A very big thank you to all of the staff and parents who supported our Infants’ Athletics Carnival yesterday. Although the sun came in and out from behind the clouds, the joy and excitement on the children’s faces lit up the day! I am sure that we witnessed a few future Olympians out on our sports field.

Also, on Wednesday night, many staff attended the Gary Waldon Trust fundraising dinner. This is a special event, organised to raise funds for children with special needs. It was a wonderful evening with great food, a fabulous atmosphere and awesome entertainment. One of the highlights of the evening was a special performance by the ‘Whistling Bell Tones’. The group consisted of the students in 4/6M. The children were brilliant in their performance, with obvious enthusiasm and joy at performing in front of such a large audience. I would like to thank Mrs Baker and Mrs Hewson, who were AWESOME in their support of the group and gave up time for practice and preparation.

St Andrews is very lucky to have such passionate and committed teaching staff.

Have great weekend
Mrs Barton

HELPFUL HINTS FOR PARENTS:
Friendships are important for happiness and well-being. Children can be cruel, often excluding others from peer groups, often for no apparent reason. It can be lonely for children or young people who find themselves isolated from peer groups or without a best friend.
BRIGHT IDEAS FOR HELPING CHILDREN MAKE FRIENDS

• If possible, establish a dialogue with your child about friendships so that you can offer support when there are difficulties and provide some ideas when needed.

• Identify and discuss any behaviours such as teasing, bullying or self-centredness that may prevent your child from making friends. Sometimes a child’s remarks can irritate others to the extent that he/she is ostracised.

• Teach some social skills such as how to start up a conversation and how to hold the interest of others during a conversation.

• Provide opportunities for your child to have friends at your place after school or during weekends so that friendships can develop. An invitation to bring a friend along to a family outing can provide opportunities to strengthen friendships.

• Encourage your child to participate in ‘out-of-school’ activities or groups that may provide opportunities to meet new people away from the peer groups at school. Friendships formed through shared interests are very strong.

PARENT TIPS:
National Child Protection Week 1-7 September

Protecting children is everyone’s business. Play your part by reporting the abuse, neglect or exploitation of a child to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Find out more: http://napcan.org.au/

Helping your child choose right from wrong: How do you raise ethically aware children? In this audio discussion, Dr Simon Longstaff from the St James Ethics Centre explains some ideas to James O’Loghlin.


Preparing for Year 7: The transition from primary school to high school maths can be difficult for both you and your child. However, by working in partnership with your child and using some careful forward planning, the transition can be smooth and successful.

Find out more: http://educationequals.com/what-you-need-to-know-about-learning-maths-in-high-school/

Numbers fun: Learning to count forwards and backwards from a given number helps children with solving addition and subtraction problems. Use these great worksheets to help your child learn about number ordering.


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.

PARENT BODY:
Lost Property: Please note that the lost property box is cleaned out regularly by Parent body. Any clothing that has a name in it is returned to the school. Any clothing with the school logo on it, is washed and sold at second hand uniform sales. All other clothing is washed and given to charity. Please ensure that you mark your child’s name on all items of clothing. This ensures that it will be returned...
**Second Hand Uniforms:** Parent Body would appreciate any donations of girls school dresses or polo shirts with the school emblem in good condition. Smaller sizes would be appreciated as well.

**Fete Raffle Tickets:** Tickets will be sent home with each student this week. Tickets and money are due back to school by Friday 13th September to be drawn at the fete on Tuesday 17th September.

Each booklet contains 6 tickets. A booklet is $5 or single tickets are $1 each.

**Art work:** Parent Body is happy to provide another amazing fundraiser to the students of St Andrews. Students will complete amazing artworks on special art paper that will then be used to produce various items ie. Calendars, phone covers, mouse pads.

Art works will be available for viewing at the school fete. Look for the Parent body stall to view the art work.

Order forms will be sent home the day after the fete (Wednesday 18th September) and orders and monies to be returned by Friday 11th October.

**Profits from the calendars will go to the school to the air conditioning initiative.**

Thankyou for your support
Parent Body

**FETE:** If anyone has any potted plants or vegetable seedlings for the garden stall, please take them directly to Mrs Lawrie’s room in the infants please. We will take fancy pots too!

Also, white elephant donations are now being accepted. Please take them to the office.

No electrical items can be accepted. The closing date for the white elephant stall is Tuesday 10th September. Thank you for your understanding.

**CUMBERLAND PLAIN WOODLAND**

“Bring back the bush-native tree planting”: 4F and 46JB were fortunate to be offered the opportunity to participate in the “500 Schools Planting Program”. This program involves students planting native trees to restore and regenerate the critically endangered Cumberland Plain Woodland, which will then provide habitat for our native wildlife.

Cumberland Plain Woodland is a critically endangered vegetation community near Hoxton Park. This means there is only 9% of its original fauna and flora in the area today. The woodland is characterised by impressive trees such as the Grey Box, Red Gum, and Narrow Leaved Ironbark. Native animals found in the area include Green and Gold Bell Frog, Ringtail Possum, Land Snail, Grey Headed Flying Fox and the Brown Toadlet.

Students from 4F and 46JB were taken by a free bus to Cumberland Plain Woodland and had to walk 1.6km to our location. All the students were excited. They had to listen to a brief story about the area, and then listen and watch instructions of how to plant the native trees.

There were four different types of trees that we planted and Ra-Eed Gamildien (4F) was the only student who was able to recall all four types of plants we planted. What was even more impressive was that he could recall all the technical names for all of them. Way to go Ra-Eed! 😊

First we had to wear gloves and a choose a native tree, plant it in the hole (which was already dug) then cover the plant with the loose soil, then put some recycled cardboard around the base of the native tree, then we needed to dig in three stakes using a metal stake digger, then hold the stakes together and place a plastic cover around the stakes, ensuring the base is covered and then the plants were watered.

Most students planted between 5-10 native trees each. All together we planted over 100 native trees on the day. Some students worked in pairs and the team work, communication and co-operation was something that Ms El-Jamal, Mrs Johnson and Ms Bond were proud of. Well done 😊😊

Before departing, the students received a free t-shirt saying “Bring back the Bush”.

Students and Teachers would like to thank “Mrs Lawrie” for organising this wonderful trip and experience.

Please feel free to visit “Western Sydney Parklands”, it contains world class sporting facilities, popular picnic areas, full length cycle/walking track (27kms), native bushland and covers 27kms from Leppington to Quakers Hill. Visit www.westernsydneyparklands.com.au for more information.
These activities are great for kids aged 6 to 12 years.
Come to PCYC and have fun while you get fit!

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Dancing and Gymnastics Classes Coming Soon!

Special offer: Mention this ad and your first activity is free when you sign up as a PCYC member.
We have activities for the whole family!

Happy Fathers Day!