



Term 4 Week 6

Wednesday 15th November 2017

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DIARY DATES

TERM 4 2017

Monday 20th Nov	Swimming Program continues...
Wednesday 22nd Nov	Instrument Testing
Monday 27th Nov	Thank You Afternoon Tea for Parent Helpers 2:15pm
Friday 1st Dec	Year 6 Assembly 2:30pm in the Hall
Tuesday 5th Dec	Andrew Chinn Christmas Concert—6:00pm
Friday 8th Dec	Year 6 Graduation Disco
Monday 11th Dec	End of Year Award Ceremony 9:00am
Monday 11th Dec	Year 6 Graduation Mass 6:30pm
Tuesday 12th Dec	Year 6 Reward Day
Tuesday 12th Dec	Reports to Parents
Wednesday 13th Dec	Swimming Carnival
Thursday 14th Dec	New Children 2018 (Yr 1-6) Orientation Day 2:00pm
Friday 15th Dec	End of Year Mass 9:00am
Friday 15th Dec	School Concludes for Students

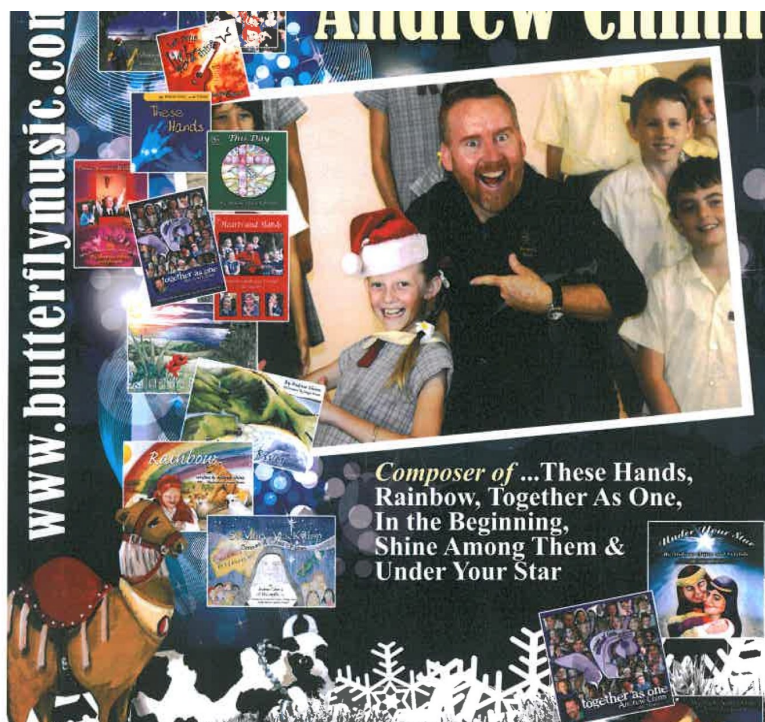
PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents,

As previously advised we will be celebrating Christmas with Andrew Chinn and a Christmas Concert Tuesday 5th December.

Religious songwriter and singer, Andrew Chinn, will be visiting our school to be a part of our Christmas celebrations. Andrew's songs, such as "These Hands", "Together As One", "Rainbow" and "In the Beginning" are used in classrooms and liturgies around Australia, New Zealand, the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom.

Parents, Grandparents, Family Members and Parishioners are warmly invited to be a part of the celebration of faith and fun. The concert will take place on the Marist Playground at 6pm. We look forward to seeing you there.



Peace and Best Wishes.

Richard Blissenden
PRINCIPAL



**MOVING SCHOOLS OR LEAVING
ST MARY'S AT THE END OF 2017?**

It is a legal requirement that you inform us of the school your child will be attending in 2018. If you are moving house or changing schools (excluding Year 6) please advise the school office in writing of your new contact details and the name of the school your child will be attending. We have a number of families on our waiting list now (people are hearing good things about our school and want to come here) and we would like to offer them places where we can. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation in this matter.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

With the end of year fast approaching, the school calendar is getting very busy. Here are a few dates for you to put in your diary:

27/11 - Thank You Afternoon Tea for
Parent Helpers 2:15pm

1/12 - Year 6 Assembly 2:15pm

5/12 - Andrew Chinn Christmas Concert

8/12 - Year 6 Graduation Disco

11/12 - End of Year Award Ceremony 9:00am

11/12 - Year 6 Graduation Mass 6:30pm

13/12 - Swimming Carnival

15/12 - End of Year Mass 9:00am

**BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATIONS**

November 15	Isabelle Borkowski
November 16	Tara Quinn
	Hayden Green
	Jacob Hayes
November 17	Daniel Rust
November 18	Natalia Pan
November 19	Vazgen Simonyan
November 20	Olivia Marshall
	Vianna Kwok
November 21	Luca Biviano
	Chloe Munoz
November 22	Sanjana Norris
	Jacob Zaouk
	Brianna Ward
November 23	Josephine Smith
November 26	Carissa Gallagher
November 27	Ayva Younes
November 28	Daniel Bietola

We would like to wish all of these children a very happy birthday!!

**PRINCIPAL AWARDS
TERM 3—Week 8**

KA	Michael Kolosakas & Ava Alim
KT	Mia Iacono & Lucas Nassima
1F	Ellie Hart & Brody Newby
1R	Torie Shi & Gus Gilroy
2B	Paige Bailey, Lucinda Boulous & Imogen Piper
2MV	Christina Lim & Eddie Appleby
3G	Ayva Younes & Elizabeth Samuel
3S	Amber Adams & Luke Porter
4J	Ellen Watson & Gianluca Alcuri
4K	London Ardeleanu & Blake White
5E	Sophia Bartosiak & Philippe Jendruch
5L	Mia Northwood & Josephine Keyser
6B	Natalia Pan & Oliver Homann
6W	Charlotte Bowskill & Ciara Kuys

**CARE AWARDS
TERM 3—Week 8**

KA	Molly Lewis & Oscar Libbert
KT	Xavier Cooper & Grace Henstock
1F	Andriana Simmonds & Ellie Smith
1R	Lester Wu & Olivia Ribera
2B	Benjamin Rust, Natasha Smith & Doreen Dube
2MV	Ashley Adams & Aanya Singh
3G	Jireh Samuel & Dominic James
3S	Ruby Northwood & Alexander Teschke
4J	Joshua Green & Indiana Liu
4K	Keira Gad & Kingston Luburic
5E	Cooper Frain & Andrea Leon
5L	Annabella Canale & Jonas Pellegriti
6B	Hannah Jalil & Josephine Smith
6W	Leah Kim & Elizabeth Hogan

FETE NEWS...

FETE WRAP UP 2017

On Monday evening the Fete Committee met for the final time as we wrapped up a very successful 2017 Fete. The day could not have been a success without the work of a number of key people including Allison Crase-Markarian and Lorie Belleza who were instrumental in making the Fete actually happen. They were both involved in the detailed planning required for such an event. Also supporting this event were parents and parishioners, in particular thank you Foutine Ardeleanu for all the flyers and newsletters, Linda Zaouk for the rides, raffles and sponsorship and Anton Massillamany for his work as treasurer. We would also



like to thank Rosemarie Gosper for her advice and assistance across all areas of the event, Teresa and Theo Cotsinis for security, cakes and lollies along with all stall co-ordinators Andrea Duska, Glenys Oxley, Melissa and Shane Stevens, Kelly Alcuri, Rhonda and Glenys Panas, Nicky Pellegriti, Nancy Grugan, Nancy Peaty, Samantha Keyser, Marifel, Cathy Saad, Anne Maree Lyons, Carly Lake, Stephanie Williams, Paris Jalil, Lana (Haunted House) and Treena Appleby.

THANK YOU!

Fr Peter and Mr Blissenden each receiving cheques for \$19 000 being the money raised at the recent Fete.

STOCK UP ON BOOKS THIS HOLIDAY...



SPECIAL LIBRARY NEWS

1. Stocktake will be underway soon so **please return all your library books** as soon as possible.
2. As the library will close early this year, please come to our **Library Open Day** where you will be able to:-

Borrow as many books as you need for the rest of the holidays.

Make your very own bookmarks and take part in our Lucky Door Prizes.

Look forward to seeing you at the Open Day!

Happy Reading!
Mrs Radocchia

FROM MR BLISSENDEN...

SOCIAL MEDIA AND STUDENTS YOUNGER THAN 13

Social Media, like Facebook, Kik, Instagram, Snapchat, YouTube etc along with new apps like Roblox and Musical.ly can be fun and engaging to use, when used appropriately. Issues, however, easily arise with the use of these sites by very young people, as they often lack the social nuances required to communicate effectively in this medium. The safe use of technology has been reinforced with students over many years here at St Mary's. We encourage students to use technology appropriately and there are serious consequences for students that engage in inappropriate uses of technology. As you know all students also sign our Acceptable Use of Technology policy. All the above sites and apps require **the user to be older than 13**. We are aware that, at times, students may be accessing social media sites at home with and without the knowledge of their parents. With the holidays approaching I would suggest that it would be a good time to review with your child the safe use of technology. Could I ask that, if appropriate, you assist your child to deactivate social media sites that you no longer want your child having access to?

SCHOOL TIMES / SUPERVISION / IF YOUR CHILD IS AWAY

Please remember that playground supervision at school commences at 8.20am. For safety reasons, children should not be at school before 8.20am. School starts at 8.50am. Children need to be at school with enough time so they can have a play and socialise with their friends and go to the toilet before lessons start. If your child/ren are away from school, please send an explanation note with your child when they return to school, absent notes can also be sent in via the skoolbag app. If no explanation is received then your child is marked as an unexplained absence. If your child/ren arrive late for school, you need to bring them into the office and sign them in. If you need to collect your child early from school, you must visit the school office and sign them out. Thank you for your understanding with these procedures.

PARENTS HELPING AT SCHOOL

Parents are reminded that, if entering the school grounds to help in learning spaces, they are required to sign in at the office on arrival, and sign out on departure and must wear a visitor's badge. If parents are planning on assisting in the classroom, or on an excursion, they are required to first complete the online CEDP Child Protection Training. The training is undertaken over the internet at www.childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/training. Simply click the training link under "Volunteer" to undertake the training. Once training is undertaken, complete the questionnaire, submit your details, and both you and the school will receive a notification email of your completion.

PLANNING FOR 2018

At this time of the year, the school is actively planning for next year. Part of this planning is the formulation of 2018 class lists. In order to develop class lists, the current grade team take into consideration academic, social and emotional elements to place all children into a class where their learning needs are best served. If parents have any additional information they wish to have considered for the class placement of their child, they are asked to send a letter to Mr Blissenden by Wednesday 22nd November. The formulation of class lists is a very complex and time consuming task and families are reminded that the school cannot entertain long lists of requests involving students that their child likes and dislikes. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

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