

# 2019 SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – TERM TWO, WEEK EIGHT

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Dear Parents,

I would like to congratulate the St Andrew's Cross Country team for their efforts at last week's Zone 4 Cross Country event held at Teralba Park. Because of their efforts they secured second in the boys, second in the girls and <u>SECOND</u> place for the whole carnival out of a total of nine schools. This is truly a magnificent effort, one that the team and coaches should be extremely proud of. I am also very proud of the efforts of the children attending as many training sessions as they did leading up to the event and to their parents who drove them to school for 7.30am training sessions during the week. Very well done to children and parents. It would be very remiss of me not to also thank and congratulate the staff who took on the great task of training the kids over the course of the weeks. Thanks to Gary, Naomi G, Bridie, Naomi Mc and Libby. Again, a magnificent effort that shows the spirit of Jesus is alive and well with our staff.

Thank you so much to all the families, staff and children who contributed to making Kylie's review the success that it was last week. Your time and insights were essential in order to make the review as real as it was in the final outcome. An abbreviated version of the official report will be sent home for your perusal, in the near future. Well done to Kylie. She should be proud of her efforts and certainly the outcome of the Review.

As mentioned in the most recent newsletter, this is my last newsletter/week until I return in Week One of next term. As mentioned, I will be travelling to America, specifically San Francisco, in the last two weeks of this term. Cath, myself and the rest of the Leyden tribe (minus the nine grandkids!!) will be heading over for my youngest son's wedding to the beautiful Jess.

I look forward to being back in Term Three renewed and refreshed. <u>Thank you so much for all that you</u> <u>have done to make this term as successful as it has been.</u>

Kylie will be in the hot seat whilst I am away. I thank her sincerely for stepping up and covering my tracks!!

Zooties.

John

## BE YOUR OWN HERO WITH JEN KOWALENKO...

#### <u>Pentecost</u>



Last Sunday was Pentecost Sunday, a feast day of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. On that day God sent his Holy Spirit to his disciples to go forth and proclaim the Good News. But Pentecost is not just that one day, its every day from that moment on. Every Day the Holy Spirit works in us and through us in our lives, actions and relationships.

For us at St Andrew's, the Holy Spirit fills us with the courage and insight to make Jesus real, and 'Live Jesus on our Hearts'.

#### Jen's prayer-share



Come Holy Spirit Make our ears to hear Make our eyes to see Make our mouths to speak Make our hearts to seek Make our hands to reach out And touch the world with your love. AMEN.

## Samford Parish Mass 23<sup>rd</sup> June- reminder



Father Nigel and Father Damien have invited our school to help facilitate a Children's Mass at Samford's Sacred Heart Church on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 8:00am. We would love as many families as possible to join us for this mass. We hope to involve as many students as we can in the mass and are looking forward to it being the beginning of a new tradition for our community. It could also be a wonderful opportunity for families to get together afterwards for a cuppa or brunch!

## Early Years Playground

This term our Prep and Year 1 students have been enjoying some new equipment and acitivites which have been placed out for them at lunchtimes. Have a look at these 'smiles on dials'.





## FROM THE AP'S DESK...

#### **Report Cards**



Semester One report cards are being completed and our process will be finalised in the coming week. Reports will be available for parents to access from the Parent Portal from Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 9:00am.



When the school needs to get information out quickly and at the last minute, the BCE Connect app will be used to communicate this information. If in the case that before school Fit Club or Choir/Band needs to be cancelled a message will be sent through this app. To ensure you don't miss these you can set an alert on your phone through the 'settings.'

## **Attendance**

Punctuality is extremely important in many events we involve ourselves with on a daily basis. For learners at the beginning of their day it is crucial to ensure that the instructions are not missed in order to get along with a task. If they are late to class, particularly specialist lessons that are only 40mins long can mean the difference between achieving and not achieving to their potential. Please help your children to be punctual at the start of the day, it does make a difference to their learning and that of others.



#### <u>Bikes</u>



We have had a bike that has gone missing over night from the school bike rack. If your child will not be riding their bike or scooter home the day they bring it, please ensure they bring a chain/lock to secure it overnight.

## Earn & Learn Stickers



The Woolworths Earn and Learn program finishes on the 25<sup>th</sup> of June – please keep those stickers coming!

## Looking ahead....



- Music Twilight Concert Wednesday evening 19<sup>th</sup> June 6:30pm
- Family Skate Night Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June
- Samford Family Mass Sunday 8:00am
- Prep Liturgy Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2pm
- Last Day of Term Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June

## LEARNING LOWDOWN WITH THE PLL...



Our job is to educate kids for **their** future. A future that seems certain to be filled with more digital than paper reading, particularly in the workplace. A couple of weeks ago our teachers were fortunate to work with two Education Officers from the Brisbane Catholic Education literacy team on reading digital texts. This is important for us because kids read a screen differently to paper.

**Children read paper more carefully and deeply than they do digital text**. When reading digital text, kids tend to skim, scan and browse, rather than read thoroughly for understanding.

We now using quality digital texts more within class to teach kids the skills to read these texts deeply and help kids to know when its ok to skim for information.

What can you do at home?

- When reading a digital text help your child to identify whether they need to skim for information or read deeply for understanding.
- Ask deep questions to help comprehension such as; can you explain what have you learnt from this? What is the main theme? What evidence did you find in the text to support...? What further questions would you ask?

Below is a link to an excellent article on the differences between reading paper and digital text <a href="https://www.kqed.org/mindshift/49092/digital-text-is-changing-how-kids-read-just-not-in-the-way-that-you-think">https://www.kqed.org/mindshift/49092/digital-text-is-changing-how-kids-read-just-not-in-the-way-that-you-think</a>



## ART NEWS...

What do you get when you give Year & students:

- 3 x tin foil cups,
  - 4 long sticks,
- 10-16 match sticks,
- 7 squares of blue tac

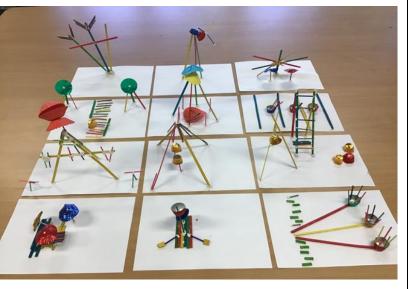
... and 10 minutes to create anything they like?











## LIBRARY NEWS...



## Reader's Cup

Congratulations to our Readers Cup team for 2019 who represented our school at the Years 5/6 Brisbane Central Regional Finals. **Taylor, Emilie, Indiana, Essie and Isabelle** were very excited about the competition. They each read the five books necessary to compete and studied together as a team. They would meet every week and quiz each other from the notes they had taken. Their efforts were paid off by coming 5<sup>th</sup> out of 24 schools. They were very excited and happy to meet the author of one of the books they had to read *Turtle Trackers,* by Samantha Wheeler. Samantha Wheeler is a famous Brisbane based author who loves to spend time with the children and encouraging them to write. She awarded the students with their certificates signed books and had her photo taken with the girls. They enjoyed the challenge of the competition and showed true team spirit.

## Library Closed

The primary fiction section of the library is having a makeover! The library will be closed for the last two weeks of this term and reopen in third term.

I have decided to put the books in this section into their genres to help the children with their book selection. I know the children know some authors, but they are more likely to read in genres. Some children find it overwhelming seeing so many books on the shelves to choose from. I am hoping the new look will make book selection easier for them.

When children ask me to help them find a book, my first question is 'what type of books do you like?' Once we can identify this we then go on the hunt for a suitable book. I am hoping that by arranging the fiction books according to their genre the students will discover many more authors and books they didn't know about. This will open a whole new world of exciting books for the children, that have been on the shelf the whole time. Each genre section will have a sign indicating its genre and all the books will have genre stickers to assist the students. We will be reviewing each book in the fiction section, assign a genre, put the appropriate sticker on the spine eg. Adventure, and shelve it in its genre section.

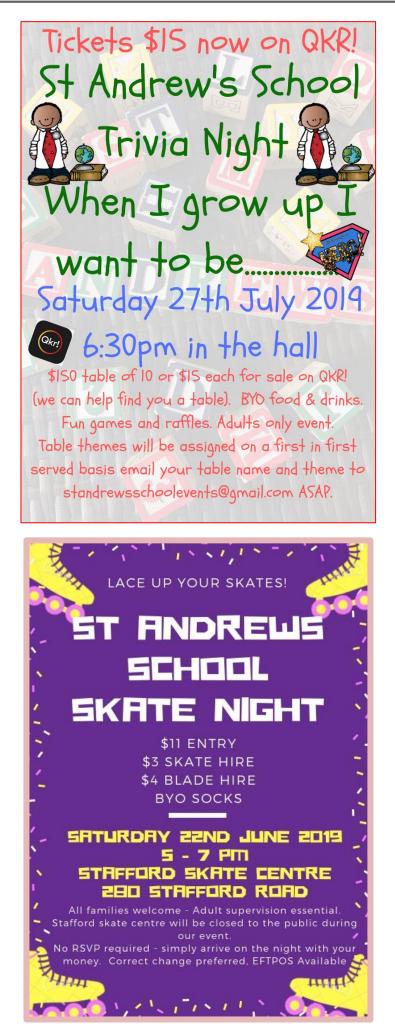
We are very excited about this major project that I am sure the class teachers and students will love it.

Happy reading!

Pam Apte and Kym Bell



## IMPORTANT SCHOOL NOTICES...



WIDER-COMMUNITY NEWS...

We are explorers, achievers, leaders. We are ... Padua









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- Learn about the breadth of academic, vocational and co-curricular offerings

REGISTER NOW at www.stjames.jointheadventure.online

JULY HOLIDA CAMP

> TUES / WED / THURS Week 1: 2nd – 4th July Week 2: 9th – 11th July

#### PRICES:

\$59 per day \$159 for 4 days \$39 per half day \$99 for 3 half days \$7 early drop off or late pick up

Tennis: Groundstroke Madness and groundstroke and practice using them in rallies and

Afternoon: Mini-Olympics empete in a variety of events to score points and win medals at the end of the

#### Tennis: Net Attack

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Terms: Net Attack Physics learn how to hit volleys and smashes and will practice using them to win points Afternoor Science Experiments Players will get hands on in a number of fun, easy science experiments. Coaches will have focus questions contract around have and why these experiments work.

Thursday Tannie: Serving & Matchplay Masters Players will learn how to serve, rally & score appropriate to their level of tennis, having the opportunity to combine all of the skills learnt during the week. Afternoen: "Holiday Camp's Got Talent" Players will perform both as a large group and either individually or in smaller groups in a talent show. Awards will be presented to every child. We invite parents to arrive early on Thursday to watch their child review.

#### SCHOOL HOLIDAY JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLINIC



## PINE HILLS FOOTBALL CLUB FRIDAY 5 JULY

Pine Hills Football Club is offering a one-day football clinic for children in our local community and existing players of our club.

All children are welcome. The one-day clinic will:

- Be facilitated by experienced coaches from PHFC
- Include basic skill sessions and fun games.
- Bring their own refreshments
  Wear suitable clothing for playing football (If your child does not have boots, joggers will be suitable.) We encourage children to bring a cap and wear sunblock.

Registered players will need to:

Note: Conches will NOT administer any medication to children. Parents must manage their child's health considerations if they align with the clinic timeframe.

## Registration:

Register online -<u>www.pinehillsfootball.com</u> by Tuesday 2 July



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The clinic is organized into two

Afternoon (12.30pm-4pm).

or for both sessions

provide further details.

for attending.

clinic.

seasions: Morning (8.30am - 12pm),

Parents may register their child for

The online registration form will

NOTE: A minimum number of

participants are required to run the

All participants will receive a certificate

either a morning or afternoon session,

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• Two children 350

Three children, 170

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#### DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Parents are required to deep their child off at least 20 minutes before the communement of the session. Parents must personally check their child in in the registration deak, if they are under the age of tasches

Parents are required to collect their child within 15 minutes of the end of the sosion All combes have collimitered their time fithis day and will have other commitments following the session.



## MORE THAN JUST A CLUB - A FOOTBALL FAMILY

Pine Hills FC is an inclusive, modern, forward thinking, football club. Our drive for excellence has been recognised by FFA with our National Club Accreditation Level 2 Award. We are the first club in Brisbane to achieve this level of national accreditation.

Our mission is to provide a positive, supportive and family friendly football environment. We are committed to the development of players, coaches, officials, administrators and volunteers. We seek to provide the highest quality facilities, and the promotion of sport in our community through participation in Football.

#### LOCATION

Pine Hills Football Club is located at James Drysdale Reserve, Jinker Track, Bunya QLD 4055



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