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St. Andrew's Christian School

NEWSLETTER



Principals Report

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to the 2018 school year. I wish to inform you of some upcoming school events.

A School Commencement Service will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Sunday 11th February. The service will commence at 9:30 a.m. and some of our students will be involved in the service. All of our school families are invited to attend this service.

Our School Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday 13th February at the Grafton Olympic Pool commencing at 9:00 a.m. All parents are invited to this great even to enjoy the day.

We will be holding our annual Meet The Staff evening on Wednesday 21st February. It will be held in the covered outdoor learning area and will commence at 5:30 p.m. with a free BBQ. This will be a great opportunity for you to meet the school staff.

The staff have been participating in a professional development week and are looking forward to the start of the 2018 school year.

Mr M Lindsay
Principal

Key Dates:

Year 7/8 Camp	5/1–9/1
School Commencement Service	11/2
School Swimming Carnival	13/2
Primary Zone Swimming - Coffs Harbour	19/2
Meet the Parents	21/2
Year 7 Vaccinations (Gardasil & Boostrix)	28/2
Secondary Zone Swimming—Grafton	1/3



'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.

Swimming Carnival

The school swimming carnival will be held on Tuesday 13th February at the Grafton Olympic Pool. Students from all year groups are expected to attend with activities being arranged for our younger swimmers. Zone swimming has changed this year with Primary being run in Coffs Harbour on Monday 19th February and Secondary Zone swimming being run in Grafton on Thursday 1st March. Notes for these dates will be going out on Wednesday 14th February.

James Kidd—Sports Coordinator



NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM 2018

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 2018 the following vaccines will be offered to

All year 7 students -

- dTpa vaccine (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (whooping cough) as a single dose
- human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in a 2-dose schedule at 0 and 6 months

All year 10 and 11 students –

- Meningococcal ACWY vaccine as a single dose

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. Parents will be notified by letter/ or text from The Public Health Unit if this applies to their child.

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. 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.



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PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the first edition of the Parents and Friends Newsletter for 2018. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the new families to the school community.

P & F Annual General Meeting

The first meeting of the P&F for 2018 will be the AGM which will be held on Friday 2nd March in the School Library commencing at 1:30pm. All executive positions, President, Secretary, Treasurer and two executive members will become vacant. Nominations from committed Christians will be taken for these positions and Nomination Forms and Membership Forms will be available from Student Reception. The P & F are committed to supporting your children at St. Andrew's and welcome your support and input.

School Banking

School banking will again take place in 2018.

This year banking will take place **Friday weekly** during term time commencing at the end of Week 2. Children with banking should drop their books into the canteen before school on a Friday. The books will now be processed over the weekend by the School Co-ordinator and returned to the school on Monday afternoon for collection at the office. 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 Friday lunch orders.

Canteen

Thank you to all the canteen volunteers.

More volunteers are urgently needed for the canteen to be able to continue to operate 3 days a week. Please contact the school office or Jannella Murphy 0411 484 234.

Canteen Update

The renovations to the canteen will continue throughout 2018. The P&F aim to have the new healthy canteen completed and operating during 2018.

A fresh, healthy food menu will be available with all fresh food being prepared in-house at the canteen.

Price Increase

Due to the government introducing the 10c levy on recyclable bottles the canteen has had to increase prices on the drinks to incorporate the compulsory levy that has been passed onto the consumer.

Working with Children Check

A working with children check is a requirement for all regular volunteers. If you have a current working with children number please give your number 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 front office know ASAP and a day will be made for you to access a computer at school to apply.

P & F Executive