



St Andrew's Primary School Newsletter

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We have once again had a great start to the term. The children have entered into their learning with enthusiasm and dedication. The learning agenda for the year has been very successful for both teachers and students.

Our goals for the year:

- To accelerate the learning of all students in Literacy and numeracy using high yield strategies , targeted assessment tools and tracking mechanisms leading to consistent practices.
- To continue to develop effective Conceptual Inquiry frameworks that focus on formative assessment data linking KLA's.

The teachers participate in Professional learning meetings each week. The tracking of student performance is one key indicator to determine if our school goals are being met and more importantly making a difference to student learning. I am sure that you were able to discuss your child's learning progress during the parent / teacher meetings last term.

Grandparents Day

What a fantastic turnout for such an important feast day. I wish to thank all our community for the spirit of the day. The children were so excited to have their loved ones at school and the opportunity to have a school picnic with their family. Photos of the day will be on our website very soon. As we slowly open up from the current restrictions, this is a true example of community building and working together to make our school a place of welcome and a visible place of sharing God's love. Special thanks to Mrs Whiticker and the Year 5 students for leading us in prayer.

Athletics Carnival

After the third attempt at rescheduling the event due to wet grounds or wet weather, our Athletics carnival needed to be cancelled once again. After walking the tracks and viewing the dangerous conditions of the ground, there really was no other choice. The wellbeing and safety of all our community was the deciding factor in the decision to cancel. Thank you to the families who shared feedback of the decision on our facebook page. I was also very disappointed that the students would not be able to share this day.

I wish to thank Mr Paynter who was able to quickly adapt the carnival to running trial time races on our school oval on the day to still make it possible for our students to qualify for the next level of Competition that will be held on Tuesday the 9th of August. I wish to thank the Diocesan Sports coordinator for giving our school an extension to submit the names of our squad for this event.

St Andrew's Awards

On Friday 12th August (T3W4) we will be congratulating the students who will receive St Andrews Awards. Parents are very welcome to attend this event in the school hall at 2.10pm. Masks are highly recommended for parents attending.

Canberra Excursion for our Year 6 students

Our Year 6 students are able to once again attend the very exciting Canberra overnight excursion. This is the highlight on the Year 6 calendar each year.

The children will be leaving school at 6.30am on Thursday the 4th of August and returning Friday evening. I wish to thank the many teachers who will be attending. I wish to also thank their families for their support. I am looking forward to hearing the great stories of their experience on their return.

Students from our school will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. The rebate is taken into consideration when fees are billed to parents and is already included in the excursion costing.

Kindergarten enrollments for 2023

We are now at the end of our enrollment period for Kindergarten places for 2023. If you are already a member of our community and have a child who is school ready and should commence school life next year, I encourage you to please lodge an enrolment form as soon as possible. Please contact the school office if you wish to discuss your child's entry into Kindergarten next year.

100 Days of Learning

Our Kindergarten will reach their 100 days of Kindergarten today. The teachers have planned a day of fun for our wonderful Kindergarten students. Photos of the day will be on our website very soon.

Parents and Friends Term 3 meeting

Please come and join us on Monday the 1st of August for our Parents and Friends Term 3 meeting. A note was sent to parents a few weeks ago with the information. The meeting will be in our school Library commencing at 6pm. The meeting will be a social event as well as an opportunity to plan some great fundraising and community building events.

Courtesy towards our school neighbours

May I please ask that parents not park across our neighbours driveways during morning and afternoon drop off and pick up. Our neighbours are very supportive of our school and some have been totally inconvenienced when parents disrespect them by parking across their driveways. Please be mindful of how you would feel if that act was mirrored at your place of residence.

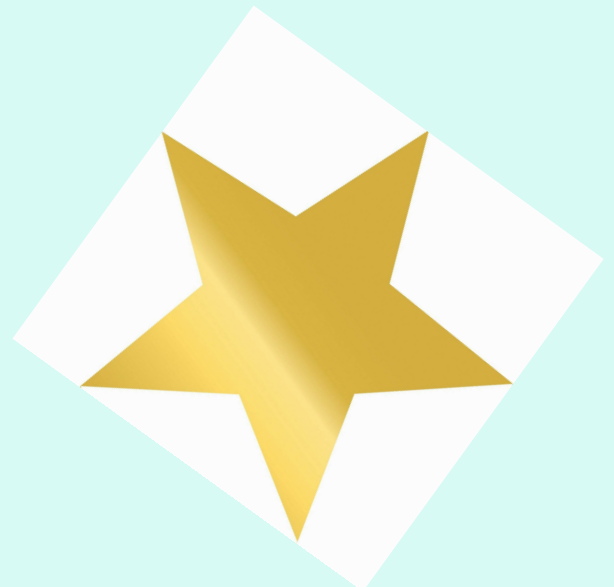
New teacher arrives at St Andrews

I wish to introduce a new teacher to our school- Mrs Alyssa Jade Charalambous. Mrs Charalambous will be working in Year 5 for the rest of the year as the additional and diversity teacher. Mrs Charalambous will be replacing Mrs Gerges who will be resting as she awaits the birth of her first child. We wish Mr and Mrs Gerges God's blessing as they await their gift.



Student of the Week

	T2 WEEK 10	T3 WEEK 1		T2 WEEK 10	T3 WEEK 1
KB	Isaac Tan	Zack Turner	3G	Roman Lototskyi	Samuel Brougham
KG	Natalie Ford	Kiyaan Raiyani	3R	Luis Ilagan	Camille Chong
KR	Athena Tomada	Johanna Ravibalan	3Y	Flynn Sullivan	Olive Jaca
KY	Harlyn Warner	Thomas Kaloustian	4B	Name Withheld	Aarushi Singh
1B	Amelia Stapleton	Sienna Lim	4G	Antonia Modaffari	Kristina Bastalic
1G	Diya Patel	Nysa Patel	4R	Julian DeZen	Miranda Sanorjo
1R	Shreya Joshi	Gabriel Vittori	5B	Amare' Stewart	Jasmin Trevail
1Y	Jershon William Robert	Name Withheld	5G	Anaya Suthar	Avika Chattervedi
2B	Zach Yunon	Nathan Serish	5R	Luca Bagaric	Erin Ankret
2G	Amelia Leleimalefaga	Ambreen Lore	6B	Cali Pielago	Hayley Marks
2R	Jacqueline Jing	Matthew Basilli	6G	Chris Manu	Thomas Dinh
2Y	Shenouda Shaker	Denise Li	6R	Ashlyn Aldana	Lisa Machado
3B	Sarah Garcia	Kieran Arndell			



Term 3 Calendar 2022

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	July 18 ALL STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL	19	20	21	22
2 Newsletter Week	25	26 Grandparents Day Whole School Mass & Picnic	27	28	29
3	August 1	2	3	4 Year 6 Canberra	5 Year 6 Canberra
4 Newsletter Week	8 8.50am Mary Mackillop Feast Day	9 Blacktown Zone Athletics	10	11	12 2pm St. Andrew's Awards
5	15 9.15am Mass Feast of the Assumption	16	17	18	19 Diocesan Athletics Carnival
6 Newsletter Week	22	23 Book Week - Spotlight on Literacy Events scheduled all day	24	25	26 2pm St. Andrew's Awards
7	29	30	31	September 1	2 Year 5 Bathurst excursion
8 Newsletter Week	5	6	7 St. Andrew's Little Big Shots (lunch time)	8	9 Infants Athletics Carnival (all day event)
9	12	13	14	15	16 2pm St. Andrew's Awards
10 Newsletter Week	19	20	21	22	23 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

OFFICE NEWS

Term 3



We are going cashless, if you need to make any payments please do so by eftpos.

If you require any reports printed please log into the QKR App and you can pay via this we will then print the reports and send them home. The cost is \$6 per report.

School fees have now been issued and the due date for instalments is 24th August, if you have not received your statement in the post withing the next week, please contact Reshma Kerai on 0288696700 .

Parents we have a large number of drink bottles in the school office as lost property. If your child has recently lost their drink bottle please check at the office.



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TO THE FAMILIES WHO HAVE CHILDREN THEY WISH TO BE PREPARED FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IN 2022

(STUDENTS IN YEARS 5 AND ABOVE WHO HAVE MADE THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION)

In 2011, the Diocese of Parramatta released a revised *Sacraments of Initiation Policy* for children preparing for the above mentioned sacraments. The process of preparation for these sacraments remains as a parish based, family centred program which creates particular opportunities for parents to continue sharing their faith with their child at the appropriate time.

The Sacraments of Initiation are Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Students in **Years 5 and above who have received their First Holy Communion** are eligible to register for the preparation of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

There is a definite commitment required of families involved in Sacramental Programs. Parents will have to attend a registration evening. There will also be an *Enrolment Ceremony* conducted during Mass on a Sunday morning. As well it will be necessary for parents and children concerned to attend classes and Mass on the designated Sunday mornings.

Candidates eligible to receive the sacrament in St. Andrew's Parish, Marayong, need to fulfil one of the following criteria --

- ▶ The family must live within the parish boundaries of the Parish *and/or*
- ▶ The families need to have chosen this parish as their parish community and this is expressed by ...
 - ◇ their registering as parishioners of this Parish and
 - ◇ by their participation in the life of this parish community.

If you do not live within the parish boundaries of St Andrew's, or are not registered as a parishioner of the parish, you will need to explain why you are seeking the Sacraments here at St Andrew's. This should be done before the Registration Night.

Sacrament of Confirmation Dates:

Registration Period begins:	Monday 18 th July, 2022
Registration Evening:	Tuesday 2 nd August 2022 at 7:00 pm in the church
Classes (including Mass):	Sundays 14 th August & 21 st August, 2022
Date of Sacrament:	Tuesday 6 th and /or Wednesday 7 th September 2022 (Rite of Confirmation within the Mass at 7pm)

*Parish Sacramental Team
Parish of St Andrew the Apostle, Marayong*