

TERM 2 WEEK 2 2017

St. Andrew's Christian School

NEWSLETTER



Principals Report

Congratulations to all of our students and staff who participated in the recent ANZAC Day march. Our students represented our school well and wore their uniforms proudly as they joined the march to the wreath laying ceremony.

One of the highlights this year has been the Grandparents Day hosted by our Primary classes. Many of the grandparents told me how impressed they were with the staff and students in our Primary School. Congratulations to every one involved in this very successful day.

The school hosted a visit by Ground Cadet Officer, Chris Hanchard. Chris was our School Captain in 2014 and went on to join the RAAF. He is presently in training at Williamtown Air Base in Newcastle.

Our Year 7/8 camps were an outstanding success. The students camped at Broom's Head under the leadership of our School Chaplain, Mr Mick Schilling. Our thanks to the staff members who supervised the different activities.

Parents are reminded that the NAPLAN Tests will be held next week. Notes have been sent to each family with all the details.

A verse that has been both a blessing and guide to me is from Proverbs 16:23. "A wise man's heart guides his mouth, and his lips promote instruction".

Mr Mac Lindsay—Principal

Key Dates:

NAPLAN	09/5-11/5
Dental Visit—Primary	15/5-19/5
Book Character Parade and Biggest Morning Tea	18/5
Yr 11 Half Yearly Exams	22/5-26/5
Yr 7 Vaccinations	24/5
State Touch Football	31/5
State Cross Country	2/6
Indonesian Mission Trip Fundraising Dinner	3/6
Ark Van Visit	9/6
Yr 7-10 Half Yearly Exams	13/6-16/6
Zone Soccer	15/6
Yr 11/12 Meningococcal Vaccinations	19/6
Athletics Carnival	20/6

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



'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 Term 2! We have a very busy term ahead of us. NAPLAN will be held on May 9th, 10th and 11th of May. Remember that while NAPLAN is important it is only a snapshot of your child's performance on one day. Your child is a beautiful blessing from God who is unique and wonderful.

We have Mobile Smiles dentist visiting our school from the 15th of May. All students whose parents have a combined income of under \$120,000 are eligible for dental visits. Your child received a note and this will need to be completed and returned to the school or the form can be filled out online. If there is insufficient numbers the dentist will not be attending the school.

Year 5/6 will be going on the highlight of their schooling. The excursion to Lightning Ridge yeah!!!! Mr & Mrs Mac, Mr & Mrs Schilling and Mrs Browning will be travelling with the children.

The annual Book Parade will be held on Thursday 18th May. Students and teachers get the opportunity to dress up as their favourite book character. How exciting is that! Also there will be a World's Greatest Morning Tea for the parents, with a gold coin with the proceeds for the Cancer Council.

It is so exciting to watch all our students saying their times tables at the end of lunch. Kindergarten and Year 1 are able to say their 2s, 5s, and 10 times tables how exciting is that. Our new Kindergarten students are able to read, spell and write over 50 words, Miss White you are a wonderful teacher.

Mrs Baxter and Mr Anderson are heading off to the University of Armidale to attend Professional Learning in Science.

As Deputy I have attended two days of training at Southern Cross University in the mentoring of student teachers and teachers. All of our teachers at St. Andrew's participate in Professional Learning to ensure that our teaching strategies are the best practices to provide our students with good outcomes. Also this term I will be attending conferences in Sydney.

Miss White will be taking a Primary Netball team to a netball Gala Day on the 16th May.

May this term be one of abundant blessings to all. God has truly blessed our school.

Mrs Mac—Deputy Principal/Head of Primary

ANZAC DAY MARCH



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL—SECONDARY

Welcome to Term 2. I hope that you had an opportunity to rest during the Easter weekend and School Holidays.

- NAPLAN occurs nationwide this month. May 9-11 for Years 3, 5, 7, 9.
May 9: Language Conventions, and Writing (2 papers)
May 10: Reading
May 11: Numeracy
- Please assist your child with the life skill of looking neatly dressed and wearing a uniform well, by enforcing this for school. As it gets cooler, the students will want to wear jackets, tights etc. Please see pages 6-8 of the student diary for the guidelines on uniforms.

Be aware that no hoodies/alternative jumpers or long sleeves under shirts are permitted.
There are many second hand items available for a small cost (\$5-20) at Student Reception if required.

- **Year 12 HSC personalised timetables** were released on April 26, 2017. The students should go to studentsonline and login with their provided student number. Further instructions are in the Year 12 Handbook, page 17.
- **Year 11 Half Yearly Exams** fall in Week 5, this term: May 22-26
- **Year 7-10 Half Yearly Exams** this term are in Week 8: June 13-16
- SmilesOnSite is a **FREE DENTAL SERVICE** servicing regional schools, available for ALL PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS. They will be at the school in **Week 4**. The service requires a preregistration to allow SmilesOnSite staff to schedule and provide adequate time, staff and equipment.

Please use the form sent home with your child, also available at Student Reception. For online registration, the link is on facebook or here: <https://form.jotform.co/71096846596876>

- **Year 9 Stronger HSC** – please view this link with a short video to help you and your child understand the new requirements for their HSC in 2020. <http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/about/initiatives/stronger-hsc-standards/minimum-HSC-standard>

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

Janelle Rowe

CROSS COUNTRY



YOUTH FORUM

On Tuesday 4th April the Student Representative Council members from Years 6-12 had the opportunity to attend a forum to discuss what kind of community they want to live in. Members of other school's SRC also attended the forum and it was a fantastic opportunity for our school to be represented and have input into making the Clarence Valley a more positive and supportive area to grow up in.

Briony Fenton (SRC Co-ordinator)

I was blessed to attend the youth forum with the SRC. I found the forum to be a great opportunity to articulate a Christ centred opinion; that is, my own and my school's opinion on what is impacting our youth in the local community, and suggesting strategies in order to amend these current issues as we move forward into the future. We discussed matters including the importance of providing a message of love, kindness, and hope to the youth community, the importance of leadership (especially godly leadership), the need for consistency in youth events that encourage positive relationship building for younger individuals and many other relevant issues impacting our city.

Attending this session was a positive experience and a divine appointment, as it allowed our school to voice its Gospel orientated position on the issues facing younger people within our community, and I am personally excited to see the hope that is brought about by the implementation of strategies such as these point younger men and women to our Saviour.

Joshua Rowe (School Captain, 2017)





Our school will be hosting a **Biggest Morning Tea** on **Thursday (18th May 2017)** outside the School Library for parents and carers to enjoy for a gold coin donation.

Cupcakes will be available for students to purchase at recess for \$1 each.

This is a great opportunity to support a very worthwhile cause. With your help, we raised \$550 last year - let's see if we can match it or do even better this year!!



SMILES ONSITE

St. Andrew's Christian School is collaborating with Smiles Onsite to promote healthier, happier smiles at our school! This incredible service is being offered for FREE under the federal government's Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS), and comes along with the chance to grab some amazing prizes.

All students have been given a consent form to take home so that they can participate, and also so that they can go in the draw to win prizes!!

How does it work?

The Child Dental Benefit Schedule grants all eligible parents with \$1000 Medicare benefit which can be used towards dental expenses per child, over a two year period. Eligible parents should receive a confirmation letter; however if you are still unsure, Smiles Onsite can check for you on completion of their consent form.

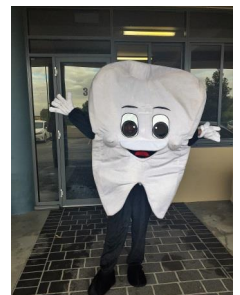
Can I make use of this service if I'm not eligible?

Of course! Smiles Onsite can do almost everything that your local dentist can do on board their unique mobile Clinics. If you would like them to see your child for a scale and clean, fillings, fissure seals etc., these services can be offered with NO GAP payable.

This service is a great opportunity to get kids into the habit of good oral hygiene, and we hope you're as excited about it as we are!

You can fill out the dental consent form for your son or daughter by selecting this link - <https://form.jotform.co/70850233794863>

If you have any further questions about this program or your eligibility, please contact Smiles Onsite directly on 1800 276 453.



NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM

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 2017 the following vaccines will be offered:

YEARS	VACCINE	NUMBER OF DOSES
Year 7		2-doses in 2017 at least 6 months apart*
	Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine	Single dose
	Varicella vaccine (chickenpox) – catch-up	Single dose
Years 11-12	Meningococcal ACWY vaccine	Single dose

* The second dose of HPV vaccine is being delayed to later in the year (at least 6 months after the first dose) to allow the recently-announced Meningococcal ACWY Vaccination Program to be offered to students in Years 11 and 12 from Term 2 when the second dose of HPV vaccine is usually given. There is no harm for Year 7 students in delaying the second dose of HPV vaccine and further advice for parents will be provided later in the year regarding HPV course completion.

Parent Information Kits that include an information sheet, consent form and privacy statement will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to:

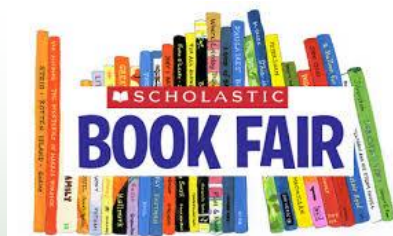
- read all the information provided
- complete the consent form, including signing their name next to the vaccine/s they would like their child to receive
- return the completed consent form to their child's school
- ensure that their child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Please note that students who commence HPV vaccination in school clinics in Year 7 but do not complete the course during the school year may be offered catch-up doses at school in Year 8. Students who have any HPV doses at their GP will be advised to complete the course with their GP.

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.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic as a physical card. 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.



Scholastic Book Fair
Monday 15th—Friday 19th May
In the School Library

You are invited to St Andrew's Christian School

Book Character Parade






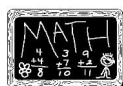
and "Biggest Morning Tea"

Prep and Primary students are to come dressed as their favourite book character and will be involved in a variety of activities throughout the morning. There will be prizes on the day.

The Scholastic Book Fair will also be running, selling a range of children's books.

Parents are invited to join us for the morning's activities and at the conclusion join us for "Australia's Biggest Morning Tea" with a gold coin donation.

When: Thursday 18th May 9:15–11am
Where: St Andrew's Christian School Library
What: Students dress as their favourite book character

From Mr Maybury



Year 8 Science

The Year 8 Science class has been learning about conducting experiments with controlled, independent and dependent variables. The students have an opportunity to demonstrate their understanding and imagination with their Experiment Report that is due on 31 May 2017. This assignment is required for each Year 8 student to successfully pass the course. The Experiment Report asks the student to safely conduct an experiment at home and document their results. The assignment sheet was provided to the students on 27 February 2017.

Year 10 Math

The Year 10 Math Students have been learning this term about financial mathematics with simple interest, compound interest including how mortgages work and depreciation.

Year 11 Physics

The Year 11 Physics students have been completing their work on electricity and refining their skills in conducting experiments. Their second assessment on electricity and experimental method is on 10 May.

Year 12 Physics

The Year 12 Physics students have been completing the topic of Ideas to Implementation and reviewing past HSC exams. They are working on an **EXTENDED EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATION (EEI)** that requires a proposal submission on 31 May.

St. Andrew's Parents and Friends invite all St Andrew's family and friends to a:

Tupperware Party Social Afternoon Tea

Saturday 27 May 2017

1.30pm – 3.30pm

School Library

Come and join us for an afternoon tea while Breanna Campbell, one of the school mums, demonstrates the latest items from the Tupperware range. There will be plenty to do on the day from games to lucky door prizes.

Entertainment will also be provided for children so bring them along too!

Proceeds from any sales on the day will go towards buying new items for the school canteen.

If you can't make it on the day, Tupperware catalogues and order forms will be available from the Office.

To organise numbers for the day, we ask if you would like to attend to complete the attached form below and return to the office by no later than Wednesday 24 May 2017.

Please note for those attending we ask if you could bring a plate.

I _____ will be attending the Tupperware Party

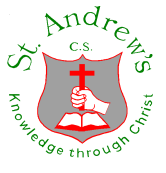
I will be bringing _____ friends

I will be bringing _____ children



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St. Andrew's Christian School

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the latest edition of the Parents and Friends Newsletter

Canteen Volunteers

The P&F are still looking for volunteers to help in the canteen on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday. Full training is provided. If you are able to assist, please see Jo in the office.

Mother's Day Stall

When: Thursday 11th May and Friday 12th May

Where: School

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

Tupperware Party Social Afternoon Tea

When: Saturday 27th May 2017

Where: School Library

The P&F will be holding a Tupperware Party social afternoon tea in the School Library from 1.30-3.30pm on Saturday 27th May. All parents, friends and children are welcome to attend. Details of the afternoon are included on the attached flyer. If you are unable to attend on the day, you can still place an order using brochures and order forms available from the office. Proceeds from the day will go towards buying new items for the canteen.

Bunnings's BBQ and Cake Stall

When: Saturday 3 June 2017

The next Bunnings BBQ and Cake Stall will be held on Saturday 3 June 2017. Volunteers are needed to help with the BBQ and/or provide cakes and slices. If you can help on the day, please let the office know.

Athletics Carnival

When: Tuesday 20 June 2017

Where: Barnier Oval

The annual St. Andrew's Athletics Carnival will be held at Barnier Oval on Tuesday 20 June. As in previous years, the P&F will be running a canteen and BBQ lunch for parents and students. If you can help on the day, please let the office know.

Jacaranda Fair

When: Saturday 28th October

Where: School

Planning is underway for our annual Jacaranda Fair which will be held on Saturday 28th October. If you would like to be on the planning committee or who like to hold a stall on the day, please see Euleen in the office.

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 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