Edition 3:  9th February 2015

A Parents’ Prayer
Heavenly Father,
Make me a better parent.
Teach me to understand my children,
to listen patiently to what they have to say,
and to answer all their questions kindly.
Keep me from interrupting them, or contradicting them.
Make me as courteous to them as
I would have them be to me.
Forbid that I should ever laugh at their mistakes,
or resort to shame or ridicule if they displease me.
Bless me with the bigness to grant them all their reasonable requests, and the courage to
deny them privileges that I know will do them harm.
Make me fair and just and kind.
And fit me, O Lord, to be loved and respected
and imitated by my children.  Amen.

New Students
We extend a warm welcome to St Edward’s School to Jordan (4S) and Hayden (2U)
Rogers and family from Amberley State School, Ipswich.

Beginning of Year School Mass
Don’t forget our Beginning of Year School Mass will be celebrated tomorrow, Tuesday 10th February, at
9.30am in Mary Help of Christians Church. Years 1 – 6 will be attending. We hope that many parents and friends
will be able to join us for this special celebration.

Twilight Swimming Carnival – this Thursday
Our 2015 School Twilight Swimming Carnival will be held at Tamworth Scully Pool (Kent Street) this
Thursday 12th February commencing at approximately 3.30pm and finishing at 8.00pm. PLEASE NOTE the Swimming Carnival is part of our school sports program and ALL Primary aged children, along with Infants
students who are turning 8 in 2015 and able to swim 50m, are expected to be there. All Primary children, and any Year 2
child attending the carnival, will wear their sports uniform this Thursday 12th February. All ability levels for Years 3 – 6
students will be catered for with 50m, 25m and tadpole events. We look forward to seeing lots of parents at the
carnival, supporting and cheering the children on and helping create a wonderful fun-filled family atmosphere!

PUPIL FREE DAY – this Friday 13th February
Due to the Twilight Swimming Carnival this Thursday 12th February, please note that ALL
children from Kinder – Year 6 DO NOT ATTEND school this Friday 13th February 2015.

IMPORTANT Information for Parents –
Grade Nights – this week
Please don’t forget our Grade Information Nights for parents covering important information about your
child’s education. We strongly encourage all parents to attend

PRIMARY Grade Night – Monday 9th February (TONIGHT)
5.00pm – Year 3 parents – Room 4 (Mr Millman’s Room)
5.45pm – Year 4 parents – Room 7 (Mrs Pearson’s Room)
6.30pm – Year 5 parents – Room 10 (Miss Mace’s Room)
7.15pm – Year 6 parents – Room 3 (Mrs Clarke’s Room)

INFANTS Grade Night – this Wednesday 11th February
5.45pm – 6.30pm – Year 2 parents – Room 11 (Miss Elliott’s Room)
6.30pm – 7.15pm – Kindergarten parents – Room 5 (Mrs Barry-Cupple’s Room)
7.15pm – 8.00pm – Year 1 parents – Room 1 (Miss Pilgrim’s Room)

Parent/Teacher Interviews
In the coming weeks all parents will have the opportunity for an individual interview with your
child’s class teacher. A note will go home to parents regarding interview timeslots and you will be required to
 indicate your preferred preferences. We have scheduled these interviews early in the school year so parents have the opportunity to share valuable information about their children with class teachers. Please note due to time constraints, these interviews are strictly limited to 15 minutes only. We encourage all parents to attend.

KINDER ONLY (Week 4): Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February
PRIMARY YRS 3 - 6 (Week 6): Monday 2nd March – Friday 6th March
YRS 1 & 2 (Week 7): Monday 9th March – Friday 13th March

Road Safety!!
Parents of children who walk home are asked to
follow up on the importance of road safety after children who cross Arinya Street were narrowly missed being hit by a car last Wednesday afternoon. These students were identified and
spoke to on Thursday morning following a call to the primary school by the lady who was driving the car when the students ran out from behind a bus that was pulled up in Arinya Street. Fortunately an accident occurring was avoided in this instance and we trust that students will be now more aware in using road sense and also of the distress caused to the driver of the car.

VALUE FOR THE WEEK: “RESPECT”
he school journey, also from the Conservatorium, teaches singing and return to either school office.

The Infants Co-ordinator, assisted by Cecily Hankin and Maureen Ayton, and Sally Clarke is Primary Co-ordinator, assisted by Amanda Sheridan.

Pastoral Care at St Edward’s School can provide assistance through prayers, emergency childcare, helping provide school requirements, or providing meals for families when someone is ill or hospitalised. The role of Pastoral Care is an important one within the St Edward’s school community and is there to distribute invaluable help and support to families where required. Discretion is assured at all times and families should feel comfortable contacting the Co-ordinator if they need help.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to be a part of this wonderful initiative. We ask that if you are able to assist, you fill out the accompanying Pastoral Care Sheet and return as soon as possible to either the Infants or Primary Campus.

Heartfelt thanks to those parents who participated in 2014 and sent in meals. The recipients of meals were extremely grateful. Last year we had 50 volunteers and this year we are aiming for 60. Many thanks in anticipation of more helpers!!

If you know someone in our school community who is sick or in hospital, just need a helping hand or who has had a recent loss in the family, please let us know – we can only help when we know of people who need assistance.

Just a general reminder to all those wonderful, generous people who help to keep our care meals fridge stocked with meals for people in need – please use the foil containers provided for your convenience. These can be collected from either school office. They can also be sent down to the Infants Campus when requested. It is also important to use the labels provided on the lids as to ingredients, date prepared etc as many of these meals go to ill people and this information is very important to them.

Thank you again for helping us to help others. If you have any queries, please feel free to ring either Campus and Amy and Sally can answer any questions you have.

Amy Elliott & Sally Clarke

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**Dental Health Check – Year 1 students only**

Darling Dental, a private Tamworth Surgery, is kindly offering free dental health checks to our Year 1 students ONLY on Thursday 5th March 2015.

A dental check consent form went home last week to every Year 1 student and needs to be completed and returned by Friday 27th February.

**School Fee Information**

Term 1 school fee accounts will be sent home this week and are due for payment by Friday 6th March. We are aware of financial difficulties facing people in these hard times and are more than happy to talk with families experiencing problems. Please make contact with Mr Gary McSweeney, by phone or by appointment, to discuss your financial responsibilities. It is vital that you do make contact. *Please note: Fees may be paid by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, internet banking or direct debit through the Armidale Diocesan Investment Group, at no cost to you. If you would like to pay by Direct Debit which is by weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments, please contact either school office for the relevant information.*

**Student Information**

Student Verification Contact Forms will go home to families this week. We ask that you complete any changes and return to either school office ASAP. We request that all forms are returned, even if all information shown is correct.

**Student School Banking**

For many years the Armidale Diocesan Investment Group (ADIG) has operated Rainbow Club passbook accounts for children in primary schools in our Diocese. Bank books are collected each Friday morning, then processed by Mrs Sauer at the Infants Campus and returned the following week. Our school benefits financially from every transaction....these continue to be a free account and generates 30 cents commission each time a child deposits to their Rainbow Club Account at school. If you wish to open an ADIG student account for your child, an application form can be obtained from either school office.

**PVC Subsidy**

Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) subsidy is available for eligible school students, who are residents of NSW, where there is no public transport for all or part of the journey between home and school. PVC is paid on a daily basis for the single distance journey between home and the school/transport pick up point. To claim the PVC subsidy, a special return journey must be made each morning and afternoon between the student’s residence and the school/transport pick up point. Application Forms for Infants children are available from the Infants Office only and Primary children from the Primary Office only. When completed the forms are to be returned directly to the address shown on the form not school.

**Piano & Guitar Lessons at St Ed’s**

Todd Power is accepting students at St Edward’s School for one-on-one piano tuition. He teaches students of all ages, from beginner to advanced students, at the Tamworth Regional Conservatorium of Music. Weekly piano lessons are also held at both the Primary (Tuesday) and Infants Campus (Monday), and are available in blocks of 20 or 30 minutes.

Mr James Craswell, also from the Conservatorium, teaches guitar for Primary students only (Wednesday).

What a time saver it is for parents because these tutors come direct to St Ed’s for lessons during school time, so we ask that you please support them!

Enrolment forms are available from either school office or from the Conservatorium. For more information, please email admin@tamworthregionalconservatorium.com.au or call the Conservatorium Office on (02) 6766 6911.
Vocal Group Tuition at St Ed’s - Sally-Anne Whitten is running vocal group lessons again at St Edward’s School this year, with lessons commencing next week. Lessons are a basic introduction to music and vocal principles, and are focused on getting students involved in learning basic elements of music and singing in a fun environment. Lessons are $10 a week, and students must have a permission slip filled in to be able to start tuition. If you have filled out a permission slip last year, please do fill in another one this year with your current details, so Sally-Anne can keep track of her enrolments. Enrolment forms are available from either school office, or if you have any questions, you can contact Sally-Anne on 0412 093 469 or email sawhitten85@gmail.com

Student of the Week (first name shown) & Curriculum Award (second name shown)

Congratulations!

Curriculum Focus: Religion

KBC Declan Clark 3M Grace Shanley
Abigail Weber
Isabella Cooper
KL Bella Masters 4O Gillian McGrath
Charlie Benjamin Katelin Abra
KR Thomas Jefferys 4P Innes Munro
Lara Cartan
Olivia Croker
1M Lily Androussos 4S Madelyn Mitchell
Matthew Frost Alister Walsh
1P Billy Daly 5A Bella Redmond
Kobe Lane Sophie Gollidge
1R Emma Newlan 5L Katie Hill
Ella Walton Bailey Evans
2E Charlie Hook 5M Mathew Refalo
Ella Murray Emma Morris
2R Haydon Hunt 6C Holly Murphy
Georgie Redmond Sara Sinclair
2U Leif Dietrich 6G Maddison Honess
Mia Pengilly Clair Stuart
3B Tessa Williams 6M Kaytie Emery
Makayla Hoffman Abbey McGrath
3G Gabi Higgins Samiel Morris

Values Award - “INTEGRITY”

Kinder – Riley Miller, Landyn Nicolls, Kody Sylvester
Year 1 – Scarlet Clark, Paige McMillan, Dylan Mihell
Year 2 – Sam Salvestrin, Aiden McMillan, Padraig Maher
Year 3 – Mitchell Scott, Parker Munro, Jackson Lane
Year 4 – Harry Lewington, Brayden Boonstra, Nicholas Driscoll
Year 5 – Kelly O’Gorman, Michael Lewington, Paige Colby
Year 6 – Zac Pizzuti, Sebastian Smith, Ayden Burn

House Award

Primary: Chisholm Red

Infants: Chisholm Red

President & Presentation Award

Primary: 5M

Infants: KL

Respect Rules Award

Congratulations to Bailey Simpson and Harry Lewington for always offering Miss LeBrocq a helping hand whilst waiting on bus lines. You boys rock! Congratulations also to Geoffrey Larkham for displaying exceptional manners and great sportsmanship at the swimming trials.

Canteen News

Thank you to the wonderful parents/carers who have returned their notes offering to help in the Canteen at the Primary or Infants (or both). I am still in need of helpers, so if you would like to assist and haven’t returned your note, could you please do so by this Thursday 12th February as the new roster has to be finalised and sent home shortly. If you have misplaced your note, a hand written note will suffice.

We also remind parents not to send in food with your child which requires heating up in the microwave.

Canteen Roster

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Foyer Display

All parents are invited to drop in at the Infants Campus and view a display by 2E.

RE News

Opening School Mass

The Opening School Mass will be held tomorrow, Tuesday 10th February, at 9.30am in Mary Help of Christians Church. Years 1 - 6 will be attending. We hope you can join us to celebrate the beginning of a new school year. We ask that parents please do not park in the Bus Bay in front of the Primary School, as Years 1 & 2 will be catching a bus from the Infant's Campus and need to disembark safely.

Father Abmar’s Farewell

Please join us at Mass this Sunday 15th February at 9.00am to farewell Father Abmar and to thank him for his contribution to our School and Parish. There will be a morning tea after Mass. We hope to see you there!

Ash Wednesday Mass

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection and fasting which prepares us for Christ’s Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Years 3-6 will be attending Mass at 9.30am on Wednesday 18th February.

Sally Clarke & Amy Elliott

Wise Words for Families

Ask the right question to get the right response.
If “nah” or “yep” are the only responses you get from your children consider asking questions that begin with What, Where, How or Why. Ask interesting questions that will spark more than a one-word response.

Michael Grose

Notes Home Today

- Pastoral Care Note (all families)
- St Ed’s Drug Education Policy (new families only)

We are indebted to the businesses that support St Edward’s by advertising on the back of the Newsletter and in return we ask you to support them.