Dear Parents and Friends,

I trust you are all enjoying a well-earned break from normal school routine. So to keep the informality going, I have kept my article brief and included an infographic to help! Following on from my article two weeks ago, a little more insight into PISA (Program for International Student Assessment) results which always seem to generate a flurry of interest with various speculations about what we could to improve.

It was John Hattie, guru of school improvement by analysing data, who claimed the new number one greatest impact on student outcomes is collective teacher efficacy. The belief of teacher groups and their collective ability to promote student outcomes makes a massive difference. Student achievement improves when teachers work together to make each other better. From planning for instruction and assessment, teachers should NOT be working alone. The impact is four times the normal rate of learning. He also spoke in some detail about the need to stop throwing money at education for the sake of improving PISA. As he said, stop blaming the Northern Territory or Indigenous children. His research and data reveal that the reason our place on the tables is slipping is because our top 40% of students are plateauing. They are not being extended high enough.

Now, what is of most importance to us as parents of Independent Schools is that when AHISA (Association of Heads of Independent Schools, Australia) did some research in this space, they identified some other interesting factors. When you break down PISA results by Independent sector, it is a very different story and given how sector driven we are in this country it is fascinating to see how well Independent schools are doing. There hasn’t been further analysis of this data just yet, but immediately I would go to teacher development and their attitude to student learning as well as a focus on ensuring all students are pushed to achieve their personal best.

Best wishes,

Reverend Chris Ivey - PRINCIPAL

In 2012, the OECD’s Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) tested 15-year-old students in 179 nations and economies. Based on raw average scores, students in Australian independent schools ranked among the world’s top performers.

What the research evidence says

Australian Independent Schools are Top Performers

2ND IN SCIENTIFIC LITERACY
Australian independent sector raw mean score against country raw mean scores & OECD average. Countries/economies are listed with their official OECD ranking.

2ND IN READING LITERACY
Australian independent sector raw mean score against country raw mean scores & OECD average. Countries/economies are listed with their official OECD ranking.

6TH IN MATHEMATICAL LITERACY
Australian independent sector raw mean score against country raw mean scores & OECD average. Countries/economies are listed with their official OECD ranking.
From the Head of Primary

Thank you to all of the families and friends who attended our Grandparents and Special Friends’ Day on the last day of Term 1. This was a wonderful morning of celebration which we trust you enjoyed. It was a wonderful event to conclude our Term 1 learning for 2016.

In the last week of Term, we also enjoyed our Prep – Year 2 Swimming Carnival and our Primary Cross Country Carnival. Thank you to the staff for organising these events and to the parents for your support. Please see below photo’s from these wonderful events.

I wish everyone a very enjoyable holiday.

Can Film Festival

WOW! WE WON! If you have not already heard, our short film entry to the Can Film Festival won!!! A HUGE congratulations to my beautiful team of dedicated acting enthusiasts!

Twenty three eager students made up the company to bring to life Mem Fox’s “Where’s the Green sheep?” re-tell in our Chinese short film entry and I could not be more proud of you all. Well done my little sheep, cow, farmer, giraffe, behind the scenes peeps, cat, teacher, students and wolf!! The students involved were: Angelique Neale, Ava Condon, Curtis Bock, Ali Baker-Lahey, Jack Ryan, Jai Whan, Abbie Tolhoek, Zoe Marshall, Kira Dowrick, Jae Evans, Alexis Cox, Jessica Allen, Madi Koy, Kitty Kelly, Manon Brown, Juliette Harding Bradburn, Lucy Bowen, Max Garrett, Jasmine Harrison, Evony Elley, Cecilia McCarthy, Briony Hurd and Zahlia Terlich.

Special thanks to Mr Joel Tomkins for helping us edit this project and Mrs Luisa Baird for fielding my Chinese questions on script work.
Swimming
What an absolutely super morning of our Prep to Year 2 students! Plenty of fun in the pool - well done students and thank you families and staff. More photos are on the Sport Facebook page.

St Andrew’s Swimmers Medal at QLD Swimming Championships
Congratulations to St Andrew's Swimming Captain - Shailee Finney - who is a triple Gold medallist at the Queensland Schools Swimming Championships currently taking place. To pick up 3 Individual Gold medals in the 400m, 800m and 1500m is an incredible achievement. Well done Shailee on all your hard work and deserved recognition and best wishes at the Australian Championships.

Matt Lewis picked up an incredible 6 State medals and he is also off to the Australian Championships in four individual events – a stunning achievement for a super young man.

Aurelia Donger has also medalled in her relay which is wonderful news for Ria. Fantastic also to see Lauren Maguire pick up a brilliant State Bronze Medal in the 400m Freestyle. Lauren has worked incredibly hard to get to where she is and her State medal is reward for her many years of dedication. Wonderful to see so many PB's by our swimmers.

Year 4, 5 and 6 play at St Paul’s
A fantastic afternoon for 90 Year 4, 5 and 6 students as we played our friends from St Paul’s School in Brisbane. We played 6 matches of Netball and our Primary girls were superb winning 5 of them. Our Rugby players were also wonderful winning both matches with some superb running Rugby. Above all it was a great afternoon played with outstanding sportsmanship. Thank you very much to the staff and students at St Paul’s for their kind hospitality.

Tennis
Congratulations to our Tennis teams who competed against Anglican Church Grammar School last Sunday in Brisbane. All the teams enjoyed 3 hours of tennis with our Year 5 and Year 8/9 team getting up as winners and Year 6 and 7 team just going down. Thanks to our friends at Churchie tennis and supporters for hosting us and their wonderful hospitality. Thank you to St Andrew’s Tennis families for their ongoing support. Special thank you to Glenn for all his work with St Andrew’s Tennis. Well done team!

House Cross Country Championships 2016
What a stunning day of running - plenty of energy effort and fun. So many personal achievements and lots of great team work. In the Primary School, well done to Hocknull House on their overall House win. Congratulations to Rafter House on winning The ‘Duck’ for outstanding participation. In the Secondary School - Rafter House won the overall just ahead of Williamson while Hocknull House took away the ‘Duck’ for outstanding participation. Thank you to everyone involved in making the day such a success!! Please log onto the Sport webpage or click HERE for all of the results

Two Events Coming Up - Open To All Athletes From U6- U18
• 10th Queensland Athletics All Schools Cross Country Relay Championships at Rivermount College on Saturday 16 April
• 34th Queensland All Schools Cross Country at Kedron High School on Saturday 30 April

Keep an eye on the website for how you can enter.

Volleyball
Absolutely thrilled for our Volleyball staff, teams and students who have enjoyed our most successful season to date. A record 9 teams entered (the most from any school) and 5 teams finished in the Top 3 places in their divisions. Four St Andrew's teams made the Grand Finals. We had the most number of Grand Finalists out of all ten Independent Schools. Our Year 9/10 Girls B came away as Champions in a nailbiting 3 set win. Our Year Boys A team finished runners up after a thrilling 2-1 loss and our Year 9/10 Boys B also finished runners up. Next term our super Year 9/10 Girls A team play their Grand Final at St Andrew’s on Tuesday 12 April. Thank you to the excellent leadership, passion and many hours of commitment from Mr Bates and the wonderful team of coaches in Mr Shaun Cleary, Ms Maria Korte, Mr Rob Kelly, Mr Dave Elley and Mr Cade Bonar. Most of all, congratulations to all our Volleyball players at St Andrew’s who continue to thrive and enjoy the
game and represent St Andrew’s so superbly - that is also thanks to our Volleyball families. Next term Volleyball continues for our Year 10, 11 and 12 teams with a record 6 teams entered into the competition.

Rugby Dinner and Fixtures
The Rugby season is getting closer but it was super to start the season with a beautiful dinner hosted superbly by the Rugby Supporters Group. Thank you to the many people who brought this fabulous event together and in doing so raised thousands for Rugby and importantly brought the College community together. The very next day saw our 1st’s and U13’s head to Hervey Bay where the U13’s reached the final and just missed out, going down 5-7 to Shalom College, from Bundaberg. Our Secondary Rugby fixtures take place next term and Saturday fixtures also commence. Really excited about a great Rugby season ahead.

St Andrew’s Football
Well done to our Football teams who enjoyed a great weekend of fixtures. Over 170 St Andrew’s students playing Football on a Saturday and it is wonderful to watch. Fixtures resume on Saturday 9 April.

Football Camp and Academy
We are delighted to welcome three very talented coaches to St Andrew’s over the holidays to run our Easter Football Camp. Rui Spinola, Paul Arnison and Scott Grimshaw will be working with the St Andrew’s players and it should be a great few days. The program will be based on the FFA National curriculum, with the focus on the Skill Acquisition Phase of the curriculum. Players receive 12 hours of coaching,

How to register: Registrations and payments can be done on the ATFA website. Here is the link: http://www.atfacademy.com.au/camp/

St Andrew’s Football Academy in Term 2
We are also looking at introducing the St Andrew’s Football Academy for players wishing to take their Football skills and development even further. This will be launched in Term 2 at St Andrew’s. There will be 3 squads training twice a week in the mornings for selected players. Please note that places are limited.

Grading for interested players will take place on Tuesday 12 April at 7:00am. Squads will commence in Week 2.

The squads would comprise of:
Under 8/9 - Monday and Wednesday
Under 10/11 - Monday and Wednesday
Under 12+ - Tuesday and Thursday
• Training would start at 7:00am and finish at 8:15am. This will commence in Week 2 of Term 2.
• Coaches for this program will be Paul Arnison and Rui Spinola
• All players are to wear their St Andrew’s uniform.
• The cost of the program will be $13 per session.
• Parents can register an expression of interest on the ATFA website in the Pro Tech section here:

More details are available from rui@atfacademy.com and all enquiries should be directed through Rui.

Thanks again to students, families and staff for another great Term of Sport

Mr Steve Robson
DIRECTOR OF SPORT
Co-Curricular Music

Keep in touch with all of our latest news by visiting our MUSIC LATEST NEWS page, MUSIC EVENTS page and MUSIC FACEBOOK page.

Community combine for a great last day of Term 1

A fantastic afternoon bringing together our College Community. On the last Thursday of term our Supporters of Netball and Music combined forces to facilitate a BBQ for the whole College. In the Secondary School, the Friends of Music combined this with a fantastic Open Mic featuring the talents of Avana Reynolds, Gemma Ellis-Moore and Ross Crozier & Edie Sheehan. A big thank you to all of our parent volunteers and Music Leaders that made this afternoon a huge success. Please click HERE to access the media from this event.

Assembly & Chapel Performances

Congratulations to our String Ensemble for their fantastic performance at Primary assembly last week. Students are encouraged to contact the Music Office or our Music Leaders if they would like to perform. Click HERE to view the media from this performance.

Music Ensembles Perform at Grandparents’ & Special Friends’ Day

With fantastic performances from our Jazz Ensemble, Junior Singers & Junior Guitar Ensemble, Grandparents & Special Friend’s Day was a huge success. A special thanks to Elena Katahanas, Anna Ives, Linda Gefken & Chris Clarke for preparing the groups for their performance. Click HERE to access the media from this event.

Jazz Orchestra performs at the Rugby Dinner held in Noosa

On Friday 18 March our Jazz Orchestra performed at the St Andrew’s Friends of Rugby Dinner celebrating the launch of the 2016 season. This was a great event and included a major auction which saw the Jazz Orchestra raise $2,200 in support of St Andrew’s Anglican College. Click HERE to view the media from this event.

Melissa Doecke & Mark Isaacs Workshops & Recital

It was a fantastic opportunity to welcome Melissa Doecke & Mark Isaacs to the College last Saturday to conduct a series of Workshops as well as a Recital for our students as well as others from the Sunshine Coast Community. It was a great educational afternoon and a very special thank you goes out to Melissa & Mark for including the College on their tour. Click HERE to access media from this great event.

Anglican Schools Music Festival

The Anglican Schools Music Festival is the bringing together of 14 Anglican Schools from the diocese of Brisbane to combine for a gala evening of music on the QPAC Concert Hall stage. Around forty St Andrew’s students have received an offer to participate in this festival on Friday 22 April and the entire College community is encouraged to get behind this event and are welcome to attend the concert. This event only occurs every two years and is a great honour for those students selected. Performing will be a combined Symphonic Band, String Orchestra, Choir and the evening will close with a massed Symphony Orchestra and Choir of over 350 musicians.

Please pop in to the Music Office for a chat if you require more information. Tickets to the event are only $10 and available through the QPAC WEBSITE. I know the St Andrew’s students would love to see some support from their Community.

Mr Andrew Eunson
DIRECTOR OF CO-CURRICULAR MUSIC
Music News

Music (Curriculum)

Year 11 Music Night

Congratulations to the Year 11 Music class for a fantastic performance night last Friday. As I mentioned on the night, I felt it a fantastic celebration of the students’ individual ‘voices’ – they each presented their musical ‘selves’ and it was celebrated and valued by everyone in attendance. Our first unit, Musicking, was all about defining music as a verb, and I think the students captured that very well through their activity across the term and on the night. I’ve included a few photos below, but unfortunately did not capture everyone who performed; so, well done to Callan Howell, James Ivey, Zach Paynter, Dylan Tregea, Tori Roberts, Mia Payne, Maddi Leahy, Tayla Whateley and Caleb Lever. Thanks to the many parents, friends and students (and ex-students!) who came along to support the Year 11s. Thank you for being our audience – you are an important part of the ‘musical transaction’, and help to make the experience for the students more authentic.

Congratulations, Zoe Boot!

You may remember an article last year that highlighted then Year 6 student Zoe Boot and her songwriting success. Zoe wrote a piece called ‘Not Today’ and took the opportunity to enter it in several songwriting/composition competitions – and these chords and lyrics have certainly gone a very long way! She won the singer-songwriter section of the Australian Society for Music Education's Young Composers' Competition; was a semi-finalist in the ‘teen section’ of the International Songwriting Competition; made it to the Top 30 in the Australian Songwriting Association National Song Contest; and, her song video was featured in the UoC Vision Songwriting Contest! Congratulations, Zoe, on all that you have achieved with your songwriting – we know there is more to come in 2016! We look forward to hearing your work soon!

Mr Cade Bonar
HEAD OF MUSIC (CURRICULUM)

Learning Centre News

Grandparents’ Day and “Donate-a-Book”

Thank you to all the wonderful grandparents and parents who donated $1360 worth of books to the Learning Centre collection on Grandparents’ Day. All of these titles are valued additions to our collection and will be available in the first weeks of term 2 for students to collect and be the first to read. We thank you for your generous contributions.

Redgum Book Club

Apologies to parents and students for the late delivery of Redgum Book Club orders. Redgum is offering a gift voucher to those families who were impacted. Orders will be delivered in the first week of Term 2.

Mrs Allison Paterson
LEARNING CENTRE DIRECTOR
Planning is well underway for our community event of the year and yes FIREWORKS WILL BE BACK

How can you help?

- Start collecting your books, toys and clothing for our secondhand stalls
- Look out for information coming home about Stalls
- Can you donate a voucher or item for our Silent Auction or Raffle?
- Would you like to be an official Sponsor of the Fair?

For more information please call Sue Sagar on 5471 5555
**Holidays; Term 2 - Week 1 & 2**

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**PLEASE NOTE: Monday 25 April**

**COLLEGE CLOSED - ANZAC Day 2016**

**DATE CLAIMER**

The College Photo Day will be held on Monday 23 May, Week 7 of Term 2. It will again be held in The RGC and there will be two sibling portrait sessions on the day – more information coming to parents via email in Term 2.