The Feast of St Luke, Evangelist

God of wisdom,
you inspired St Luke to write works proclaiming
the wonders of your Son and his Church.
May we imitate the example of your evangelists and
sing the praises of your works to all we meet.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
AMEN

Dear Parents,
Welcome back to the final term for 2016. The children were also reminded at yesterday’s informal meeting that this term also formulates sound teaching and learning as well as the consolidation and revision in the latter part of this term. All children should revisit their set goals and ensure that they strive to achieve them to the very best of their abilities.

One of our foci for this term has been the games and the way that children play in the playground. Please take the time to discuss, with your children, the way that they play (no rough play), taking turns, sharing and including all. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Please keep in your prayers all of the families who have been affected by tragedies within our world. It is by the strength of prayer and support that we can contribute to these people.

Parents are reminded that teachers will be involved in Staff Meetings every Tuesday afternoon and also on other afternoons throughout the term. It is very much appreciated that you pick up your children promptly on these days.

Due to Insurance concerns, children are not permitted on the playground equipment before and after school. Thank you for your assistance in this matter as it will also assist the children to leave the school premises in a safe manner.

A list of Term IV Dates was sent home with the newsletter last term. If any parent requires another copy, please check the web site or contact the front office.

A warm welcome to Miss Figliomeni, who will be a visiting teacher in Year 4 Blue for this term. Please make her feel welcome if you see her in the playground.

Please keep in your prayers Miss Poz (our Year 4 Teacher) who had an accident with boiling water over the holidays. We wish her a speedy recovery and a return to Year 4 as soon as possible.

The following staff will be or are currently on Long Service Leave during this term. They are Mrs Rafferty, Mrs O’Neil, Mrs Thomson and myself.

If any family is not returning to St. Andrew’s for 2017 could they please notify the office, in writing, immediately as we have a number of children on our waiting lists. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.
NOTIFICATION OF AGM’S – SCHOOL BOARD AND PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

6:00pm – Wednesday 16th November 2016

Parents are invited to the St. Andrew’s School P & F AGM which will be held on Wednesday 16th November, commencing at 6:00pm in the School Hall. Directly after the P&F AGM, The School Board will present their AGM. Both AGM’S should conclude by 7:00pm. I look forward to seeing a number of committed parents there who are willing to become more involved in the school. (If any parent is considering nominating for the School Board then they need to speak initially to Mr. Fontaine and obtain an information package.)

COMMITTED PARENTS REQUIRED??????

Can you spare one hour twice a term on a Wednesday evening?
Are you interested in the education of your child?
Do you care about St. Andrew’s School?
Do you like socialization and learning about new things?

Well this is every parent that I have met and spoken to at St. Andrew’s School. We are so fortunate to have a fantastic group of parents, who all want the best for their child, the school and the community, but we need you. We are seeking interested parents to join either the School Board or the P & F. Both organizations are of paramount importance to the successful running of St. Andrew’s School and parents are welcome to join either one or both. NO SPECIAL SKILLS are required. All that you have to do is speak directly to Mr. Fontaine and nominate yourself, pencil in attendance at the AGM on Wednesday 16th November, commencing at 6:00pm and then join the fun!!! I promise you that it will be fun and not a whole lot of extra work. Please see me if you are interested.

YEAR 5 FUTURE SCHOOL LEADERS – MINISTRIES - 2017

All children in Year 5 will be presented with information with regards to becoming a student leader of the school in 2017. This will be done on Monday with both Mr Smith and Mr Waddell. Parents of children in Year 5 should take the opportunity to discuss these notes and the requirements for these positions with their child. Any further questions can be directed to Mr. Smith, Mr Waddell or myself.

BYOD PARENT MEETING REMINDER – CURRENT YEARS 3 & 4

All parent with children currently in Years 3 and 4 would have received a letter at the end of last term informing them of a meeting which will be held at 6:00pm on Tuesday 18th October in the school Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to inform parents of the implementation of the school’s BYOD plan for 2017.

BOOKLISTS - 2017

School booklists for 2017 have been sent home with the children. A covering letter has also been sent so that it can assist parents with ordering and the special features of the 2017 school booklists.

Mr. Sam Fontaine
Principal

VISION STATEMENT

St Andrew’s CPS offers an education that acknowledges, respects and nurtures the uniqueness of each person.
Within a framework of Catholic values and teamwork, the students will be challenged and supported to recognise their gifts and develop their potential as they learn and contribute to their community.
DATES TO REMEMBER

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Happy Birthday to the following children…
Lily-May R, Joshua H, Declan M, Danica B,

CLASS GROUPINGS FOR 2017

While I fully understand that parents may have requests for classes that they would like their child to be in the following year, the School Administration Team would like to make the following points.

- Teachers for next year have not been finalised.
- Your child will be placed into a class whereby the current teacher understands that it is the ‘best fit’ for them.
- Requesting one teacher over another will NOT be taken into consideration. We are blessed at St Andrew’s to have quality staff who offer a range of expertise. Again, your child’s current teacher will place your child into the class next year that they understand will be most appropriate.
- Having a list of students that your child should or should not be with is not practical or possible. (While your child’s current classroom teacher fully understands that a student to student relationship may be strained, this will be taken into consideration for class placement next year.)
- Thinking that it is possible to have a list of 3 or 4 students that you may not wish to be in the same class the following year is not practical, probable or possible.
- Each year, classes are split to optimise dynamics and update new structures. Many different elements are taken into consideration by the current teachers in the establishment of 2 new class groupings. These may include some or all of the following, academic, social, emotional, special education requirements, support, JETS, etc.
- The Leadership Team will examine legitimate requests, made in writing, which have justifiable, previously documented reasons.
- Should you still feel that you would like to request your child to be with or without, a child next year (ONE CHILD), please have all of the relevant information by Friday 21st October, in writing.

OTHER INFORMATION

- Class lists will continue to be displayed on Thursday 8th December after recess, and then the children will have an opportunity to visit their new teacher and classroom. While some parents may be disappointed with the class groupings, a majority of children are excited and happy. (Some even a little nervous) They are really looking forward to the new dynamics and the new school year. (Possibly this could be an indication for parents to adopt a similar mindset.) Speak positively and excitedly about the new school year ahead.
- I have called some of our neighbouring, double streamed Catholic primary schools, and they have similar arrangements in place. One school, simply posts out the child’s class placement in early January.
2017 BOOKLISTS

2017 Booklists are being sent home today. Parents are reminded that completed booklists need to be ordered online by the 25th November. I recommend that all parents use this service so that your child has the correct books to commence school with next year.

Parents are reminded to line out all items not required as a number of items carry over from year to year. (Please do not re-order items, which should have been retained from the previous year.) If you require any assistance with the book ordering, then you are more than welcome to ask directly at the front office or your child’s classroom teacher. For those parents who order their children’s books before the due date, there is a significant discount on the package / handling charges associated.

There is a home delivery service associated with this booklist, so that this can also assist families from our school. (As well as a pick up from our school hall).

If you intend visiting a Campion Retail Store in January, then please be advised of the following:

- Not all text books WILL be available at the retail stores in January. It is then up to parents to locate the text books that are unavailable and ensure that their child has them for the commencement of the 2017 school year.
- It is essential that all children have the correct texts from day one.
- Some text books on the booklist are a special St. Andrew's order, and will not be on the shelves.
- There may be VERY LONG delays in store at this time.

If you require any assistance with the book ordering, then you are more than welcome to ask directly at the front office.

YEAR 6 SECONDARY ORIENTATION 26TH OCTOBER 2016

If your child is attending any of the following secondary schools:

- Irene McCormack Catholic College
- Prendiville Catholic College
- Mater Dei Catholic College

The Orientation Day for future Year 7 students is 26th October. (I apologise for the incorrect date that is listed on our Term Planner.)
This term we are learning all about the Community we live in and the many occupations that help our community. We have a bakery, hairdressers, vet surgery, post office, fire station and home corner in our classroom.

I would like to learn about being ...

Anastasia: a vet
Cabhan: a miner
Eireann: a police officer
Hineana: a vet
Hope: a fireman
Kaelan: a police officer
Layla: a nurse
Maddie: a chef
Mia: a chef
Olivia S: a hairdresser
Olivia W: a fireman
Sehej: a taxi driver
Harsimrat: a fireman
Tahlia: a baker