

TERM 2 WEEK 10 2017

# St. Andrew's Christian School

## NEWSLETTER



## Principals Report

Our parent teacher night proved to be a great success. It was wonderful to see the good numbers of parents coming to discuss their child's Half Yearly Reports. It is most important for our parents to be actively involved in their child's education.

At the end of the first semester it is encouraging to look back and witness the continued growth and development of this great school. I would like to also recognise and thank the great work being achieved by our P & F Executive in the further development of our canteen and advertising our school to the local community.

We have recently enlarged our sporting facilities with an indoor volleyball court, 2 handball courts and a futsal court. These facilities are a great addition to our sports program.

Parents are reminded that our mid term holidays are extended by 1 week for our students. Our teachers will be attending a number of professional development activities during that last week. The school will be hosting a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) development day on Wednesday 19th July. This is being run by the STELR Group from Melbourne and supported by ORICA Energy.

Term 3 will commence for all of our students on Monday 24th July.

*"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed, for the Lord works out everything for His own ends" Proverbs 16: 3-4.*

**Mr Mac Lindsay—Principal**

## Key Dates:

<b>Indonesian Mission Trip</b>	<b>12/7-20/7</b>
<b>First Day Term 3</b>	<b>24/7</b>
<b>Zone Athletics Carnival</b>	<b>25/7</b>
<b>Yr 9/10/11 Visual Arts Excursion—ARTEXPRESS</b>	<b>26/7</b>
<b>State Soccer</b>	<b>27/7</b>
<b>School Photos</b>	<b>2/8</b>



## '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.



## 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

# YEAR 11 & 12 PHYSICS AND BIOLOGY

Our Year 11 & 12 Physics students travelled to Dreamworld Amusement Park to learn about data collection, energy transformations, acceleration and velocity calculations along with engineering design.

The park loaned the Physics team armbands to carry their smart-phones with physics analysis apps to measure accelerations, velocities, etc... The biggest acceleration measured on the day was 5 G's on the Buzz Saw ride.

We started the worksheets that Dreamworld provides Physics classes then rode the Giant Drop. It is a ride that takes 7 brave souls up 120 metres in an elevator fashion creeping up the last few metres. Once at the top, the cart is released and drops free-fall for about 4 seconds speeding up to 135km/hr then slowing at 3g's for one second then slowly returning to Earth after a couple more seconds. It is a thrill that several students did for the first time. Everyone considered it exhilarating if not frightening.

Some more time was spent considering the energy, velocity and acceleration values for the Tower of Terror II ride before experiencing the thrill of it. This ride accelerates your cart backwards in a techno-light filled tunnel to 160km/hr in 10 seconds with you and 13 other riders. Once out of the tunnel the track turns skyward carrying the cart to 80 metres above the ground before a brief stop and thunderous return back into the tunnel for braking and return to the start point. A picture is taken as the cart re-enters the tunnel. Ms. Tucker promised to ride the Tower of Terror II if Louise did likewise. The challenge was on and they both experienced the thrill if not terror of it.

We headed over to the Buzz Saw and discussed the physics of this essentially circular ride. It takes the riders vertically to 45 metres above the loading station then releases them upside down to do a full roll and race back down past the boarding station at 100km/hr pulling 5g's in the process. The cart climbs back up the vertical track prior to sliding back down the track reaching 95km/hr going backwards past the boarding station. After one more trip up the vertical track the ride is lowered gently back to the starting point.

After a bit of lunch and more discussion, the Physics group rode the Giant Claw (really big swing-set) then the Hot Wheels roller-coaster with a barrel roll followed by a 3G vertical loop.

Several other rides were completed before we regrouped for the excursion picture and journey home. All in all a great day that taught the Physics students about data collection, pulling G's, energy equations and engineering design.

**David Maybury—Physics Teacher**



The Year 11 and 12 students had a fantastic day at Dreamworld. We were very lucky to get our own personalised tiger talk where the students learnt about Genetics and how the white tiger is a recessive gene and the students did some calculations on chances of having a recessive white tiger born. Students also learned about different behavioural characteristics that tigers demonstrate and the conservation efforts to save this incredible endangered species, of which Dreamworld is one of the biggest contributors in the world to Tiger conservation.

The behind the scenes look at the keepers area let the students see just how much hands on work is needed to keep all the animals fed and cared for. Students were shown the veterinary facilities, reptile room, isolation, quarantine and koala area. As a main part of the Year 12 syllabus covers quarantine procedures to protect Australia from diseases, the students got to see just how thorough the animal carers need to be to prevent any diseases from entering the park.

Students were lucky enough to meet a beautiful little bilby who was being hand raised and is part of the parks Bilby Breeding Program, where they are breeding up Bilbies to release into the wild because the populations of wild Bilbies has declined rapidly. Students also got to see where the Koalas are housed, I think everyone's favourite were the two little males trying to 'playfully' beat each other up (most active I've ever seen a Koala).

**Holly Tucker—Biology Teacher**

# FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL—SECONDARY

That brings us to the end of Term 2 and half way through 2017. I pray that the upcoming 3 week break allows you to enjoy the out-of-routine time and some family time.

- **YEAR 7 AND 8 ENGLISH** began their novels in class in Week 10 in preparation for Term 3 Novel Study. Please have your child complete the reading of the novel ready for Monday, week one. Year 7 are reading *I am David* by Anne Holm; Year 8 – *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* by CS Lewis.
- **YEAR 11 AND 12** will attend a Stress Management and Self Care Session run by Psychologist, Michelle Summersgill, on August 10 during school hours. This has been specifically designed for our students.
- **ATTENDANCE:** It is important that all students attend school each day regardless of the other events occurring in the school. That is during exams or when others are on an excursion/at gala days as all classes continue.

Did you know that if a student misses one day per week, they have missed 8 weeks (nearly an entire term) of classes over the year? If they are a half hour late each day, they miss more than 3 weeks of learning time.

- **UNIFORMS:** As it gets cooler, the students will need to wear jackets, tights etc. Please see pages 6-8 of the student diary for the guidelines on uniforms.

Part of the secondary boys uniform includes 'Trousers – Grey College Baggies'; the girls have 'bottle green slacks worn with white over blouse (with crest) and school tie' option (available from Lowes).

No trackpants can be worn as 'trousers' with the blouse or sports tights under the skirts.

- **STATIONERY:** Please refresh your child's stationery supplies. The most common missing items are glue and scissors. Calculators are available at the office for \$20. Year 7-10 will change their HSIE subject from History to Geography or vice versa. A new book (as listed on the Stationery Requirements list) should be sent for Term 3-4.
- **YEAR 12 HSC STUDY GUIDE:** The [HSC 2017 Study Guide](http://www.smh.com.au/national/education/hsc-study-guide-2017), produced by The Sydney Morning Herald and NESAs, is available in print and online. It is full of practical information and advice for HSC students from NESAs curriculum inspectors, experienced teachers and high achieving students. The online version contains extra material and is available at <http://www.smh.com.au/national/education/hsc-study-guide-2017>
- **TERM 3:** Starts Monday July 24 2017  
Term 3 additional events include: HSC Trials; Year 11 Yearly Exams; Year 11 Work Experience; Zone Athletics Carnival; School photographs; Year 12's final day.

**Janelle Rowe**

**Deputy Principal**



# SPORTS WRAP



I would like to start my report off by congratulating all of our students and staff who have been involved in sport at St. Andrews over the term. We have had a very busy term and it has been great to see such a high standard of participation and effort in all sporting events.

At the start of the term we held our annual Cross Country. This was the second opportunity that we have had to earn sporting house points and we had a high level of participation and effort throughout the day with Amity Stevenson and Joshua Rowe being the standout efforts on the day. Following the carnival I took the qualifying team up to Casino Christian School where the Zone event was run. Again, our students represented well with Amity Stevenson, Letisha Stevenson, Nathan Waterson, Jeremiah Waterson and Daniel Dobber all qualifying for CSSA State Cross country in Sydney.

I would like to congratulate Amity Stevenson for coming second at state and Joshua Rowe for coming seventh at state! Both runners had very tough competition over a challenging track and represented well at the highest level. Well done!

Our next event was the Netball and Oz Tag Gala Day in Ballina. I would like to thank Miss White and Mrs Corrigan for coaching the primary and secondary netball teams and Mr Schilling for coaching the Boys in Oz Tag. All teams played well and there was obvious improvement throughout the day. For the primary students, this was their first opportunity to learn and play the game of netball and having an opportunity to start with a skill development session and then follow it up with games was a great way for them to not only learn new skills and develop their abilities, but also to interact with students from other schools in a safe and positive environment.

In week nine we held the school Athletics carnival. This is one of the highlights of the sporting calendar and was a fantastic opportunity for parents and friends to come out and watch their children perform. I would like to thank the House Captains for their leadership on the day and for their support of all students. The level of participation was very high throughout the years and both the house points and age champion points are incredibly close. Both of these announcements will be made early in term three as we are currently waiting on the engraving for the age champion medallions. Zone athletics will be run on the second day of term three (Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July) in Coffs Harbour. If you have any questions regarding the events that your child has qualified for please contact the school.

Our final sporting event of the term was Zone Soccer in week nine. We took four teams up to Tweed Heads leaving at 5am. It was great to see the primary mixed team working together and developing their skills throughout the day. Our Open Women were coached by Miss Bennett who has been a student teacher at St. Andrew's this term. They worked well as a team and were able to have a fun and active day with all students improving and working well as a team throughout the day. The senior boys had some tough competition with all their games being very physical and fought with everything they had to give. They were unable to come away with a win this year but can walk away proud of the effort that they put in and the spirit with which they represented the school. I am very proud of the way that they responded to a challenging opposition. Our standout team on the day was the junior boys, coached by Mr Browning. They displayed a high level of ability and game sense throughout the day and made consistent improvement as the team worked together. The boys were in with a fighting chance in every game, and even though they only won one game, they never lost by more than one point against any opposition. I would like to congratulate all students on their skill, effort and spirit in which they played the game. Well done!

**James Kidd—Sports Co-ordinator**

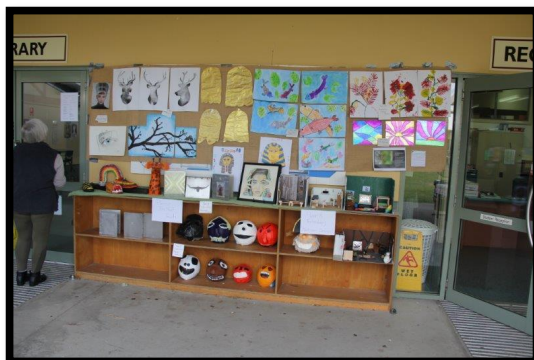




**St. Andrew's Primary Choir came 1st at the Grafton Eisteddfod Small Schools Section.**



**Displays from Parent Teacher Interview Afternoon**







# CHAPLAINS REPORT

I want to personally thank everyone who has taken part in all of the different fundraising events for our mission team, I also want to thank those who have donated generously toward Mama Sayang Orphanage and to the mission team. We are amazed at how God has answered our prayers, you have been a wonderful support and encouragement in your partnership with us in this mission trip, may God bless you all.

Our mission team will be attending a full day of training on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July starting at 8:30 am at our school in the library finishing at 3pm. Then we will be leaving on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, please keep praying for us that we will be able to support, teach and encourage the orphans during our stay there and that they may be drawn into a deeper relationship with God through all we do.

Next term we will have 5 Korean students staying with homestay families whilst attending our school for 4 weeks, please pray for their safety in travel and that they would have a wonderful experience during their stay and that they may come to know our wonderful Lord and Saviour Jesus and His plans for their lives. Thank you to those who are hosting the Korean students. May you be richly blessed as you care for them and build friendships with them.

In Ephesians 3:20 it says;

**Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,**

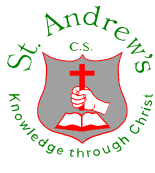
I am grateful to God who's power I have seen work in my life and others this term as I have had the pleasure of being involved in the Year 7 & 8 Brooms Head Camp, the Lightning Ridge Year 5 & 6 excursion, mission training and preparation, organizing of Koreans visit, supporting students through life's difficulties and challenges and supporting staff and families.

It is a great privilege for me to be able to be there to help, support, guide and encourage you, thank you for your openness and honesty in sharing your lives with me. I pray that God may uphold each one of you and that you may come to know of the depth of God's love, grace and care for each one of you. I pray that you all have a wonderful holiday and come back refreshed and renewed in Term 3.

Your brother in Christ  
**Mick Schilling**

## Some of our Wonderful Parent Volunteers helping out during the Term.





# St. Andrew's Christian School

## PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the latest edition of the Parents and Friends Newsletter

It has been another busy term for the P&F. We would firstly like to thank all those who purchased Tupperware at our recent party and especially Breanna Campbell who donated her commission from the sales of the party. This meant that the P&F was able to purchase over \$500 of new Tupperware for the canteen. Also we would like to thank all those who purchased from our Mother's Day stall and those who helped and donated gifts. The stall took \$545.00 over the 2 days and raised \$200.00 in profit.

### Canteen Volunteers

Thank you also to our canteen volunteers and those who have nominated to help in the canteen in Term 3. Our three new volunteers are currently undergoing training and will be ready to help from the start of the new term.

### School Banking

The Dollarmites school banking program will commence in Term 3 for all students. The first school banking day will be Friday 28 July. Details of the banking program are included in the current newsletter.

### P & F Activities for Term 3

**AFL Gala Day – Wednesday 30 August 2017**

**Where: Fisher Park**

The P&F will be holding the BBQ and canteen for the AFL Gala Day. If you would like to help with the canteen or with the BBQ please contact Janella Murphy on 0411 484 234.

**Father's Day Stall – Thursday 31 August and Friday 1 September**      **Where: School**

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

Donations of gifts are currently needed for the two days and can be handed into the office at any time.

**Jacaranda Fair – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

**Where: School**

Planning is well underway for our annual Jacaranda Fair which will be held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October. If you would like to be on the planning committee or 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](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**



## Get involved in the School Banking program – coming soon!

St Andrew's Christian School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives \$5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

### Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

#### 1. Online

Visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

#### 2. In branch

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

**School Banking day is Friday (fortnightly), commencing in Term 3 on Friday 28 July 2017. Just bring your Dollarmites deposit wallet to the School Canteen before school.**

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2017 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)





# Primary News

What an amazing, busy term, Term 2 has been. Some of our highlights have been a super book parade, athletics carnival, cross country and many other activities.

It is very pleasing that many of our primary students received awards for 95+% or greater attendance, with three students receiving an award for 100% attendance. It is very detrimental for your child to miss school, as there is teaching occurring every day of the year. My class completed a mathematical problem on what the impact would be if you missed one day a week, every week of the year, for your Primary schooling. This is equivalent to missing one and a half years of primary school. This is trying to complete Year 6 when in reality you are only half way through year 4. If this continues through High School you will be trying to complete your H.S.C when in reality you are at the end of Year 9. Would we expect our children to sit the H.S.C. if they were only in Year 9 and receive a good result?

All Primary reports have been posted, you should be receiving them in the mail by the end of the week.

Remember the students have three weeks holiday this holiday. They return on the 24th July. Enjoy the holidays and create memories with your children. To do this you only have to read with them or play board games. Our children are a blessing from God and they grow up so quickly, enjoy them while you have them at home with you.

It is a pleasure to teach your children and we take that responsibility very seriously, the students have all improved greatly this semester.

Thank you for entrusting your beautiful children to us. We care deeply for your child and pray that you and your family have a safe and blessed holiday together.

Mrs McLachlan

