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# St. Andrew's Christian School

## NEWSLETTER



## Principals Report

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Congratulations to both our staff and students on our excellent NAPLAN results. In Year 5 the school came first in the Clarence Valley in both grammar and numeracy.

In Year 7 the school came first in the Clarence Valley in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Numeracy. In Year 9 the school came first in Grammar. These results are due to training the staff has received in explicit instruction as a component of our involvement in the Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan. The school has also implemented the research based intervention program MiniLit, MultiLit and MacqLit.

The school will be holding a special occasion to celebrate 20 years of growth and blessing for this great school which will be held over the June long week-end. On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June a free BBQ will be held for all past & present students and their families on the school grounds commencing at 12 noon. The BBQ will be followed with a tour of the present school buildings and grounds. A basketball game will follow with teams from ex-students and staff.

A special celebratory dinner will be held at the South Grafton Services Club commencing at 6 p.m. It will be a smorgasbord 2 course for \$30 per head.

A thanksgiving service will be held at the Grafton Presbyterian Church commencing at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June.

All of our ex-students and staff are invited to attend. Please contact Joanne Gutteridge at the school office to register for catering purposes.

The school will close for the April school holidays. The last day of term will be Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April and Term 2 will commence on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April.

"The Sovereign Lord is my strength, he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, for He enables me to tread on the heights".

Habakkuk 3:19

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

### Key Dates:

<b>Year 10 Work Experience</b>	<b>9/4–13/4</b>
<b>Primary Grandparents Day</b>	<b>10/4</b>
<b>CSSA State Touch</b>	<b>12/4</b>
<b>Last Day Term 1</b>	<b>13/4</b>
<b>ANZAC Day</b>	<b>25/4</b>
<b>First Day Term 2</b>	<b>30/4</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 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.

# Sport News

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded Swimming Age Champions:

**PRIMARY:** Brooklyon Arnett—Junior Primary Girl Champion, Mitchell Green—Junior Primary Boy Champion, Chloe Murphy—Middle Primary Girl Champion, Levi Kidd—Middle Primary Boy Champion, Letisha Stevenson—Senior Primary Girl Champion, Levi Wilson-Feeney—Senior Primary Boy Champion.

**SECONDARY:** Mahalia Douglas—Junior Secondary Girl Champion, Lachlan Devey—Junior Secondary Boy Champion, Emily Batcheldor—Middle Secondary Girl Champion, Connor Devey—Middle Secondary Boy Champion, Tirzah McKenzie—Senior Secondary Girl Champion & James Morrison—Senior Secondary Boy Champion.

Congratulations to Bailey Gutteridge (Yr 12) and Tirzah McKenzie (Yr 11) who were both CSSA Zone Secondary Runner Up Champions.



**Front Row:** Letisha Stevenson, Mitchell Green, Levi Kidd, Levi Wilson-Feeney and Chloe Murphy

**Back Row:** Tirzah McKenzie, Emily Batcheldor, Mahalia Douglas, Connor Devey, Lachlan Devey and Bailey Gutteridge.

**Absent:** Brooklyon Arnett & James Morrison



# **St. Andrew's Christian School**

## **20<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration**

2018 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> year since this great school commenced in the grounds of the Presbyterian Church Grafton.

The celebrations will be held on the Saturday of the June long weekend, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

The celebrations will commence with a free BBQ commencing at 12 noon on the school grounds which is now located at 84 Washpool Road, Clarenza via Grafton. On the Saturday afternoon there will be a basketball game of ex-students vs current students/staff teams. These games will be held at the school's sports centre.

A celebration dinner will be held at the South Grafton Services Club. Dinner will be available from 6 p.m. with a 2 course smorgasbord dinner at 6.30 p.m. onwards.

The evening function will cost \$30 per head which includes live music for dinner and dance.

Call the school office to register for both events.



# Year 7/8 Camp 2018

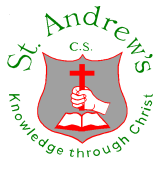
The boys were enthusiastic as they boarded the bus destined for Brooms Head for the annual Year 7/8 Camp. They arrived to be greeted by some happy but tired Year 7/8 girls who were just completing their 3 days at camp. There was a bit of time to play before lunch as the girls had already set up the tents. Thanks girls! The girls left after lunch and the fun at the beach started.

After a discussion of the dangers of rips and following rules, the surfboards and boogie boards appeared and cruised into the waves. Hiking the next day was a heap of fun proving that Mr. Schilling is still young in body and heart as he beat all the boys racing up the rather large sand dune. The walk along the rocks proved to be challenging for some but all conquered their apprehensions.

As in all camps, the boys were able to hear and speak about the love of God in their lives. At times that love showed up in the form of food which immediately connected with the young and energetic men. At other times God's love showed up as kind words when considering challenging circumstances.

The boys ended Friday quite tired( similar to the girls) but all had smiles to return home and share their adventures with family.





# *St. Andrew's Christian School*

## **PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWSLETTER**



Welcome to the third edition of the Parents and Friends Newsletter for 2018.

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help in the canteen. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help with other P&F events throughout the year. Your help is invaluable and very appreciated.

### **School Cross Country - Friday 4 May 2018**

The P&F will be running the BBQ for the school's Cross Country Day on Friday 4 May. Sausage sandwiches will be available with all other purchases from the canteen. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help cook and serve on the day should contact Ruth Zylstra.

### **Mother's Day Stall – Thursday 10 and Friday 11 May 2018**

The annual Mother's Day stall will be held at the school on Thursday 10 and Friday 11 May. If you would like to help with serving or wrapping on any one of these days or have some gifts to donate, please drop them into the school office prior to the stalls.

### **St Andrew's Jacaranda Fair - 27 October 2018**

The annual St Andrew's Jacaranda Fair will be held on Saturday 27 October 2018. Planning for the event will commence at the beginning of Term 2 so if you are interested in helping, please let the front office know.

### **School Banking**

School banking will continue to take place **Friday weekly** during term time. Children with banking should drop their books into the canteen before school on a Friday. The books are being 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.

If you have any questions concerning the packs or anything about the school banking program, please contact Debbie Simpson, School Banking Co-ordinator on 0411 795 792.

### **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](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 front office know ASAP and a day will be made for you to access a computer at school to apply.

### **P&F Executive**

BLACK DOG INSTITUTE WEBINAR EVENT:

# Navigating your teen's mental health

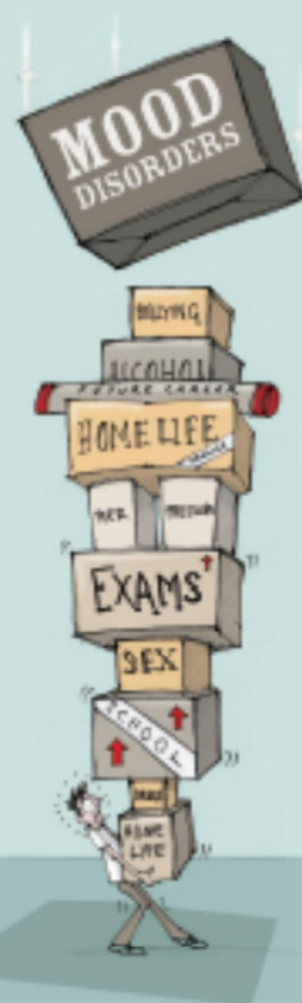
This webinar event is for parents and carers of any young person.

Date: Thursday April 19th

Time: 7pm - 7.45pm (AEST)

Register: [community@blackdog.org.au](mailto:community@blackdog.org.au)

Cost: Free



This webinar will be delivered by a trained presenter with lived experience of a mental illness. They will provide you with insights of what it's like to grow up as a young person with a mental illness.

Whether your teen is experiencing issues now, or if you want to be prepared for the future, this webinar will benefit any parent or carer of a young person. You will learn:

- What is anxiety, depression and bipolar disorder?
- How to spot early warning signs in young people
- When and where to seek help
- How to support a young person you care about

[www.blackdog.org.au](http://www.blackdog.org.au)



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## From the Deputy Principal—Secondary

### **Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 NAPLAN**

In May 2018 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 15-17 May 2018.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at <http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support>

### **Year 10-12 news – changes to ‘Stronger HSC’:**

The Minister for Education [recently announced](#) that Year 9 NAPLAN tests will no longer be available as an early way for students to demonstrate the minimum standard of literacy and numeracy needed to receive the HSC from 2020.

This change has been made to ensure NAPLAN remains focussed on its diagnostic purpose and to reduce unnecessary stress on young people.

Students will show they meet the [HSC minimum standard](#) by passing online tests of basic reading, writing and numeracy skills needed for everyday tasks, which are available for students to sit when they are ready in Year 10, 11 and 12 and after the HSC.

Five-week windows for sitting the tests are scheduled for Terms 2, 3 and 4.

### **Year 10, 11 and 12 - Students Online**

This personal account allows students to receive NESA grades, HSC timetables and ultimately HSC results. The students have been given their NESA student numbers.

NESA's first issue of Student News for 2018 was published on Thursday 22 March. It contains important information that is relevant to them.

If they did not receive a newsletter, students should check the email address given to NESA in your Students Online account, accessed via [My Details](#).

When the Year 10, 11 and 12 students signed their Confirmation of Entry form in February, they checked these details.



# Prep News

Our Prep Class has been very busy working on various skills. We have had an emphasis on our fine motor skills, getting prepared for learning how to manipulate pencils and scissors correctly. As well as practising tracing our name and basic cutting activities, we have been threading, completing puzzles, using playdough and using a variety of construction toys.



In our Pre-Lit program we have been starting to learn about the sounds “m”, “s” and “t”, and what words start with these sounds. We have been talking about rhyming words and learning the meaning of specific words in the stories we read in the program.

As a group, we have made popcorn together, with the full sensory experience of the making process and the eating reward. Our class visited Miss White’s class last week for the Responsible Pet Safety Program. The Prep children participated really well in the whole program, including sitting and concentrating during the group discussion of the topic.





## Chaplains' Report



Hi everyone I pray that you are all well and have had a wonderful Easter break. This has been a very busy term to start the year off and I have given away many new bibles to both new students and ones that have been here a while.

I have also been trying to catch up with all our new students who have started this year to get to know them, to welcome them and take them through a short bible presentation which helps them understand the message of the whole bible in six pictures. This has been very helpful to many students.

*In John 14:27 Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."*

Many people face trials and troubles each day, I pray that you may know the peace that Jesus gives so that no matter what situation you find yourself in, that your heart may not be troubled and that you need not have any fear.

I am available at school on Mondays through to Thursdays each week and appointments can be made through your teachers or by contacting me personally. I want to thank the many students and families who have been utilizing the chaplaincy service. I have had many one on one conversations with students helping them through a wide variety of concerns and situations, as well as helping students resolve conflict with others. I am always amazed at how God helps those who help themselves and it is wonderful to see healing and restoration happening in our students lives.

Several students have shown interest in going on our next mission trip to Ma-ma Sayang Orphanage in Jakarta planned for June 2019. I have given out information sheets and the costing sheets and also a breakdown of payments well in advance to make it easier for parents to plan. Please pray for the students that they will be able to raise the funds needed and for their preparation over the next year leading up to the trip. If you would like any further information or you would like to sponsor any student financially please contact me during school hours.

I pray that everyone has a wonderful holiday and comes back with renewed energy and strength ready for Term 2. May God bless you all.

**Mick Schilling—Chaplain**

# PRIMARY PERSPECTIVE

As this term comes to its conclusion, we reflect back on a very busy and exciting term. We welcomed many new families to the school, which was exciting. A wonderful new Kindergarten class and our Preppies. It is so great to share our school with others.

Our Primary students are making great leaps in their learning, especially in Literacy and Numeracy. Mrs Baxter, Miss White and Mr Anderson travelled to Sydney for Professional Learning in the most effective methods to teach Literacy and Numeracy, this occurred after a visit to our school by consultants from the Association of Independent Schools who observed our Primary school teachers in the presentation of lessons and provided feedback on their teaching. This is to help our teachers to be among the best in Australia. I travelled to Sydney earlier in the term to attend the Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan 2 for Principals, where we were advised on strategies to increase our student's vocabulary.

All of our students have been assessed in Literacy and Numeracy. We have programs running in reading and maths for students that require extra assistance.

Last week we were fortunate to have a lady and her dogs that have been trained in helping students understand the correct way to approach a dog visit our lower primary classes. The students really enjoyed the morning and gained a greater understanding of the importance of approaching a dog in a safe manner.

Many of our students received award for 100% attendance for this term, it is great to see families recognising that regular attendance at school is so imperative in the students achieving the outcomes we want for our children. Next term 100% attendance certificates will be awarded.

I pray that the upcoming holidays will be a time of great happiness and a time of building memories with your children.

God bless and thank you for allowing me to be involved with your children.

**Mrs Barbara McLachlan**

