



TERM 1 WEEK 2

St. Andrew's Christian School

NEWSLETTER



Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful start to the 2016 school year. I have had the privilege of welcoming many new students and their families to our great school.

We also welcomed some new members of staff—Mr James Kidd is our new Teacher of Personal Development, Health and Physical Education. Mr Kidd also heads up our sport program for the whole school. Our new Music Teacher is Mrs Fiona Wood. Mrs Wood was the Director of the Clarence Valley Conservatorium of Music and is a highly skilled musician. Mrs Wood will be teaching both Primary and Secondary Music Programs.

Our new Year 7 and 8 classes have just completed our Junior High Camping Program led by our School Chaplain, Mr Mick Schilling. These camps are part of our outdoor education program.

The Prep Class have moved to a new location in the school grounds within a completely enclosed safety fence.

I have just completed some research on high achieving H.S.C. students and one of the results shows a direct correlation between high literacy levels and excellent results. Parents, it is important for you to encourage your children to spend time reading each day. Consider using the school library and/or visit the Grafton City Library which is well suited to children and young adults. Time spent reading each day is of enormous benefit to your child's education.

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is grown up he will not turn from it" Proverbs 22:6.

Mr Mac Lindsay
Principal

Key Dates:

Swimming Carnival	10/2
Meet The Staff	11/2
P&F AGM	26/2
Year 7 Vaccinations	23/3
Good Friday	25/3
Easter Monday	28/3
Yr 12 Half Yearly Exams/Yr 10 Work Exp	31/3-8/4
Last Day Term 1	8/4

Things to Remember

- Canteen Volunteers needed
- If your child has lost items of clothing, please come and check lost property.
- Teacher supervision of students (8:15am in the morning until final departure of last bus (approximately 3:40pm))
- Parents/Carers must sign in at the office and pick up a visitors tag when visiting the school for any reason

Year 7 and 8 Uniforms

Sports Uniform days for Year 7 and 8 are now Monday and Thursday.



'NO NUT POLICY'

FOR SOME TIME NOW OUR SCHOOL HAS HAD A 'NO NUT POLICY'. IT IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT AS MANY OF OUR STUDENTS HAVE LIFE THREATENING ALLERGIES TO NUTS. PLEASE DO NOT SEND PRODUCTS THAT LIST ANY KIND OF NUTS OR SESAME SEEDS ON THE INGREDIENTS LIST.

Diaries

Please check your child's diary regularly. In it you will find:

- information about school procedures
- communication space between teachers, parents and students
- uniform guidelines (and warning records)
- behaviour procedures (and detention records)
- merit certificate records
- homework and assessment tasks (entered by the students as required)

Year 7 and 8 English Homework

The Year 7 and 8 English students have been given their homework schedule for Term 1. It outlines which page numbers from the Complete English 1 or 2 or English Rules! 1 Homework books are due each Friday. The books are available at the office at \$23 each. Please purchase these and cover them in clear adhesive book covering as soon as possible. The first homework for English is due February 12.

NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM 2016

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

In 2016 the following vaccines will be offered to Year 7 students*:

- dTpa vaccine (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (whooping cough)) as a single dose
- varicella vaccine (chickenpox) as a single dose; and
- human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in a 3-dose schedule at 0, 2 and 6 months (students who commence HPV vaccination in Year 7 but do not complete the course may be offered catch-up doses at school in Year 8)

* *The Parent Information Kits contain a consent form, information sheet and privacy statement that details how personal information will be collected, stored and utilised.*

Parent Information Kits will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to:

- read all the information provided
- complete the consent form, including signing their name next to the vaccine/s they would like their child to receive
- return the completed consent form to their child's school
- ensure that their child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at:

www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation

To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible.

Please note that for HPV vaccine only, parents/guardians must record their Medicare Number (all 10 digits and the 11th number beside the child's name) on the consent form, as this is required to record the student's information on the National HPV Vaccination Register and (for female students only) link to the National or State Cervical Screening Program.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.



Trying to Limit Screen time to Two hours?

Help is at Hand! eSafety for parents - Too much time online

Trying to drag your children away from online games, apps, YouTube videos or social networking? Want to know what is normal and when they are spending too much time online?

Child development experts, including psychologist Dr Helen Street, answer questions about how much time children should spend online.

Search online for "Esaftety for parents too much time on line" and follow the links or click on:

<https://esafety.gov.au/education-resources/parent-resources/esafety-for-parents-too-much-time-online>

*But Jesus called them to him, saying,
"Let the children come to me, and do
not hinder them, for to such belongs
the kingdom of God".*

Luke 18:16

CANTEEN

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
PLEASE CONTACT THE OF-
FICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE
TO HELP OUT.**

Primary Perspective.

Welcome to returning and new students. It is exciting to see new families join our school community. It is also wonderful to welcome our new Prep students, who are starting their educational journey.

All students are in the process of being assessed in literacy and numeracy, this occurs three times a year. This is to ensure that all students receive the most appropriate instruction. Multilit, Minilit and our maths programs have begun again, which is great because it is wonderful to see the students making great gains in their literacy and numeracy.

Parents, research has proven that successful students in the H.S.C. have high literacy skills and the way to help us to equip your child with these skills is to read to them, or have them to read to you every night. Each student from Prep to Year 6 has been given a Home Reading Diary where they can record each nights reading, at the completion of each 25 nights reading they will be awarded a reading certificate that will be presented at assembly and contribute towards their Deputy Principal awards which leads to the Principals medallion.

All students in the school have a library number and are eligible to borrow books from the library, each class is taken to the library on a weekly basis to borrow. All that is required is a library bag.

**Mrs Barbara McLachlan
Deputy Principal**