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Companions on the Journey

<p>NEWSLETTER NO 7 2020 19 MARCH 2020</p>

Heavenly Father,

As I enter another week of my Lenten journey, guide me to the path that leads to you.

Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as I strive to become the-best-version-of-myself, honestly admitting my shortcomings and sins.

Help me to accept others, showing them your great love instead of casting judgment.

Help me develop discipline and generosity through fasting and almsgiving and come closer to you through prayer this Lent.

In your name I pray,
Amen.

Dear Parents

I have attached the correspondence that was sent home to all families earlier in the week. As the current situation changes almost daily please be advised that if the school is to close that each class will be provided with a lesson package for completion while the children are at home. The teachers will also be working from home during this time and will be contactable via DOJO or SEESAW.

ST ANDREW'S PARISH

Sadly, we will have to postpone our First Reconciliation which was due to be held this Saturday. Both Fr Dariusz and I will closely monitor the situation and once an alternative date can be found, we will notify parents immediately.

Fr Dariusz, our Parish Priest, has informed me that until the 1st April (at this stage), all functions at the Church, including weekend Masses will not be held. Should you require any further information, please contact the Parish Secretary on 940679815.

SWIMMING YEARS 1 – 5

Swimming lessons will also be postponed this year. A separate note was sent home on Monday as well as being attached to this newsletter, with further details.

THANK YOU TO OUR YEAR 6 STUDENT MINISTRIES

At our most recent Year 6 Student Council meeting each of the Ministries made suggestions to continue to develop our school. We, as a staff, also feel that it is very important to continue to develop "student voice" at St Andrew's School. Some of the suggestions that the students made were;

- Buying checkers to play during chess club
- Investigate a sensory / music / performance area in the nature playground
- Upgrade of plants in the school grounds
- Putting new nets on the basketball rings

I am pleased to report that all these suggestions have been completed.

YEAR 6 CAMP REPORT

We wanted to tell you about the fabulous time that we had at Ern Halliday last week. No doubt you have heard all about the exciting activities that we were involved in. The staff, parents and students all had an awesome time.

- It was not only fun but very challenging and rewarding.
- Most of us had the thought of "having a go on things that normally might challenge you".

- On a personal level, we all challenged ourselves, worked on our collaboration skill, screamed and laughed a lot.
- We all spoke positively and encouraged everyone.
- The activities were better than good.... they were great! Some of the caves were really challenging.
- The beach games really brought another dimension to the camp.
- The food was good!
- The night activities were really good fun, and everyone got involved.
- The teachers are so very proud of the children.

A big thank you to our parent helpers – Mrs Marsh, Mr Graham as well as Mr Fontaine, Mrs Harvey, Mrs K, Miss V, Mr B, Mr Waddell, Mrs Campbell and Mr Smith. Their involvement and assistance was invaluable! **By: Ella G, James V, Isla G, Hope S & Max M.**

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Students must wear their school jumper with their Summer school uniform. Track tops (zip jacket fleece) are only to be worn with student sport uniform ONLY.

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

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

Happy birthday to Aiden W, Ariana C, Violet H, Teddy H, Thomas C, Mijak N

P&F NEWS

CANCELLED

Unfortunately, all P&F Meetings are cancelled until further notice.

Join our Facebook page, St Andrew's Clarkson CPS P&F Group to catch up on what's going on around our school. It's a great way to get in touch or ask questions. You can also email the P&F executive at standrewsparentsandfriends@gmail.com

PARISH NEWS

St Andrew's

Catholic Church

Clarkson



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

www.standrewsclarkson.com

NO MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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ST ANDREW'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL TERM 1, PLANNER 2020 – Parents **(10-Week Term)**

SAT/SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
14/15 MAR Week 7	16 MARCH	17 MARCH	18 MARCH	19 MARCH	20 MARCH National Day of Action Against Bullying
21/22 MAR Week 8	23 MARCH	24 MARCH Playgroup 8:30 – 10:30 Hall Staff Meeting	25 MARCH Math Olympiad Competition (Year 6 selected students) Finance Meeting Board Meeting	26 MARCH	27 MARCH Lisa W LWOP
28/29 MAR Week 9	30 MARCH Books sent home this week.	31 MARCH Playgroup 8:30 – 10:30 Hall	1 APRIL	2 APRIL	3 APRIL BURSARY – Irene McCormack Secondary College Due to Mr Fontaine
4/5 APRIL Week10 Palm Sunday	6 APRIL	7 APRIL Playgroup 8:30 – 10:30 Hall Kindy Speech Screening	8 APRIL Finance Meeting Board Meeting	9 APRIL SCHOOL FINISHES	10 APRIL GOOD FRIDAY

STUDENTS AND STAFF RESUME TERM 2
TUESDAY 28 APRIL

School : All schools
Case : COVID-19 letter
Date : 16 March 2020



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STATEMENT TO STAFF / PARENTS / CAREGIVERS

Dear parents/carers

I am aware that there may be some concern amongst our school community at the moment regarding the COVID-19 virus and the health of students.

Please let me reassure you that the safety and wellbeing of every one of our students is our highest priority.

We are working closely with CEWA support staff and following the advice of the Department of Health in dealing with risks posed by COVID-19. Our school is taking all reasonable measures to prevent the spread of the virus at school.

It is important to acknowledge that it can be normal to feel worried or anxious about this situation, parents and children alike. If your children are worried about this virus, you can help them by providing reassurance and perspective – it is unlikely that they will get sick, but if they do, they will go to the doctor. Most children have mild symptoms and feel well again soon. Also remember that speaking with them about increased handwashing, covering their mouth when coughing, sneezing into their elbow and general good hygiene practices will help them feel empowered in this time.

Please keep in mind that as leaders of our school communities, we have an important part to play in promoting good hygiene and public health messages with our students and families that will help contain the spread of this virus and protect those in the community who are at the greatest risk.

As a Catholic community, we can extend our prayers for all of those impacted in Australia and abroad, and show care and support for all members of our community. Much like the flu that affects many people each year, it is not out of the question that people we know may be ill with symptoms caused by COVID-19, and if so, it is important that we offer them our support, while we follow advice from health authorities.

If you would like to talk to your children about the virus, here are some useful resources:

- **How to talk to your kids about coronavirus**

<https://www.nbcnews.com/better/lifestyle/how-talk-your-kids-about-coronavirus-ease-their-fears-ncna1129851>

- **This is a comic for children explaining the coronavirus**

<https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2020/02/28/809580453/just-for-kids-a-comic-exploring-the-new-coronavirus>

- **A 4-minute animated clip for children on coronavirus**

<https://www.brainpop.com/health/diseasesinjuriesandconditions/coronavirus/>

For the latest information on the virus, preventative measures, or what to do if you or your child become sick, please visit: https://www.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Coronavirus

For information on who should or shouldn't attend school, please refer to: <https://www.cewa.edu.au/novel-coronavirus-update/>

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Dear Parents

Listed below are the amendments to the school calendar for the remainder of the Term.

1. Swimming – postponed/cancelled.
2. Year 4 Assembly on 20 March – postponed to later in the year.
3. First Reconciliation on 21 March – postponed to later in the year. Father and I will continue to carefully monitor the situation and keep you in the loop.
4. Year 6 Extreme Games on 2 April – cancelled.
5. Easter Assembly on 9 April – cancelled.
6. Stations of the Cross on 9 April – cancelled.
7. ANZAC Day Service on 28 April – cancelled.
8. Free Dress Day – postponed to later in the year.
9. NAPLAN – we are unsure at the moment if this will go ahead. We will keep you informed.

We apologize for any inconvenience caused but we feel it necessary to make these amendments and keep you up to date with any information.

Kind regards

Sam Fontaine
Principal

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Dear Parents

Re: Swimming Lessons

Please note that due to the recent COVID-19 pandemic we have been instructed to postpone, possibly cancel the swimming lessons as availability in our Term calendars make it difficult to reschedule.

We are however looking at all options and will update you if there is new information on swimming lessons.

With regards to your payment of \$105.00 per student you will have three options.

- a. Have the money taken off your school fees;
- b. Have the money returned into your bank account; and
- c. If we don't hear from you at all it will automatically be taken off your school fees.

Please tick and return the section below.

Kind regards

Sam Fontaine
Principal

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Please tick the preferred option below and return to the office:

Student's Name: _____ Surname: _____ Class: _____

Option A: Please credit our school fees.

Option B: Please return money into our bank account. Details below.

Name: _____ Surname: _____

Bank: _____ BSB: _____ Account Number: _____

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