
- Secure payment options (PayPal and Credit Card)

No queues. No cash. Hello convenience!



Did you know Tuckshop2U can cater for any event whether it be large or small?

Find out more at [tuckshop2u.com.au](http://tuckshop2u.com.au)

## How It Works

Would you LOVE to make school-packed lunches a thing of the past?

Tuckshop2U can make that happen! Here's how:



### Order online

Lunches ordered online are delivered straight to your child's school, labelled with their name, class and order description. Meals can be ordered as early as 4 weeks in advance or as late as the night before.



### Choose your lunch pack

Tuckshop2U offers 1,2,3,4 and 5 item lunch packs with a range of options to choose from.



### Lunch is delivered to school

Lunch packs are delivered in approved eskies with ice pads to keep them at the correct temperature whilst in transit. The eskies are then dropped off at designated delivery areas within the school and distributed to each class.

## Our Packages

Different Appetites. Different Packs.

Tuckshop2U has 7 lunch packs to choose from:



Single Pack From \$2.45



Mini Pack From \$5.95



Fruity Pack From \$8.45



Lite Pack From \$7.95



Snack Pack From \$11.95



Tucker Pack From \$11.95



Mighty Pack From \$12.95



# P&F News

## Parents and Friends

### **"The Entertainment Book" Fundraiser**

Thank you to all those families and staff who purchased an Entertainment Book. At our school assembly last Friday, Jenny Adams from The Entertainment Book company, presented the school with a cheque for the amount of \$1054. A great effort considering it was the first time our school conducted this particular fundraiser.

### **Upcoming events**

#### **Christmas Hamper Raffle**

It's that time of year again and we are conducting our usual Christmas Hamper Raffle. Please buy some tickets for your chance to win a great hamper, with the sale proceeds going towards resources for our school.

#### **Christmas Raffle Ticket Sheets**

Raffle ticket sheets will be sent home early next week. This year we are conducting a new format. Instead of raffle tickets, we will be sending home a raffle ticket sheet consisting of 10 tickets.

It is important that all the contact details are filled out correctly, most importantly the student's name and class. This new format is being used, so we can more easily contact the winners of the hampers than we have been able to do so in the past.

If you don't receive a sheet and would like one, please obtain a copy from the school office.

#### **Christmas Hamper Appeal Notice**

These notices will be sent home soon with each student, listing what students from each grade, apart from Year 6, can donate towards the hampers. All kindly donated items are to be returned by **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December**.

The hampers will be put together, and the Raffle drawn on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**. If you are a lucky winner, the hampers will be available for collection at the school Christmas Celebration on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December**, otherwise you will be contacted by the school office to collect it thereafter.

If you can help to put the hampers together on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 9am** or if you or anyone you know would like to donate a prize, please contact **Maria on 0413 180 787 or Marianne on 0422 786 266**.

# P&F News—continued

## **Term 4 Disco**

**Theme: TBA**

**When: Week 9**

Stage 3 – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Stage 2 – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Stage 1 & Kinder – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Elissa requires parent helpers to pack disco bags on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 9am**. Please contact Elissa on **0411 486 988** if you can help.

## **St Andrews Feast Day Mass**

The P&F will be hosting a morning tea for all parishioners following the St Andrew's Mass, at 9.15am on **Thursday 30th November 2017**. Everyone welcome.

## **World Teacher's Day**

Last Friday was World Teacher's Day and to say thank you to our teachers, the P&F provided morning tea. On behalf of the P&F we would like to say a big thank you to the teachers for all their hard work that they do each day, but especially for preparing the new learning spaces for the students. From what we saw on our tour of the classrooms at the last P&F meeting, they look are amazing.

## P&F NEWS

### CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

*To end the year in the festive spirit, the Parents and Friends Association are planning a Christmas raffle to be drawn on **Tuesday 5th December 2017**.*

*We hope to be able to make loads of Christmas hampers for prizes that will surely appeal to everyone. This is the part where we need your help. We are asking if each family could bring at least one item to donate for the Christmas Hampers. Please have any donations returned by **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017***

*Raffle tickets will be sent home from Monday. **We need to ask that you ensure all items donated are new, unused and unopened otherwise we cannot use them.***

*If you find it difficult to get to the supermarket or department store, please feel free to send in with your child, a donation, in an envelope marked P&F Christmas Hamper Appeal, and we will do the shopping for you.*

**To make your selections easier EACH GRADE HAS BEEN GIVEN A CHRISTMAS THEME as follows: -**

#### **KINDER: Christmas Party Goods**

Eg: Christmas paper plates, bowls, serving platters, paper serviettes, plastic cutlery, Christmas cd's, Christmas crackers etc

#### **YEAR 1: Christmas Decorations**

Eg: Tree Decorations, Table decorations, Lights, Wall hanging decorations, etc.

#### **YEAR 2: Christmas Cards, Ribbons and Wrapping**

Eg: Gift tags, Gift wrap, Gift Boxes, Baskets, Christmas gift tape, Christmas cards etc.

#### **YEAR 3: Christmas Sweets and Nibbles**

Eg: Christmas lollies, Candy Canes, chocolates, biscuits, shortbread, party nibbles etc.

#### **YEAR 4: Christmas Cakes and Puddings**

Eg: Fruit Cakes, Christmas Puddings, Fruit Mince Tarts, Long life custards etc.

#### **YEAR 5: Christmas Table Wear and Kitchen Linen**

Eg: Tablecloths, Napkins, Napkin Rings, Table runners, Christmas candles, Tea towels, Aprons, Ham bags etc.

**YEAR 6: Year 6 are not required to participate as they are donating in class for the school.**

***If you own a business and would like to donate goods or services, the P&F would be more than happy to use these for the raffle also. Kindly leave any donations in the office, marked P&F. Please also attach a business card.***

***Items can be sent in from Monday***

**The P & F committee would like to thank you in advance for your kind donations.**

Raffle Ticket Sheet

<b>Name:</b> _____ <b>Contact No:</b> _____ <b>Student's Name:</b> _____ <b>Student's Class:</b> _____	<b>Name:</b> _____ <b>Contact No:</b> _____ <b>Student's Name:</b> _____ <b>Student's Class:</b> _____
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## Attention: Singers, Dancers and Comedians

The St Andrew Church's youth group (SAYWAT) is having their annual talent show in November. We are looking for singers, dancers, comedians and anyone who wants to showcase their talent to fill out a registration form, return it to the St Andrews Church office or text the number on the form to confirm a screening day! You can find the registration forms at the Church office! This is available for students in Years 4 to 6. Hope to see you there!



Join us for a family night with your picnic basket and blanket to enjoy an evening of live music and Christmas festivities!

**December 1<sup>st</sup>- 5.30-7.30**

***All Proceeds of the event go to Ronald McDonald House***

Face painting, sausage BBQ &  
of course a visit from Santa!

**Free ticketed event**

**Get your tickets at [Trybooking.com](http://Trybooking.com)**

**'Christmas@Oakhill'**



# catholic out of school hours care

## **CHRISTMAS 2017 AND JANUARY 2018: COSHC OPERATION DATES**

To assist COSHC families in planning their education and care needs over the Christmas closure period and to plan bookings for Vacation Care in January 2018, a calendar of Closure Dates and Operational Dates has been issued to all families enrolled with COSHC.

### **COSHC WILL BE CLOSED ON:**

- Monday, 18 December 2017 and Tuesday, 19 December, 2017. COSHC staff will be participating in professional development in line with teachers and school staff.
- The Early Learning and Care team will be on annual leave from 22 December, 2017 to 5 January 2018. COSHC will not be operating during these days.
- COSHC will be closed on Australia Day, 26 January, 2018
- COSHC will be closed on Monday, 29 January 2018 for professional development of staff.

### **FAMILIES, PLEASE NOTE:**

#### **1. Christmas Closure**

The last day of operation of COSHC services will be Friday, 15 December 2017.

#### **2. January Vacation Care**

The COSHC Summer Vacation Care Program commences on Monday, 8 January, 2018 to Thursday 25 January 2018.

#### **3. 2018 Commencement of COSHC operations for Before- and After-School programs**

COSHC will re-open on Tuesday, 30 January, 2018.

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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.