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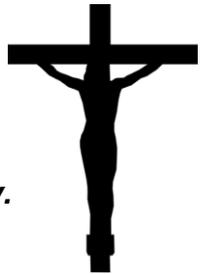


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**NEWSLETTER NO 3 2021**  
**25 FEBRUARY 2021**

*Jesus, you spent forty days in the hot, dusty desert,  
to get ready to do your Father's work.  
Help us to get ready for Easter during the forty days of Lent.*

*Help us to forgive others, to say 'sorry' and to make peace with everybody.  
Help us to say 'yes' to others so that we can follow you more closely.  
In this time of Lent give us generous hearts to become better people.  
More helpful people. More loving people. Amen.*



Dear Parents

***A reminder that Monday 1<sup>st</sup> of March is a Public Holiday and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March is a Pupil Free Day.***

Last Thursday we had the privilege of "**badging**" our **Year 6 Student Ministries** at a formal assembly. I wish to personally congratulate all our Year 6 children on their Ministries and wish them success in every endeavour.



## 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.**



## KISS AND RIDE – SLOW DOWN AND BE CONSIDERATE – PLEASE DON'T LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE



While I understand that nearly all our parents are using this service effectively and considerately, I did observe **some parents travelling far too fast in this area**. Please for the sake of the safety of our children take your time, keep your wits about you and be considerate of all.

## AQUA FUN DAY

A sincere thank you to all involved in last Friday's Aqua Fun Day. A wonderful Day was had by all. A special thank you is extended to Mr Waddell, who co-ordinated the event.

## CONFIDENTIALITY IN THE CLASSROOM

As staff, we appreciate the support and assistance that several parents offer the teachers and children within the classrooms. This can take place through directed programs such as reading assistance, Kindy/Pre-Primary duties or even helping in the Library/Canteen. With this being the case, it is essential that confidentiality is maintained on individual student's progress and development. Please ensure that, if you are kind enough to help, you are extremely confidential about all the students that you work with. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

## NAPLAN TESTING 2021

ACARA's NAPLAN online public demonstration site is now available for access by parents and students. The landing page for the website, provides links to several resources (FAQs, user guide and technical requirements) that will continue to be updated.

<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

The online testing process in 2019 at St Andrew's School was very smooth, thanks to diligence in preparation and sound technological structures and networks in our school. Of course, last year NAPLAN did not occur due to COVID. Further information will be provided to parents in the lead up to NAPLAN testing this year.

## **ICT PARENT ASSISTANCE**

Each year, as it is mentioned at the BYOD Parent Information Session, we offer all parents the opportunity for some assistance, workshopping or support with regards to ICT. Both Mr Redding and I would like to volunteer this service to any parent in the school that requires it. Some suggestions for support may include:

- Setting up an iPad.
- Apps for the school iPad site.
- General help with tablets.
- How can I help my child with their iPad when they know more than me!
- Security and safety on devices.

If you require any further information please contact Mr Redding. Or alternatively, Mr Redding and Mr Fontaine are happy to organise a parent workshop, one Thursday morning, to assist parents in understanding the programs better. If you are interested, please send an email with your contact details and availability to [admin@standrews.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@standrews.wa.edu.au)

## **YEAR 6 MINISTRIES STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING**

I enjoyed our recent student Council Meeting with our current Year 6 students. They have so many interesting and varied ideas to contribute to the development of St Andrew's School. I will take the ideas to both the School Advisory Council, P&F and Staff and endeavour to implement some of these throughout the year. Some of the ideas included but not in order of preference, are continuing to maintain and expand the Year 6 vegetable patch; solar panels for the school, to continue to work on sustainability and environmental issues; a reading dog for 2021; cargo net area in the adventure playground; upgrading the contemporary classroom furniture within the school, free dress day themes; checkers games on Fridays; upkeep of plants around the school; more junior iPads and a water bottle fountain.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations are extended to several of our students who have been achieving very good results in State T-ball, Baseball, Netball, Surf Club and other activities conducted out of school. We wish every child continued success in their chosen endeavours.

## **WHAT IS LITERACY PRO (Lexile Reading / Lexile Score)?**

Literacy Pro is a physical book and computer-based program to assist your child in comprehension from about late Year 2/3 onwards. Our school generously receives each year, the whole yearly range of new Lexile books, through our P&F. The books are in the school library, and all children have an opportunity to borrow the books during library time, on a weekly basis.

Your child receives a Lexile reader measure from an assessment administered at school. A Lexile reader measure can range from below 0L for early readers to above 2000L for advanced readers. Readers who score below 0L receive a BR for Beginning Reader. If you do not know your child's Lexile reader measure, ask their teacher or your child.

More than 100 million books, articles and websites have received Lexile text measures. Materials receive Lexile text measures based on factors like their vocabulary and complexity. For example, the first Harry Potter book measures 880L, so it has a Lexile text measure of 880L.

Using the Lexile reader measure and the Lexile text measure together is what makes Lexile measures different from any other reading score. You can use your child's Lexile measure to engage them in reading materials that accelerate their skills, or, for advanced readers, find materials that offer more challenge but are also age appropriate.

Reading Comprehension Sweet Spot:

Students and parents should look for reading materials with a reading comprehension "sweet spot" of 100L below to 50L above their reported Lexile score. Reading materials in this range will provide an ideal level of challenge while maintaining comprehension.

What happens:

Once your child finishes reading a book, they are guided to complete an on-line quiz which gauges their comprehension of the material read. Usually, the comprehension consists of 10 multi choice questions. The computer-based quiz reports the score back to the child and the teacher obtains a printout on a regular basis. (Even the local library and the book club books are Lexiled to assist both parents and children in selecting appropriate reading material.

If you require any further information, please see your child's classroom teacher. Or alternatively Mr Fontaine is happy to organise a parent workshop, one morning, to assist parents in understanding the program better.

May God Bless You All

**Sam Fontaine**  
Principal

**VISION STATEMENT**

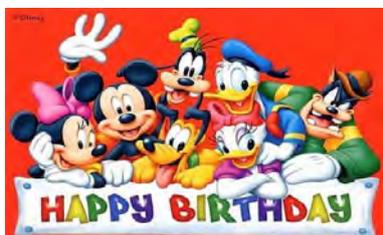
**St Andrew's CPS offers an education that acknowledges, respects  
and nurtures the uniqueness of each person.**

**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**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

20/21 FEB Week 4	22 FEBRUARY	23 FEBRUARY Staff Prayer	24 FEBRUARY	25 FEBRUARY	26 FEBRUARY  <b>Year 4 Merit Assembly (both classes)</b>
27/28 FEB  Week 5	<b>1 MARCH  LABOR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>	<b>2 MARCH  PUPIL FREE DAY</b>	3 MARCH	4 MARCH  <b>Year 6 Summer Lightning Carnival</b>	5 MARCH  <b>MJR Assembly</b>
6/7 MAR  Week 6	8 MARCH	9 MARCH  Staff Prayer Playgroup 8:30 – 10:30 Hall <b>Parent Workshop Cyber safety St Francis of Assisi CPS – Brighton Catholic 6:00pm (TBC) Staff Meeting</b>	10 MARCH  <b>Year 6 Camp @ Ern Halliday Camp Sorrento</b>	11 MARCH  <b>Year 6 Camp @ Ern Halliday Campsite Sorrento</b>  <b>Reconciliation Retreat - SACPS</b>	12 MARCH  <b>Year 6 Camp @ Ern Halliday Campsite Sorrento</b>
13/14 MAR Week 7	15 MARCH  <b>Swimming Lessons (Beaumaris Swim School)</b>	16 MARCH  <b>Swimming Lessons</b> Staff Prayer: Playgroup 8:30 – 10:30 Hall staff meeting	17 MARCH  <b>Swimming Lessons</b>  Saint Patrick's Day Classroom Prayer	18 MARCH  <b>Swimming Lessons</b>	19 MARCH  <b>Swimming Lessons</b>  <i>National day of action against Bullying and Violence</i> <b>P &amp; F Meeting 1:30pm Boardroom</b>
20/21 MAR Week 8  <b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm pm. Sacrament of Reconciliation Church.</b>	22 MARCH  <b>Swimming Lessons</b>	23 MARCH Staff Prayer:  <b>Swimming Lessons</b> Playgroup 8:30 – 10:30 Hall  Staff Meeting	24 MARCH  <b>Swimming Lessons</b>  Finance Meeting <b>Advisory Council Meeting</b>	25 MARCH  <b>Swimming Lessons LAST LESSON</b>	26 MARCH  <b>MJR Assembly</b>  BURSARY – Irene McCormack Secondary College Due to Mr Fontaine
27/28 MAR  Week 9  <b>Palm Sunday</b>	29 MARCH	30 MARCH Sam LSL  Staff Prayer  Staff Meeting	31 MARCH  Free Dress Gold Coin donation (Project Compassion) When I grow up, I want to be	1 APRIL  <b>SCHOOL FINISHES</b> <b>Easter Assembly</b>  <b>EB Visit after assembly</b>  <b>1:30pm Stations of the Cross / Last Supper – Year 5B</b>	<b>2 APRIL  GOOD FRIDAY  Parish Good Friday Celebrations</b>

Happy birthday to! We hope you have a wonderful day.  
Max W, Bailee T, Jake K, Caitlin L, Kobe P



## SCHOOL NURSE NEWS

Welcome to the new school year. My name is Sally Steffanoni and I am the School Health Nurse who visits your school.

School Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of my work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program. Additionally, the nurse can be contacted at any time throughout primary school if you have concerns about your child's health, development or wellbeing.

School Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. They also work in partnership with schools to support teachers in health-related curriculum and can assist in the development of health care plans for students with complex and chronic health needs.

The services provided are free and confidential.

My contact details are [Sally.Steffanoni@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:Sally.Steffanoni@health.wa.gov.au) (0414896506). I work Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

## SCHOOL DENTIST NEWS

To ensure continued success to School Dental Services, the Merriwa Dental Therapy Centre (DTC) staff are relocating to the Quinns Beach DTC until further notice. For all enquiries and appointments please contact the Merriwa DTC staff on the usual Merriwa DTC phone number (9305 1272) during the normal clinic hours of 8.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday. The address for Quinns Beach DTC is:

Quinns Beach Dental Therapy Centre

C/- Quinns Beach Primary School

James Cook Avenue

Quinns Rocks WA 6030

## PARISH NEWS

# St Andrew's

Catholic Church  
Clarkson



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

[www.standrewsclarkson.com](http://www.standrewsclarkson.com)

## COMMUNITY

# Reading Corner

### HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD WITH HOME READING

- \* Look at the front cover.
- \* Read & talk about the title.
- \* Predict what the book could be about.
- \* Make connections between the story and your child's own experiences eg. "Do you remember when we went to the beach? This story is about a trip to the beach."

- \* Look at any tricky words and tell your child what they are before they start reading eg. The names of characters, places or things.
- \* Allow your child the opportunity to correct their errors themselves, before jumping in too quickly.
- \* After your child reads, have a chat about the story and ask them questions to check for understanding.

## **SCHOOL FEES**

Term One School Fees and payment plan is due Friday 26<sup>th</sup> and the 5% discount on tuition if all fees are paid up by Friday 26<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you.

## **P & F NEWS**

Thank you to those who came to our Meet the P&F Event on Monday morning. It was nice to see some new faces and meet you all.

Check out our Facebook Page

St Andrews Clarkson CPS P&F group to keep up to date with what's going on or to get in touch.

Kylie Jones

P & F Secretary



## **SPORT NEWS**



## **Swimming Lessons**

Dear Parents

Please note the following details regarding Term 1 Swimming Lessons. There will be a total of 9 lessons to be held at **The Swim School, Ocean Reef**.

Our swimming lessons start on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March and finish on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2021.

The lessons are for all children in **Years 1-5** and forms part of the school's Physical Education Curriculum. Lessons are compulsory unless there is a serious medical reason and for which a medical note is required. The lesson details are as follows:

Dates: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021. (9 lessons).

VENUE: The Swim School, Ocean Reef  
Constellation Drive & Beaumaris Bld, Ocean Reef

LESSON TIMES: TBC (Each grade have different lesson times.)

TRANSPORT: Bus

COST: \$ 105.00 to be **paid before Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2021**.

The children may wear School Sports Uniform for the duration of the swimming lessons. Both boys and girls may wear their bathers to school under their sports uniform if they wish. Or they will be given the opportunity to change into their bathers prior to departure. All children will need a towel and a change of underwear. Suitable footwear will be required for travelling to and from the pool. **(Thongs are acceptable.)** However, **sports shoes need to be worn during the remainder of the day at school.**

Attached to this form is an *In-term swimming enrolment form* which will be given to the swimming instructors for the purposes of placing your child in the correct stage and to provide the necessary duty of care information so that they can provide a safe aquatic environment. Please ensure that you state your child's current stage. If you are unsure state this on the form. **Parents entering the venue will be expected to pay the usual entry fee.**

Please complete and return the attached page.

**The enrolment form needs to be returned to your child's classroom teacher and payment needs to be made by Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2021.**

**No refunds will be given once swimming lessons have commenced.**

Thank you

**Zac Waddell**

Physical Education Teacher

## SWIMMING LESSON PAYMENT SLIP

Enclosed is payment for [list names]                      Class                      Current Stage

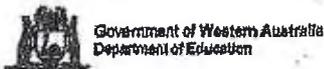

## BUS PERMISSION SLIP

I give permission for my child to travel by bus to and from The Swim School, Constellation Drive & Beaumaris Bld, Ocean Reef for the duration of the school In-term swimming lessons. (15<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021 inclusive.)

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHILD'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHILD'S YEAR:** \_\_\_\_\_                      **CLASS:** \_\_\_\_\_



### Interm Swimming ENROLMENT FORM

**TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT:**

I give my child \_\_\_\_\_ (Full Name PRINT BLOCK LETTERS) Age: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Room Number: \_\_\_\_\_ permission to attend the Department of Education's Interm Swimming classes at \_\_\_\_\_

commencing on \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ and enclose payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Lessons for Government schools are free. Payment is for transport and pool entry)

Is your child subject to asthma, seizures, fainting, epilepsy, diabetes, allergies or any other condition or disability\* that may affect his/her safety, or require the school to provide learning adjustment?  No  Yes (please provide further information if necessary)\*\*

\*Swimming staff cannot take responsibility for medical conditions or diagnosed disabilities that are not listed on the returned form.

\*\*If necessary please consult your Principal well in advance of lessons to discuss appropriate learning adjustments.

Please list and provide details of medication currently being taken if applicable:

I agree to inform the organisers before the scheduled departure of any change to my child's health and fitness. Where it is not practical to communicate with me, I authorise the school staff to consent to my child receiving such medical treatment as considered necessary.

<b>Stage No</b>	8 Water/Surf Wise
1 Beginner	9 Senior
2 Water/Surf Discovery	10 Jnr Swim & Survive/Surf Stage 10
3 Preliminary	11 Swim & Survive/Surf Stage 11
4 Water/Surf Introduction	12 Snr Swim & Survive/Surf Stage 12
5 Water/Surf Safe	13 Wade Rescue/Surf Stage 13
6 Junior	14 Accompanied Rescue/Surf Stage 14
7 Intermediate	15 Bronze Star (pool only)

My child is going for Stage number:

Unsure - please grade:

My child has attempted this 'going for' stage three times in Department of Education classes without passing. Please attach copies of last three Department of Education certificates.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian)                      Parent daytime phone number: \_\_\_\_\_                      Date: \_\_\_\_\_