

TERM 4 WEEK 5 2017

# St. Andrew's Christian School

## NEWSLETTER



### Principals Report

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents for their great support of the school during this year. Many of you work as volunteers in various capacities in our canteen and in our classrooms. The most outstanding example of this is when our school fair takes place. To witness the great manner in which our staff and parent volunteers worked so well together to make the 2017 Jacaranda Fair such an outstanding success. Congratulations to the P & F Executive for such a great day.

The school has experienced a surge in enrolments thanks to our marketing campaign and God's answer to our staff morning prayer time at which we have prayed for God's continued blessing on our school.

Our school board is to be congratulated on the professional manner in which they have completed their annual training in board governance and financial management.

The school will be saying farewell to our seniors at the school formal this week. I must congratulate the 2017 Captains Joshua Rowe and Elsabet Baker on their fine leadership of the school over the past year. I would also congratulate Year 12 on the positive role models they have been to the students of this school and we wish all of the 2017 Year 12 God's richest blessing as they embark on their future careers.

*"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

**Mr M Lindsay**  
**Principal**

#### Key Dates:

<b>Year 12 Formal</b>	<b>11/11</b>
<b>Year 7-10 Yearly Exams</b>	<b>20/11-24/11</b>
<b>P &amp; F Thank You After-noon Tea</b>	<b>24/11</b>
<b>Christmas Stall</b>	<b>30/11-1/12</b>
<b>Year 9/10 Scotts Head Camps</b>	<b>4/12-8/12</b>
<b>Presentation Night/Last day of Term 4</b>	<b>12/12</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.







# FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL—SECONDARY

- **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. Most classes have spaces available.
- The **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.
- **New Year 12 2018 students** – We now refer to the Year 11 2017 students as Year 12 as they have all started their Year 12 courses. May I remind you of the NESA requirement that students maintain ‘sustained and diligent effort’ throughout their course. This includes attending every day to receive the course content. They should also keep all their Year 11 notes to review regularly.
- **Did you know?** There are 117 HSC written exams totalling around 300 hours between **16 October and 7 November**, and around 77,000 students attending 750 HSC exam centres staffed by over 7,500 supervisors and presiding officers. While there are still a couple of weeks to go, some of our 5,500 markers have started marking - NESA
- **2017 Higher School Certificate (HSC)** – The HSC Exams are currently being held. Results are sent to students via Students online (managed by NESA) on December 14. Students should ensure that they have their NESA Student number and that their details are up to date with NESA.
- **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.
- **Life Skills** – please encourage your child to bring all the equipment they need with them each day – teach them the life skill of arriving ready to work.
- **Assembly** – you are welcome to attend our Whole School Assembly each Friday at 9am in the COLA. We have much to celebrate eg Principal’s Awards; DUO Award; Caughtya Prizes etc – come and celebrate with us!

Janelle Rowe  
Deputy Principal





## CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Hi everyone! What a blessing it is to work here at St. Andrew's Christian School. I am always grateful to be able to be here to support students, families and staff with any needs. It is such a pleasure to see the unity, love and care amongst the staff and how dedicated they are to seeing every student grow and mature in their learning and faith. I want to thank all the students, families and staff who have utilized the chaplaincy service and want to encourage you with the words of

***Deuteronomy 13:6***

***Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave or forsake you***

I pray that our Year 12 students who are finishing or already finished their HSC will always be reminded that God will go with them and never leave or forsake them as they embark on their future endeavours.

It is a wonderful promise to know that you can trust God through any situation, and if you trust in him he will always be there to help you through whatever the situation. This has been my experience as I have watched God work through many students' lives.

It is only a few weeks before the Year 9 & 10 girls and boys Scotts Head camp, please return your notes ASAP. Please pray for the guest speakers who are preparing their talks and pray for all the preparations. I would like to remind parents and students that all school camps are compulsory as they are an integral part of each student's education. Please contact me if any help or support is needed regards to your son / daughter being able to come on their school camp.

May God bless you and guide you in all you do.

Your brother in Christ

Mick Schilling





# SPORTS REPORT

**Basketball:** During term three and into term four Mr Maybury and myself have been offering Basketball training after school on a Monday and Thursday. It has been great to see those students who have been diligently attending starting to see some improvements in their game. It is very encouraging to see those who put in the effort have some results for their work. We will continue to offer the training for the remainder of the term. However, it will now only be on Monday afternoons. The Clarence Valley Basketball Tournament had been scheduled for week 2 this term. However, it was sadly cancelled by the organisers after several schools pulled out.

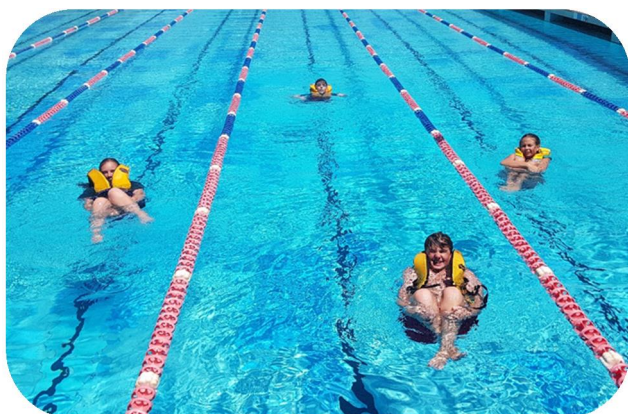
**Touch Football:** Daily Examiner Touch Football was originally scheduled to run in week 2 of this term and had to be postponed due to wet weather. It was finally run on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October. St. Andrew's had two teams in the competition this year consisting of Senior Girls and Senior Boys.

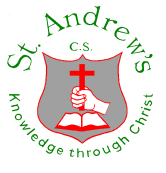
The Boys were coached by Mr Schilling who has been preparing the team at lunch times and during Friday afternoon Sport. The boys played extremely well and really challenged each team that they came up against. It has been great to see this team developing as they gain more and more experience throughout the year. I would like to offer a special congratulation to Bowen Sheen who won the Player of the Series award out of all the schools involved in the Senior Boys division. The girls came up against a tough draw and made steady improvement throughout the afternoon. However, having qualified for the Semi Finals, they came up against an in form McAuley College team who ended up going on to win the Shield in the Grand Final.



**Swim and Survive:** Last Tuesday the 31<sup>st</sup> of October all of Year 7 and Year 8 participated in the annual Swim and Survive Award run by St. Andrew's in conjunction with the Royal Life Saving Society of Australia. The students were taught water rescue and recovery skills as well as valuable swimming strokes and key information to know what to do if you or a friend were to get into difficulty while swimming. This year we had a record number of students who were able to achieve level 7 which is the highest level possible in the course, and I would encourage those going into Sports Studies next year to then aim to achieve their Bronze Medallion in 2018. It was a fun day and thanks to the cooperation and diligent effort throughout the morning we were able to have spare time on the slide and in the diving pool through the afternoon. I would like to thank my Sports Studies class for helping on the day and also Mrs Corrigan and Mrs Fenton for making the day the success that it was.

I would like to remind all students that as we are now into term four that it is compulsory for you to have a school hat on when participation in Sport or PE at school. As Year 7 are learning about in PDHPE and Year 8 have recently learned about in Science, Skin Cancer is one of the most common and potentially aggressive forms of cancer in Australia and it is important for everyone to cover up with a hat and use sunscreen when we are going out into the sun.





# *St. Andrew's Christian School*

## **PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWSLETTER**



Welcome to the latest edition of the Parents and Friends Newsletter.

Thank you to all the volunteers and teachers who helped at the Jacaranda Fair, your help was much appreciated. You have to agree a great day was had by all.

### **School Banking**

School banking will take place on the following Fridays during the remainder of the term:

Friday 10 November 2017

Friday 24 November 2017

Friday 8 December 2017

Any banking should be left at the canteen prior to classes commencing and books can be picked up from the canteen at lunch time. If your child is in Prep or K/1, bank books should be given to Mrs Harris or Miss White who will send the books up to the canteen with the lunch orders and be returned when the basket goes back to the classroom

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

Two activities remain for the P&F for Term 4:

**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 in the School Library.

**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 for the two days and can be handed into the office at any time. If you would like to volunteer to help at the stall, please see the School Office.

Thank you for your help and support during 2017.

**P&F Executive**