

St. Andrew's Christian School

NEWSLETTER



Principal's Report

We have just farewelled our guest students from South Korea. They proved to be great ambassadors for their country and some sound friendships were formed with both our students and the host families.

The building program is proving to be most successful—the disability workshop is almost complete. We took delivery of specially designed work benches to be installed in the new workshop which adjoins the main workshop.

The automotive workshop is almost complete with the fitting of long roller doors to enable the movement of vehicles into the workshop. Plans are now being made to fit side benches and an electric hoist.

Our Year 12 have completed their trial H.S.C. exams in preparation for revision work in each subject. It is most important that our Year 12 attend each day so that they can take advantage of this valuable revision in each subject.

We continually thank God for our great school.

"Sing To the Lord, O kingdoms of the earth, sing praise to the Lord".

Psalms 68:32

Mr Mac Lindsay—Principal
Principal

PREPATORY AND KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION DAYS



Have you got a child who will start school in 2017 or 2018?

Do you know someone who has a child of that age and is looking for a good school to send their child to?

Our first Preparatory and Kindergarten Orientation Day is on 20th September, which is an opportunity for parents and children to see what our great school is all about.

Please let Jo Gutteridge or any of the Primary staff know so we can keep everyone informed.

Key Dates:

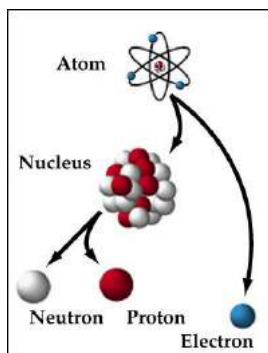
<i>Secondary State Athletics</i>	25/08
<i>AFL Gala Day/CANTEEN CLOSED AT SCHOOL.</i>	31/08
<i>Father's Day Stall</i>	1/9-2/9
<i>Year 7 Open Day</i>	14/09
<i>'Spotlight' Performing Arts Night/Prep & Kindergarten Orientation Day</i>	20/09
<i>Year 11 Yearly Exams</i>	19/09-23/09
<i>Last Day Term 3</i>	23/09

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*
- *Homework Club, Thursday afternoons from 3 p.m.—4 p.m.*

Year 11 Physics

The Year 11 Physics students have been studying the universe, the Big Bang Theory, $E = mc^2$ and the life and death of stars. It has been a fascinating journey that gives you a whole appreciation for a star-filled night. Nuclear fusion, radioactivity, sunspots and solar wind have challenged our imagination and gave us motivation to learn more. It has been a great year of learning with reviewing and preparation for yearly exams already commencing.



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 OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUT.



From the Deputy Principal:

Our **Embedding Excellence** grant (some completed a survey earlier in the year) has revealed 3 Strategic Pillars of focus. These are: Assessment – student data and teacher practice; Literacy P-12; Parent Involvement. As we aim to encourage and grow your child, we also do so for ourselves - continually aiming to glorify and honour God in all we do (1 Cor 10:3).

Year 7 Open Day will be on September 14. Please spread the word and invite anyone who is starting Year 7 in 2017 to come and see what our great school has to offer. No obligation.

Year 8 have made their Round 1 choices for subjects for their Year 9 electives in 2017.

Year 10 are in the process of choosing courses for their Preliminary year. They were interviewed last week to discuss the best courses for their future career choices.

Please **pray** for many of our school families who are impacted by cancer at present. Pray for peace, strength and healing during this difficult time.

You are invited to join us each Friday morning at our whole school assembly from 9-9:30 am in the COLA.

NAPLAN results are due out in September. You might have seen reports about the writing being particularly poor. Eight of our staff are attending a fantastic program called "Seven Steps to Writing Success" on Saturday, August 25. I have already implemented this in Year 7 and 8 and what super writing I have enjoyed already!

Here are some of the "**Sizzling Starts**" Year 7 have written:

- A hand came out of nowhere... (Jesse McKenzie, *The Muddy Boy*)
- Oozy, sticky laughter – how did that happen? (Lucy Conroy, *The Muddy Boy*)
- It was quiet. Too quiet. (Kaitlin McWilliams, *No teachers today*)
- The mud was thick and brown and tasted disgusting. (James Fuller, *The Muddy Boy*)
- My ears were booming with screams of excitement. (Jorja Graham, *No teachers today*)

Chaplain's Report

Hi everyone! I want to thank everyone for their prayers and warm welcome back from my extended break due to an operation, God has truly been amazing in my recovery and I am very excited to be back at school. God has opened the eyes and hearts of two students who have invited him into their lives, please pray for them that God will nurture and grow them in faith, one was a Korean girl who has been truly impacted by the love and care she has experienced by all our school staff and students and her homestay family.

I want to thank all of the homestay families for the way they looked after their Korean students, may God bless you for all your care, nurture and love that you showed the Koreans, they told me that they are ever grateful for the way you welcomed them as part of your family and they were very sad to leave. Please keep praying for the Korean students as they settle back into Korean lifestyle.

This week we are starting planning for our next mission trip for the middle of 2017, all students that are interested who will be in Year 9 and up next year, are able to fill out an application form which they can get from me. Please pray about this and pray for God to select those whom He wants to be involved. I want to encourage all students to attend the mission meetings that we will have during lunchtimes (day to be advised) to come along. If you would like to support this mission to Mama Sayang Orphanage please call myself or Jo at school for further information.

Proverbs 16:9 "in his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps"

May the grace and peace of Jesus guard your hearts and guide you in all you do.

Mick Schilling

'SPOTLIGHT' PERFORMING ARTS EVENING



Come along and enjoy a night at our
'Spotlight' Performing Arts Evening
Featuring students and staff from St. Andrew's.

To be held on Tuesday 20th September 2016
commencing at 6.30 p.m. at the
Salvation Army in Oliver Street, Grafton.
Entry by Gold Coin donation raising funds for
The Bright Lights Orphanage in the Philippines.

July/August are the months when it is recommended that all girls in Year 7 and 9 participate in the NSDP by downloading the Self-Detection Brochure for Scoliosis at www.scoliosis-australia.org

K/1/2/3 EXCURSION TO DOLPHIN MARINE MAGIC

An excited cheer echoed around the bus as the big black tyres slowly began to roll carrying a collection of excited students from Kindergarten, Year 1, 2 and 3 as they set off for an extraordinary journey to Coffs Harbour on Thursday. Each student was securely strapped into their seats on the lookout for as many items as possible to mark off on their 'Eye spy' sheet and be the first team with the most amount of points.

The bus rolled into Coffs Harbour and we enjoyed our splendid morning teas surrounded by the sights of the Jetty Foreshore. Our food was quickly polished off and we trekked to the end of the Jetty, admiring the life below the sea as the waves churned into shore. We got a glimpse of the variety of boats bobbling at the Marina and the continual cleanup work from storms earlier in the year.

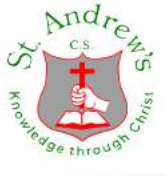
We travelled around to the south wall and timed it perfectly to see mother and pup dolphin bouncing under the water alongside the rocky face as they headed back out to sea. We could also see the boats floating further east looking to bring in their wage for the day. One group even had the opportunity to see a turtle drifting around at the end of the wall.

Having polished off our lunch quickly back at the Jetty foreshore, we quickly made our way to Dolphin Marine Magic. We were able to watch joking and laughing seals and acrobatic dolphins, which were able to perform a magical and tantalising show. The whole group were even lucky enough to get a kiss from one of the dolphins.

After the conclusion of the show we walked around to see some of the marine animals who live at the park including terrific turtles, precious penguins, scary sharks and fantastic fish. We were informed of how our rubbish can impact upon these animals and the need to put our rubbish in the bin and not leaving it to allow these beautiful creatures to swallow it whole.

We finished at Dolphin Marine Magic feeling the rubbery skin of a dolphin when we patted them and then the silky fur of the seal and left for our journey home. We headed to Coffs Harbour Train station and boarded the Country Link train to bring us home. No-one was ready to fall asleep as we all wanted to enjoy the train ride (and most of all not get left on the train). After an exhausting day we pulled into Grafton Station which was holding more adults than it has probably ever held before as we fell into arms of waiting parents from a truly spectacular day.





St. Andrew's Christian School Parents and Friends Association

NEWSLETTER



The P & F would like to thank all those who have helped out with various events through the school year.

Thank you to all the ladies that regularly volunteer in the canteen.

Canteen

During the July holidays, renovation continued in the canteen with the wall and ceilings being insulated, gyprocked and painted. Renovations will continue throughout the next holidays.

Due to the lack of canteen volunteers, 2 days notice needs to be given prior to a volunteer not being able to fill their shift so a note can go home notifying parents that the canteen will not be operating on that day so parents can send their child with lunch.

URGENT—Volunteers desperately needed in the canteen. Please contact the school office if you are able to help.

CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY 31ST AUGUST DUE TO THE AFL GALA DAY.

AFL Gala Day

When: Wednesday 31st August

Where: Ellem Oval. Top and bottom Lower Fischer Park.

Help is needed serving drinks, chips and sausage sizzle. Please contact the office if you are able to help.

Father's Day Stall

When: Thursday 21st September and Friday 2nd September

Where: School

Gifts ranging from \$1.00—\$5.00 will be available to purchase during class time.

If anyone can donate gifts or wrapping paper, please drop them to the school office by Tuesday 30th August.

Help is needed selling and wrapping gifts. Please contact the office if you are able to help.

P & F Meeting

When: Friday 16th September

Where: 2:00 p.m. in the school library

The Jacaranda Fair is fast approaching and lots of volunteer help is needed for this family fun filled day to be a success. Please come to the meeting to offer your ideas and help.

Lots of sponsors and prizes for the auction are still needed. If you are a business and would like to offer sponsorship/prizes or know a business who can help, please contact the office for a school business letter.