Term 1 - Week 11

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**PRINCIPALS REPORT**

**Have a great break:** We are now at the end of Term 1. It has been a very busy but exciting term and I believe we all need a break ready for a fresh start in Term 2. There have been many highlights, too many to mention in our newsletter, however I can say it has been an extremely successful term at St Andrews. Have a wonderful break and we look forward to seeing students arrive back from the break on Wednesday 1st May.

**Reminder – Staff Development Days:** This year the NSW Department of Education and Communities announced that there will be two staff development days in Term 2, 2013. The extra day has been designated for teacher training around the National Curriculum that begins next year. The dates for the two days are Monday 29th of April and Tuesday 30th of April. Students don’t attend school on both of these dates. Term 2 resumes for students on Wednesday 1st May.

**Mr Neilson leaving and a new Assistant Principal beginning at St Andrews PS:** Congratulations to Mr Neilson who has been successful in gaining a permanent Assistant Principal’s position at Milperra PS. Mr Neilson begins his new position on the first day of next term and we wish him every success. The school community will miss him greatly. He is an outstanding classroom teacher and has done a fantastic job as relieving Assistant Principal for the last 12 months or so. Milperra PS, will be very fortunate to have him.

Our new permanent Assistant Principal will be Mrs Kiri Smith. Mrs Smith was the successful candidate during our recent merit selection process and we are delighted to welcome her to our great school. Mrs Smith will begin day one next term and slot straight into being the classroom teacher for KN and will be the supervisor of all Kindergarten classes.

Richard Batty  
Principal

Donna Barton  
Deputy Principal

Chad Harris  
Deputy Principal
**Grandparents Day:** Grandparents Day was held on Tuesday of this week and was just awesome. I believe we had over 400 grandparents and great grandparents visit our school and the feedback was fantastic. A huge thank you must go to our Parent Body volunteers who served with smiles all day. In particular, Jodie Travers and the Parent Body team did so much work leading up to the event so that our grandparents felt so special. Thank you also to parents who donated food and their time, Mrs Poynton for organising and overseeing our assembly, our prefects, students and staff for their hard work. A great day was had by all. I encourage families to check out our website as photos are uploaded shortly.

**Notes on our Website:** A reminder that if you have misplaced a school note we are trying to upload as many as we can onto our school website. I encourage parents to look on the website and print out a note from home if you have misplaced the original.

**Principal’s Topic of the week:** My Principal’s topic this week is about Student Leadership.

**Student Leadership:** Developing the qualities of leadership and responsibility is an important element of the curriculum at St Andrews PS. Over the 7 years that students are here at our school, we aim to provide them with a range of opportunities to grow in self-confidence and take on increasing responsibilities. Little steps like taking charge of their own home reader and homework all assist students to become responsible for their own actions.

As students become more independent, we provide them with the skills to take on wider school responsibilities and begin to show leadership skills in small and large groups. Taking on a monitoring role in the classroom or playground helps students to gain a sense of satisfaction and a feeling of being part of a larger community. Leadership is about having a go at something. You don’t have to be the ‘boss’ to be a leader. You need to be prepared to take on some challenge and see it through. Leadership must be demonstrated. As American industrialist Henry Ford said, “You can’t build a reputation on what you are going to do.”

Leadership requires enthusiasm, passion and a positive attitude for what it is you want to complete or change. Leadership is also about working with and trusting others to achieve a common vision.

We have a wonderful student leadership team at St Andrews PS and we look forward to seeing our students shine.

Mr Richard Batty
Principal

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**PERMISSION TO PUBLISH**

If your child has bought home a note last week for Permission to Publish could you please return this form to the office ASAP.

**LIBRARY NEWS:** Term 1 has been a very busy term in the library. Kindergarten have settled in very well and are our best borrowers by far! Well done Kindergarten!

Don’t forget that all children except Year 6 need a library bag to borrow. Unfortunately there have been a large number of books destroyed already this year. Some have been damaged by leaking drink bottles but a large number have been written and scribbled in deliberately!

The Premiers Reading Challenge is continuing this year but with one very big change – ALL children need to enter their books on-line at the Premiers Reading Challenge website. A separate note will be coming home explaining how children can access this website.

During Term 2 we will be having a Book Fair. This will be held in the library from Mon 17th June to Wed 19th June. All books are supplied by Scholastic and all are for sale. The library receives a percentage of the sales which we use to purchase new books for the library. Please put these dates in your diary and come along and do some shopping.

Library Staff

**PINK HOPE** We would like to thank our school staff and the community for supporting our Pink Hope tea party fundraiser. It was a great success with over 80 attending, raising funds and spreading the word of Pink Hope. Pink hope encourages and supports women to be proactive about their breast and ovarian health.

Kerrie Martino and Heidi Kangasniemi
GELATO: Thank you to the students, parents and community for supporting us with purchasing Gelato ice creams on Fridays.

We are still selling this Friday but have limited stock of Chocolate and Vanilla flavours only. So remember your $2!
Togethe we have made $1360 profit to date and this will help purchase another Interactive Whiteboard for the school.
During Term 2 and 3 we be taking a break from Gelato, but we will be back again in Term 4.
Mrs Sivell

COFFEE CHAT: Coffee Chat on Tuesday mornings has been a success with Ha Nguyen, our Regional Multicultural Community Liaison Officer meeting the parents. Many parents are stopping by to have a free cup of coffee or tea.
We will be continuing this every Tuesday morning from 8:40am next term, near the Kindergarten silver seats.
So come along on Tuesday 7th May and join in.

PARENT BODY INFORMATION:
Events for Term 2
Start Collecting Earn and Learn stickers from Woolworths
Mothers Day Breakfast – Friday 10th May
Second Hand Uniform Sale – Wednesday 15th May
Movie Night – Monday 24th June

Parent Body is looking for second hand uniforms. Yellow polo shirts, Current sport uniforms, Girls Winter Tunics. Please note we have plenty of school jackets available in various sizes.

SWIM SCHEME
Note went home last week.
It is $43 and will run for 10 consecutive days from May 27th-7th June from Year 2-6.

UNIFORM SALES
Just a reminder that Uniforms are on sale from the school office on the following days only.

Monday
8.30am - 10.30am
2.30pm - 3.30pm

Wednesday
8.30am - 10.30am
2.30pm - 3.30pm

Friday
8.30am - 10.30am
2.30pm - 3.30pm

Please note that this also includes school hats.

Cash or cheque ONLY

HAPPY HOLIDAYS