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Companions on the Journey

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First Sunday of Advent

*In your coming Lord, may our hearts be open,
so that we may be filled with peace.
May our minds be open,
so that we may know your will.
May our eyes be open,
so that, in others, we might see your light.
And may our lives be open, so that you may come to us
and fill us with hope and joy.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
AMEN*



First Week



The First Sunday of Advent

Be watchful – Stay Awake.

*The 1st Candle is called the Prophet's Candle to remind us of
the Old Testament about the Messiah
Lord our God, during this time of Advent, teach me to wait and be patient with
ourselves and those around us. Teach us
to find time for loved ones that we might grow in your love.
Amen.*

Dear Parents

We have entered the **Season of Advent** and we should explore the many themes in our own lives. Although you will probably not be directly confronted with the crowds of hungry or suffering people this day, as Jesus was, you doubtlessly do know someone who is in need; spiritually, emotionally, or materially. Possibly this week you could spend some time and open your compassionate heart to another?

Last Friday, we spent an enjoyable time, celebrating with the school community at the **St Andrew's Feast Day Mass**. The Mass was very reverent and meaningful. The focus was on the Patron Saint of our school and parish. This was followed by an extra-ordinary activity with **St Andrew's Splash Day Slides** organized by the school's P&F Committee. The children had so much fun participating in the slides and St Andrew's day activities. The kindness of the P&F continued by providing each child with a free icy-pole and popcorn. **Thank you so much to our wonderful and hard-working P&F Committee.**



Last Friday was the first time that we had some of **our children baptised during the mass**. I was sitting with one of the classes where a student from the class was getting baptised and it was so eagerly watched with a sense of pride and joy. It was almost like the whole school and class were the family co-celebrating. A sincere thank you to Mrs K for all her work in the preparation of these students and I wish them all a happy and faith filled life.



ST ANDREW'S BOOK ORDERS FOR 2021

Campion have collected the book lists from St Andrew's. Late orders that missed the cut-off date will need to be placed online at www.campion.com.au. All late orders are **home delivery only**. Campion will endeavour to despatch your order before school begins. They cannot guarantee delivery before the school term starts. Alternatively, you can go to the Campion store in Malaga to collect your items.



NATIVITY



A wonderful event was held last Tuesday night where our Kindergarten children performed, Year 5 narrated and the rest of the school performed with the choir for the Nativity. We were so happy to see so many children and families attend. A special mention, to the staff, especially Mrs Mulholland and Kindy staff; Mrs Zajcic, Mrs Scaf, Mrs Puca, Mrs Harvey, Mrs Connolly and Mrs Deans, for the preparation for this event. This annual event forms a very important part of our religious celebrations for the school and the message that it sends to the children. I thank all the families for observing the social distancing requirements.

I also thank all the staff who attended, not only to supervise the extended school choir but to also support the students and school. We are blessed to have such a wonderful community working together for the benefit of the children in our care.





INDONESIAN DAY

Last Thursday we had the opportunity to participate in our **Indonesian Day**. The children were invited to wear something red and participate in traditional Indonesian games during lessons, recess, and lunch time. There was also the chance to eat traditional Indonesian food for lunch, which was delicious. A great day of fun, immersion with another culture and learning was had by all.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MASS

We also celebrated our **Annual Christmas Mass**, which was a very moving celebration. A sincere thank you to everyone involved.

GRADUATION OUTING

Tomorrow, all **Year 6 students** are eagerly looking forward to their **Graduation Outing** and celebration. This event will be held at the **Perth Outback Adventure Maze**.

ENROLLING YOUR CHILD AT ST ANDREW'S

Parents who have younger children (0 - 3) are encouraged to book their children in for future years, as places are limited. (There is a small fee associated with placing your name on this list.) We can only enrol your child if the school has the appropriate forms on file. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

SCHOOL FINISHING DATES FOR 2020



This year, all children in **Years Pre-Primary – 5** are **expected to attend school until Friday 11th December**. They will be dismissed as normal at 2:45pm on that day. **The Year 6 Graduating Students will be dismissed directly after the Graduation celebrations and Awards Ceremony** which will be held on Wednesday 9th December commencing at 6:00pm in the Church.

FREE DRESS DAY – Wednesday 9th DECEMBER 2020

The children will be able to wear free dress on Wednesday 9th December for a gold coin donation to Catholic Christmas Charities – St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. The theme is Holidays/Christmas. Children are not allowed to wear thongs or non-supportive shoes. Thank you for your support. *The Year 6 Spiritual Ministry*



LIBRARY LOANS

All students need to return their library books immediately so that a stock take can be undertaken. To all parents and children, I appreciate your support in the Library this year and look forward to this continuing in 2021.



Mrs Parody

MUSIC NEWS - REMINDER: INSTRUMENTAL TUITION AND RECORDERS



All children in Years 2-5 have been provided with a Music Tuition Note. If you would like your child to have instrumental lessons in 2021, please return the application form to school as soon as possible. [This includes the children wishing to re-enrol.] I will be forwarding the completed forms to the tutors and they will be in touch with you, by email during the holidays. Thank you to those of you who have already returned their forms. The requirements are lists on the enrolment and re-enrolment note.

Recorder is taught to students in Years 3, 4 and 5 and every child in these year groups needs to have a recorder. Learning to read music is part of the Western Australian Curriculum. Recorders appear on each child's booklists and should be retained and used year after year. There is no need to purchase a new recorder each year.

Children who participate in the school's Music Tuition Program will be given priority when joining the School Band, Performing Arts, and the School's Music Gala.

Mrs Clare Mulholland [Music Specialist & Instrumental Program Co-ordinator]

2021 CLASS ORIENTATIONS

Next Thursday 10th December will be a morning filled with both excitement and some trepidation. The children in all Years will be introduced to their new classes for 2021. It is important for all parents to be proactive and focus on the positive. A new year brings new challenges, growth, development, and maturation of the student. It is by the positive words that you speak with your child that could make or break next year for them. So, I encourage you to consider this and set the scene for a great 2021. We are so blessed at St Andrew's to have such a talented and giving staff, that no matter which class your child has been placed into, they are destined for greatness. I must admit that I am personally excited and looking forward to 2021 as well. **Parents should not attend their child's transition program for their child's sake, and we thank you for your cooperation with this matter.** Class lists will not be placed on classroom doors until Friday morning.

ORIENTATION

LOST PROPERTY

Please check lost property in the undercover area. Any items left at the end of the year will be given to the uniform shop.

MERRIWA DENTIST

Parents please note that when your child leaves St Andrew's to go to high school they are still entitled to go to the Merriwa Dentist. Should you have any concerns please call them on 93051272.



MINNI VINNIES

Over 40 baskets of goodies have been donated to the St Vincent De Paul, Clarkson. A very big thank you to all the St Andrew's families that have given so generously. Let us pray that those in need will get some relief with their Christmas baskets.

FOOTSTEPS PERFORMANCES AND THE MUSIC GALA

On Monday 7th December, your child will be performing at the Footsteps Production and may also be performing at the Music Gala in the school hall. Every student, in Years PP – Year 6 will showcase their Footsteps program. The Music Gala is an informal event, which gives the students involved in the St Andrew's school instrumental program an opportunity to perform. There are over 80 students participating and ***parents and friends are welcome to attend but must observe the government requirements of social distancing. The day will commence at approximately at 8:45am with the footsteps class presentations followed by the music gala recitals.*** There is no definite concluding time or performance time. We apologize but with so many components to this day it would be impossible to give set times. We thank you for understanding and look forward to seeing you all there!



OUTLINE (Times are approximate only) – all events are held in the School Hall

8:45am Footsteps performances.

(Short break to set up for the Music Gala)

Music Gala commences

10:15am Go to classes for Sip N Crunch

10:20am Sip N Crunch

10:25am Recess

10:45am Back to Hall – Music Gala part 2.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE FINAL WEEK OF SCHOOL

- **Monday 7th December:** Footsteps Dance / Music Gala – School hall approx. 8:45am start. All invited
- **Tuesday 8th December:** Kindy will have their St Andrew's Christmas function celebrations. A separate note was sent home with the details. Please see your child's classroom teacher if any more information is required. 2021 Pre-Primary Class lists will be sent home today as well. **Kindergarten last day for 2020.**
- **Wednesday 9th December:** This is the ***last day for the Year 6 students.*** If they are bringing in items to sign, please be aware that they are not permitted to sign their school uniforms but are welcome to sign their graduation shirts **under the supervision of teachers.** No other parts of the uniform should be signed.
 - ❖ Year 6 students are not to attend school on Thursday or Friday unless they are in the school choir or band and are required by Mrs Mulholland. They should also just be at school for the event time and NOT for the entire day.
 - ❖ Year 6 **Thanksgiving/Graduation Mass:** This ***Mass will commence at 6:00pm*** sharp, in the Church. The children are expected to ***wear full Summer School Uniform with all boys wearing a tie.*** (Year 6 Students should be at Church by 5:45pm).
 - ❖ **Year 6 Awards:** ALL of these will be presented at a ceremony, to be held in the Hall at the conclusion of the Graduation/Thanksgiving Mass.
 - ❖ **Second Semester Reports:** Reports will be sent home on Friday 11th December via Seqta Engage. (Children in Year 6 will also be given a hard copy of their report on Wednesday afternoon.)
 - ❖ **All children** will be able to wear ***Free Dress for a gold coin*** donation to Catholic Christmas Charities. The Theme will be holidays/Christmas.

**FINAL
WEEK!**

- **Thursday 10th December:** We commence our day with our final assembly for 2020. This assembly will be concluded with the singing of several Christmas Carols lead by Mrs Mulholland and the School Choir.
- **2021 Class Orientation session** (PP-6) from approximately 10:40am – 11:30am. The children will be directed to their new classes and meet with their new class members and teachers for 2021. An exciting time for all! We ask that **parents do not attend this event** for the children's sake to cause unnecessary anxiety.

The children have told me that they will be very excited to come home and share the good news with you rather than have parents attend and affecting the transition. The knowledge of the new class is always accompanied by some excitement and potential anticipation. Parents, to continue to ensure that their child will have a successful start to 2021 should **FOCUS ON THE POSITIVE!** Talk about the orientation and the good aspects of St Andrew's School, classmates, and their new teacher. Your supportive, kind and encouraging words could make all the difference. We thank you for understanding and being so supportive.

- **Friday 11th December:** The ***final Newsletter and Term 1 Planner for 2021 is uploaded to our website on this day.*** All second semester reports (via SEQTA Engage) and Term 1, 2021 Planner will be on the website for the children in Pre-Primary – Year 5. Last Day of Term for Pre-Primary - Year 5 with a normal school finishing time of 2:45pm applying. (With the exception of our Year 6 children who were dismissed on Wednesday 9th December after graduation)
- **Friday 11th December - class lists placed on classroom doors for 2021 classes.**

God Bless

Mr Sam Fontaine
Principal



VISION STATEMENT

St Andrew's CPS offers an education that acknowledges, respects and nurtures the uniqueness of each person.

Within a framework of Catholic values and teamwork, the students will be challenged and supported to recognise their gifts and develop their potential as they learn and contribute to their communion.

INDONESIAN DAY – THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER

Last Thursday we were blessed with a day of fine weather for St Andrew's second "Hari Indonesia" (Indonesian Day). Students had a great time playing a range of traditional Indonesian children's games during their lesson time and then during their lunch break, they had the opportunity to fly kites and try their hand at playing sepak takraw, a popular sport in Indonesia. It was fantastic to see all the students out together on the oval dressed in their red and white having such a great time. Students were also able to enjoy a delicious Indonesian style lunch of nasi goreng (fried rice), lumpia (spring roll) and krupuk (prawn crackers). A very big thank you to all of the wonderful staff for their support leading up to and on the day and to all of the students who wore red and white (colours of the Indonesian flag) and joined in the festivities on the oval. Congratulations also to our trivia competition winners: Year 1-2 (Brea F), Year 3-4 (Elen L) and Year 5-6 (Olivia W).

Ibu Belcastro Specialist Teacher - Indonesian



Happy birthday to Liam C, Xavier H,
Eva G, Harley R, Morgan S, Kaiden T, Olivia E,
Scarlett G, Genevieve S, Elijah E, Matthew K,
Neve T, Riley G, Krystel P



P&F NEWS

Do not forget to check out the P&F Facebook Page to keep up to date with things going on at school or to get in touch with us. The page name is St Andrew's Clarkson CPS P&F Group. We can also be contacted on the email address standrewsparentsandfriends@gmail.com

PARISH NEWS



For all Mass times and parish information please follow the following link.

www.standrewsclarkson.com

ST ANDREW'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL TERM 4 2020 (9 Week Student Term +1)

| SAT/SUN | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|----------------------|--|---|--|--|---|
| 28 /29NOV Week 8 | 30 NOVEMBER | 1 DECEMBER | 2 DECEMBER | 3 DECEMBER | 4 DECEMBER Year 6 Graduation outing |
| 5/6 DEC Week 9 | 7 DECEMBER Music Gala 8:45am- Whole School in Hall (Inc: Footsteps Dance performance) | 8 DECEMBER Kindy – Fun Day Kindy Christmas Party KINDY LAST DAY Santa Visit Choir singing at Clarkson Library No Staff Meeting | 9 DECEMBER LAST DAY YEAR 6 Free Dress Day Theme – Holidays Gold coin donation Year 6 Graduation Mass 6:00pm Church Year 6 Classes Graduation Ceremony School Hall (straight after Mass) | 10 DECEMBER Final Assembly School choir to lead singing 3 carols only 2021 Class Orientation Years PP - 6 10.40am – 11.30am Class Lists on display Children will participate in transition session | 11 DECEMBER Last day of Term 4 for students PP – Year 5 |
| 12/13 DEC Week 10 | 14 DECEMBER PUPIL FREE DAY | 15 DECEMBER PUPIL FREE DAY | 16 DECEMBER PUPIL FREE DAY | 17 DECEMBER PUPIL FREE DAY | 18 DECEMBER PUPIL FREE DAY |

STUDENTS RETURN MONDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2021