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Companions on the Journey

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MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

**Our Father in Heaven, whose love is divine,
thanks for the love of a mother like mine,
and in thy great Mercy look down from above
and grant this dear mother the gift of Your love.
And all through the year, whatever betides her –
assure her each day that you are beside her.**

**And Father in Heaven, show me the way
to lighten her tasks and brighten her day.**

**And bless her dear heart with the insight to see
that her love means more than the world to me. Amen.**



Dear Parents

The month of May is devoted to Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Mary's participation in Christ's Church in communion began at the Annunciation. Like Jesus, she obeyed the Father's will. From that moment, she was in communion with him.

Unfortunately, due to the current covid situation and restrictions imposed by the state government, we have had to modify, postpone, or cancel proposed events. While this is very regrettable and we fully understand the disappointment for children, parents, AND staff, we thank you for your understanding and co-operation in these trying times.

I hope that all mothers and grandmothers of students from St Andrew's school have a wonderful ***Mother's Day on Sunday***. May you all enjoy the breakfast in bed that you so richly deserve! I would like to share this reflection with you.

- It is Mother's Day, a time to remind me to remember. Remember all that you have done for me, all that you are, and all that you will ever be in my life.
- Through the good and the bad, you have been there. Loving and crying all the way with me. Mending broken hearts and sharing the joys.
- Caught up in my busy life I am guilty of not always showing just how much I love you and to know that you are always in my heart; that my love for you is beyond anything that I could ever do or say.



Yesterday, we celebrated a wonderful Marion Mass in honour of Our Lady. Today, we enjoyed the amazing gifts on offer, by our P&F at their annual Mother's Day stall. The mothers at our school will be very happy with their gifts. Tomorrow, we celebrate our Assembly with a Mother's Day theme presented by Pre-primary White. Unfortunately, we have had to restrict numbers due to COVID. This was followed by the P&F Mother's Day Raffle. We appreciate the wonderful efforts of the school's P&F to present such wonderful events, during these extremely trying times. We are also exploring the possibility of rescheduling events later in the year.

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

NO PARKING FRONT GRASS VERGE

The local Council Ranger visited our school and has told us about parents illegally parking on the small grassed areas out the front of the school.

We have now bunted this area off. We thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

YEAR 5 WHITE FAMILIES – MRS WALSH ON SICK LEAVE

Mrs Lisa Walsh will be having a knee replacement in Week 5 (18 May) and will require the rest of the Term to recuperate. Mrs Helen Miralles will be replacing Mrs Walsh during this time. Mrs Walsh, Mrs Miralles, and myself will be in close contact while Lisa is away, and Mr B will act as extra support if needed. Thanks for your understanding.

MRS O'NEIL - LONG SERVICE LEAVE

Mrs O'Neil will be on long service leave from Tuesday 11th May until 31st December 2021. We wish her lots of fun times and enjoyment as she plans to travel around Australia and other shorter trips. While she is on leave, Mrs Champion will be the full-time Senior Officer Administrator.

UPDATED INFORMATION

FIRST COMMUNION UPDATE

Please look carefully at the amended dates and time for events associated with this Sacrament. For any further details, please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher.

Sat / Sun 8/9 May	Commitment Masses	Each candidate needs to attend ONE of the Masses on this weekend and during the Mass. Father will ask for their commitment card and they will need to recite their Commitment Prayer (On the reverse of the Commitment Card.)
Mon 10 May	Eucharist Retreat	9:00am - 2:30pm St Andrew's School Hall for candidates only
Tues 25 th May	Eucharist Workshop	6:00pm St Andrew's School Hall. Candidate and one (or both) parents need to attend the workshop.
Fri 11 th June	Eucharist Rehearsals	9:00am St Andrew's Church
Fri 11 th June	Reconciliation	10:00am St Andrew's Church
Sun 13th June	Sacrament of Eucharist 1:00pm	St Andrew's Church Professional Photographer available during the ceremony

CONFIRMATION UPDATE

Please look carefully at the amended dates and time for events associated with this Sacrament. For any further details, please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher.

Sat / Sun 14/15 Aug	Commitment Masses	Each candidate needs to attend ONE of the Masses on this weekend and during the Mass. Father will ask for their commitment card and they will need to recite their Commitment Prayer (On the reverse of the Commitment Card.)
Tues 17 th Aug	Confirmation Workshop	6:00pm St Andrew's School Hall. Candidate and one (or both) parents need to attend the workshop.
Mon 30 th Aug	Confirmation Retreat	9:00am-2:30pm St Andrew's School Hall

for candidates only

Fri 10 th Sept	Confirmation Rehearsals	9:00am	St Andrew's Church
Fri 10 th Sept	Reconciliation	10:00am	St Andrew's Church
Tue 14th Sept	Sacrament of Confirmation 6:00pm		St Andrew's Church

Professional Photographer available during the ceremony

YEAR 6 SPIRITUAL MINISTRY – THANK YOU

The Spiritual Ministry would like to thank you in advance, as the money raised from our next free dress day will be donated to the Lord Mayor's Cyclone Appeal. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. (Money was also donated last term to the local bush fires appeal as well.)



YEAR 6 GARDEN MINISTRY – THANK YOU

We would like to thank all the families who donated the Woolworths garden vegetables. These were planted in our Year 6 vegetable garden and the results, as you can see have been very encouraging.



NAPLAN TESTING SCHEDULE - OUTLINE

Week 1 of Testing (4th Week 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 (5th Week 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 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.

AFRICAN DRUMMING CULTURAL IMMERSION INCURSION

Our students were treated to an interactive African Drumming incursion. Our students were entertained and learned all about the rich culture and rhythms of Africa. Many students had the opportunity to become further involved in the incursion by drumming, clapping, playing instruments, moving to rhythms, dancing and conga..ing. A big thank you to Mrs Mulholland for organising this incursion, which the children thoroughly enjoyed.



THANK YOU P&F

The Junior Primary classes would like to thank the P&F for their very generous support by buying new bikes for the play area. The children love riding the new equipment.



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THANK
YOU

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 Taj C and Dylan T



SCHOOL NEWS

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

SAT/SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1/2 MAY	3 MAY	4 MAY	5 MAY	6 MAY	7 MAY
Week 3					PPW Mother's Day Assembly and drawing of Mother's Day Raffle

					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

AFRICAN DRUMMING

Our students were treated to an interactive incursion presented by Alastair and Martin from The African Drumming Company. It was a memorable journey of West African musical culture, and the students were able to share in a creative and inclusive learning experience, while learning about traditional African instruments and rhythms used in African music.

There was also singing and dancing for all students and it was an enjoyable experience for all!

Mrs Mulholland (Music Specialist)





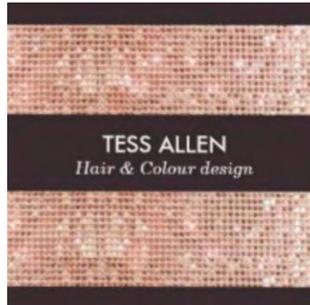
P&F NEWS

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE



Raffle tickets that can be purchased for the Mother's Day raffle have been sent home. The raffle has some fantastic prizes that have been donated by local businesses and will be drawn on Friday the 7th of May at the Assembly. Tickets that have been purchased need to be returned by Wednesday 5th May to be in the draw.

A very big thank you to all the local and school family businesses who were very generous and donated prizes towards our Mother's Day raffle this year. Also, another big thank you to those who were able to help with the Mother's Day stall. Your help was greatly appreciated!



P&F FACEBOOK PAGE

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

PARISH NEWS

St Andrew's
Catholic Church
Clarkson



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

www.standrewsclarkson.com