

TERM 1 WEEK 3 2017

# St. Andrew's Christian School

## NEWSLETTER



## Principals Report

The school had a great start to the 2017 school year with our students settling in well to their classes.

Our Meet The Staff evening proved to be a great success. Parents and teachers enjoyed a BBQ meal with many groups holding meaningful discussions on the school and the successful commencement of the school year.

We held our annual Swimming Carnival on the Friday of week 1 and it was a great way to welcome in the school year. Participation was at an all-time high and the student's effort and behaviour was outstanding. It was great to see so many parents, family and friends coming to cheer on their children as well as participating in the staff and parents versus students relay. Congratulations to the senior boys team for taking out the race. I would like to also congratulate and thank our new house captains on their organisation and team spirit throughout the day. Congratulations to outstanding swimmers Bailey Gutteridge and Tirzah McKenzie who gained 1st place in all of their events.

The sporting house championship was taken out by Stevens on 567 points followed by Marsh on 448 points and Thorn on 296 points.

The Zone Carnival is going to be held at Maclean Olympic Swimming Pool, Argyle St. Maclean on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> of February. Congratulations to all students who have qualified for the carnival and all the best with your preparation leading up to the event.

We would also like to thank all of the volunteers who helped out on the BBQ at the carnival. Your help was much appreciated.

The opening of the new disability workshop and automotive workshop will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. The Federal Member, Kevin Hogan will be officially opening the workshops on behalf of the Commonwealth Government. The ceremony will commence at 11 am and will be followed with refreshments.

Isaiah 61:10 "I delight in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness".

### Key Dates:

Zone Swimming Carnival—Maclean Pool	21/2
Official Opening of Auto-	22/2
Zone Touch Football—	2/3
Primary State Swimming	6/3
Year 7 Vaccinations	22/3
Cross Country	24/3
Secondary State Swimming	27/3
Year 12 Half Yearly Exams	29/3-6/4
Year 10 Work Experience	3/4-7/4
Last day of Term 1	7/4

### Things to Remember

- Canteen Volunteers Needed
- If your child has lost items of clothing, please check lost property.
- Teacher supervision of students (8.15 a.m. in the morning until final departure of the last bus (approx. 3.40 p.m.))
- Parents & Carers must sign in at the office and pick up a visitors sticker when visiting the school for any reason.



### 'NO NUT POLICY'

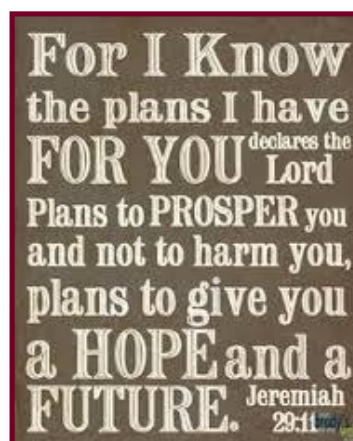
FOR SOME TIME NOW OUR SCHOOL HAS HAD A 'NO NUT POLICY'. IT IS

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.



# PRIMARY PERSPECTIVE

Welcome back to another year at St. Andrew's Christian School. We are looking forward to many exciting happenings. God has truly blessed us with such wonderful students and families this year.

Our students participated in our annual swimming carnival with a wonderful time being had by all, especially our junior students who had their activities in the little pool supervised by Mrs Scott and Mr McLachlan.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> March we are having a visit by Leonie Smith 'The Cyber Safety Lady', this will include presentations to some of our students but more importantly a presentation for parents on how to protect our children on the internet. This will be a free presentation open to all parents in the Clarence Valley and will be held at the Presbyterian Hall in Grafton. A big thank you to the Presbyterian Church for providing their facility.

Please could all student's belongings be labelled with the child's name as it is impossible to differentiate between one school hat and another?

It is so uplifting to see our new students playing so happily with their new friends. As it has been very hot of late could you please ensure that your child has a drink bottle each day and a hat.

To mitigate issues could students please not bring lollies to school as our school is a 'Crunch & Sip School' where we promote healthy eating. As part of this program each primary class has a Crunch & Sip break where they are allowed a piece of fruit or vegetable and a drink of water, this happens at approximately 9.45.

We have students from Year 5 & 6 attending South Grafton High once a fortnight for C.S.I. which is a program for Gifted and Talented science students.

It is great to see students borrowing books from the library. One of the most effective ways to improve your child's HSC mark is for them to read or be read to from the time they are really little. This increases their vocabulary, general knowledge and associates reading with feeling loved and secure. The difference over 12 months between a child that is read to or reads for 10 minutes a night to a child who doesn't is 60 hours of reading so think of the amount of extra words they would hear or read.

**Mrs Barbara McLachlan**

**Deputy Principal/Head of Primary**

## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL—SECONDARY

Welcome to the 2017 school year.

Please continue to view our Facebook page; read the newsletters; peruse the school web site, and check your child's school bag (!) for information about what's on.

You are welcome to join us each Friday morning for the whole school assembly from 9-9:35am in the COLA.

Please come and chat with the Year Coordinators or myself about any concerns, celebrations, events, changes so that we can continue to cater for your child fully.

The 2017 Year Coordinators are: *Year 7* - Fiona Wood and Cathy Irons; *Year 8* – Holly Tucker and Dennis Summersgill; *Year 9* – James Kidd and David Maybury; *Year 10* – Patricia Merz; *Year 11* – Paul Schilling; *Year 12* – Briony Fenton

### Year 7-8 news:

#### **CAMP – new dates**

The compulsory Year 7 and 8 camp to Brooms Head is in Week 9 / March 27-31. Thank you for your patience in this postponement. Please keep Mick Schilling in your prayers as he manages his back injury.

Look for the note in your child's bag soon with the new information. Ross McLachlan (Teacher's Aide) will be present at both the boys' (March 27-29) and girls' camps (March 29-31). He will take on the campsite management and catering roles.

The staff attending are: Dennis Summersgill and Paul Schilling; Jane Barron and Holly Tucker.

They will be running various team building, educational activities and assessment tasks during this compulsory outdoor recreation activity.

#### **Homework - English**

Year 7 and 8 English students will receive homework tasks most days based on the work we have completed in class that day, in previous lessons or preparing for lessons ahead. The task will usually be due the next timetabled lesson on the following days after it is distributed. A due date will be recorded on the top right hand corner when the students write up/ paste the task in their Homework exercise book. They are to bring their Homework book to every lesson, every day.

### Year 9 news:

Year 9 2017 students are the first cohort to be affected by the new 'Stronger HSC' initiative which impacts the 2020 HSC. The Year Coordinator have discussed what this means for the students. For more information, please go to <http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/policy-research/stronger-hsc-standards/>

### Year 10-12 news:

These courses are now in full swing and all students have been enrolled into the NESAs site (NSW Education Standards Authority - formerly BOSTES) in preparation for their official certificates in years to come (RoSA or HSC).

Please be aware of the syllabus and course requirements which are outlined in various handbooks that the students have been directed to. Please contact your child's Year Coordinator for any additional information.

Janelle Rowe

Deputy Principal

## Kindy and Year 1 Class



## Gemma-Rose and Ella

### K/1 Class



# Indonesian Mission Trip Update

Halo, Apa Kabar?

The Indonesian Mission Team has been very busy planning fundraising activities for Semester 1, 2017.

We are planning on visiting an Indonesian orphanage for 9 days in July.

The team members are- Miss Tucker, Mrs Waterson, Mrs Baxter, Bailey G, Elsie B, Emily B, Josh R and Sandy H.

We have begun a "Guess the amount of jellybeans in the jar" competition. The jar and guess book are at student reception for 20c per guess, or 5 for \$1. The closest guess wins the jelly beans. It will be available for a few weeks and drawn on Assembly in Week 5.

After that, we will be starting a Krispy Kreme doughnut fundraiser. Yum! You will receive a note about the doughnuts soon.

Please start thinking about which items you might donate for our giant garage sale in May. As well, we will have an Indonesian night in Term 2. Please support us by participating in our fundraising activities.

Terimah Kasih,

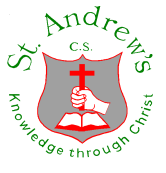
Ebu Baxter

## Year 7 Technology

**Year 7 made  
Fruit Kebabs.  
Nutritious  
and yummy!**







# St. Andrew's Christian School

## PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWSLETTER



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

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

Please fill out the P & F Help Request Form and return it to the front office. Thank you

### Canteen

The P & F have purchased a new drinks fridge. Renovations to the canteen will continue throughout 2017.

### Bunnings B.B.Q and Cake Stall: 11<sup>th</sup> March

Thank you to all those who have offered to help cook, serve and donate cakes. Ruth Zylstra will contact you closer to time with the details. Donations of more cakes and slices are needed.

### School Cross Country Sausage Sizzle

When: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March      Where: School

The canteen will be open for drinks, chips and ice creams but no hot food will be available from the canteen.

A sausage sizzle will be available to students & parents to purchase for lunch.

Volunteers will be needed to cook the B.B.Q and serve on the day.

### Mother's Day Stall

When: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May & Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May      Where: School

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

Help will be needed to serve students and wrap presents.

Donations of gifts and wrapping paper needed.

### P & F Meetings

The P & F AGM will be held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 1.30pm in the school library. All executive position will be deemed vacant. Please return executive nomination forms to the front office by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Please return your P & F membership form to the front office.

P & F Meeting will be held Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm in the school library.

### Working with Children Check

**A working with children check is a requirement for all volunteers at school. If you have a current working with children number please give your number and D.O.B to the front office. If you don't have a current working with children number please go online ASAP and apply for a volunteer one, it does not cost anything [www.service.nsw.gov.au](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au) search working with children check and follow the prompts. For those who can't go online please let the office know ASAP and a day will be made for you to access a computer at school to apply.**

Thank you for your help and support.

**P & F Executive**