Welcome Back to the 2016 School Year

I trust all students and parents/caregivers had a wonderful Christmas and New Year break with family and friends and are looking forward to an exciting school year throughout 2016. Welcome back!

I'd also like to welcome back our entire St Andrews PS staff. Our staff development day last Wednesday was incredibly productive and our school team is enthused and excited about what the new school year will bring.

A special welcome to our new staff:
Mrs Danial (New Deputy Principal)
Mrs Van Deinsen (Kindergarten)
Mr Pengelly (Year 1)
Mrs Matthews (Year 1)
Mr Barron (Year 5/6)
Mr Chomicz (Year 5, RFF and EALD)

We said farewell to Mrs McCormack, Mr Reynolds and Mr McGlinn at the end of last year as they enter retirement. Mr McGlinn will be returning Term 2 for 2 days per week. We said farewell to Miss Walsh last Friday due to her successful appointment to a permanent teacher position at Spring Farm PS. All these staff will be really missed.

The beginning of any school year is always organised around the first two to three weeks as a draft class structure model. Until we have confirmed all new enrolments and students not returning to St Andrews PS, students have been placed with their new 2016 teacher as a temporary model. There are often some changes across classes due to fluctuating enrolments, however we will do our best to keep things the way they are. As soon as I submit our student numbers to the Department of Education (middle of Week 3)) I will communicate our permanent class structure to the school community. In the meantime grade supervisors/class teachers will inform parents of who is on their grade and what is required of students (eg: equipment). We will be coordinating a grade/class parent information evening on Wednesday 10th February (details attached). We have also attached a map of our school and class locations. Following the temporary class period my communication will cover class structure, teacher placement, executive structure and support personnel across the school.

I also look forward to welcoming our new Kindergarten children on Wednesday and am very excited for each and every one of them. It is a very special time for the children and their families.

Have a great week!

Mr Batty
Principal
St Andrews Public School
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Ballantrae Drive, St Andrews NSW
Parent Information Sessions
Wednesday 10\textsuperscript{th} February, 2016

We will be holding a Parent Information Evening on Wednesday 10\textsuperscript{th} February, 2016 at the following times:

- Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 classes including K-4J and 2/5B
  4:30pm to 5:00 pm

- Year 3 and Year 4 classes including 3/6J, 2/6C and 3/6R– 5:15pm – 5:45pm,

- Year 5 and Year 6 classes - 6:00pm – 6.30pm

The meetings will be held in teacher’s classrooms. We have placed a school map on the back of this note so that you can find your child’s classroom.

Teachers will share information about class routines, homework, topics that will be covered during the year, as well as how parents can make contact with teachers.

We hope you can join us on the evening. Tea and coffee will be available in the library for parents who need to wait at school between sessions.

Please note that this is not an opportunity for parent teacher interviews. These will be held later in the year. We look forward to seeing all parents on this very important evening.

Mr R Batty
Principal