



TERM 3 WEEK 9 2017

# St. Andrew's Christian School

## NEWSLETTER



### Principals Report

The school held a very successful Open Day with many parents and families making the day a great success. It was very impressive to see the school in operation and the parents were amazed to see the wonderful variety of classroom activities in which our students were involved.

We have just recently held an Orientation Day for our new students in pre school, kindergarten and new students starting in Year 7 2018. We are very pleased to welcome them into our great school. We still have vacancies in each of these classes for prospective students.

This week we will be saying farewell to our current Year 12. This group have proved to be a fine group of young men and women and we will be wishing them God's richest blessing as they leave this school for their future careers.

*"I am the Lord who has made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens and who spread out the earth".*

Isaiah 44:24

Mr Mac Lindsay—Principal

#### Key Dates:

<b>Term 4 commences</b>	<b>09/10</b>
<b>Toastmasters Showcase Afternoon</b>	<b>11/10</b>
<b>P &amp; F Meeting</b>	<b>13/10</b>
<b>HSC Begins</b>	<b>16/10</b>
<b>Yr 7 Vaccinations Primary Cricket</b>	<b>18/10</b>
<b>Jacaranda Fair</b>	<b>28/10</b>
<b>Jacaranda Thursday</b>	<b>02/11</b>
<b>Jacaranda Float Procession</b>	<b>04/11</b>
<b>Kindergarten/Prep Orientation Day</b>	<b>09/11</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 when visiting the school for any reason.

REMINDER  
YEAR 9/10 CAMPS IN TERM 4  
ARE COMPULSORY NOT OPTIONAL



## FEEDBACK FROM ONE OF THE KOREAN STUDENTS

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When I first got here, I could feel atmosphere full of nature. Wild trees and birds with colourful feathers were the first pleasure to me. Also, the school occupied a large space that it made me feel relieved with open view. My school in Korea is really crowded since it takes only one-tenth part of St Andrews school and nearly a thousand students study there. If asked, that will be the biggest difference between here and Korea. I figured out that most of students do their sports like playing hockey, football or swimming. It seemed really nice that they do exercise frequently and stay healthy and relieve stress. The friends and teachers I met in the school were really friendly and nice to us. I really appreciate that. Most of all, I feel grateful that we don't need to get any stress from the assignment or activity. I think the teachers are really responsible for the students' future but not burdening them. I could see the students were also trying hard with their efforts and it seemed that they were not forced to but willingly. The experiences getting educated here is a great breakthrough for me and it will remain a good memory in me.

### 'SPOTLIGHT' PERFORMING ARTS EVENING



Come along and enjoy a night at our  
'Spotlight' Performing Arts Evening  
Featuring students and staff from St. Andrew's.

To be held on Tuesday 19th September 2017  
commencing at 6.30 p.m. sharp at the  
Salvation Army in Oliver Street, Grafton.  
Entry by Gold Coin donation raising funds for  
The Bright Lights Orphanage in the Philippines.

Please note that students who are performing need to be there at 6 p.m.

# FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL—SECONDARY

- **YEAR 12 Final Day** – Families and friends of Year 12 students are invited to attend the Year 12's final assembly on September 22, 2017, beginning at 9:00am in the school library and followed by morning tea.
- **2017 Higher School Certificate (HSC)** – The HSC Exams will be held at St. Andrews's Presbyterian Church Hall, 116 Oliver Street, Grafton.

The first examination is English (Standard) or English (Advanced) at 10:20am on Monday, October 16, 2017. Students are required to be at the examination hall in time for a 9:30 start on this day to receive advice on examination procedures for the HSC period. Students have their personalised timetable and they should carefully note the starting times and dates of their exams.

Exam Advice and Resources are available at: <http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/exam-advice-resources>. Within this link, there are subsequent links such as "Taking your Exams"; "Equipment List"

- **Absence from School** - It is important that absences are accounted for by parents/carers. The school can be notified by telephone or email on the day. Alternatively, a written note must be sent in to the school office.
- **NAPLAN School Readiness Test** – As per the email sent on Friday, September 8, this system test has been cancelled. The whole aim of the exercise was to see if NAPLAN could be held using online delivery. It is evident that the national system test could not proceed. Your child will no longer be required to participate in this trial.
- **Enrolments for 2018** - Please spread the word about our fantastic school. Our Preparatory class and primary school provide a strong numeracy and literacy foundation and readies children for their full time schooling; this carries throughout the school. Our **2018 Year 7** class is open for new students. If you know anyone with a Year 7 2018 child, encourage them to book a personal tour with Mr Lindsay.
- **Congratulations** - We love to celebrate students who do the right thing. On the last day this term, all students who have not received a detention this term will receive a lolly bag. We also celebrate with CAUGHTYA at each assembly – ask your child about this.
- **Stationery & Equipment** – quite often students do not have all the equipment they need for each class. The most common: "I forgot my / I didn't bring my..." are *glue*, *scissors*, and *calculators*. I am sure you understand that if your child is not securing their notes or fully participating in each class –then they are missing out. If you can help them refresh their supplies for these items, they would benefit.

Janelle Rowe  
Deputy Principal

## Mr Maybury's Report

### Physics

The Year 12 Physics students have finished their Trial Exams with good results. They have answered questions after questions in preparation for the Trial and HSC exams. Further reading and revision of past work is recommended for holiday studies.

The Year 11 Physics students have recently explored the Cosmos learning about stars, Supernova, Black Holes, Einstein's  $E=mc^2$ , nuclear reactions and forms of radiation in preparation for their yearly exam.

### Year 10 Math

The Year 10 Mathematics students have accelerated their understanding of solving and plotting linear equations, simultaneous linear equations and solving quadratic equations in preparation for plotting various non-linear equations in Term 4.



# PRIMARY ATHLETICS

Walk, skip, throw, run and jump. They are all actions that most of us are able to do. Throughout the second half of this Term however, Primary have been learning how to improve each of these skills as they worked under the guidance of an Athletic coach who has come into our school. She has showed us how to skip better, throw further, run faster and jump higher than when we started. Every Wednesday afternoon for the last four weeks, you would have been able to see all the Primary students developing their athletic abilities and refining their skills in order to improve.



This program has come about due to the wonderful Sporting Schools program which has provided us with a \$2200 grant, which has paid for our coach, Ms Debbie, to come in and show us how we can improve. It has also allowed us to buy some newer and better quality Athletics gear which will provide us with equipment to allow us to continue to improve.



Hopefully all this training will help us to perform better at next year's Athletics Carnival and maybe even produce our School's Age Champion at region. Who knows, it might even help one of our students to become a State Champion next year. It all started due to the wonderful programs that we have on offer here at St. Andrew's Christian School!





## CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Hi everyone what a great term it has been. We started off with 4 Korean students joining us for 4 weeks, what a blessing it was to have them here with us. Thank you to Larry and Lena, and Mr and Mrs Barron and their children who opened up their homes and shared their lives whilst giving the Koreans a wonderful Aussie experience. Thank you for your love, care, nurture and generosity, may God bless you and your homes for your wonderful hospitality. If you are interested in hosting Koreans next year please contact me so I can arrange an information kit and put your name on the list.

In Psalm 143:8 it says, *Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you, show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.*

Each morning all of the staff start the day off with reading God's word and praying together. We have been working through the book of Acts and have been inspired by the work of God's Spirit through the apostles and how the church grew even through great opposition. We too trust in God and are grateful for His unfailing love and constantly seek His ways in all we do. I pray for all the year 12 students who are getting ready for their final HSC exams that each one of you will, know of God's love for you and that you may each trust in Him and follow His paths. May God help each one of you in your study and final exams, may He give you peace in your hearts over your final weeks, and may God show each one of you the plans that He has for you for your future.

Preparations are under way for the year 9 and 10 Girls and Boys end of year Scotts Head Camp, please return your notes before Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November so I can organise the catering. If you have any further enquiries please contact me at school.

Each week I have been able to get alongside many students to help them, encourage them, support them and guide them through all sorts of issues and situations. Thank you to the many students who open up their lives with me and share their hopes, struggles and dreams. I am constantly upholding you all in prayer and look forward to continuing to support you next term. If anyone else would like to see me I am available from Monday through to and including Thursdays each week. You can make an appointment with me either through asking me directly or through your teachers.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the ministers and pastors who come in each Friday morning to share a short devotional message with us, thank you for all you have taught us and your support to our School, may God bless you for your faithfulness.

Have a wonderful holiday, may you come back refreshed for our final term. God bless you.

Mick Schilling

### 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.

It has been a really busy term for the P&F. Thank you to all the volunteers who served and wrapped gifts at the Father's Day stall and thanks to those who donated gifts and wrapping paper.

Thank you also to all the volunteers who helped in the canteen, without your help the school canteen would not run. Your help is much appreciated.

### **School Banking**

The Dollarmites school banking program has continued to be popular during Term 3. Plans are currently underway to make it a weekly rather than fortnightly event. A school banking calendar will be released at the start of Term 4 to advise parents when banking will take place at the school.

**Please note there will be no school banking this Friday 22 September.**

### **P & F Activities for Term 4**

#### **P&F Meeting – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

##### **Where: School Library**

The next P&F meeting will be held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm in the School Library. All welcome.

#### **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. Lots of help is still needed on the day so please fill out the Jacaranda Fair note if you're able to help and return to school ASAP.

#### **P&F Thank You Afternoon Tea – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

##### **Where: School**

The annual P&F Thank You Afternoon Tea will be held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Christmas Stall**

#### **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017**

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

Donations of gifts and wrapping paper are currently needed and can be handed into the office at any time.

Thank you for your help and support.

### **P&F Executive**