



St. Andrew's Christian School

NEWSLETTER



Principals Report

As we come to the end of the term, it is good to look back on the highlights of our first term.

The opening of the disability workshop and the automotive workshop was a very successful event. The Hon. Kevin Hogan visited the school and spoke about his high regard for St. Andrew's Christian School. It was encouraging to meet a good number of our parents at the morning tea.

Our Grandparents Day was a great success with a good attendance of our grandparents visiting classrooms, participating in lessons and sharing recess time with the children. Congratulations to Mrs McLachlan and her staff for organising this great event.

Plans are now well underway for the 2017 Mission Trip to Indonesia. Both staff and students are busy raising funds and organising this most important trip to Mama Sayang Orphanage Christian School in Jakarta.

The 2017 Executive were elected at a recent meeting of our Parents & Friends.

The office bearers are:

- Debbie Simpson—President
- Ruth Zylstra—Treasurer
- Alison Massina—Secretary
- Jannella Murphy—Executive Member
- Tabetha Johnston—Executive Member

Congratulations to each of these parents and we wish them God's blessing on their important work this year.

As we look forward to the future, it is important for us to "commit to the Lord whatever we do, and your plans will succeed".

Proverbs 16:3

Mr M Lindsay—Principal

Key Dates:

Year 12 Half Yearly Exams	29/3-6/4
Year 10 Work Experience	3/4-7/4
School ANZAC Service Last day of Term 1	7/4
First Day Term 2	24/4
ANZAC Day	25/4
Cross Country	28/4
Yr 7 & 8 Brooms Head Camp	1/5-5/5
Zone Cross Country	5/5
NAPLAN	9/5-
Zone Oz-Tag/Netball	16/5
Year 11 Half Yearly Exams	22/5-26/5
Year 7 Vaccinations	24/5

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.

SCHOOL ANZAC SERVICE



Our school Anzac Service will be held on Friday 7th April (last day of term) from 9.00 a.m.—9.30 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend and there will be light refreshments available after the service.

PREP NEWS



Our Prep Class currently has 7 enrolments.

We would really like to increase our Prep numbers, so if you know anyone that maybe interested in our fantastic class, please encourage them to come into the school and find out more details. There is a free trial day available to anyone that may be interested.

Our class have been talking a lot about our bodies and how special God made each of us. We have explored many of the actions and skills that our bodies can do. At the moment we are talking about our emotions and how to identify how we and our friends are feeling. We've also been talking about how to express our emotions in an appropriate manner and how it's important to think about how others around us are feeling too. In this day and age, too many people place a high emphasis on themselves and omit to care for others. Even young children can start to learn the importance of loving others and being good and encouraging friends.



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL—SECONDARY

As we approach the end of Term 1 (already!) it is great to see the students receiving the 'Caughtya' cards, Principal's Awards. Merit certificates and DUO (Do Unto others) award – ask your child about these recognition awards.

Congratulations to the secondary recipients of the **DUO** award thus far: Liam Johnstone – Yr 11, Abrial Taylor – Yr 8 and Grace Pegler – Yr 7.

Year 7-8 news:

The compulsory Year 7 and 8 **camp** to Brooms Head is in Term 2, Week 2 (May 1st—5th). Please ensure all notes and payments are finalised. Mick is now back on deck part time – thank you for your prayers in this regard.

If there are any financial issues regarding your child's attendance and camp, please call the school and chat to Mick Schilling.

The boys attend May 1-3. The girls join them on May 3 for a swap over day and then the girls return on May 5). Classes for the girls will be held while the boys are at camp and vice versa. The classes at school are focused on the remaining students knowing that they will be single gender groups. As the camp is compulsory, there are no mixed classes running at school.

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.

Year 9 news:

As mentioned, Year 9 2017 students are the first cohort to be affected by the NESA's (formerly BOSTES) 'Stronger HSC' initiative which impacts the 2020 HSC.

NESA has published 36 sample questions for the online literacy and numeracy tests for students to demonstrate they meet the new minimum standard for the award of the HSC from 2020 onwards. The sample questions, while ranging in difficulty, give an indication of the level of functional literacy and numeracy required. We encourage you to have a look and gain an understanding of the content. You and your child may like to try the demonstration tests. They can be found at: <https://hscliteracynumeracy.nesa.nsw.edu.au/> until the end of Term 1.

Year 10-12 news:

Year 10 students have Work Experience in Week 10 (April 3-7) – please assist them in having this organised ASAP. No positions are available at the school to cater for Work Experience, the students must gain an external position. Please contact Paul Schilling for any questions.

Year 12 Half Yearly Examinations start on Wednesday March 29 and continue until Thursday April 6. The students have their timetable for these examinations.

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.

Janelle Rowe

Deputy Principal



ANZAC Day Tuesday 25th April 2017

St Andrew's students are invited to attend the March & Service in South Grafton on ANZAC Day. Students wishing to participate need to be dressed in their full school formal uniform, including a hat, (tie for the boys) & drink bottle at 10:20am on the corner of Skinner & Spring Streets.

The Service at the Cenotaph will begin at 11:15am. Parents need to collect their children at the conclusion of the Service.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Briony Fenton

Chaplains Report

Hi everyone, I want to thank you all for your prayers for healing on my back, it is great to be back at school again to be able to help and support where needed. I have been constantly reminded of our need to trust God in all circumstances. In Isaiah 26: 3-4 it says, "*You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord, is rock eternal*" I pray that no matter what circumstances you find yourselves in that you may trust in God and that he will give you peace and guard your hearts.

We are still looking for homestay families to host some Korean students, particularly families with high school students in them. If you are interested please contact Jo at student reception or myself after hours on 66453601 for a homestay application form or to find out more information.

We have a team of 5 students and 5 teachers who are currently training for a mission trip to Mama Sayang Orphanage in Jakarta in July, please pray for their preparations and for the orphanage which has had a fire burn out their top storey of the boy's complex. They are in need of funds to rebuild, we welcome any donations toward the rebuilding of the orphanage. Donations can be made at the school at student reception.

Please pray for the Year 7 & 8 Brooms Head school camp which is now to be held on Monday 1st May to Wednesday 3rd May for the boys and Wednesday 3rd May to Friday 5th May for the girls, pray for good weather and for the speakers, and that students may build stronger friendships with each other and grow to know the depth of God's love for them and the plans he has for their future.

I am available at school from Monday, to and including Thursday each week. Students and families can arrange an appointment through their teacher or with myself for any support needed. I want to thank all the students, staff and families who utilize the chaplaincy service.

May you know that God is with you in every situation, Deuteronomy 31:8 "*The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you or forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.*"

Mick Schilling—School Chaplain

Mr Maybury's Report

ACE Science

A week in Canberra with Science Teachers from all over Australia provided a glimpse into how other schools teach Science. One strategy is to have interested Year 7-10 students extend their knowledge with independent work in Science that is supported by their teacher or a community mentor that specialises in Science. Several students have expressed interest in this concept. Please contact Mr. Maybury if your Year 7-10 student would invite an opportunity to extend their science knowledge or you would like to become a Science mentor.

Physics

The Year 12 Physics students have been studying motors and generators this term. Their recent assessment activity required them to build Direct Current (DC) electric motors from a magnet, wire, a battery, a wooden dowel and some small metal pieces. The students found the task challenging and were concerned that it was nearly impossible given the time allowed. Extra time, effort and a better understanding of the science involved resulted in success with their motors racing along to the delight of their peers and teachers. Congratulations!

National Science Youth Forum

Applications are now open for Year 11 students to apply to attend the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra in January 2018. Rotary supports the Forum as a method to develop our future science leaders in Australia. Successful applicants are given a grant from Rotary to attend the Forum in Canberra for 10 days with other Year 12 students where they are exposed to world leaders in a variety of science disciplines. Past attendees of the Science Forum have confirmed its importance in the development of their science understanding and passion. Applications close 31 May 2017. See <https://www.nysf.edu.au/applying>.

Year 10 Mathematics

The Year 10 mathematics class started the year working on probability and statistics with all students doing well on their unit topic test. More recently the students are gaining a new appreciation for the power of trigonometry in solving all kinds of real world problems.

Year 8 Science

The year 8 science class started the year examining different solutions and mixtures of materials. This led them into exploration of chemical reactions. The students have been delighted to witness the result of mixing certain chemicals. Parents are encouraged to google videos on Elephant's Toothpaste to view one of the more dramatic reactions done in class.

Year 7-10 Friday Multi-Sport

The students have been sharing the joy of a few new games under the COLA on Friday afternoons while the rain poured down outside. A giant beachball has opened up a new version of volleyball while a smaller beachball has made soccer fun for all. Students have learned new games in kickball and gridiron while enjoying the old favourite of 44 Home



PRIMARY PERSPECTIVE

What a busy time we have been having!!! Kindergarten students are powering ahead with their literacy and numeracy. It is so great to hear them counting to 100, counting by 5s, 10s and just beginning to learn their 1 times tables as well as being able to spell so many words.

Yesterday we had the Cyber Safety Lady Leonie Smith attend the school and give presentations on Cyber Safety for our senior primary students as well as our High School students, the students learnt so much along with me!

All Primary students have been working on rhyming words, if you could assist by asking your children to give you words that rhyme with a word that would be wonderful. Turn it into a game, the words can be nonsense words which don't make sense making it so much fun.

Please create memories with your children by listening to your child and reading to them every night. It can be a really great bonding time, my 6th class students love me reading to them. It also will make a difference to their HSC marks as research demonstrates that students with a vast vocabulary achieve higher marks in their HSC than students who don't. I know that seems a long way off but the grounding that is laid down now is so important. More importantly your children will love it.

Many Blessings

Mrs Mac.



PRIMARY HOCKEY

Hockey is a major sport in Grafton as we all know but it has not always been a major sport here at St Andrews. This has changed over the last few weeks in the Primary with the students having the opportunity to try out some of their hockey skills. We have been blessed to receive a grant to provide all Primary students a chance to have four sessions with a local hockey coach who has come into the school and taught the students many of the different skills involved in hockey. Each session has been accompanied by many laughs and cheers and we are very thankful to Mr Peter Fysh for finding the time to come out and teach us the many skills involved in hockey.



SPORTS UPDATE

It has continued to be a busy term in the sports department with students representing at Zone Swimming and Zone Touch Football as well as preparing for the upcoming events of Cross Country and Rugby 7's.

On Tuesday 21st February, Mr Anderson took the Zone Swimming team up to Maclean to compete in the North Coast Zone Swimming Championships. We had an excellent day with Bailey Gutteridge and Hudson Sheriff receiving outstanding results and qualifying for CSSA State swimming in Sydney. Bailey will be traveling down to Sydney this coming weekend and is competing in the 50 metre Freestyle, the 50 metre Backstroke and the 100 metre Freestyle. We wish him all the best and will be praying for a safe and profitable trip down to Sydney.

In Week 5, Summerland Christian School hosted the North Coast CSSA Zone Touch Football Championships in Ballina. St. Andrew's sent a mixed primary team as well as a senior women's team and a junior men's team to the gala this year. I am very proud of the way that the students played and represented our school and it was great to see the level of skill, as well as their knowledge and understanding of the game improving throughout the day.

The next event on the school sporting calendar is the running of the Cross Country. Unfortunately, due to the level of rain that we have had recently we have had to postpone the event from this Friday until the first Friday of Term 2 (**Friday 28th April**). This gives us extra time to train as well as an extension to our fundraising. I encourage all students to continue to fundraise for our school as well as for the Mama Sayang Orphanage in Indonesia. Remember that you can create an online profile as well as going and asking for cash donations from friends, neighbours or family. I wish you all the best with your fundraising and training efforts. Zone Cross Country is at Casino Christian School (Friday 5th May) and notes will be handed out to competitors at the completion of the St. Andrew's Fun Run. State Cross Country in Sydney will be held on the 2nd June this year Lord Willing.

Other upcoming events for term two are the North Coast CSSA Oz Tag and Netball Gala (16th May), the North Coast CSSA Soccer Gala (15th of June), and we are in the process of training for an upcoming Rugby 7's Gala organised by Rugby NSW in Lismore on Tuesday 23rd May.

Wishing everyone the Lords blessing

James Kidd
Sports Coordinator



