“TO BE WITNESSES OF CHRIST’S LOVE: 
IN FAITH, CULTURE, EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AND HOPE FOR THE FUTURE”

Friday 22 July 2016

Kindergarten Rugby League Clinic

Emmanuel Worship Workshop
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
GINAYA YARNOLD

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to what will be another very busy term at St Agnes' Primary.

The school will continue work through the School Review and Improvement (SRI) focus, with our presentation days being held early September.

KINDERGARTEN 2017 INTERVIEWS: It has been lovely to begin the process of Kindergarten interviews for the group of children next year. Interviews will continue over the coming weeks.

PRINCIPAL APPRAISAL: As listed in the letter attached, I will be undergoing my First Year Principal Appraisal on 18 August 2016. This is a very valuable process that I am looking forward to participating in. It will allow an opportunity for parents and staff to provide positive feedback on my performance and also identify areas for further improvement. This appraisal was moved forward from November to allow it to be completed before I go on Maternity Leave. Over the coming weeks, you will all receive an email from the Catholic Schools Office regarding the survey. I ask that you please take some time to complete this valuable feedback opportunity for me.

NBF FUNDING UPDATE: As announced in the newsletter at the end of last term, the school was lucky to receive additional funding for some special projects at a school level. This Needs Based Funding (NBF) has been allocated for the employment of two new roles within the school until the end of the year.

These positions are:

- K-3 Instructional Leader (Reading) 5 days per week: At St Agnes’ the K-3 Instructional Leader (Reading) for 2016 works in close collaboration with the School’s Principal and Leadership Team to further develop the reading skills in K-3, with a focus on those students who fall in the middle to upper range.

- Positive Behaviour for School (School Leader) - 3 days per week: The PBS School Leader 0.6FTE at St Agnes’ Primary School for 2016 will work with key stakeholders to lead the PBS Team to: Adopt proactive strategies for defining, teaching and supporting appropriate school behaviours in order to enhance learning.

Develop a shared responsibility to teach, foster, promote and encourage positive behaviours from all students.

MUSIC MINISTRY WORKSHOP: On the first Saturday of the holidays, students from Stage Three had an opportunity to participate in the Emmanuel Worship Workshop that was being conducted at MacKillop College. This day was also attended by staff at our local Catholic schools. All that attended had a wonderful experience and further developed their capacity for Music Ministry within the Parish.

THANK YOU: Once again a huge thank you to all the parents that completed the impromptu survey regarding school communication and OOSH facilities. Further information about the results will be shared in the newsletter next week.

CONGRATULATIONS: This week we welcome Tobias Mainwaring to our Aggies community. Tobias is a little brother to Fletch (5D), Elliot (3OK) and Mirek.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
RICK GALVIN

FAIR: The Annual School Fair will be held this year on 5 November. Our first Fair meeting was held at the end of the last term and it was wonderful to see all those present, walk away excited about some of the new initiatives and ideas that were discussed at the meeting.

The annual School Fair is our biggest fundraising event on our school calendar and cannot run without the support of many families. There are many ways that families can assist with the Fair, from running a whole stall, to baking cupcakes or bakery items. We understand that many parents find it difficult to commit to planning and running a whole stall, so it would be great if you could just spare a few hours of your time to either assist with the setup of the fair (day before) or with lending a hand on the day.

The next Fair Meeting will be held at the Blue Water Bar and Restaurant, Flynns Beach next Wednesday 27 July at 5:30pm. Come along for a few nibbles and a chance to see how you could help out this year. Looking forward to seeing you there!

GOD MOMENT - The first God Moment of the term goes to Matilda Elford and Ebony Hassett from Year 1. Mr Alchin (Tennis Sports Coach)
stopped by my office to let me know what wonderful helpers these girls were, assisting him with packing up at the end of the day. Thank you Matilda and Ebony for Making Jesus Real in our school community!

NAPLAN ONLINE TRIAL TESTING: Our school has been selected to participate in one of three online trials in preparation for the online delivery of the NAPLAN in the future. Participation in the online research studies is an opportunity for schools to engage with the online testing platform and will assist schools and systems in their preparation as NSW moves towards NAPLAN online.

5S and 3B are the two classes that will be involved in this trial. Each class will complete two online tests. 5S will complete the Numeracy and Language Convention assessment on Wednesday 17 August and 3B will complete the Reading and Language Convention assessment on Thursday 18 August.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me, if you require any further information or have questions concerning the NAPLAN online assessment.

LEADERS OF CATECHESIS & SCHOOL EVANGELISATION
CATH U’BRIEN & MATT BUSHE

CONFIRMATION: This weekend is presentation weekend for Confirmation.
Masses for Presentation of Candidates include:
St Agnes Catholic Church: Saturday 6:00pm, Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am, 5:00pm.
Star of the Sea, Lake Cathie Sun 8:00am.

This is a very special time when the congregation (our faith community) can pray for the candidates. Whilst at the workshop, your child coloured in two lovely cards. One was collected and the other one they took home with them. We ask that your child brings this card with them to the mass of your choice. The children will take the cards up when they are introduced to the parishioners and hand them out as they return to their seats, so parishioners can then pray for that individual leading up to their Sacrament. This is a beautiful opportunity that both the parishioners and candidates enjoy.

BAPTISM INFORMATION NIGHT: The next Baptism Information Night will be held in St Agnes’ Church on Thursday, 28 July at 6:00pm. It is important for you to attend an information session if you are planning on having your child Baptised. For more information contact the Presbytery Office on 6583 1024.

LEADER OF ADDITIONAL NEEDS
DONNA SPRAGUE

EMU: Extending Mathematical Understanding, is a program being introduced at St Agnes’ for Year 1 students this semester. It involves students being selected for the program, based on assessments completed last term on all Year 1 children. The EMU candidates, work in small groups of three, for half an hour each day, on activities that develop strategies in counting, place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Class activities have also been allocated to target specific areas for students who aren’t participating in the program. Lisa Chilko, Cynthia Nosworthy and myself are enjoying working with these children and are looking forward to seeing the results of this intervention.

Parents of children involved with this program have been notified and will be invited to attend an information session soon.

USEFUL WEBSITE: The following website has some handy hints and useful information.

SPORTS NEWS - CLAIRE MICHELL

What a busy term we have coming up in Sport! Not as crazy as Term 1 and 2 we hope.

Next week we have special visitors visiting Year 3 to 6 in wheelchair sports. Kindergarten are enjoying a three week Rugby League Clinic and Year 1 and 2 have coached sport sessions until week 6 of this term in Tennis, Rugby League and Yoga.

The Zone Gala Day will be occurring on 25 August in Laurieton for students in Years 5 and 6. Trials in soccer and netball will be occurring over the next two weeks. Although this is a fun gala day, there is a competitive team section for one team in each sport. This is known as the Paul Wilson Cup (soccer) and Diocesan Netball Challenge. If the competitive teams are successful, they will compete in Grafton on 21 September against other Catholic Schools in the Diocese.
Good luck to Hunter Croft, who is competing at the NSW PSSA Cross Country Carnival at Eastern Creek today. We saw that Prime News caught up with you over the holidays.

CANTEEN NEWS –
BEC RISSEL & JODIE DUCK
MONDAY  JACLYN REAY
TUESDAY  JANINE DAL BROI / KYLIE BROWN
WEDNESDAY  CARA VASILESCU
THURSDAY  HELP PLEASE
FRIDAY  HELP PLEASE

Have a great weekend.

SCHOOL NEWS

LIBRARY NEWS:
We are celebrating Book Week on the 20 - 26 August. This year’s theme is Australia - Story Country. On Tuesday, 23 August (8:55am - 9:30am) we will be holding a Book Character Parade, children can come dressed in their favourite book character for this celebration or dress to this year’s theme. Parents, Grandparents and Carers are welcome to come and see the students.

There will be a Book Fair in the Library after the parade until 3:30pm. You can buy a book for home or donate to the School Library, you can also purchase books on Wednesday or Thursday from 8:30 am until 3:30pm.

GENERAL NOTICES

Play Tennis on Friday Afternoons! Hot Shots matches 3:30pm - 5:00pm at Westport Tennis Club, Woods Street. Starts 29 July. Eight week term $40 or $6 casually. Improve your game - have fun! Lessons available.

Ph: Mark 0412 834 336.

CALENDAR: WEEK 2, TERM 3 2016

SATURDAY  JULY 23  * Sacrament of Confirmation - Presentation weekend
SUNDAY  JULY 24  * 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
* Sacrament of Confirmation - Presentation weekend
MONDAY  JULY 25  * School Prayer - Naidoc Week - Mrs Sprague and Mrs Hugo
* Parent Teacher Interviews - 3B - in classroom
* Kindergarten 2017 interviews continue
TUESDAY  JULY 26  * Sports Day - Students in Years 4 and 6
* Confirmation Reflection Day at Youth Hub - Year 2 and Primary Candidates - Sports Uniform please
WEDNESDAY  JULY 27  * Sports Day - Students in Kindergarten, Years 1, 2, and 3
* Wheelchair Sports Roadshow - Year 5, 6K and 6M
* Fair Meeting - 5:30pm
THURSDAY  JULY 28  * Staff meeting - 8:20am - Office closed until 8:45am
* Wheelchair Sports Roadshow - Year 3, Year 4 and 6G
FRIDAY  JULY 29  * Sports Day - Students in Year 5
* Staff Prayer 8:30am - Office closed until 8:40am
* Assembly - 2:10pm - Hall - all welcome
* Reports sent home - 4D

ADVANCE DATES

AUG 02  * ICAS English Test
AUG 05  * Sacrament of Confirmation - St Agnes’ Church - 6:00pm
AUG 07  * Census Day
* 1st instalment of Year 5 Camp due
AUG 07  * St Agnes’ hosting family Mass - 5:00pm

ATT: CONFIRMATION PARENTS

In August, our Confirmation candidates will be completing their Sacrament. To cater for these very special events, MacKillop Gift Shop welcomes you! They are fully stocked with beautiful and affordable gifts, cards and books that are available for purchase. Their normal trading hours are Monday - Friday 10:00am - 2:00pm.
Their lovely volunteers are also opening the doors on Saturday the 23 July 9:30am – 12:30pm to ensure you have time to get that special gift. We look forward to seeing you.

MacKillop Bookshop – Down the walkway to the left of St Agnes Catholic Church behind the Presbytery.
Dear Parents

During Term 3 on 18 August, Mrs Ginaya Yarnold will be involved in a principal appraisal process as part of her contract conditions. This appraisal process, conducted following the completion of the first year in the role, seeks information from a variety of people associated with the parish school and uses a number of tools to ensure effective consultation. The process aims to highlight the aspects of the leadership offered and identify areas for further development.

A timeline is currently being arranged to suit the needs of the parish school community. The panel consists of two senior Catholic Schools Office (CSO) consultants and a diocesan principal nominated by the CSO executive.

The principal appraisal process involves:

- review of the principal's goals for the year
- interview with the principal
- interview with the parish priest
- interview with the school executive
- interview and surveys of parents and school staff
- interviews with parents of the official parent body

In writing the appraisal report, the chair makes use of the information gathered but does not identify sources. The principal does not sight the survey returns and they are destroyed at the CSO once the report is finalised.

The Director of Catholic Schools provides an appraisal report to the principal.

Should you have any questions about this process please contact the Catholic Schools Office.

Yours sincerely

Dirk Botha
Assistant Director School Resources Services
TAKE 2
PRELOVED FASHION AFFAIR

ROTARY HALL
198 Hastings River Drive
Port Macquarie

Saturday 23rd July
9am to 2pm

Enquiries to Natasha 0424 043 325

The Zonta Club of Port Macquarie is hosting our Mid Winter Pre-Loved Fashion Affair, with support from local stallholders. All funds raised from clothing sales go to funding our local scholarships, birthing kits, Cancer Council NSW and many other projects. This event is a tribute to former Zontian Annette Tremayne who sadly passed in 2014.