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NEWSLETTER NO 2 2021

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*Father in Heaven, as we begin our Lenten journey,
Help us understand the meaning of your Son's death and resurrection,
and teach us to reflect in our lives.*

*Send your Spirit of Love to help and inspire us to know your ways,
for they are always love and truth to those who keep your covenant.*

*Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Dear Parents

Yesterday was ASH WEDNESDAY. This day is of special significance to all Christians as it is the start of Lent.

LENT: The Church has several seasons and we as Christians can use the seasons to focus ourselves on our relationship with God and each other. The season of Lent is traditionally one of prayer, fasting, sacrifice and self-denial. It is a time when we accept our imperfect nature and allow the Spirit to work more openly in our lives. Some people give up things while others try to do things that they believe should be a more regular part of our being.



What is important is that we do something! The Church is teaching us that we must be regular participants in the Sacraments. Perhaps one way of celebrating Lent is for the family to participate more in liturgies and attend Sunday Mass together. Another way may be to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter. Some families are praying more together, while others are going without lollies, soft drink, and giving money saved to Project Compassion. May the forty days at the commencement of Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday, be one of growth for all of us.

During Lent there are several themes that often come to mind. The themes are Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. In this way the whole Church prepares for Easter.

PRAYER: By our sin we turn away from God: But our prayers will lead us back to Him.

FASTING: Through fasting, our bodies are more aware of the season of Lent. We can now ask God to give us strength.

ALMSGIVING: By giving gifts to others we are sharing what we have and showing love. God asks us to love our neighbour.

May these themes provide you and your families with some thoughts and reflections during this Lenten season.

***"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return"
or "Repent and believe in the Gospel."***

PROJECT COMPASSION: Project Compassion contribution boxes will be sent home shortly. You can encourage your child to use this as a part of their Lenten Journey. Extra boxes are available for families through the Parish.



Thank you to all the families that supported the school using the QR codes etc. These do not need to be used any longer to access the school. However you still need to **access the school hall for events including assemblies by signing in using the SAFE WA QR CODE** app. Thank you so much for your ongoing co-operation.

Fr Dariusz, Our Parish Priest, has been granted permission to go on sabbatical leave (long service leave) for a 12 month period. He will complete his ministry at the Clarkson Parish on the 28th February 2021. As of the 1st March, 2021 *Fr Dariusz (Darek) Krzysztalowicz SDS* will commence his ministry as the Parish Priest of St Andrew's.

St Andrew's would like to inform the community that **Mr Redding** will be going in for a major operation from the beginning of Week 8. He has an acoustic neuroma which has caused permanent deafness in his left ear and may cause other issues later in life. He will return after his recovery during Term 2. We are fortunate to have several our regular staff members, who will fulfil his role while he is away on sick leave. (Mrs Forzatti and Mrs McMillan). We eagerly want him to have a speedy recovery and return to our school.

SICK OR EVEN FEELING UNWELL: Please remember that ***if your child is sick or even feeling unwell, school is not the place to drop them off.*** Children have been brought to school unwell when they should be kept home. While I fully understand that this may not be possible in all circumstances, it is essential that sick children are not brought to school. They could make other students unwell and they will not be able to undertake the rigors of school work.

Our Year 6 Student Council have requested that our first free dress day collection will be donated to those who have been affected by the bushfires through the Lord Mayor's Appeal.

RECONCILIATION PROGRAM

On **Tuesday 25th February** A parent /child workshop for those children intending to receive reconciliation for the first time will be **held in the St Andrew's School Hall at 6.00pm. The workshop will commence at 6:00pm sharp. (TO BE CONFIRMED)**

KINDY 2022 ENROLMENTS

We are processing applications for children who intend to participate in the St Andrew's 2022 Kindergarten Program. If any parent has not enrolled their child and they are born between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018, they need to do so immediately. (We can only enrol children who have the correct enrolment application forms and that we know want to participate in our program.)

Please do not assume that we 'know' that your child is seeking enrolment into the St Andrew's Kindergarten Program.



AQUA FUN DAY – TOMORROW!!!!!!

The children in Years 1-6 have been invited to participate in the **AQUA FUN DAY** which will be held tomorrow, **FRIDAY 19th February** at the Arena Joondalup. Detailed information has been sent home to all families. If you have any further questions, please direct them to Mr Waddell.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Wednesday night was our initial 2021 School Advisory Council Meeting. We are so lucky to have this group of parents representing our parent body. They give their time willingly and continue to strive to develop policies and ideas for the betterment of the students at St Andrew's. I shared my vision and aspirations for the school, and we had a very productive meeting.

A reminder that Monday 1st March is a Public Holiday and Tuesday 2nd March is a Pupil Free Day.

CANTEEN HELP REQUIRED

Mrs Cross would love your help in the Canteen. Even an hour would lift the load in her busy day. Please contact the office if you can help.

A REMINDER TO ALL STUDENTS

- All children who arrive prior to the 'meet and greet' time should be taken to the Undercover area as this is the supervision point. Children who SIT outside their classrooms need to have an accompanying adult with them and sit quietly. St Andrew's staff are trying to avoid a potential accident occurring.
- School bags with your devices in them must be kept with you in the Undercover area each morning until you have been given permission to enter your classroom.

We thank you for your co-operation in these matters.

STUDENT ABSENCE DURING SCHOOL TERM

Parents who remove their children, during the normal school term for a vacation, need to inform the classroom teacher and the Principal in writing. St Andrew's Catholic Primary School does not support the withdrawal of children during important term teaching time.

Should there be no alternative, please be aware that ***it is not the responsibility of your child's classroom teacher to prepare and correct work during this time. Nor to catch up on work that is missed.*** Thank you for your understanding in this matter and I am personally happy to discuss this further with any parent, if required.

CHILDREN IN OTHER GRADES WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Parents of children who attend our school in Years 3 - 6 and have missed receiving one or several sacraments during their primary school education can join in the Sacramental Programs for 2021. If this applies to your child or you would like to find out further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Archer immediately.

STUDENT ACTION PLANS FOR ANAPHYLAXIS / ALLERGIC REACTIONS

Any student who requires an action plan for either Anaphylaxis, Allergic Reactions or Asthma will need to complete a new Action Plan form. It should have a current coloured photo and completed with your family doctor. Please hand it to the office urgently. Please do not assume that if you have completed one of these forms before that it will suffice. **Each year a new and updated form must be submitted** to the school according to legislation.

ATTENTION ALL CURRENT YEAR 5 AND 6 STUDENTS

Students who intend to enrol at ***Irene McCormack Catholic Secondary School***, should ensure that their paperwork has been handed in and the necessary deposit paid. Interviews for prospective students will commence shortly. (*Current Year 5 = Year 7 in 2023 and current Year 6 = Year 7 in 2022*)

CATHOLIC SECONDARY COLLEGES

It is the parent's responsibility to enrol their child in the Catholic Secondary College of their choice. While we are a local school to Irene McCormack Catholic College and Prendiville Catholic College, **parents still need to send in the application forms by the due date.** (Current Year 5's should have returned their enrolment forms to the secondary school of choice by NOW!!!) We are very fortunate to have excellent Catholic secondary colleges that our children can attend. *** **A suggestion to all parents is that when your child is in Year 3, by the middle of that year, you should have submitted your enrolment forms to the secondary school of choice.** Please do not leave it too late! Mr Fontaine is happy to discuss this further with any parent if required.

YOUR CHILD'S PROGRESS

If you have any concerns with regards to your child's progress, the school policy is very clear in its pathway. **Your initial meeting must and should be with your child's classroom teacher.** At this meeting it is imperative that you explain the situation clearly and allow the teacher both the right of reply and time to manage and deal with your concern. Please remember that your child's teacher may be unaware of the concern and may require time to research and gather information. While I support the contact with teachers via email or letter, please be aware that there is no replacement for a face to face meeting.

Also, as a staff, we are building resiliency in students where they set fair rules for all to play and solve problems which may arise. Many students, when discussing their day with their parents remember an isolated incident, which had been dealt with, and parents need to just listen, ask them what they did in the situation and support them from home. Once the information has been gathered and analysed, our caring and dedicated staff have made excellent decisions as to the wellbeing of the child.

If after several meetings with the teacher, and you feel that no resolution has occurred then parents have the option of booking an appointment with one of the Assistant Principals, either Mr Archer or Mrs Campbell.

Finally, after the parent has exhausted these other avenues, Mr Fontaine is the final port of call. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

SUPPORT A READER

**FOR ADULTS WHO HAVE A LOVE OF READING AND WISH TO SHARE THE JOY!
Workshop - Thursday 25th February from 8.30am-9.30am in the school library.**

Support A Reader is a volunteer-based program that trains parents and members of the community as 'tutors' to support children, who need additional assistance with reading. This opportunity to read regularly with a supportive adult on a one-to-one basis, has shown to increase student confidence and ability. Tutors are trained to give explicit support to assist children's reading development. We are seeking volunteers who may be interested in becoming tutors and could spare a small amount of time each week to work with children. The Support-a-Reader Program will take place on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday mornings this year. To become a tutor, you will need to attend a one-hour training session in the school library. If you have already completed the training session in previous years and you are able to assist again this year, please fill out an availability form located in the office. Any questions, please speak directly with Mrs Dennis (Student Support Teacher) or leave a message at the office with Mrs O'Neil / Mrs Champion.

WOOLWORTHS SEEDLING OFFER – PLEASE DONATE

If any family are not using the Woolworths seedling could you please donate, ***THE VEGETABLE SEEDLINGS ONLY*** to the Year 6 Gardening Ministry or to Mrs Campbell. We appreciate your support in this endeavour. ***The Year 6 Ministries.***



May God Bless You All

**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 community.**

ST ANDREW'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
TERM 1, PLANNER 2021 – Parents (8 Week Term)

SAT/SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
13/14 FEB Week 3	15 FEBRUARY	16 FEBRUARY	17 FEBRUARY	18 FEBRUARY	19 FEBRUARY Yrs 1 -6 AQUA FUN DAY (Arena Joondalup)
20/21 FEB Week 4	22 FEBRUARY	23 FEBRUARY Staff Prayer Playgroup 8:30 – 10:30 Hall Staff Meeting Reconciliation Workshop SACPS Hall 6.00pm (TBC)	24 FEBRUARY Reconciliation Workshop St Francis 6.00pm (TBC)	25 FEBRUARY	26 FEBRUARY Year 4 Merit Assembly (both classes)
27/28 FEB Week 5	1 MARCH LABOR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	2 MARCH PUPIL FREE DAY	3 MARCH	4 MARCH Year 6 Summer Lightning Carnival	5 MARCH MJR Assembly

SCHOOL NEWS

INSTRUMENTAL TUITION

We welcome back Mrs Lynette Kirkham, Ms Rachael Perry, Mr Scott Young and Mr Gordon Jansen as our music tutors.

This is a reminder that if your child is having instrumental lessons in school, the lessons must be paid in advance; prior to lessons commencing. Lessons missed by students will not be reimbursed and the tutor will NOT be expected to make up lessons. Lessons missed by the tutor will be made up.

Mrs Mulholland [Music Specialist]

**Happy birthday to
who have or will be celebrating their birthday soon!**



Lucca d, James H, Matthew V, Sophia C, Ryan W, Caleb H,
 Florence M, Huxley S, Tessa C, Olivia W, Rory S,
 Kiara W, Jaxson J, Jason H, Levi S, Taj F, Kea-Rose R,
 Vivienne B, Kalista B, Patrick S, Kenzie L, Ava P,
 Aislinn T, Ivy W,



We have completed several changes to our school's social media, whereby the school will be having a:



SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE

Please like follow us and like us on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/standrewscps/>
(as well as a *P&F Facebook Page*)



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NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE

www.standrews.wa.edu.au



SEQTA ENGAGE

Will assist you in obtaining your child's report and other information.



SEESAW (KINDY – YEAR 6)

Invitations have been sent home.



To access the 'Connected' App, please use the school password of: **Companions1996** (Capital C).

LITERACY AND NUMERACY AT ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL

At St Andrew's Catholic Primary School, we have dedicated literacy and numeracy blocks in each class to further develop the child's skills in these areas.

LANGUAGE SCREENING ASSESSMENT FOR KINDY: All Kindergarten students participate in the AIM Language Screening Assessment in Term 1. This allows for the early identification of individual student needs. Further information can be obtained directly from your child's classroom teachers.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SCREENING ASSESSMENT FOR PRE-PRIMARY STUDENTS: All Pre-Primary students participate in the OT Screening Assessment in Term 1. This allows for the early identification of individual student needs. Further information can be obtained directly from your child's classroom teachers.

OEA: (On Entry Assessment) A computer-based program known as OEA is used within the Pre-Primary and Year 1 cohorts. OEA is designed to determine the student readiness for learning and to pin-point areas of student's strengths and weaknesses. In this way it facilitates the future planning and learning for students. Mrs JoAnn Dennis, or your child's classroom teacher can be contacted if you require any further information.

PMP (Perceptual Motor Program) All children in Pre-Primary will be provided with the opportunity to participate in. These skills tasks are designed to improve each child's fine and gross motor skills.

OBSERVATIONAL SURVEYS: The children in Years 2 and 3 will sit modified assessments, according to their individual needs.

PLD SCREENING: This screening is conducted with students from Kindergarten to Year 3. The information gathered gives a clearer picture as to where the child is actually at in some areas of literacy.

RUNNING READING RECORDS / MATHS ASSESSMENTS: All students in Years 1-6, may be assessed using this process. These results enable the teacher to gain an understanding for a starting point to teach your child. Assessments also occur in Mathematics.

STANDARDISED TESTS: Each class will be completing Standardised tests in a variety of learning areas so that data can be gathered. Once the gathered data is analysed, then sound teaching and learning practices can be employed.

LLI (Levelled Literacy intervention) / EMU (EXTENDING MATHEMATIC UNDERSTANDING): These very beneficial and valuable programs are being taught at St Andrew's. Our goal is to assist students to at least meet, or better, minimum literacy and numeracy standards. LLI tutors work with students throughout the school. Please speak to Mrs Dennis, Mrs Baldock or Mrs O'Connell if you require any further information.

TEACHER PROGRAMMING: The staff at St Andrew's School meet regularly after school hours in 'Professional Learning Communities' (PLC) as Junior / Senior clusters or a whole group to plan, monitor and assess learning journey's using the results from the data and other testing (e.g. NAPLAN). All grade teachers program collaboratively so that both classes cover the same content and concepts at approximately the same time. In this way, both grade teachers can share ideas, thoughts and skills to enhance the learning environment for the children.

ENRICHMENT: Enrichment is a program that is offered at the school catering for children, who have been identified for enrichment activities above their chronological age. Please speak directly to Mr Redding if you require any further information.

HANDS ON: Mr Redding runs a program for specifically designed for upper primary students (Year 6) to develop higher order thinking skills through hands on activities and manipulation. (Enrichment children do not usually participate in this program.)

DYSLEXIA SUPPORT GROUP: Mrs O'Connell (and Mrs Puca) conduct small group intensive programs for children in Years 2 -6 using the SPELD Foundation resources.

INTENSIVE SMALL GROUP SUPPORT PROGRAMS: Mrs Dennis conducts small group intensive support programs to assist children in their learning journeys.

INDIGENOUS SUPPORT SESSIONS: Mrs Parata and Miss V conduct support groups for both indigenous and non-indigenous students throughout the school to work on self-esteem skills as well as academic achievement.

EMOTIONAL WELL BEING: Sr Wendy conducts several different programs throughout the school year with a focus on, but not exclusive to, the children's emotional well-being.

AUSSIE OPTIMISM: The Year 3 students, later in the year are involved in an Aussie Optimism Course. Details will be sent home by your child's classroom teachers and they work in collaboration with Mrs Quintal.

LITERACY PRO: (Lexile Reading) This program is an individual based reading / comprehension program for children typically in Year 3 and above. The children work on literature at their own specific level and then complete tasks to ascertain comprehension.

STREAM CLUB: This club is offered to students in Years 5 and 6. It provides an opportunity for students to use 3D construction material as well as creatively problem solving. (Year 4 students can join later in the year.)

CHESS CLUB: This club is offered to students typically from Years 3 - 6 who enjoy the challenges and strategies of playing friends in chess. Mrs Young is the coordinator should you require any further information.

PHYSICAL LITERACY: Our school is a pilot school for this program within Australia and partnered with both Champion Life and KIDDO to promote healthy lifestyles, mindfulness and body sets and to ensure that children are not placidly seated through the school but actively engaged during the day. Please speak directly with Mr Waddell should you require any more information.

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTING CLUBS / RUN CLUB: In first semester Mr Waddell conducts a series of after school sporting programs that provides an opportunity for children to participate, in several different sporting activities. Throughout the year Mr Waddell, supported with other staff members offers run club for the children to participate in.

RESOURCES: We have already purchased a considerable amount of resources, in every class, to support our programs. I hope that this information has assisted you. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

These programs and assessments are designed to again determine the student's areas of strength and support. The results enable the teachers and support staff to begin teaching your child at an appropriate level. The results of these assessments are analysed and interpreted, and the findings and recommendations are given to St Andrew's School staff for further consideration and implementation.

ST ANDREW'S SPORTS NEWS

Dear Parents

Welcome back to St Andrew's for 2021! I am super excited about our sports programs for this year and look forward to seeing further enjoyment and growth in all events the students participate in. Sport in 2021 is already looking to be extremely busy with big events coming up in the next few weeks.

I would love to have additional parent support at all carnivals and interschool-events, as I know the students love seeing their parents involved and it is wonderful to have a great community feel at all our school events.

I am planning to continue running after-school sports programs throughout the year and wish to give every student the opportunity to try playing new sports that they have never tried before. I also welcome any parents that are talented or experienced in any sports (eg Netball, Touch Rugby, AFL, Soccer or any other sport) that may wish to volunteer their assistance to enhance our interschool teams when we compete with other schools at Lightning carnivals and Cross-Country events.

Please make note of the following major events coming up:

- ***Arena Fun Day Swim: Friday 19th February for all Year 1 through to Year 6*** students (permission notes should be handed back to classroom teachers as soon as possible).
- ***Extreme Summer Lightning Carnival: Thursday 4th March for all Year 6*** students. (Permission notes will be sent home and will need to be returned to classroom teachers as soon as possible). Sports included in this event are: Mod-Crosse, Ultimate Frisbee, Basketball and Cricket.
- ***Year 1-5 Swimming Lessons***: First lesson starts on Monday 15th March through to Thursday 25th March.
- Years 5 and 6 students have been invited to our first after school sporting club learning about **Orienteering**. It proved to be a very popular activity as was fully subscribed on the first morning.
- ***Running Club*** will also start later this Term, with our first session still to be announced. A note will come home in the coming weeks with the details for our morning and afternoon running club sessions.

I look forward to seeing all St Andrew's students and families heavily involved in the exciting sports programs that we will be running throughout the year.

Yours Sincerely,

Zac Waddell
Phys Ed Teacher



NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING

- The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence is an important day in our school calendar to join with other schools across Australia to say 'Bullying. No Way!'
- We're joining the nationwide movement with schools across Australia to Take Action Together against bullying on Friday 12 March 2021.
- We're proud to be an NDA school!
- We're proud to say 'Bullying. No Way!' We are putting our anti-bullying initiatives in the spotlight and calling on our school community to stand with us on Friday 12 March 2021.
- At our school, we encourage students to take hold of the issue and talk about what works. Let's support our students to drive powerful messages and take action to prevent bullying.
- The NDA promotes school, parent and community partnerships to build supportive learning environments and find workable solutions to address bullying.
- Together we can make change. Everyone has a role to play in supporting young people in dealing with bullying and helping to energise positive discussions about the issue.
- Students have a voice in talking about bullying on the NDA 2021. It's important we include them in finding solutions.
- Help our school community deliver a powerful message that bullying and violence are never okay. Visit the NDA website and discuss ways of taking a stand against bullying with your child.

Thanks,

Fintan Archer
Assistant Principal

St Andrew's Catholic Primary

MEET THE P&F

MONDAY 22 FEBRUARY

8.45AM

SCHOOL HALL

****COFFEE & CAKE PROVIDED****

All parents/carers are invited to meet the P&F, enjoy a coffee and chat. Pitch some ideas you have for the school or just get to know more faces - we'd love to see you then.



PARISH NEWS

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St Andrew's Catholic Church Clarkson



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

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COMMUNITY NEWS



**IRENE McCORMACK
CATHOLIC COLLEGE**
Service Justice

OPEN DAY

Wednesday, 17th March, 2021
Guided Tours at 9:00am & 1:30pm.

An excellent opportunity for prospective parents and students to experience the College during a school day.

Bookings essential
To book contact 9562 2400 or Email: admin@imcc.wa.edu.au

Outstanding Academic Education Music Specialist Program
Australian Rules Football & Soccer Academies
Broad Spectrum of Extra-curricular Opportunities
VET Study and structured Workplace Learning

Interviews for Year 7 2023 have now commenced.
Places are available for Year 7 2022.

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SUPPORT A READER FREE PARENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - 2021

LEARN FOR FREE HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD AND OTHERS HOW TO READ

Dear Parents

We believe that one of the most important skills we can teach children is to become confident and competent readers. Some children find it more difficult than others to acquire these skills and need a little extra help to become fluent, and to enjoy reading. To assist these children, our school implements a program called *Support-a-Reader*. The program is based on the philosophy that children who need additional assistance with the reading process, will benefit from daily support on a one-to-one basis with a trained parent/tutor.

We are seeking volunteers who may be interested in becoming tutors and who could spare some time to listen to children read. To become a tutor, you will need to attend the training session on **Thursday 25 February from 8.30am – 9.30am** in the school library. The session will outline the procedure to be used with the students each day. *It is expected that all parents who are on a reading roster in 2021, would have this tutor accreditation.* The session will also give you strategies to use with your own children during home reading.

If you have already completed the training session in previous years and you are able to assist again this year, please fill out an availability form located in the office. Any questions, please speak directly with Mrs Dennis (Student Support Teacher) or leave a message at the office with Mrs O'Neil / Mrs Champion.

The Support-a-Reader Program will take place on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Your assistance is a wonderful gift to the students at Saint Andrew's Catholic Primary School.

Kindest Regards

Jo Ann Dennis
Student Support Teacher