



eCollege News



Faith in Christ is the
College motto.

*Faith in Christ gives us our sense
of meaning and purpose.*

Coming Events

30th January

Year 7 - Year 10

Year 11 - Year 12

Classes Begin

31st January

Year 8 - Year 9

Classes Begin

3rd February

Student ID Photos

15th February

College Opening Mass

20th and 21st February

Year 7 Camp

2nd March

College Swimming Carnival

FROM THE COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

Merry Christmas 2016 and Blessings for 2017

We come to the end of another wonderful year of learning and growth at St Andrews College.

Let us **rejoice and be thankful** for the many blessings that we have received as we move towards Christmas. Let us remember the meaning of Christmas. Faith in Christ was born in vulnerability through homelessness and ended in a redeeming act on a cross. If this historical act has meaning for us, then we must act for the outcasts in our society, the homeless in our land, the unemployed and our disenfranchised indigenous sisters and brothers. **A true Christmas will see us seeking justice for all. Let's return Faith in Christ this Christmas.**

Higher School Certificate Results

The College continues to hold its own. Our results reflect good learning growth.

We have some outstanding results in the areas of Mathematics, Music, Science, Japanese, Community and Family Studies, Food Technology, Visual Art, and in two VET subjects, Entertainment and Hospitality. All this success proves that if you wish to do well at St Andrews College then you can with abundance.

Khang Nguyen, College Captain and Dux, received an **All Rounder Award** (Band 6 in each of his subjects). Also, Khang was **sixth in the State for Music 1. Congratulations!**

We are very proud of all our students and we know that they will make the best of the life choices ahead of them.

I thank our **dedicated staff** that has nurtured our students to achieve their best.

Staff leaving

The following staff members are leaving: Mrs Michelle Trefler, Ms Stephanie Llave, Ms Stephanie Dito, Mrs Shona Lewis-Driver and Mr Kyle Churchill. I thank each of them for their commitment to our students and wish them every blessing in their new endeavours. Furthermore, I thank all those staff that have given valued service as casuals or completing short-term blocks.

Retirement

I pay tribute to one outstanding, generous, humble, loyal, dedicated and committed servant of the College, **Mr John Morrissey**, who is retiring at the end of this year. Mr Morrissey has been a teacher and Leader of Learning for 34 years, first with the then John Paul II Senior High School (1983-1997) and now St Andrews College (1998-2016). We have been blessed to have him walk among us as he has educated generations of St Andrews College students. He leaves a great legacy. I thank him for his exemplary service to our students and wish him every blessing as he moves into a well-earned and deserved retirement. **The College salutes him.**

I wish you all a wonderful Christmas surrounded by family and friends. Enjoy!

**God Bless you,
Nicholas Vidot
Principal**



DR STEPHEN GLENN AITKEN

Vale Stephen Aitken

Founding Principal of John Paul II Senior High School

In 1981 Stephen Aitken, then a Patrician Brother, was the Founding Principal of John Paul II Senior High School. The school was the initiative of the Patricians to cater for the growing number of students wishing to further their education in Years 11 and 12. The school became a beacon of an adult learning environment for young adults. When Stephen left the College to pursue further studies in USA the school was renowned for nurturing young adults and preparing them well for the future.

Stephen left the Patricians and went on to be Principal at McCarthy Catholic College Emu Plains and Founding Principal at Mackillop Catholic College Warnervale. This last appointment was probably his best work. He established a phenomenal K – 12 College that is a lighthouse for great education on the central coast. He was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Education from the Australian Catholic University a month before his death for his outstanding service to Catholic education.

Stephen died on the 23rd of November 2016 after a long illness. He will be remembered by many colleagues, Patrician Brothers and his dear family, none greater than his dear wife and soul mate, Kerry. We offer our prayers and love to Kerry, the Patrician Brothers, his family and friends. RIP.

Nicholas Vidot
Principal



Celebrating the Life of Dr Stephen Glenn Aitken



*29th April, 1943
23rd November, 2016*

DR STEPHEN GLENN AITKEN

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - STUDENTS

End of 2016 School Year

What a fantastic Year 2016 has been. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, the students and the families for all their work ensuring success in all aspects of College life in 2016.

One of the most important things we do is become involved in different activities. The College provides many activities for students to get involved in and this is because the teachers give their time and experience to make them happen. Thank you to all the teachers and the work they have done this year.

I have spoken to many families this year and we are blessed to have wonderful caring families that support their children and the College. Without the parent's efforts many events would not take place.

What a fantastic group of students that we have at the College. Your enthusiasm and kindness helps make St Andrews College a wonderful place.

Thank you to everyone for your continual support of the College and I look forward to a fantastic 2017.

2017 School Year

The College Uniform shop will open on Monday the 23rd and Tuesday the 24th of January, 9am - 1pm and then on Monday the 30th, 8.30am - 9.30am. Staff will return on Friday the 27th of January.

Students will return to the College on different days:

Year 7 Monday the 30th of January

Year 10 Monday the 30th of January

Year 11 Monday the 30th of January

Year 12 Monday the 30th of January

Year 8 Tuesday the 31st of January

Year 9 Tuesday the 31st of January

Reminder about uniform on the first day back

After six weeks on holidays, many students grow their hair, put in earrings etc. Just a reminder that when students return in 2017 all College uniform policies are in place.

Please ensure student uniforms fit and are worn appropriately, their hair styles are in accordance with the College policy and that jewellery is worn according to College policy.

It is important that every student is dressed ready to learn as of day one 2017.

Enjoy Christmas and your holiday.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of the St Andrews College community a holy Christmas and a safe and relaxing holiday. May God bless you all and keep you safe. I look forward to you all returning in 2017 refreshed and ready to learn.

God Bless

Nick Thrum

Assistant Principal - Students



On Wednesday the 23rd of November, I had the opportunity to go to the Jarara Awards evening at Bowman Hall in Blacktown. I got the Participation Award which every other Indigenous student got. I also received the 'Achievement Award' which was for displaying leadership skills in the school community.

Overall it was a great night and a new and unique experience. I would like to thank Mr Thrum for nominating me and for my mum and my older brother for taking me to this event.

Lachlan Sibir

2016 YEAR 7 TO YEAR 11 PRIZE GIVING



Year 7

St Andrews College Ambassador

Tyler Andersen
Tahsharn Morris

Dux

Isabella Budod

2nd Place

Alyanna Louise Castaneda

3rd Place

Maiah Lazaro

Most Outstanding Academic Improvement

Jeremiah Gould-Matienzo

Best All Rounder

Tahsharn Morris
Christine Kom

Outstanding School Service

Jericho Balagtas

Outstanding Commitment to Study

Jasmin Murray-Buchanan

Sportswoman

Mercy Yosia Edward

Sportsman

Vinaal Lal



Year 8

St Andrews College Ambassador

Achiek Chol
Holly Pham

Dux

The Victor Chan Trophy

Hashwitaa Maynoor

2nd Place

Michelle Fu

3rd Place

Victoria Cabral

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2016 YEAR 7 TO YEAR 11 PRIZE GIVING

Most Outstanding Academic Improvement

Zodiac Prasad

Best All Rounder

Isabella Carter

Outstanding School Service

Samuel Horsley

Outstanding Commitment to Study

Mikayla Garland

Sportswoman

Chloe Riley

Sportsman

Oscar Housego

Nina Szarek Trophy for Visual Arts

Larysa Trotnar



Year 9

St Andrews College Ambassador

Nyanbol Makog

Dux

Maria Gan

2nd Place

Ebony O'Connor

3rd Place

Peter Nguyen

Most Outstanding Academic Improvement

Zachariah Mousmar

Best All Rounder

Sarah Wonson

Outstanding School Service

Mickaella Douglas

Outstanding Commitment to Study

Sylvia Musel

Sportswoman

Jayan Eston

Jemma France

Sportsman

Isaiah Lazaro

Ben Chifley Achievement Book Prize

Year 9 - Isaiah Lazaro



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2016 YEAR 7 TO YEAR 11 PRIZE GIVING



Year 10

St Andrews College Ambassador

Alaina Carasco

Dux

Larissa Isakov

2nd Place

Alyssa Seccull

3rd Place

Raymond Briffa

Most Outstanding Academic Improvement

Maria Eskander

Vessal Honarpisheh

Rotary Award for Citizenship

Sean Turner

Best All Rounder

Larissa Isakov

Outstanding School Service

Jimmy Hokafonu

Outstanding Commitment to Study – The Reuben F Scarf Award

Alyssa Seccull

Sportswoman

Sarafina Yosia Edward

Sportsman

Martin Milazzo

Leadership Trophy – School Captains

Jonathan Alfonso

Jan Vallar



2016 YEAR 7 TO YEAR 11 PRIZE GIVING



Year 11

St Andrews College Ambassador

Fatog Makog

Dux

Western Sydney University Academic Access Award

Christian Canete

2nd Place

Briant Longabela

3rd Place

Ly Nguyen

Most Outstanding Academic Improvement

Tejal Naidu

Best All Rounder

Briant Longabela

Outstanding School Service

Johaze Rindfleish

Outstanding Commitment to Study

Fatog Makog

Sportswoman

Amy France

Sportsman

Scott Anschau



ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Awards

Year 10 - Alaina Carasco

Year 12 - Alice Apalakis

FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

School/Student ID Photos

Student ID photos are scheduled for Friday 3rd February 2017. ID photos will be taken on both the Senior and Junior Campus.

All students are required to have their ID photo taken.

Photo envelopes will be distributed to students during Learning Group on Tuesday the 31st of January 2017.

All photos will need to be ordered on-line directly with Advance Life Photography (www.advancelife.com.au), using the unique online code displayed on the envelope.

Unique Online Code is **VZD T1P 7AT**.

For families wishing to purchase a sibling photo online orders must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photos will only be taken if an order has been placed.

If you have any queries concerning online ordering please direct them via email to enquiries@advancelife.com.au.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is now closed for 2016. The uniform shop will reopen on the 23rd and the 24th of January from 9am to 1pm, Friday the 27th of January from 1pm - 2pm. Also from the 30th of January to the 3rd of February from 8.30am - 9.30am each day.

Normal trading hours will resume the following week.

Uniform Shop hours in 2017 are:

Mondays and Thursday 8:30am to 9:30am.

Melissa Welch
Business Manager



FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

FROM THE LEADER OF LEARNING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Faith In Christ....

Becoming New People

Becoming New People

Reflection from Pope Francis God is seeking us...Are we allowing Him to visit us? To seek us and give us love and happiness? The Pontiff reflected on the great contrast between God's unceasing love for us and His people, and our faithlessness. Francis reminded those gathered that what really pains the Lord's heart is that despite how much He loves us, looks for us and desires our happiness, we do not acknowledge Him. Can any of us really say, 'I know how to recognise the hour in which I have been visited? Does God visit me?' Pope Francis then asked the faithful to make an examination of conscience, to ask whether each one of us listens to the words of Jesus when He knocks on our door and says, "Amend your life!" "Do you make a daily examination of conscience on this? Did the Lord visit me today? Have I heard some call, some inspiration to follow Him more closely, to do a work of charity, to pray a little more? I do not know, so many things to which the Lord invites us every day to meet with us." Given this, the Pope stressed, it is central therefore to recognise when we are "visited" by Jesus, and open ourselves to His love. Pope Francis concluded, praying, "May the Lord give all of us the grace to recognise the times we have been visited, we are visited and shall be visited, so that we open the door to Jesus and so ensure that our heart is more enlarged by love, and that we might therefore serve the Lord Jesus in love." (Published in Zenit, November 17, 2016)

During the four weeks of Advent, we prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth through prayer and reflection. We contemplate the First Coming of Jesus as Saviour, and anticipate his promised Second Coming. And amid the flurry of Christmas preparations, we look for practical ways to observe the holiness of the season in our everyday lives.

Reflecting over the year, the students have been involved in so many opportunities making the most of each experience. With

support from parents and families our fundraising initiatives have been a huge success for Vinnies, East Timor, WYD, Social Justice and House charities. Looking forward to the many new challenges and opportunities in 2017. Many blessings for the Christmas Season and the New Year.



From The Parish

Christmas Eve Masses

Will be celebrated on Saturday, 24th December at:

- 6:00pm Family Mass
- 8:00pm Vigil Mass
- Midnight Mass - carols from 11:15pm

Christmas Morning Masses

- Sunday, 25th December at 7:30am, 8:45am & 10:30am

Masses for New Year's Day are the normal weekend Masses

The Saturday evening Mass will be followed by an Holy Hour from 7:30pm until 8:30pm.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

One of the most important ways of preparing ourselves to celebrate Christmas and to receive all the God given gifts that are available to us is to participate in celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation.

The second rite of reconciliation which involves a communal preparation before we have the opportunity to individually go and confess our sins will be celebrated on Saturday morning December 17 at 9:30am.

Tania Melki

Religious Education Coordinator Formation

BROTHER ALBERT NURSING HOME CHRISTMAS VISIT



For the last few years, Year 12 students have been given a worthwhile and rewarding opportunity to visit the Brother Albert Home for the Aged, leading up to Christmas.

This year, on Thursday the 8th of December, 22 students along with three staff, visited the nursing home and entertained the elderly residents for an hour. The aim of the day was to bring some joy, fun and Christmas cheer to the elderly residents and to provide some social interaction, with people outside of the nursing home.

Mr Chiappetta's music class along with ten other Year 12 students performed a variety of Christmas carols on the day. We then had some beautiful musical performances by Ly Nguyen, Cindy Grecia, Jeremy Sibucan and Brian Evangelista. One of the highlights of the performances was the Chopin piano piece by Ly Nguyen, as this is by a Polish composer and it resonated well with the Polish residents.

After the musical performances, students then walked around and chatted with the elderly residents and handed out treats and Christmas cards written by our students, in both Polish and English. The residents embraced the presence of the staff and students alike and it was wonderful to see their delight.

It was an extremely touching experience for our students, with some students getting emotional with the social interaction with the elderly residents, and all of them saying they would like to do it again, if they had the chance.

I would like to thank Mr Chiappetta and Mrs Becroft for their support and effort in the running of this event.

Ms Claudine Desira



BROTHER ALBERT NURSING HOME CHRISTMAS VISIT

KOOL SKOOLS PROJECT



Well done to all students who attended and were part of the studio recording. Congratulations also to Gabrielle Santos for her artwork and photography.



In 2016, Mr Chiappetta and his music students produced a third original album for the Kool Skools Project. This album has ten compositions by ten different student groups from the Year 11 and Year 12 St Andrews College music cohort.

The Accidentals (PJ Deghaim, Bryant Longabella and Amandip Singh) performed two original compositions at the awards and received the award for Best Rock Song in the state.

Justine Custodio received a special judges award for songwriting and Sean Lewis took out the award for Best Hip Hop Track in NSW.

CAN 2017 will showcase highlights from the 2016 Kool Skools Project.



YEAR 10 JAPANESE EXCURSION



On November 15th, the Year 10 Japanese class received the opportunity to attend an excursion. Miss Manalili, Ms Lipec and students travelled to Macquarie University by bus; the prominent goal was to enhance our knowledge of Japanese culture. For lunch we all ate an Obento, which is a Japanese box lunch.

After that, we travelled to Northbridge to go to Tokyo Mart; this is a Japanese grocery store.

To begin with, the sessions at Macquarie University were organised and run by a lecturer and volunteers. The sessions consisted of educational card games, Japanese gift-wrapping, conversational Japanese and wearing Yukata. All of the sessions were really exciting and beneficial; we got to apply the language we have been studying in class to real-life situations. The wearing of Yukata was the best session; Yukata is a casual kimono. In Japan, Yukata are popular for dressing up for summer events and firework festivals. However, not only did we build our understanding of Japanese culture, but going to Macquarie

University gave us an insight of what university life could be like for us. The members of staff at Macquarie University were very kind and interactive, and gave us an excursion that we will never forget.

Next, at lunchtime, we ate Bento. Box lunches are very popular among Japanese kids and adults. Our delicious bento consisted of rice, seafood, chicken, potato salad and lots of Japanese vegetables. This format allows for infinite variations and a nutritionally balanced Bento. Also, we went to Northbridge to go to Tokyo Mart. Tokyo Mart is a Japanese grocery store where you can purchase a lot of Japanese food, such as candy, chocolate and so forth. On behalf of Year 10, we would like to recognise and thank Miss Manalili for all her hard work in preparing for this excursion, and making it run so smoothly. We would also like to thank Ms Lipec for coming on the excursion, and sharing this experience with us.

Emma Riviere



YEAR 10 JAPANESE EXCURSION

YEAR 10 JAPANESE



On the 15th of November the Year 10 Japanese class was lucky enough to go on an excursion to Macquarie University. The Japanese class was able to experience Japanese culture, though a variety of workshops run by the department of Japanese Studies at Macquarie University and later visiting Tokyo Mart (a Japanese Supermarket). There were activities such as calligraphy, wearing a Yukata and Furoshiki which is the Japanese art of wrapping using fabric.

We left school after Learning Group and travelled to Macquarie University where we met Miss Manalili's sensei and her helpers for the day. We began by expanding our knowledge on Japan. We then sang some Japanese songs by somebody who writes her own Japanese music. We were fortunate enough to hear her perform one of her own original songs. After having so much fun by singing these songs the day only got better from there. We were learning how to fold paper into boxes and folding fabric into bags. After we all tried on a Yukata and took plenty of pictures it was then time to leave and go have lunch. It was so much fun to have all of these activities planned and be able to share them with all of my classmates.

After the activities we had an absolutely delicious lunch. In the bento there was tempura prawn, salmon, rice, pickles, seafood mix and some potato salad. After we finished eating we then

made our way to Tokyo Mart. We spent about half an hour there and we all bought a lot of food. The staff were so nice and asked us questions that we were able to answer in Japanese. The bus ride home was pretty tiring for most people. The excursion to Macquarie University was a memorable learning experience. As some people couldn't make it to Japan in the exchange program, this was the perfect opportunity to get insight on their culture. It not only was a great way to inform us about their culture but also granted us the opportunity to interact with uni students studying the same language as us, making new friends during the little amount of time we had in the workshop. Overall, the excursion was definitely one to remember as we would undoubtedly utilise what we learnt in the workshop in our studies of Japanese culture. It was a great way to get involved in a few aspects in Japanese culture. We can not thank Miss Manalili enough for the great experience. It was definitely a great excursion that was enjoyed by everyone that came.

Jessica Vassallo and Matthew Cruz



YEAR 9 JAPANESE - JAPAN FILM FESTIVAL EXCURSION



On the 25th of November, the Year 9 Japanese class were privileged to attend the annual 'Japanese Film Festival' (JFF). The chosen film of the year was 'Bakuman' which was about two teenagers, Mashiro and Takagi who plan to be manga artists. This film takes you on an exciting roller-coaster ride where there is competition, a love interest and lots of Manga.

After the movie, we had our lunch where Ms Mizukami kindly organised our obentos (Japanese style boxed lunch) and sat in front of St Andrew's Cathedral. Before we went back to the station, Ms Mizukami took us to a Japanese grocery store and gave us around 15 minutes to look or buy some Japanese sweets and food.

Overall, the day was filled with amazing memories and an interesting movie.

We thank Ms Mizukami and Mr Culbert for supervising us and organising an amazing day.

Irene Baik



WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY PATHE



In Term 4 St Andrews College become a part of the wonderful program facilitated by Western Sydney University to develop the aspirations towards further education and training in Pacific communities.

Pasifika Achievement To Higher Education (PATHE) promotes options for Pasifika people to gain new skills and knowledge which will lead to greater opportunities across all aspects of life.

Year 9 Pasifika students attended a PATHE workshop held at school on Monday the 5th of December. This was an opportunity for students to identify the importance of a strong secondary education outcome for successful tertiary education and vocational training as well as future career planning.

Year 7 and Year 8 students attend the PATHE Middle Years Conference held at Western Sydney University Bankstown Campus on Thursday the 8th of December.

Here the students heard from Pasifika people who have blended their culture and aspirations to succeed at tertiary study and lead rewarding careers.

Ms May wishes to thank the students for their acceptance of this opportunity. She encourages all students to continue working in the program throughout their secondary studies to ensure they are well equipped to succeed once they leave St Andrews College.

Aloha, Bula Vinaka, Fakalofa lahi atu, Kai Ora, Kia Orana, Malo e lelei, Noa'ia 'e Mauri, Talofa lava - Warm Pacific Greetings

Students

Year 7

Vila Hokafonu
Sylvana Taveuveu

Year 8

Ethan Gumaka
Maria Katonibau
Francisco Leiataatimu
Latai Mafi
Mariah Radovu
Kalesita Tausala
Siaosi Tuita

Year 9

Leleianoa Auva'a
Pranav Chandra
Sela Crisafulli Kefu
Allison Futialo
Freedom Lowe
Matthew Pereira
Jimone Schmidt
Preet Sahai
Valentino Setefano
Freddy Tamanika
Kaneisi Tausala
Connor Vlismas

YEAR 10 VISIT TO ACU



On Friday the 2nd of December Year 10 students travelled to North Sydney to visit the Australian Catholic University.

The excursion was an opportunity for Year 10 students to experience a university campus and learn about ACU courses and pathways into university as well as university life.

Elizabeth Sydenham from ACU commented that our students were very well behaved and engaged in the workshops very positively. Congratulations Year 10 for a great day.

ACU offers courses in many discipline areas including: Arts, Biomedical Science, Business, Education, Exercise and Sports Science; Global Studies, Health Science, Information Technology, International Development Studies, Law, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Paramedicine, Psychology, Social Work, Speech Pathology, Theology, Visual Arts and Design.



YEAR 10 VISIT TO ACU

STREAMWATCH VISITS SYDNEY WATER



Why is water so important?

All living things need water to survive. Clean water is especially important for the environment however polluted water is a health hazard. For this reason it is important that the water quality is monitored and managed. We at St Andrews play a small role in this through Streamwatch.

What is Streamwatch?

Streamwatch is a citizen based science water monitoring program that enables community groups to monitor the quality and health of local waterways. It is a long running water monitoring program initiated by Sydney Water and the Sydney Catchment Authority. In 2012 the Streamwatch program was transferred to the Australian Museum but continues to be funded by Sydney Water.

At St Andrews College Streamwatch is run by environmentally concerned Year 12 students who work to monitor the state of our local waterway, Breakfast Creek.

Some of the water quality tests carried out are:

Dissolved oxygen

Phosphate

E.coli

pH

Electrical conductivity

Turbidity



On Tuesday 13 December 2016, the students of the St Andrews Streamwatch team was invited to Sydney Water, West Ryde where they got to see how water is monitored around Sydney. On the visit the students were shown by a field scientist the three types of field sampling vehicles used, what they tested for and the purpose of each. The students were then taken into the different laboratories; Bacteriology, Parasitology, Water Chemistry and Aquatic Ecology; where a scientist from each laboratory described what they tested and explained the meaning of the results.

We would like to thank Julia Bartlett and her team of scientists at Sydney Water for this great opportunity. Not only did the students gain an understanding of the stringent testing that is carried out everyday on our water, but also got to see first-hand science in action.

Caroline O'Hare
Leader of
Learning - Science
Senior Campus



FINAL MATCH REPORT INTER BOYS OZ TAG

On the Thursday the 8th of December our Intermediate Boys Oz Tag squad took part in their final match of the year against Xavier College at Whalan Reserve. Needing several players to fill in and without two of our regulars (Julian and James Martignago) the match proved to be a tough encounter. News broke out earlier in the week that we were going to be without Julian and James. Our final match was dedicate to the Martignago boys and their late grandfather.

With only one reserve and temperatures soaring over 33 degrees we started the match perfectly with two quick tries. Xavier pulled one back to make it 2-1 ten minutes into the match. Some swift passing and overlaps from Matthew Pereira and Gilbert Bautista saw St Andrews head into the half time break with a 5-2 lead. The second half began and after some controversial refereeing and bad fortune Xavier clawed their way back into the match to



halve the deficit with St Andrews still leading the match at 5-3. Utilising our wings and displaying some excellent link play the game was put to bed with three minutes to go. Josh Aquilina and Josh Garland were the difference sending St Andrews College to a commanding seven - three lead. Xavier did score one more try but it was nothing but a conciliation as St Andrews took out the match seven - four on a steamy and sticky afternoon at Whalan.

A special thank you goes to Pranesh Gounder, Josh Aquilina, Josh Garland and Luke Kalogjera for filling in, week in and week out, when the team needed it the most.

Well done boys a solid end after such a shaky start to the term.

James Aronis
PDHPE Teacher and Intermediate Boys Oz Tag Coach

JUNIOR GIRLS OZTAG



The Junior Girls Oztag team had a successful season this year. The team comprised of a good mix of new campaigners and seasoned veterans from last year's squad. Throughout the season, the girls trained hard and showed vast levels of improvement each week. Personally, I believe that this team was by far the best in the competition.

The team went undefeated until their last game against Xavier College who were first on the ladder. This game would determine the gold medal winners and unfortunately it was not to be for St Andrews College. The girls, however, showed enormous determination, courage and a sense of achievement in their final game and throughout the season.

At the final Prize Giving Assembly held on Thursday the 15th of December the girls received their medals

Special mention goes to the Year 7 and Year 8 girls who generously volunteered their support to fill in for the girls who were absent. Another special mention goes to Ms Trenko who became an assistant coach for the Junior Girls Oztag Team.

The Junior Girls Oztag Team consisted of:

Anok Angok

Isabella Dos Santos

Claudia Estrada

Daniella Goncalves

Rachel Khalil

Chantelle Lekov

Chloe Riley (Captain)

Laney Shepherd

Bree Stone

Kalesita Tausala

Sylvana Taveuveu

Miss Stephanie Llave
Junior Girls Oztag Coach

WRITING AND READING FOCUS OF THE WEEK

FOCUS OF THE WEEK – SUMMER AND LITERACY.

□The end of the year is upon us and the students now depart for 6 weeks of sun and sand. During this time it is unlikely that many students will read for pleasure or choose to read anything at all. It is important that students read at some point during their holiday break. I'm not talking about reading schoolwork or studying, although Year 11 and 12 will need to spend some time looking at their work; I'm talking about simply reading something because it's enjoyable. I know - this is a foreign concept to many children and you'd first have to get them away from their busy lives of hanging out at the shops. But studies show that students who read, even a little over the summer, will come back to school with a much better opportunity of succeeding. With this in mind I have decided to end the year with some summer literacy tips:

Make sure children have something to read during the summer - put books into children's hands. Remember that even if paper books aren't easily accessible there are a whole range of online reading resources; one of which is the E-library used by the Parramatta Diocese. If you are from a non-English speaking background, the International Children's Digital Library at <http://en.childrenslibrary.org/> contains books in languages other than English. There are books in English too, but many otherworldly languages are covered for both fiction and non-fiction topics.

Get your local public library to sign children up for summer reading - Get your children to sign up for their local library. The local library offers much more than books these days and it might be useful to get the children enrolled so they can take advantage of the many services – including books!

Take advantage of free summer reading incentive programmes. During the summer there are a number of competitions that encourage children to read. Scholastic, who do the Book Club orders, (<http://www.scholastic.com.au/>) are one such company. Sometimes the book publishers also run competitions for children to encourage their reading. Try Googling Summer Reading Competitions in Australia for 2016 and see what comes up.

Turn off the sound and turn on the subtitles – it seems easier for many children to sit and watch TV for the summer. If you've tried to get them to read, and they just won't take that step, try turning off the sound and turn on the subtitles. One of two things will happen: one, they read the show; or two; they'll leave the room and do something more creative. Either way it's a win!

Take time out to go somewhere new – one of the hardest things as a teacher is trying to build general knowledge into a class. Too many times it is assumed that students will know the simplest of details, yet it turns out those details aren't so simple. Take advantage of free days at museums or National Parks and allow the children to experience something new. Following some nature trails will involve a level of thinking skills, map reading and experiencing nature. Museums will give children an opportunity to experience something practical, scientific, arty or creative. All of these will allow children to think, create and evaluate the things they see, form opinions and decide what they like and what they do not.

Keep a diary or write a blog – if you're lucky enough to go somewhere interesting these holidays, encourage the children to write a journal, diary or blog about their summer. Not only will it give them a written memory of their experiences, it will give them practice in structuring paragraphs, linking sentences together and writing topic sentences. It will also allow them to use more detailed vocabulary in their writing because they will naturally want to mix up their writing to make it interesting.

Lastly, I hope you all have a safe and pleasant summer. I look forward to seeing everyone back in 2017.

Mr Dewar
Literacy Mentor.

EAST TIMOR VISIT



During the October holidays Mr Phil McBride and two teachers from other Sydney schools left their families in Sydney and made the trip to East Timor.

East Timor is also known as Timor Leste and is about one and a half hours by plane from Darwin. It is one of the world's newest countries becoming independent in 1999. Timor Leste has 1.2 million people most of whom live in poverty.

Why did Mr McBride and the two teachers spend their October holidays in East Timor?

Mr McBride believes there are many reasons for the trip.

One is that during World War II the East Timorese helped the Australian soldiers in their fight against the Japanese. When the last Australian troops withdrew from East Timor, the East Timorese

people paid a terrible price for assisting our troops. I felt we owed a debt to the people of East Timor.

Another reason is a quote from a hero of Mr McBride's Nelson Mandela: "Like slavery and apartheid, poverty is not natural. It is man-made and can be overcome and eradicated by the actions of human beings".

Mr McBride and the other teachers were doing their small part in eradicating poverty in East Timor.

Mr McBride and his teaching companions travelled to East Timor was to teach geometry and trigonometry to students in Same. Same is a village in the central highlands of East Timor. The teaching conditions in Same were very difficult with few resources available. However the students were very motivated and would sometimes work through their lunch break trying to understand a new concept.

In Mr McBride's presentation to St Andrews College students on both assemblies he showed a photo of the East Timorese students using a piece of string, a ruler and chalk to bisect a line on the concrete floor.

In concluding the presentation Mr McBride shared another quote from Nelson Mandela "Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity. It is an act of justice. It is the protection of a fundamental human right, the right to dignity and a decent life. While poverty persists, there is no true freedom".

LEADERSHIP TEAMS 2016

College Leadership Team

College Principal
Assistant Principal Staff
Assistant Principal Learning & Teaching
Assistant Principal Students
Leader of Learning Religious Education
Leader of Learning Religious Education
Business Manager
Executive Secretary

Leader of Learning—Administration

Leaders of Learning—KLA - Senior Campus

Leader of Learning - English
Leader of Learning - Creative Arts
Leader of Learning - HSIE
Leader of Learning - PDHPE
Leader of Learning - Mathematics
Leader of Learning - Science
Leader of Learning - TAS

Leaders of Learning—KLA - Junior Campus

Leader of Learning - English
Leader of Learning - Creative Arts
Leader of Learning - HSIE
Leader of Learning - PDHPE (Acting)
Leader of Learning - Mathematics
Leader of Learning - Science
Leader of Learning - TAS

Leaders of Learning—KLA

Leader of Learning Support
Leader of Learning Technologies

Mr Nic Vidot
Ms Shauna Nash
Mrs Gabriela Osterlund
Mr Nick Thrum
Mrs Tania Melki
Mr Anthony Culbert
Mrs Melissa Welch
Mrs Julie Sabine

Ms Simone McKechnie

Mr John Morrissey
Mr Antonio Chiappetta
Mr Alan Johnson
Miss Claudine Desira
Ms Tracey Thomson
Mrs Caroline O'Hare
Mr Scott McLeod

Mr Andrew Kuchappan
Mrs Pauline Ryan
Mrs Amy Wallis
Mr Kyle Churchill
Mr David Carey
Mrs Wendy Rudman
Mr Michael Said

Ms Karen Smith
Mrs Sarah Anzellotti

Leaders of Learning—Pastoral Care

Leader of Learning - Pastoral Care
Leader of Learning - Year 7
Leader of Learning - Year 8
Leader of Learning - Year 9
Leader of Learning - Year 10
Leader of Learning - Year 11
Leader of Learning - Year 12

College Careers Adviser

School Counsellor

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Mrs Sue Cooper
Mr David Frankham
Miss Lyndal Simmonds
Miss Andrea Mansfield
Mr Peter Bowd
Ms Melissa Blackwell
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24th October, 2016

TO THE FAMILIES WHO HAVE CHILDREN THEY WISH TO BE PREPARED FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF Penance (RECONCILIATION), FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION IN 2017

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 sequence for the reception of these sacraments has returned to the order that you may remember as a child.

The *Sacraments of Initiation* are **Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation**. The Sacrament of **Penance**, sometimes called *Reconciliation* or *Confession*, is also an important part of the journey of faith for all of us. It is necessary to receive this Sacrament before you are able to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

As with all Sacramental Programs it is essential that parents and children are involved. While the students are supported by religious studies in the schools, the actual preparation takes place on a parish and home level. Parents and children are required to attend Sunday Mass and classes, and parents are helped by facilitators who conduct the sessions.

Each year there are opportunities for your children to receive the Sacraments of **Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation**. This is based on the presumption that they have already received the **Sacrament of Baptism**, as this is the pre-requisite for all other Sacraments. Usually the **Sacrament of Penance** is received in Year Two. **First Holy Communion** may be received the year after the **Sacrament of Penance** is received. Preparation for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** may begin when your child has entered Year 5 or Year 6 and have already made their First Holy Communion.

Parents have an essential role in discerning when their children are ready to be prepared for the Sacraments. When they believe this is the case they should present the children for registration in the appropriate Sacramental Program.

There is a definite commitment required of families involved in Sacramental Programs. Parents will have to attend one or two *Parent Education Evenings* in regard to the Sacraments concerned. There will also be an *Enrolment Ceremony* conducted during Mass on a Sunday morning. **Attendance at the 8:45am Sunday masses and all classes during the Sacramental Preparation Program are compulsory.**

Please Note: What does 'Parish-Based Preparation Programs' mean?

What this means in practice is that families need to present their children to their own parish community for preparation.

In other words for people to be eligible to receive the sacrament in St. Andrew's Parish, Marayong, they 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. It will require an appointment with one of the Priests or the Sacramental Coordinator. Attendance at the schools in the parish does not automatically make one a parishioner of this parish. As all Sacramental Programs are parish based, it is normally the case that Sacraments are received in the parish where you live or the parish where you worship and are involved.

If your child was baptised at a Church other than St Andrew's Marayong, you will need to bring along the child's original Baptismal Certificate.

What should you do now?

The Program for 2017 is outlined below. Please note in your diaries the Registration Period for each Sacramental Preparation Program you wish to enroll your child for and register in person at the Parish Office during that period. **[Only PARENTS can collect a Registration form for their child / children.]**

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

[For children in Year 3 and above who have made their first Reconciliation.]

Registration Period begins:	Monday 30 th January, 2017
Registration Evening:	Tuesday 14 th February, 2017
Classes (Including Mass):	Sundays 26 th and 5 th March 2017
Date of Sacrament:	Saturday 18 th March, 2017 (6 pm) &
(Choose One)	Sunday 19 th March, 2017 [8.45am or 12.15pm]

[Please note – Allocation to the 6pm, 8:45 am or 12:15pm masses will be based on when Registration forms are collected from the parish office.]

Sacrament of Confirmation

[For children in Year 5 and above who will have made their First Holy Communion before the Confirmation Ceremony.]

Registration Period begins:	Wednesday 26 th April, 2017
Registration Evening:	Tuesday 9 th May, 2017
Classes (Including Mass):	Sundays 21 st and 28 th May, 2017
Date of Sacrament:	6 th and/or 7 th June, 2017 [7.00pm]
	[Note: Date of the Sacrament to be confirmed]

Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation)

[For children in Year 2 and above who have been baptised.]

Registration Period begins:	Monday 18 th July, 2017
Registration Evening:	Tuesday 1 st August, 2017
Classes (Including Mass):	Sundays 13 th , 20 th and 27 th August, 2017
Date of Sacrament: [Choose one]	Saturday 2 nd September, 2017
(All at 9:30 am)	Saturday 9 th September, 2017 OR
	Saturday 16 th September, 2017

Parish Sacramental Team
Parish of St Andrew the Apostle, Marayong