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Companions on the Journey

NEWSLETTER NO 32 2020
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ALL SAINTS DAY
(1st November)

**Almighty God,
You know that we each have our special Saints
whose lives and works mean a lot to us.
In a moment of silence, we remember them now.
Thank you, Lord, for who they were,
what they did and what they still mean to us today.
Amen.**



Dear Parents

I have been impressed with the work that the Year 6 students have been completing to participate in the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. They have participated in a spiritual retreat conducted by 24/7 Ministry, held workshops, completed Saints projects and other varied classroom activities and finally, participating in the Sacrament of Penance. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Wednesday 4th November at our Church. Please keep all these children in your prayers.

Tomorrow is the culmination of many weeks of hard training and teamwork. Several of our children have been selected to represent the school in the **Interschool Sports Carnival**. We wish all the children the very best performance and especially Mr Waddell for all his encouragement and hard work in assisting the children reach their personal best. Good luck to all involved.



Last Thursday **2021 Booklists** were sent home. Please read the instructions carefully and if you require any assistance please do not hesitate to contact Mrs O'Neil at the front office.

This week we have had several ex-St Andrew's students, currently at Irene McCormack Catholic Secondary College, attend St Andrew's to complete some training and service-learning hours. They were a delight to have in our school and the children really enjoyed having them working in their classrooms.

2021 CLASSES - REQUESTS

A few parents have written to me with regards to classes in 2021. We are blessed at St Andrew's to have teachers of the highest calibre. No matter which class your child is placed into, I feel that they will be well catered for. Most classes work together collaboratively.

Parents should not assume that the current teachers will remain in their current grades for next year. No final decision as to which teacher is teaching which grade has been made.



Parents need to take into consideration that there are only 2 classes per grade and that children will be split from their previous year. Your current teacher has your child's best interests at heart and will attempt to place them into the best class for their needs.



Parents should also be aware that if a teacher is requested, then *your child may not be placed in the same class as their friends.* Also, it may be necessary that friendship groups be split for optimum learning to occur. (A conversation with your child's current teacher may be a good starting point.)

I will acknowledge your request and they will be taken into consideration. Unfortunately, I **cannot give any guarantee for requests** made. **All requests must be made in writing.** ***All requests should be finalised by end of the school day, Friday 30th October.***

ATTENTION YEAR 5 PARENTS

Information was sent home to all families in Year 5. If you would like to be a *parent helper at the Year 6 Camp in 2021*, please ensure that you meet the following requirements, as well as registering their interest with Mr Fontaine, Mr Smith or Mrs Campbell, as soon as possible.

- Both mums and / or dads are ***possibly*** required.
- Enjoy going to bed late and getting up very early.
- Can survive with limited sleep and enjoy participating in activities with the children, other than your own.
- Happy to eat camp food.

- Is not frightened of heights.
- Has a fearless mind set when participating in challenging activities? Able to push the boundaries.
- Can cope with confined spaces. (Tunnels)
- Has a current Working with Children Card.
- Current First Aid Training.
- Be available from Wednesday 10th March until Friday 12th March 2021.
- Numbers are limited.

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 community.**

SCHOOL NEWS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to
Athiei D, Emily H, Elena L, Thomas M, Smriti K, Phim H,
Charlotte L, Dexter P, Mikayla v,
Gabriel A, Dafney C

F IS FOR FARM ANIMAL INCURSION

Our Kindy students had an amazing visit from Old McDonalds farm. There were turkeys, chickens, rabbits, goats, and ducks that the students were able to interact with and pick up if they were very careful. They had the opportunity to feed the goats which caused much excitement both for the goats and the Kindy kids! Some lucky students even got to brush the chickens and the goats! The letter F for farm was a learning focus and counting the legs on the various animals and birds.



PIC • COLLAGE



PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL 2020

Awards were presented at assembly to students who participated in the Performing Arts Festival for Catholic Schools and Colleges. Mrs Mulholland had to video the performances and then submit them for presentation. Despite this, the participants, both individually and in the School band, performed exceptionally well. Congratulations!

KISS 'N RIDE

A reminder to all parents that the Kiss 'n Ride is not for parking, even if you have children in Kindy. You need to park your car in a proper parking bay and collect your child.

This rule is in place to assist all parents in collecting students safely and to also assist community members and neighbours who suffer when congestion occurs in the Kiss 'n Ride.



P&F NEWS

P & F MEETING

The AGM will be held on the 18 November in the school hall at 6.00pm. Elections will be held for the Executive at this meeting. All Executive positions may be vacated. Anyone who is interested in nominating for a position on the Executive is welcome to contact the P & F Committee through the school. The job description can be found on the school website (link below) or hard copies are available in the office. Please note these are guidelines only.

<http://www.standrews.wa.edu.au/files/executive%20roles%20p%20%20f.pdf>

PARISH NEWS

St Andrew's
Catholic Church
Clarkson



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

www.standrewsclarkson.com

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

2021 to be known as the “Advisory Council”

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR THE
ST ANDREW’S SCHOOL BOARD
WEDNESDAY 18th NOVEMBER 6.00PM
IN THE SCHOOL HALL**

If anyone wishes to nominate for the Advisory Council in 2021, they are requested to book an appointment with Mr Fontaine initially and then receive an information pack.

P & F NEWS

**ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING FOR THE P& F
WEDNESDAY 18th NOVEMBER 6.00pm
IN THE SCHOOL HALL**

All positions on the P & F Committee are open for nomination for next year. Everyone is welcome to come on board and join our enthusiastic team of parents helping to improve the community spirit of St Andrew’s. As a result of the great teamwork this year, workloads have not been too heavy, and we have still managed to raise a tidy sum to assist in the improvement of our children’s education. Please consider joining the team and nominating for one of the following positions:

Brief “job descriptions” –

- **President:** (Chairs the meetings, liaises with the Principal and co-ordinates the sub-committees in charge of the different events).
- **Vice President:** (Chairs the meetings in the President’s absence and assists where required).
- **Secretary:** (Records the Minutes of each meeting and distributes them to each committee member).
- **Treasurer:** (Presents the financial report prepared for each meeting).
- **Committee Member:** (Comes up with fabulous ideas to keep the community / children entertained!).

I would like to nominate for the
position of for the 2021 committee.

Signed

Please return this nomination slip to Mrs O’Neil at the front office.



Government of Western Australia
Child and Adolescent Health Service



Triple P - Positive Parenting Program[®]

A FREE program that teaches practical and effective ways to enhance family relationships and manage common child behaviour issues.

Who is this program for?

Parents, carers and/or grandparents of a child aged between 3 and 8 years.

What is involved?

- **Seminar Series** – 90-minute talks on:
 - children's behaviour – the tough part of parenting
 - raising confident children
 - raising emotionally resilient children.
- **Discussion Group** – small, 2-hour groups:
 - misbehaving
 - fighting and aggression
 - bedtime routine
 - hassle-free shopping with children.
- **Group Triple P** – 8-week parenting course.



Program details:

Seminar Series, Floreat All Saints Uniting Church
Tuesday's 9.30am - 11.30am
10th, 17th and 24th November 2020

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL
Visit www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/parentgroups

How do I book?

Ask your child health nurse or visit healthywa.wa.gov.au/parentgroups.

Coronavirus
update

To help us all stay healthy, please remember:

- Practise physical distancing.
- Do not attend if you are feeling unwell or need to self-isolate.

If you need to cancel your booking, contact the **Child Health Booking System** on **1300 749 869** (metro only).

Please note:

Unless there is a crèche advertised, only babies under the age of 6 months can attend this group. However, we welcome babies who need breastfeeding during the session. **DO NOT** bring hot food and drinks for safety reasons.

This document can be made available in alternative formats on request for a person with a disability.

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