



St. Andrews Primary School

Newsletter Term 1 - Issue 1

2nd February 2018

From the Principal

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope you were all able to spend some quality time with your families over the Christmas and New Year period. As I have said so many times before the children just grow up so fast that it is important to take every opportunity to enjoy quality time with your loved ones. We are just so busy when we are working paying the bills and raising the children and are constantly bombarded with all the bad news regarding the state of the world, we often forget about the most important part of our lives and how lucky we are to share in good family relationships and all the joy this brings to us.

"Sometimes we can lose touch with the purpose of what we are doing in our life; if we let go of our dream, we live without hope and to be without hope is to be without purpose."

"Being positive about ourselves comes not just from the things we actually do but how we feel about ourselves and the level of contentment we have. If we lack self-belief or continue to live in the past or have too strong a desire to be perfect, then we deliberately place obstacles in our life, for we immediately place limits on our development as persons. If we constantly compare ourselves with others, we undermine our worth; it is because each of us is different, that each of us is special. We should not let life slip through our fingers by living in the past; by living one day at a time, we live all the days of our life. We should never be afraid to admit that we are less than perfect; it is this fragile thread in us that binds us together.

So, what are the messages that our children receive by watching and listening to us lead our lives? Do they learn to accept and respect the reality of their own life when it is pleasant and painful; do they learn not to blame others? Do they learn to forgive others and themselves and correct their mistakes? Do they learn to be patient, kind, gentle and compassionate with others and themselves? Do they learn that they don't have to prove themselves better or worse than anyone else?"

I hope we all can enjoy a happy, positive, successful and safe year as we work together in the best interests of the children.

As always, the excitement of a new group of Kinders beginning their school journey is a source of great joy to us all! It is an emotional time for everyone, placing your children in the care of someone else can be a bit scary but I assure everyone that we take this responsibility very seriously. The moment they begin we all start referring to them as our children we hope that the dreams and hopes we have for them are the same as what you want for them and with this sentiment we begin the new year. We wish all these little ones and the new families that have begun the journey here at St Andrews all the best for a happy and fulfilling year.

Building Works- As you can see over the holiday break, the building works are continuing with the exciting works of improving the school grounds. Over the last couple of days I have been visiting the learning spaces and what brilliant spaces they are for your children to be learning in. It will be great to see in the next month or so the completed project. I would like to thank everyone for your ongoing support over the past twelve months as we come closer to completion. We are very fortunate to now have such wonderful facilities to continue the fine tradition of providing such a life giving and dynamic education to the children of St Andrews.

Parent Information Evenings will be held at 7pm on Mon 12th Feb (Years 1/2), Tuesday, 13th Feb (Years 3/4) ,Thurs, 15th Feb (Kinder/Year 5/6). This is a great opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to find out how the class will be organized throughout the year. The teachers will also be asking for parent helpers for the learning spaces on this night. The more support we can get from you the easier it will be for your children to reach their full potential.

Your child will learn best when they know that you are interested in what they are doing. One way you can show that interest is by your attendance at the parent information evenings. It is a chance for you and your children's new teacher to meet to discuss the year's activities and for you to learn about the class routines for the year.

As I always do at the beginning of each year I want to encourage you to take an active interest in your child's education and try to get up to the school to help. If you have any questions or concerns I encourage you to speak with your children's teachers, the **Coordinators Stage 1** Miss Joanne Figuero, **Stage 2-** Mrs Luisa Brewer **Stage 3-** Mrs Debbie Ross I am always available to speak with you to answer questions or clarify anything. Please don't hesitate as you will always be given an honest response. It is always good to hear from you and give another perspective.

P/F Committee- This year we thought we would have our first meeting on Monday 19th February at 7pm. We are always looking for some people to help on this important committee. As with hospitals, schools rely on fundraising to purchase resources that we would otherwise not have. It is also a fun way to meet and enjoy each other's company. I would ask that you strongly consider attending and lending your support to this committee especially some of our new parents.

Focus on Student Attendance- Many of you would be aware of recent articles in the papers and on the television about children's attendance at school and how important it is for them to be at school every day to ensure they are getting the maximum benefit from the instruction they receive. There has been a renewed focus on attendance rates across the country because there is increasing evidence that a larger numbers of students are consistently absent from school. Our focus is your children's learning, building their confidence and enabling them to be successful. You can assist us in our efforts in maximizing instruction time by ensuring that your children are at school each day at 8:50am sharp ready to begin their day of learning. Children coming after 8:50 need to be accompanied to the office by an adult where a late to school form needs to be completed and signed by the parents **This will be recorded as a partial absence in the school roll.** I know that you will support us with our focus on the learning and ready to start the day at 8:50am sharp.

Term calendar- For anyone wishing to know what is coming up here at school please access the school calendar on the school website.

After school pickup/parking. It is always difficult at the beginning of each new school year with dismissal in the afternoons. I would ask all of you to remember the importance of safety. Your children are precious and it is important that everyone is able to leave the school grounds safely. It is also important that we look after the school's neighbour's in the afternoon and not block their driveways as does happen. I understand the difficulties with the pick up in the afternoons. Please do not enter the parish or staff car park for pick up in the afternoon.

Middle gate closed Tuesday, 6th and Wednesday 7th Feb-The demountable building near the church will be moved on Tuesday, 6th February. This will mean that the middle gate access will be closed while this is occurring. When this is completed the gate will reopen. We are only expecting it to be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday at this stage. Access to the school will be via the front gate adjacent to the library and the top gate near the hall for these days.

I hope that you enjoy the year. I look forward to all the great things that we have planned for your children. I trust that I will continue to see many parents involving themselves positively in the life of the school throughout the year as we continue to work together in the interests of the children.

Have a great 2018

Michael Tonnet
Principal

INVITATION TO NEW FAMILIES

If you know of any parents who might wish to enrol their child into our school in 2019 there will be

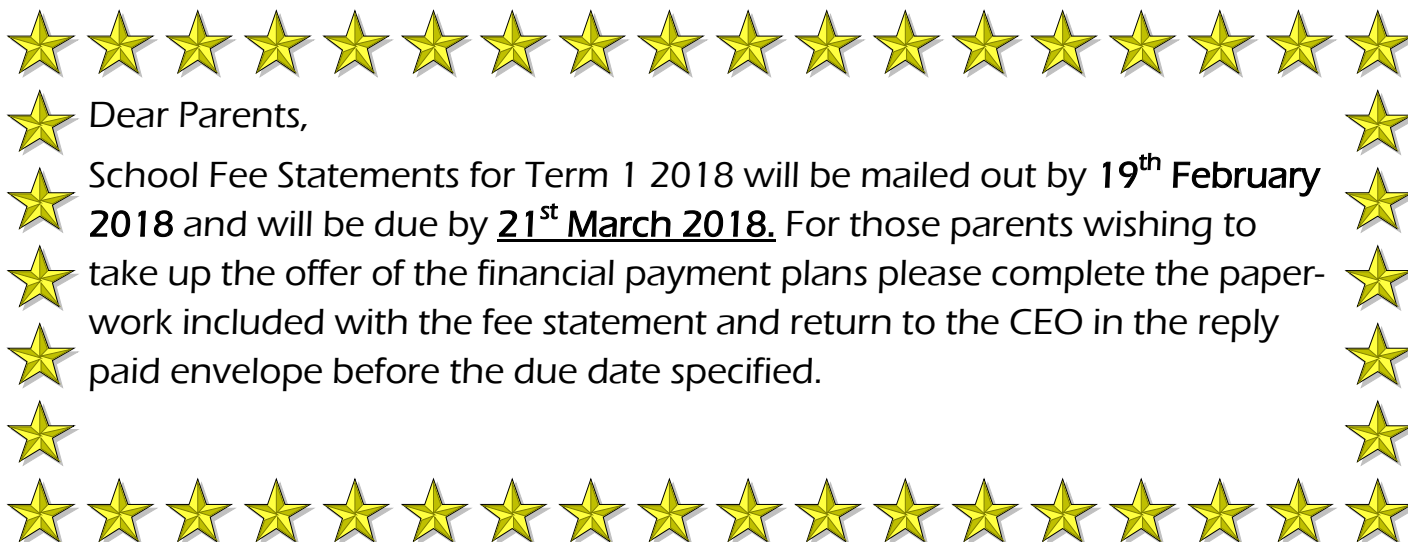
OPEN DAYS AT ST ANDREWS

Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th March

Between 10am and 12 noon

More information to come

Office News



Dear Parents,

School Fee Statements for Term 1 2018 will be mailed out by **19th February 2018** and will be due by **21st March 2018**. For those parents wishing to take up the offer of the financial payment plans please complete the paperwork included with the fee statement and return to the CEO in the reply paid envelope before the due date specified.

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Dear Parents,

Schools cater for many differences that children present, academic, emotional, social and health issues.

Throughout our school, we have children with **life threatening** allergies. This is a serious matter, one that the school must address. Therefore, we appeal to all parents to assist us in caring for these children by considering the type of foods you pack for your own child's lunch.

Our aim is to minimize the amount of **peanut** and **nut** products brought into the school and avoid all foods that contain **nuts**. These foods are extremely dangerous to our children with allergies. Common foods that trigger an allergic reaction are listed below and we ask that they **not** be brought to school at **any time**.

Peanuts – including M & M peanuts

Cashews, hazelnuts, almonds, walnuts and all tree nuts

Peanut butter

Nutella

Sesame seeds – remember some bread rolls have sesame seeds on them including some McDonald's hamburger buns

Foods that contain satay e.g. Thai, Malaysian, Indonesian dishes

Chocolate – blocks, biscuits and lollies

Whole egg – boiled egg, curried egg

In the case of a child bringing a nut product to school, teachers will bring the matter to the attention of parents.

If peanut or nuts are **not** on the ingredient list of a particular packaged food but the food has the statement:

“MAY CONTAIN TRACES OF NUT.....”

this food may be brought to school and consumed only by **non-allergic children**.

Due to safety concerns, we discourage children from sharing food. We would also appreciate parents speaking with children regarding this matter.

We thank you for helping us to provide a safe environment for all of our children.

Student of the Week

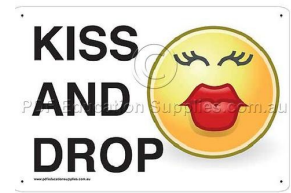


1 Blue	Auristo Husada
1 Green	Uriel Labo
1 Red	Ranvir Minhas
1 Yellow	Charlotte Webster
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3 Blue	Alyssa Bettiol
3 Green	Jolena Valencia
3 Red	Saige Prats
4 Blue	Deng A Deng
4 Green	Connor Tipping
4 Red	Gabriel Narayan
5 Blue	Nigel Karunaratne
5 Green	Jamil Alqass
5 Red	Lara Kearns
6 Blue	Aisis Panaligan
6 Green	Elijah Ashraf
6 Red	Isabella O'Dea
6 Yellow	Ivan Farkas



KISS AND DROP

The Kiss and Drop Zone at the Church undercroft enables parents to drop their children off safely and quickly. The intention is that drivers do not wait in these zones and that they stay in the vehicle at all times. The children should exit on the left hand side of the car only with their bags for a safe and easy exit.



We want to ensure that all children are safe within this area.

Please note:

- The Kiss and Drop area is a NO PARKING AREA.
- Never double park or overtake within this area.
- Drivers **are to** remain in their vehicles at all times.
- Move entirely to the front of the area. Please wait your turn to drop off children.
- When you leave home ensure children are in their seats and have their bags with them. Bags should not be in the boot or back of car unless you are parking in a designated parking area.
- Make sure the children use the footpath side of the car when getting out.
- Never double park
- Do not park in the Staff Car Park
- If you feel the need for a longer goodbye, please park your car in an appropriate spot and take your time. Please do not turn right when exiting the car park in the morning.

Please be respectful of other drivers and children.



TERM 1

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 Newsletter Week	29 January PUPIL FREE DAY	30	31	1 February	2 Kindergarten first full day Twilight swimming
2	5	6	7	8	9 Opening School Mass
3 Newsletter Week	12 Parent information evening- Years 1 & 2	13 Parent information evening Year 3 & 4	14 9.15am Ash Wednesday	15 Parent information evening Years 5 , & Kinder	16 2.15pm St Andrews Assembly
4	19 7pm P&F Meeting	20	21	22	23 Dio Swimming Carnival
5 Newsletter Week	26	27	28	1 March	2
6 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK	5	6	7	8	9 2.15pm St. Andrews Assembly
7 Newsletter Week	12	13	14	15 6pm Kindergarten welcome BBQ	16
8	19	20	21	22	23
9 Newsletter Week	26	27	28	29 10am Stations of the Cross	30 GOOD FRIDAY NO SCHOOL
10	2 April EASTER MONDAY NO SCHOOL	3 Disco Yr 5 & 6	4 Disco Yr 3 & 4	5 Disco Infants	6 School Cross Country Year 3—6 2.15pm St Andrews Assembly
11	9	10	11	12	13 LAST DAY OF TERM

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

PUBLISHED October 2017

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
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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



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Fruity Pack From \$8.45



Lite Pack From \$7.95



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Tucker Pack From \$11.95



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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.**



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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
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- > 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.



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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! 

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School Opal Card – Please Assist!

This is being forwarded to you by Busways, the bus operator that provides your school bus services, regarding student use of School Opal card.

An important requirement of School Opal is the need for students to Tap On and Tap Off when they travel to and from school.

Opal data gathered by tapping on and off is used to determine demand for bus services.

If students don't Tap on and Tap off, services may be cancelled or reduced due to the lack of recorded patronage. With this in mind, we again ask for your assistance in reminding your students that tapping on and off at the beginning and end of each trip is one of the conditions of using a School Opal card. This in turn helps us ensure we are able to provide the appropriate level of service to your students.

To assist the schools, Busways is developing a campaign to further promote and encourage the use of School Opal. We will also continue to conduct boarding checks on School Opal cards over the coming months. Students without an Opal Card will be given a brochure to take home identifying how they can get an Opal Card.

Please support Busways staff with afternoon boarding's and checks to ensure minimal delays to bus departure times and demonstrate a united front to students on bus travel and Opal Card use.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.



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From age 6 to seniors

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REGISTRATION DATES IN 2018

★ Thu 1 Feb 2018, 6-8.30pm @ Quakers Hill Girl Guides, 60 Falmouth Rd, Quakers Hill

★ Sun 4 Feb 2018, 10am-1pm @ Westpoint Blacktown, Level 1 (near Woolworths)

(Saints Netball Dresses can be tried on and ordered/purchased at Registration)

GRADING NIGHTS: 20th & 27th Feb 2018

Join St Andrews Netball Club!

Registrations

Online Registrations are open for Seniors from 4 January 2018; Juniors can register online from 1 February 2018, 8am onwards: <https://netball.resultsvault.com/common/pages/reg/welcome.aspx?cf=1&ssredirect=1&mode=0&id=21054&entityid=43305>. Alternatively, Registrations can be completed on registration days.

Cost

Net-Set-Go (ages 6-10) **\$197**; Juniors (ages 11-17) **\$215**; Seniors (ages 18 and over) **\$250**. A \$100 NSW Government rebate is available for children enrolled in school from Kindy to Year 12.

Uniforms

The uniforms for St Andrews Netball Club have changed. New uniforms can be tried on and ordered/purchased at Registration. Returning players are required to purchase the new uniform.

Uniform package **\$75** (includes dress, shorts, drink bottle and bag).

Please email contact@saintsnbc.com.au for enquiries, or call Stacey on 0410 509 033 or Mary on 0415 054 348.

You can find us on Facebook @saints.netball.7 or log on to <http://standrewsnbc.nsw.netball.com.au> more information.



Find us on
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**From January 2018, the NSW Government will provide \$100 through a voucher system for parents/guardians/carers to contribute to the cost of their children's participation in sport and active recreation.*

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