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# St. Andrew's Christian School

## NEWSLETTER



### Principals Report

The school has commenced our 2nd Semester with both our students and staff returning refreshed and ready for the term.

The staff enjoyed our professional development week held in the allocated first week of term.

The school conducted a STEM workshop which was attended by our own technology/science staff and some staff from local schools. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and maths. Penny Stoyles from ORICA Energy was the lecturer and it proved to be a most informative day.

Staff also spent a day updating their First Aid qualifications with an approved First Aid trainer.

It has been a pleasure to see our students achieving great results in the sporting area. Special mention must be made of the achievements of our Cross Country athletes Amity Stevenson and Joshua Rowe who gained places in the N.S.W. Cross Country Championships. We have also gained places in basketball with our school's basketball teams being very competitive in the North Coast Championships.

The school has started an extensive marketing campaign which will culminate in our school Open Day on Wednesday 6th September.

This is a very important term for our senior students. Our Year 11 students will be sitting for their H.S.C. Preliminary Examinations commencing Monday 21st August.

This is the last term for our wonderful Year 12 students. It is their most important term of revision for our H.S.C. students.

"For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations." Psalm 100: 5

**Mr Mac Lindsay—Principal**

#### Key Dates:

**My Future Fest Careers Event Yr 10-12** 08/08

**Yr 11 & 12 Stress Relief; Resilience and Study Techniques Session** 10/08

**P & F Meeting** 11/08

**H.S.C. Trials begin** 23/08

**Year 10 RYDA Course** 25/08

**Father's Day Stall** 31/8–1/9

**AFL Gala Day** 30/08

**STACS Open Day** 06/09



#### '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.

### HSC Trial Examinations timetable:

Wednesday **August 23** 2017 - English Paper 1

Thursday **August 24** 2017 - English Paper 2

Friday **August 25** 2017 - Biology

Monday **August 28** 2017 - Food Technology; Senior Science

Tuesday, **August 29** 2017 - PDHPE; Physics

Wednesday **August 30** 2017 - Mathema@cs

Thursday, **August 31** 2017 - Design & Technology; Business Studies

Friday, **September 1** 2017 - Mathema@cs (Extension 1)

### 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.



Friday nights 5:15—7:00 p.m.

SPARKS CLUB: Kinda—Year 2

AWANA CLUB: Years 3-6

Bible Stories, Games Time,  
Choruses, Bible Memory Work

**Enquiries:**

Ring the Church on (02) 6642 5743  
to come along.

Bus available for transport



Friday Nights—7.00 p.m ~ 9.30 p.m.

Years 7-12

Games Time, Supper And Bible Lessons

**Individual and Team Competition**

**Good clean fun every Friday Night.**

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# FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL—SECONDARY

I do hope that you were able to enjoy some out-of-routine time over the holidays.

Here are some events occurring over the term:

<b>August 4</b>	Basket Ball Gala day Year 9 Elective choices due to Mrs Rowe Year 11 Course choices due to Mrs Rowe
<b>August 8</b> <b>August 10</b>	My Future Fest Careers event – Year 10-12 – Mr Schilling Year 11 & 12 stress relief; resilience and study techniques session - Mrs Rowe
<b>August 15</b>	NRL Gala Day – Port Macquarie – Mr Schilling
<b>August 23</b> <b>August 25</b>	HSC Trials begin Year 10 RYDA Course – Mr Kidd
<b>August 28</b> <b>August 30</b>	HSC Trials continue AFL Gala day – Mr Kidd
<b>September 6</b> <b>September 8</b>	STACS Open Day – ALL WELCOME Years 8-10 to Bell Shakespeare performance – Lismore – Mrs Merz
<b>September 11</b>	Year 11 Yearly Exams begin
<b>September 22</b>	Year 12 final assembly

Check take home notes, Facebook, the newsletter and emails for more details on each event.

- **YEAR 7 AND 8 ENGLISH** are going to complete some homework from their **Focus on English** books purchased earlier in the year. It is important that these are returned each due date so that we can also use them in class.
- **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.
- Note the NESA requirements:

The following course completion criteria refer to both Preliminary and HSC courses.

A student will be considered to have satisfactorily completed a course if, in the principal's view, there is sufficient evidence that the student has:

- a. followed the course developed or endorsed by the Board; and
- b. applied themselves with diligence and sustained effort to the set tasks and experiences provided in the course by the school; and
- c. achieved some or all of the course outcomes.

This includes attendance, if the students are not here, they cannot be part of the “experiences provided in the course by the school.”

- **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 NESA, is available in print and online. It is full of practical information and advice for HSC students from NESA 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>

Janelle Rowe  
Deputy Principal





# Indonesian Mission Trip 2017







## CHAPLAINS REPORT

Hi everyone welcome back to term 3, I pray that you all had a great holiday and are refreshed for this term. I want to thank everyone for their prayers and support of our mission team who went to Mama Sayang Orphanage in Jakarta a few weeks ago. It was an amazing experience for our 4 students and 6 staff who went, we were greatly blessed by the children, Mike and Javelin's incredible acceptance, kindness, generosity, joy and passion in the Lord and their willingness to serve and love shown to us all.

We went there to help Mike and Javelin who run the orphanage. Our day typically started by getting up at 3:30am and joining the children at 3:45am for prayer and devotion to God, having breakfast at 7am, team meeting at 8am, running games and activities and teaching English from about 9 to 10 – 10:30 am. After that we were able to just spend time resting or just hanging out with the kids to get to know them better. Lunch was at 12midday which was a feast prepared by volunteer kitchen staff including some of the children. Free time after lunch was spent again enjoying activities with the children followed by a team meeting at 4pm till 5pm preparing for the worship services which we ran each day from 5pm to 6 -6:30. During our worship time we sang lots of songs, shared our testimonies and prayed together. Dinner was at 7pm followed by free time with the kids playing games, talking and sharing life experiences till around 9:30pm.

On the Saturday morning we were able to take 25 children to the local swimming pool and water-park for lots of fun and laughter, it was such a delight to take them as they cannot afford to go normally. One afternoon some of our team played rugby with some of the girl's rugby team and some boys at the local ground. On Sunday we were able to experience fellowship with Jakarta International Baptist Church where we heard Carl's testimony from America.

On our last night at the orphanage during our worship service we washed Mike and Javelin's feet as well as two of the children who helped interpret for us, this was a precious and emotional service remembering what Jesus has done for us by washing us clean through his sacrifice on the cross.

Mike and Javelin have asked to pass on their gratitude and thankfulness to our mission team, for the way we interacted with the children, our ministry to them and the way we conducted ourselves with love and unity in Christ. They are really looking forward to us coming back again and are praying for us each day.

About 15 years ago the orphanage started St Enoch School so that the children can get an education, they have never received any government funding that they were supposed to and struggle to pay the teachers. Each week the orphanage employ a nurse who looks after the children and the local village people. Mama Sayang Orphanage is a Christian orphanage in the second largest city in the world and the largest Muslim population in the world providing love, care, nurture, education, biblical teaching and faith and trust in God to every child, they do an amazing job.

This was a life changing trip and has spurred us on to serving God wholeheartedly and we are looking for ways to support the wonderful ministry of Mama Sayang Orphanage. The orphanage currently has 100 children of which only 8 are sponsored, they rely totally on God to provide everything and do not have any government support. We would love to see every child sponsored in that orphanage, **if you would like to support this wonderful ministry you can contact me or go to [www.mamasayang.org](http://www.mamasayang.org) to donate or sponsor a child.**

Coming back home after experiencing life at the orphanage has challenged me to use everything God has blessed me with to help others more. May the grace and peace of Jesus be with you, and may he guide and bless you in all you do.

Mick Schilling

*(Enjoy the mission photos)*

### Jacaranda Fair Auction Items Needed

**If you have a business, or know of a business, who would like to donate an item/service or voucher for the auction, please contact Jo or Scott at the school office on 66434770.**

**All proceeds from our auction are used for the ongoing renovation of the new school canteen.**



# St. Andrew's Christian School

## PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the latest edition of the Parents and Friends Newsletter

### **School Banking**

The Dollarmites school banking program commenced in week 1 of term 3 and has been a great success. Originally planned for a fortnightly activity, plans are now underway to have banking as a weekly event.

### **P & F Activities for Term 3**

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

**Where: Fischer Park, Oliver St, Grafton**

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 Jannella Murphy on 0411 484 234.

#### **Father's Day Stall – Thursday 31 August and Friday 1 September 2017**

**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.

#### **St Andy's Markets – Cake Stall and School Promotion – Saturday 2 September**

**Where: St Andrew's Church Oliver Street, Grafton**

We will be holding a cake stall and school promotion stand at the St Andy's markets on Saturday 2 September. Donations of cakes, jams and slices for the day would be greatly appreciated.

#### **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 from 10am-2pm. If you are interested in helping on the day, please contact Euleen in the office.

Thank you for your help and support.

**P&F Executive**

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## **School Banking Update**

Thanks to everyone who has supported our new School Banking program.

Please note:

- Next school banking day is this Friday 11 August.
- All deposits on the day should be left at the canteen prior to assembly. If your child is in Prep, Kindergarten or Year 1, please ask your child to give their book to Miss White who will send it up to the canteen in the lunch basket.
- Deposits should be left in the white basket marked School Banking
- If your child has a canteen order as well as School Banking, can you please keep the money separate.
- Bank books with their tokens will be ready for collection by students after recess. Students in Prep, Kindergarten and Year 1 will have their books returned to them in their lunch basket.
- School banking was originally planned for Friday fortnightly but with the strong response from school families, we have decided to make it a weekly event later in the term to allow students to gain their rewards faster. We are currently organising to train another banking co-ordinator so when all the paperwork and training is completed we will advise the school community when banking will become a weekly event.



## Year 9 NAPLAN results and the HSC Minimum Standard

### Message from NESA

HSC Minimum standard required to receive the HSC from 2020.

Literacy and numeracy skills are the foundation for success in life after school. This is why eligibility for the HSC is changing. From 2020, students will need to show they have the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to complete everyday tasks.

Your child will have a number of opportunities from Year 9 to Year 12, and even after the HSC to show they meet the HSC minimum standard.

Some students will meet the requirement early through their Year 9 NAPLAN results in reading, writing and numeracy. However, most students will show they meet the standard by passing short, online reading, writing and numeracy tests in Years 10, 11 or 12.

#### Year 9 NAPLAN Reports available in mid-August

Your child's Year 9 NAPLAN report will indicate which online HSC minimum standard test/s (if any) they will need to pass to be eligible for the HSC certificate. Remember your child has three more years of learning before the HSC and can take the HSC minimum standard online tests in Years 10, 11 or 12. Year 9 NAPLAN is a good chance to check they are on track or get support to meet the minimum standard by Year 12.

If your child has achieved a 'Band 8 or above in reading, writing or numeracy, the NAPLAN report will indicate that they have "Met the HSC minimum standard early" in the respective area/s.

Your child can sit the online HSC minimum standard tests when they are ready

There are three separate 45 minute online tests: reading, writing and numeracy. Students don't have to pass all three tests at once and can attempt each test up to twice a year.

The reading and numeracy test each contain a maximum of 45 multiple choice questions.

The writing test will require students to respond to a question about a prompt or stimulus.

You can try some sample reading and numeracy questions at:

<https://hsliteracynumeracy.nesa.nsw.edu.au/>

For more information visit: [www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au](http://www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au)



# Basketball Gala Day

St. Andrew's Christian School was one of six schools represented at the 2017 North Coast Zone Basketball Gala Day in Coffs Harbour on 4 August. We competed in the Senior Boys and Senior Girls competitions. Our Girls Team was comprised of Christina Kidd (Captain), Tatiana Fenton, Tirzah McKenzie, Emily Batcheldor, Grace-Anne Pegler, Mahalia Douglas and Lily Mullins. Our Boys Team was comprised of Bailey Gutteridge (Captain), Bowen Sheen, Jake Thow-Murphy, Junsan Kim, Will Heagney and Jeremiah Waterson. Both teams played quite well through the day against some excellent teams and deserve to be congratulated. Several teams commented about how our teams played great defense. Both of our teams gained an appreciation for working together and making good passes as the opposition often pressed our teams in the backcourt. Our Teams will be getting ready for a tournament in Yamba in Term 4. A note will go out to all interested students to participate in some after-school practice sessions to improve our teamwork and skills.

