Dear Parents and Students,

This week we welcome 24 visiting Japanese students from Hamamatsu Nittai Junior High School. This is a wonderful learning experience for our students as well as for our visitors.

Over the next 6 days, our students will get to meet young people from a completely different language and culture. We live in a world where we need to think globally. In the years to come, our young people will make connections with people from many parts of the world.

For us as a Catholic school, we are called to be saints in our world – a global world. Experience and connections with other people and cultures help us understand and reach out to others.

Beginning this year, we are commencing a special project with some colleagues based in USA. This project will involve our stage 3 teams partnering with 19 other schools in the diocese some of them secondary schools. We will be enhancing our students’ learning in the current 21st century context. We will be taking the best of what is known about effective student learning globally and applying it for the benefit of our students. This will be an exciting project for our whole community in continuing to make sure our student learning is relevant and relational.

Yours in Learning

Stephen Dowd
Principal

★★★Star Spot★★★

On Wednesday 2nd November, Daniella Piskor of year 5 was awarded a Highly Commended NSW Minister's Award for Excellence in Student Achievement Community Language Schools 2016. This program compliments mainstream language education programs. It also acknowledges the importance of multiculturalism and diversity within NSW. Daniella was one of 300 students nominated.

This took place at the University of NSW (John Clancy Auditorium) and the award was presented to her by Mr Gregory Prior - Deputy Secretary School Operations and Performance, in front of The Hon Leslie Williams, MP and over one thousand guests.

After careful consideration of all candidates from students in Kindergarten to year 6, Daniella was chosen by the School Management committee and nominated for the award. The process included Daniella’s language proficiency and commitment to learning in the classroom, her contribution to St Andrews Ukrainian School, her contribution to school activities and appreciation of her cultural background, her ability as a leader in the wider community which demonstrates intercultural understanding.

Quote from the Principal of St Andrew's Ukrainian Catholic School “Daniella is a true example of what can be achieved through continued hard work and application to studies at our community languages school. She is displaying strong leadership skills and always strives to do her best in everything she applies herself to.”

Congratulations Daniella such a wonderful achievement. Well done.
Friday 25th November
Infants 5:30pm-7:00pm
Primary 7:30pm-9:00pm

• Drink and snack provided in the ticket price
• Glow stick products will be sold for $2 each on the night
• Gates will open at 5:15pm (infants disco). Please do not leave children unattended before this time. Gates open for Primary at 7:00pm for parents collecting children from the infants disco.

Baby News
Congratulations to the Lee family, Gabrielle (KP) who welcomed a new baby boy, Harrison into the family on Wednesday 9th November.

Year 5 Camp
We wish year 5 students a very successful enjoyable time away Thursday and Friday 17th and 18th November.

Library Books
Now is the time of year to start looking for those lost library books.
Most students would have received an overdue notice if they have books at home.
Please be aware that year 6 students who have overdue books under their name will carry on to their library records in high school.

Attention Kindergarten and Year 5 Students
The Release From Face-to-Face Teaching (RFF) timetable will be different for Kindergarten and Year 5 students for Weeks 4-6 inclusive.

**Kindergarten** will now be wearing their **SCHOOL** uniform on **Tuesdays** and their **SPORT** uniform on **Thursdays**.

**Year 5** will be wearing their **SPORT** uniform on **Tuesdays** and their **SCHOOL** uniform on **Thursdays**.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.
Kindergarten and Year 5 Teams

Uniform Shop
Last day of trading will be **Friday 16th December 8.30-10.00am**
We will re open for normal trading on **Tuesday 31st January 8.30-10.00am**.

January 2017 Holiday Training
**Tuesday 17th January 2017 10.00-11.30am**
**Saturday 21st January 2017 10.30am-12.00pm**

Any further enquiries please contact Elle: 0421 216 414 or email: elle@ozfashions.com.au

Save the date
**Friday 9th December 2016**
Mary Immaculate Parish & Primary School will be hosting their annual Carols by Candlelight event on 9th December 2016 from 6:00pm in the school grounds.

Please Note: there will be NO evening Mass