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Companions on the Journey

<p>NEWSLETTER NO 9 2021 22 APRIL 2021</p>

**God Our Father,
Your Word became Man
and was born of the Virgin Mary.
May we become more like Jesus Christ,
whom we acknowledge as our Redeemer, God and man.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen**

Dear Parents

I hope that all families had an enjoyable and relaxing school holiday. The Easter vacation is always one that reminds us of the importance of connections and gathering with family and friends.

As I have previously mentioned to the children, **second Term is a time for consolidation**, and you are expected to meet early with your child's classroom teacher if you have any concerns regarding their progress. As our children start a new term, it may be timely to remind them that the only place that success comes before work is in the dictionary. Formal parent / teacher interviews will be held later this Term.

Children can continue to wear their summer school uniform until the end of April and then transition into their full Winter School Uniform.

The school holidays provide time for **essential maintenance work** to be carried out with minimal disruption to students. The work that was undertaken during the school holidays included safely pruning trees within the school grounds, cleaning the gutters, selected painting of areas, weed spraying, cleaning the undercover area, cleaning the heater and air conditioner filters, inspection of the school playgrounds, maintenance and inspection of the hall and the planting of new shrubs. It has been a busy time for many of us.

Tomorrow, we will have a very special **ANZAC service** prepared by Year 6 Blue at 8:50am in the school hall. I appreciate their efforts in ensuring that this special event will be commemorated by the students and staff from our school. Parents are welcome to join us for this event.

Next Thursday, Mrs Mulholland has organised an ***African Drumming Incursion***. Stay tuned for pictures on both Facebook and the showcase tab on the website.

Please note that Mrs Durtanovich will be on leave until 23rd May. In her absence, Mrs Rafferty will be able to assist you with any account queries.

A reminder to all families that Monday 26th April and Monday 7th June, are Public Holidays. Tuesday 8th June and Friday 2nd July are Pupil Free Days.

NAPLAN TESTING SCHEDULE

Week 1 of Testing (Week 4 of Term 2)

Tuesday 11 May - Year 5 Writing
Tuesday 11 May - Year 3 Writing - Paper
Wednesday 12 May- Year 3 Reading
Thursday 13 May- Year 5 Reading
Friday 14 May – catch up Week 1

Week 2 of Testing (Week 5 of Term 2)

Monday 17 May - Year 3 Language Conventions
Tuesday 18 May - Year 5 Language Conventions
Wednesday 19 May - Year 3 Numeracy
Thursday 20 May - Year 5 Numeracy
Friday 21 May - Catch up Week 2

Tests will be held predominantly at 8:45am to 10:10am and again from 10:40am to 12:20pm in the school Computer Lab. Of course, some tests will not take the whole time slot provided. All tests will be online this year, except for Year 3 Writing. If you have any queries, please speak with your child's teacher, urgently.

TERM 2 DATES

A list of current dates for Term 2, 2021 has been placed on the school's website. Please check through these carefully.

TRAFFIC AROUND THE SCHOOL

Parents are reminded to observe the speed limit signs and parking restriction signs positioned around the school. (40 kph zone). We have been advised that the **Council Ranger will be in attendance** for the next few weeks.

SCHOOL FEES

Families have received their fee statements. If any family is having difficulties in paying their school fees, they are required to book an appointment with Mr Fontaine urgently. Any discounts applied for must be accompanied by a ***school fee relief form***. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Parents who have not paid all of Term 1 fees and have not contacted either myself or Mrs Rafferty, will be issued with a school fee collection notice.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



A reminder to all parents that, to assist your child in gaining better results at school, they should attend every day that is possible. Lessons are usually taught in sequence and if your child misses' steps along the way, it makes it so much harder to catch up. There are many reasons why regular attendance is important and will benefit your child's academic progress. Please speak to your child's teacher if you have any concerns or questions relating to this.

CODE OF CONDUCT - REMINDER

All members of our school community, including parents, are bound by the St Andrew's School Code of Conduct. Section 6 of the Code of Conduct relates to the privacy and confidentiality of information relating to all members of our school community.

Please remember the importance of privacy and confidentiality at St Andrew's school, to maintain respect and meet legal obligations as well as Gospel values.

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HEALTHY LUNCHES

Thank you to those parents / families who continue to provide their children with healthy lunches and snacks. The school canteen attempts to provide healthy 'green foods' and 'amber foods' which are sold on selected days. The canteen does not sell RED foods.

ALLERGY AWARE ENVIRONMENT

Allergy Aware School



Thank you to those parents who continue to support the school in its stance on an "allergy aware environment". This includes nut bars, nut snacks, Nutella, peanut butter etc. Please remember that our school remains an "allergy aware environment" to assist in the safety of our students who have severe nut allergies. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

SUPPORT - A - READER

Thank you to the kind parents who have helped with the **SUPPORT - A - READER** Program at the school. This very valuable program provides the children with trained parents to help them with their reading and encourage their continued growth and development.

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS TOPS

St Andrew's has interschool Athletics/Cross Country singlets. The singlets are NOT COMPLUSORY and cost \$25.00 from the Uniform Shop. These singlets were introduced as a request from the Year 6 Sports' Ministry. The children can wear them for Interschool Sports Days, Interschool Carnivals, Faction Carnivals and Interschool Sporting Events. Mr Waddell will remind the children when these singlets can be worn.

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 to
James L, Patrick L, RomeoW, Archer M, Tide T, Billie O, Milla T, Aruai M, Maevi J, Finley M, Natasha S, Nicholas S.

SCHOOL NEWS

TERM 2 SPORTS UPDATE

Cross Country News (Year 2 – Year 6):

Term 2 is a very busy Term on our sporting calendar. Our school Cross Country Carnival will be held in Week 8, Thursday 10th June. In preparation for the Cross Country, I have scheduled Running Club sessions on a Tuesday morning at 7.40am-8.10am and Thursday after school from 3.00pm-3.30pm. Parents and family members are welcome to participate, as this creates a fantastic community feeling and motivates the students.

Our school morning fitness sessions will also include cross country laps, where the students will collect pop sticks for each lap, which will help them keep track of their own personal tally, as they work towards reaching a Bronze, Silver or Gold status in Cross Country laps.

The distances for Year 2 - Year 6 are:

- Year 2 will complete a 750 metre course.
- Year 3 will complete a 1500 metre course.
- Year 4 will complete a 2000 metre course.
- Year 5 will complete a 2500 metre course.
- Year 6 will complete a 2500 metre course.

Sports Ministry News:

The Year 6 Sports' Ministry, together with other Year 6 Ministries, discussed a fair system for awarding students a position in the Regional Inter-School Cross Country. The Year 6 students, along with teachers and leadership, have decided that placements alone at the school cross country carnival will not be the deciding factor on who is selected to attend the Regional Inter-School Cross Carnival. The Year 6 Sport Ministry have decided that times recorded during sports lessons, along with students' efforts at Running Club, morning fitness sessions, along with placements at the school carnival should all be taken into consideration. Students successfully selected will be notified shortly after the school carnival and at the completion of Running Club training sessions.

St Andrew's After School Sporting Opportunities:

The students from Year 5 and Year 6 have recently been given a variety of opportunities to participate in Orienteering.

This Term, ***Pre-primary to Year 2 will be able to have a go at Gymnastics***, while ***Year 3 to Year 6 will be able to choose to be part of Rugby***. I have been excited by the huge response and willingness to participate, and I look forward to seeing all students enjoying playing their chosen sport and developing their skills within their sports. (Both parents and students need to be aware that ***numbers will be limited*** and capped for participation in these afterschool sports.)

As the St Andrew's community moves forward, I am excited and looking forward to seeing all the students competing hard and striving to develop great sportsmanship qualities that reflect well upon themselves and St Andrew's.

Lightning Carnival News:

In Week 7, Thursday 3rd June, the Year 6 students, along with selected Year 5 students, will be participating in a Regional Lightning Carnival at Kingsway Sporting Fields. The sport focusses this term, during Physical Education lessons, will be for students to develop their skills in Netball, Soccer, AFL, and League Tag Rugby. Parents are welcome to come in and assist with their student's classes during Friday sports lessons, if some of these sports are familiar to you and you are free to help.



Please feel free to see your child's teacher to find out their sports' times on Friday and the sport that they are focussing on for each fortnight. This whole school approach I hope, will ensure that when each student reaches Year 6, they will have had great exposure to each sport and will have developed their own personal skills to enjoy each sport thoroughly.

I welcome parent support and involvement at carnivals and inter-school events, so please feel free to see me if you are available for any dates mentioned above.

Zac Waddell (Physical Education Teacher)

P&F NEWS



MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Our Mother's Day raffle is coming on Friday, 7th of May and raffle tickets for it will be coming home in the next week so keep an eye out. Any family businesses within our school who would like to donate a prize to the Mother Day's raffle, please get in touch with us as it all very much appreciated! A big thank you to those businesses that have already donated some fantastic prizes. Tickets that have been purchased need to be returned by Wednesday, 5th May to be in the draw.

The **Mother's Day Morning Tea will be held on Friday 7th May** straight after the school Assembly in the hall. School children will be going to class and will not be a part of the morning tea.

There will be **Mother's Day Stalls on 6th May to give the children a chance to purchase a \$5 gift for Mum.** We have a wide variety this year so please be sure to send along \$5 per child so they can be involved. Unfortunately, any child without money will not be able to select a gift.

Do not forget to check out the P&F Facebook Page to keep up to date 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. We can also be contacted on the email address standrewsparentsandfriends@gmail.com

A big thank you to the businesses who have already made donations to our Mother's Day raffle.





PARISH NEWS

St Andrew's
Catholic Church
Clarkson



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

www.standrewsclarkson.com

ST ANDREW'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
TERM 2, PLANNER 2021 – PARENTS (11 week term)

SAT/SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
17/18 APRIL Week 1	19 APRIL <u>PUPIL FREE DAY</u>	20 April Students Return Run Club commences 7:40am Playgroup 8:30 – 10:30 Hall	21 April Finance Meeting Advisory Council Meeting	22 April P & F Mother's Day raffle tickets sent home Run Club 3:00 - 3:30pm (Each Thursday afternoon)	23 April 6B Anzac Day Service – 8:50am School Hall
24/25 April Week 2	26 April ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	27 April Staff Prayer: Playgroup 8:30 – 10:30 Hall Staff Meeting	28 April	29 April African Drumming Incursion 11-12	30 April MJR Assembly P & F Meeting Staffroom 1:30pm
1/2 MAY Week 3	3 MAY	4 MAY Staff Prayer Playgroup 8:30 – 10:30 Hall Kindy Mother's Day Morning 9:00am Staff Meeting	5 MAY Whole school Marion Mass 9:00am Church (4W) P&F Mother's Day Raffle tickets due back to school	6 MAY Mother's Day Gift Stall – 1:05pm K - 6	7 MAY PPW Mother's Day Assembly and drawing of Mother's Day Raffle P & F Morning Tea for Mother's Day After Assembly (no school, children) Last day to return Young Vinnies Pizza Notes
8/9 MAY Week 4 Mother's Day Eucharist Commitment Masses at all Church Masses	10 MAY NAPLAN Eucharist Retreat – all day – school hall	11 MAY Staff Prayer: NAPLAN Playgroup 8:30 – 10:30 Hall Staff Meeting	12 MAY NAPLAN Year 2 Liturgy of The Word 8:50am – Church	13 MAY NAPLAN	14 MAY NAPLAN Merit Assembly
15/16 MAY Week 5	17 MAY NAPLAN	18 MAY NAPLAN Staff Prayer Playgroup 8:30 – 10:30 Hall Staff meeting – on Wednesday instead	19 MAY NAPLAN National Stimulus Australia Wide Reading session CCC REGIONAL STAFF MEETING	20 MAY NAPLAN	21 MAY NAPLAN – catch up

22/23 MAY Week 6 (Pentecost Sunday) 9:00am St Andrews Month of Our Lady Mass Years PP, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6	24 MAY P & F Meeting Staffroom 8:30am Finance Meeting (After P&F Meeting)	25 MAY Staff Prayer: Nikeisha Playgroup 8:30 – 10:30 Hall Staff Meeting Eucharist Workshop SACPS Hall 6.00pm	26 MAY Finance Meeting Advisory Council Meeting Eucharist Workshop St Francis 6.00pm	27 MAY Scitech Incursion PP – Year 6	28 MAY Scitech Incursion PP – Year 6
29 /30 MAY Week 7 9am Parish Mass May Flower Celebration Years PP, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6	31 MAY	1 JUNE Staff Prayer Mini Vinnes Pizza Day Staff Meeting	2 JUNE	3 JUNE WINTER Interschool Lightning Carnival (Kingsway res.)	4 JUNE No Assembly SCHOOL DISCO
5 / 6 JUNE Week 8	7 JUNE PUBLIC HOLIDAY Foundation Day	8 JUNE PUPIL FREE DAY	9 JUNE Year 4 Reconciliations LIFE LINK DAY	10 JUNE School Cross Country Years 2 - 6	11 JUNE Eucharist Rehearsals. All day in Church.
12 / 13 JUNE Week 9 Sunday 13 th ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL Sacrament of Eucharist 1:00pm School Choir to Participate – 1:00pm Mass	14 JUNE	15 JUNE No Staff Prayer SCHOOL PHOTOS- whole school K – 6 and Staff at 8am sharp (Kindy) Playgroup in Undercover Area Staff Meeting	16 JUNE	17 JUNE	18 JUNE Year 1 Merit Assembly (Both Classes)
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 Animal Farm Incursion 9 -12	25 JUNE Regional Cross Country Mawson Park Yrs 2 – 6 Reports available on SEQTA (After school)

26 /27 JUNE	28 JUNE	29 JUNE	30 JUNE	1 JULY	2 JULY
Week 11	NAIDOC WEEK P & F Meeting Staffroom 8:30am	Staff Prayer Playgroup 8:30 – 10:30 Hall Staff Meeting	NAIDOC WEEK St Andrew's Speak Up – 10:40am - hall TBC	NAIDOC WEEK Free Dress Day Theme – Pyjamas Gold coin donation	Pupil Free Day Report Interviews