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Companions on the Journey

**NEWSLETTER NO 17 2021**  
**17 JUNE 2021**

*Lord,  
Lead me in the dance of life, O God.  
Turn my heart towards you as I follow your lead into places of wonder and grace.  
Attune my ear to the music that hums  
beneath the surface of my thoughts and activities.  
Give me a lithe spirit that moves with the low of love and grace.  
Amen.*

Dear Parents,

Our teachers are very busy finishing off semester assessments and writing reports. On your behalf I thank them for their dedication and commitment which they make every day to provide a happy and positive learning environment. This appreciation is also extended to all our amazing education assistants for their continuous efforts.

To those who have sent a positive email after one of the many different class or whole school events this term, or simply recognised the care and effort that a staff member has given to your child in one way or another – many, many thanks!

Your words, or acts, of encouragement and thanks are valued and remind us that the extra things we do – really matter and make a difference. Our staff work very hard to provide many wonderful learning opportunities and experiences. They give much time and effort to all that they do, often quietly 'behind the scenes', in their own time, before school, after school and on weekends. We are very blessed indeed to have such dedicated and caring professionals at St Andrew's School.

**School Faction Cross Country:** Last Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June, navigating inclement weather, the children in Years 2- 6 displayed great energy and enthusiasm as they participated in this wonderful event. The standard of performance, by an overwhelming number of children, was simply amazing. This is in no small part due to the outstanding cross-country training program that Mr Waddell has facilitated for many weeks now. At some sessions he counted well over 100 participants! I congratulate Mr Waddell and all staff and parents who have been involved in the Cross-Country program and excitedly look forward to watching the Interschool team in action on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June at Mawson Park, in Hillary's. I sincerely hope that the weather will be more accommodating.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

On Sunday, children from our school attended St Andrew's Parish to celebrate their First Holy Communion. A lot of preparation and activities were undertaken by the students to reach this milestone in their Sacramental life. A sincere thank you is extended to the Year 4 Teachers, Mr Archer, Mrs Parrotte and Mrs Forzatti, who prepared the children so well. (Also we thank the parents for their support in the preparation of the children.) A wonderful celebration was had by all.



### **ANIMAL FARM INCURSION**

Sincere thanks are extended to our P&F who organised an animal farm incursion today. The incursion was shared by a number of classes throughout the school. A great time was had by all!



The **School Disco is happening tomorrow, Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>** in the Undercover Area. This has traditionally been a very well attended event with the current and past P&F Committees generating a lot of interest in a great night for the students!!! Snacks will be provided to those children who attend. Further information is available on the P&F Facebook page.

- K & PP 3.45pm - 4.45pm
- 1 – 3: 5.15pm - 6.30pm
- 4 – 6: 7.00pm - 8.30pm



### **NAIDOC - NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK**

The theme for the 2021 National Reconciliation Week is "More Than A Word. Reconciliation Takes Action". This urges the reconciliation movement towards braver and more impactful action. This year's NRW marks 20 years of Reconciliation Australia. During NRW, our students were provided with opportunities to reflect and develop their knowledge and awareness regarding issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



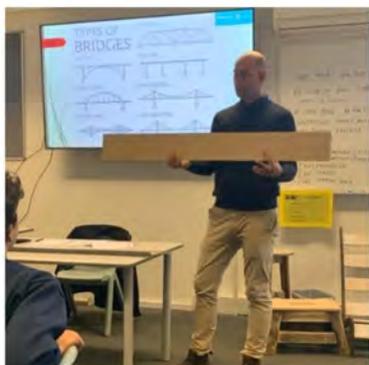
## **NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS**

Our Year 5 students have enjoyed working on their culture sticks in preparation for our NAIDOC week celebrations. They have experimented with a variety of Aboriginal art techniques to create decorative designs.



## IRENE McCORMACK – BRIDGE BUILDING COMPETITION

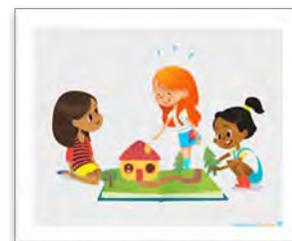
On the 14<sup>th</sup> of June eight students took part in an engineering challenge hosted by Irene McCormack Catholic College. Over the course of the morning, students were involved in designing and constructing a **bridge** to support a heavy load. We used an array of materials to create a wide range of 'Truss Bridge' designs. We would like to thank Mr. Deurloo (Head Design and Digital Technology) and IMCC for hosting such an engaging and meaningful educational experience for our students. This was a fantastic showcase of the high-quality facilities and educational opportunities made available to IMCC students every day. All of our students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and found it a very valuable learning experience. A special thank you to Mr Redding for organising the event.



## CHANGE – SEASONS FOR GROWTH PROGRAMME



Seasons for Growth is a programme that supports children with issues around death, divorce, separation and serious losses or changes in their lives. At such times grief is experienced, many different emotions arise and need to be addressed and healed. Learning about feelings and knowing how to handle emotions can help children adapt to the changes in their lives more readily. Whilst a parent may have moved on with their life after divorce or separation, a child may not be ready, needing some extra help.



The programme is conducted during school hours, working groups of no more than eight, focusing on peer support, with a Companion, Sister Wendy. Each child is given a journal which is supplied by the school.

Seasons will be commencing shortly and you are invited to consider this pastoral care for your child. Speak to your child's class teacher or if you would like more of an explanation about the programme, please contact the school on 6206 4100 and speak to Sister Wendy either on a Monday or a Tuesday.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO AKON M, CHE T, FINN M, ABIGAIL B,  
PUNEET M, LIAM R, KAARNY T AND ADAIFE E**

## 🌻 UPDATE ON SUNNIE 🌻

We are excited to announce that Sunnie is soon to become the St Andrew's reading and wellness dog. Sunnie is currently undertaking training to gain her accreditation to attend our school. We extend our sincere thank you to Nikki Jaschinsky and family for loaning their beautiful dog to all of us at St Andrew's. We are counting down the days until Sunnie can join us. We can't wait!



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 2, PLANNER 2021 – PARENTS (11 week term)**

12 / 13 JUNE  Week 9  Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL Sacrament of Eucharist 1:00pm  School Choir to Participate – 1:00pm Mass	14 JUNE	15 JUNE  SCHOOL PHOTOS whole school K – 6  Playgroup in Undercover Area  Staff Meeting	16 JUNE	17 JUNE  Animal Farm Incursion 9 -12	18 JUNE  Year 1 Merit Assembly (Both Classes)  SCHOOL DISCO
19 / 20 JUNE  Week 10	21 JUNE  Finance Meeting  Year 6 Excursion – Parliament House	22 JUNE  Staff Prayer  Staff Meeting	23 JUNE  Finance Meeting Advisory Council Meeting	24 JUNE	25 JUNE  Regional Cross Country Mawson Park Yrs 2 – 6  Reports available on SEQTA (After school)
26/27 JUNE  Week 11	28 JUNE  NAIDOC WEEK at St Andrew's  P & F Meeting Staffroom 8:30am	29 JUNE  NAIDOC WEEK at St Andrew's  Staff Prayer  Playgroup 8:30 – 10:30 Hall Staff Meeting	30 JUNE  NAIDOC WEEK at St Andrew's  St Andrew's Speak Up – 10:40am - hall TBC	1 JULY  NAIDOC WEEK at St Andrew's  <b>Free Dress Day Theme – Pyjamas Gold coin donation</b>	2 JULY  Pupil Free Day Reporting

## SCHOOL NEWS



Our Year 3 and 4 students had a 'ball' developing their basketball skills through some fun drills and playing games. This afterschool activity is one of many enjoyed by the students at St. Andrew's!



## **2021 ST ANDREW'S CROSS COUNTRY**

Last Thursday the 10th of June, St Andrew's held their Faction Cross Country Carnival, in which students from Year 2 through to Year 6 participated, in rainy conditions. It was wonderful to see such awesome sportsmanship and excellent running by all involved. It has also been really pleasing to see students that have been training hard at running club and morning fitness sessions and applying their improved fitness levels to compete competitively for their factions. It was great to see Patras Red faction win this year's carnival, just ahead of Amalfi Blue and Galilee Green factions. There were outstanding individual performances which resulted in the following medal winners:

<b>Year levels</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up Champion Girl/Boy</b>	<b>Runner Up Champion Girl/Boy</b>	<b>Champion Girl/Boy</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Peyton S and Gabriel A</b>	<b>Lani C and Lucca N</b>	<b>Molly S and Beauford W</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Chelsea F and Ben H</b>	<b>Muna E and Taj F</b>	<b>Ruby M and Xavier C</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Neve G and Liam C</b>	<b>Layla W and Rory S</b>	<b>Danica B and Ryan W</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Charlise N and Mijak N</b>	<b>Alex L and Tighe W</b>	<b>Amelia F and Jaison J</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Elysia B and Thomas S</b>	<b>Mia W and Thomas C</b>	<b>Sopheira N and Simon P</b>

A huge congratulations to all medal winners and to Patras red faction for winning this year's shield. Inter-school selection has now been looked into and if your child has been successful in being selected, they will have brought home a permission note which needs to be completed and sent back to school as soon as possible. Many thanks to all who helped with the running of this year's carnival; I really appreciate your support.

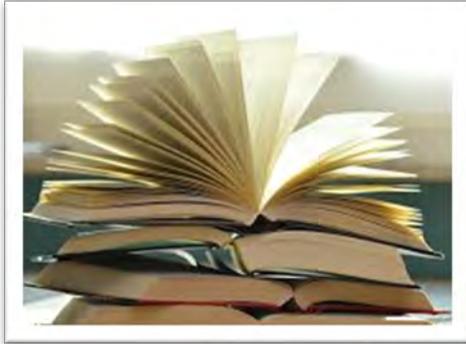
Your sincerely,

Zac Waddell  
Physical Education Teacher



## LIBRARY NEWS

### RESILIENCE READING TO YOUR CHILDREN



Children's Book Council Branch of WA has created 5 online videos to help you choose the best books to read to your child and highlight the benefits that reading gives them.

The Heart and Mind video series features books by many amazing WA children's authors including titles from the CBCA Notables and Shortlist. The video series comes with resources for parents and teachers to find the books featured in each video at their local library and to find more information about each topic.

Below are links that will allow you to access  
<https://wa.cbca.org.au/reading-heart-mind.html>

The individual videos are below.

Resilience: <https://youtu.be/M4Cb-mKn3pw>  
Reading to Children: <https://youtu.be/ApWTGpnzSjk>  
Imagination: [https://youtu.be/O\\_CcoZTB2CU](https://youtu.be/O_CcoZTB2CU)  
Curiosity: <https://youtu.be/117ru-1fHGQ>  
Self-acceptance: <https://youtu.be/5OjT9FZV73s>  
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This is a selection of the books we have in our library from the shortlisted WA Young Readers' Book Award



**Looking for a literature promotion idea for Term Three?**

It's not too late to order your West Australian Young Readers' Book Award merchandise at <https://wayrba.org.au>

Voting closes at the end of Term Three. Contact us at [admin@wayrba.org.au](mailto:admin@wayrba.org.au) if you have any queries.



## P&F NEWS

### P&F FACEBOOK PAGE

Don't forget to check out the P&F Facebook page to keep update 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.



## PARISH NEWS

**St Andrew's**  
Catholic Church  
Clarkson



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

[clarkson.perthcatholic.org.au](http://clarkson.perthcatholic.org.au)