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Companions on the Journey

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Lead me in the dance of life, O God.

Turn my heart towards you as
I follow your lead into places of wonder and grace.

Attune my ear to the music that hums
beneath the surface of my thoughts and activities.

Give me a lithe spirit that moves with the low of love and grace.

Amen

Dear Parents and Guardians

I will be away from school on leave for the next few weeks. In my absence, Mr. Fintan Archer will be the Short-Term Principal. If you have any questions, Mr. Archer will be more than happy to assist you in my absence.

I hope that Fathers, Grandfathers, Caregivers or even Uncles had a wonderful Father's Day last Sunday.

TERM 3 FEES NEED TO BE SETTLED IMMEDIATELY

All school fees Final Notice Accounts have been sent home. Unless you have a payment plan in place, all school fee accounts need to be settled by now. Thank you in anticipation for your co-operation in this matter.

A reminder to all parents who use the services of **DIRECT DEBIT or BPAY** to pay school accounts. These payments can be made throughout the year at your convenience, over the school holidays, which enables families to better budget expenses for the following year. There is no obligation to have an end date on any direct debit with the school. Should any parents require any further information or clarification, they are welcome to contact the office staff who can ably assist.

The School Disco is currently being planned and is happening tomorrow Friday, September 11th in the Undercover Area. This has traditionally been a very well attended event with the current and past P&F Committees generating a lot of interest in a great night for the students!!! Parent volunteers are always appreciated. Snacks will be provided to those children who attend. Further information is available on the P&F Facebook page.

- K & PP 3.45pm 4.45pm
- 1 − 3 5.15pm 6.30pm
- 4 6 7.00pm 8.30pm



On **Wednesday the 16th of Septembe**r, the whole school will be involved in the Great Vegie Crunch.

We have been fortunate enough to receive a small grant from the Cancer Council of WA to buy crunchy vegetables for the whole school. (of course, the school will supplement the grant as needed) which will be chopped up and given to each class on the day. You can ask children to have crunchy vegetables from their lunch box at the ready too.

At 10.20am on the day we will put out a call on the PA ready, steady CRUNCH. A special thank you to Mrs Lo Faro and Mrs Young (and the Cancer Council of WA) who are co-ordinating the event for our school.

God Bless you

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 Holly K, Chloe S, Heath C, Hunter M, Eabha K, Shanley H, Chloe S Paige, Luca P, Koby A, Amelia C, Lilliana M, Rachel H, Chloe B, Carter J, Jonathan W



SCHOOL NEWS

ST ANDREW'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL TERM 3, PLANNER 2020 – PARENTS (10 Week Term)

SAT/SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
5/6 SEPT	7 SEPTEMBER	8 SEPTEMBER	9 SEPTEMBER	10 SEPTEMBER	11 SEPTEMBER
Week 8					Year 2B & 2W Assembly
					School Disco
12/13 SEPT Week 9	First Holy Communion Retreat All day (Students only) School Hall Sandra Dillon Presenter	15 SEPTEMBER Staff Prayer First Holy Communion rehearsals 9:00am Church First Holy Communion Workshop 1:30 - 2:30pm School Hall (Parents invited and welcome but not expected to attend)	16 SEPTEMBER	17 SEPTEMBER School Athletics Carnival 800m and Field Events Junior Tabloids Sports afternoon	18 SEPTEMBER School Athletics Carnival Track & Tabloids
19/20 SEPT	21 SEPTEMBER	Staff Meeting 22 SEPTEMBER	23 SEPTEMBER	24 SEPTEMBER	25 SEPTEMBER
Week 10 Sunday 20th		Staff Prayer Playgroup			Year 5B & 5W Assembly
First Holy Communion 10:30am		8:30 -10:30 Hall			LAST DAY OF TERM
		Open Afternoon Book Fair 3:00 5:00pm Festivities Conclude 5:00pm			Free Dress Theme – Sports Donation for Catholic Missions: Gold Coin.

OPEN NIGHT AND BOOK FAIR

Tuesday 22nd September

Commencing at 3:00pm until 5:00pm SHARP

(Some classrooms may not open until 3:00pm as some teachers are on after school duty)

All **immediate family members** are invited to attend our Open Night and Book Fair. ACTION PLAN for attendees to our Open Night and Book Fair.

Arrive at school early enough to enjoy all the activities and displays available.

- Classrooms will Open at 3:00pm sharp.
- Proceed to your child /rens classrooms.
- COVID number restrictions apply to the number of people in each classroom at one time. (This will be clearly signed on each classroom door).
- Please **maintain appropriate social distancing** with other families whilst on the school grounds.
- Sanitising stations will be available outside each classroom.
- Allow your child to host you and guide you to the activities and displays of their work and achievements.
- In your child's classroom, you are welcome to look at all the work on display around the room.
- You are welcome to look through the selection of your child's books, which will be located on their learning area. (You are not permitted to look through other children's books).
- Positive encouraging comments go a long way!
- Talk openly and honestly about the standard of work achieved.
- Do not turn the meeting with your child's teacher into a parent/teacher interview. This is not the time or the place.
- Please do not compare the children within your family and their standard of work
- Try not to compare your child's work with others in the same class.
- Walk around the room and look and talk about the work on display.
- Look through everything and maintain your interest.
- Let your child dialogue with you about their work and talk to them about areas of interest.
- You are invited to the <u>UNDERCOVER AREA</u> for the BOOK FAIR.
- COVID number restrictions apply to the number of people in the undercover area at one time. (This will be clearly signed as you enter the undercover area).
- Please use the hand sanitiser provided.
- Please maintain appropriate social distancing with other families in the undercover area.
- You will be able to purchase a variety of literature at very reasonable prices.
- Mrs Parody and several Staff will be in attendance to assist you. The Book Fair CLOSES AT 5:00pm SHARP.
- Once you have enjoyed the event, please exit the school grounds promptly.

LIBRARY NEWS

Scholastic Book Fair will be Tuesday, 22nd September (Week 10). Books will be available for purchase during Open Night festivities between 3:00pm – 5:00pm.





P&F NEWS

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

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK IS BACK!!

Entertainment Memberships are available for purchase. Memberships are all digital and expiry date is 12 months from purchase date. There are 3 Memberships to choose from, Single City, Multi City and Multi Plus. Click on the link to buy yours now and support our school. https://www.entbook.com.au/839r16



Thank you to our wonderful P&F Committee for suppling such wonderful Father's Day raffle prizes!! We had a lot of happy children taking home wonderful gifts for their father's or someone just as special. The winners are:

Kindy B PPB 1B 2B 3B 4B 5B 6B	Mung L Sean O Grace W Elly G Chelsea K Jonah L Taya M Shanley H	Kindy W PPW 1W 2W 3W 4W 5W	Adaife E Chelsea M Arianna I Koby A Rory S Liam L Sid D Zoe M
Gazebo Chair Veg Box Jurien Bay	Eabha K James H Jack K, Vivienne B Naite S	Esky Chocolates Teachers	Aaron P Yak B, Kaarny T, Bryer R, Rory S Mrs Parrotte and Mr Smith

Congratulations to those lucky people!!!!

ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL DISCO FRIDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2020



Disco TIME with DJ Andy!

All St Andrews CPS Students are invited to attend this **FREE** event coordinated by the P&F. The evening will again be separated into three discos ensuring each group has a great time and we comply with COVID restrictions:

 Kindy & Pre-Primary
 3:45 - 4:45pm

 Years 1 to Year 3
 5:15 - 6:30pm

 Years 4 to Year 6
 7:00 - 8:30pm

A reminder to parents that children must be escorted to and from the undercover area on the night – PLEASE REMEMBER TO MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCE.

Drop off at the door near the year 6 classrooms and pick-up from the Southern door on the hall's side of the undercover area.

Parents are invited to stay and watch the Kindy/PP disco however the other two discos will be drop off only.

Please note that only younger siblings are permitted at the Kindy and PP disco and no other siblings (younger or older) will be allowed at the other discos. No student or siblings from other years will be able to attend a disco that is not allocated for them. Siblings will also not be allowed to play anywhere else on the school grounds.

Any children who are on school grounds unsupervised during sibling discos will be asked to leave.

Discos are for current St Andrew's Primary School students only. Parents please note: If you are staying for the Kindy/ PP Disco, we remind you, as per our school policy, to refrain from videoing or photographing children other than your own children at the disco.

No phones or devices are permitted into the disco. If you insist that your child requires a phone on the night, it can be signed in when you drop them off and will be looked after by the volunteers during the disco.

The discos are free dress but please ensure that students are dressed appropriately for the night.

A light snack of a packet of popcorn will be provided on the night. Children are welcome to bring a labelled water bottle and they will also have access to the water fountains. As only a light snack is provided please make sure your child eats before or after the event.

A Big Thank You in advance to all the parents who have volunteered to assist on the night - without you, the event would not be possible. Again, please remember social distancing whilst supervising the kids.

It would be appreciated if all volunteers could report to the sign-in tables (Outside Year 6 classrooms) on arrival. Thank again for your support!



SPORT NEWS

St Andrew's have recently been very fortunate to receive a Sporting Schools Plus Grant from the Government of Western Australia, which has enabled us to further facilitate Physical Literacy throughout the school from Kindy through to Year 6. All classes have started using our new Champion Life Program, where students have been using both mindfulness and energising brain breaks between lessons, along with challenges at home.

We have also recently joined up with KIDDO, a Physical Literacy program developed by the University of Western Australia that enhances and focuses on developing skills, motivation, knowledge, and confidence in all forms of sports for all students. Going forward KIDDO will provide information, practical resources and skills for parents, teachers, and early learning educators.

Recently the whole staff of St Andrew's were given an exciting opportunity to participate in KIDDO professional development and were shown some great examples of how all teachers can implement many fun based Fundamental Movement Skill games with their own classes. Teachers also have access to hundreds of new resources online, which will benefit all students in each class.

Last week and this week, the staff have been very fortunate as part of our program to have instructors from the KIDDO team come in and demonstrate practical sessions with students from Kindy through to Year 2. Please ask your child what games/skills they focussed on when you get a chance.

Mr Waddell is also planning on purchasing some new sport equipment that each class will be able to access, to assist each class in running some new exciting games that the students at St Andrew's have not previously been exposed to before.

PARISH NEWS



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

www.standrewsclarkson.com

Contact the Parish Secretary (9407 9815) should you require any further information or to speak to a priest.



Subject: 0% Tuition Fee increase for 2021

Dear parents

I am writing to provide you with an important update for the 2021 school year.

I would like to thank you for the contribution you make to your child's education and our school community through the fees you pay. Decisions around school fees always consider accessibility and affordability, to ensure that all families who seek a Catholic education for their child can access one.

Any fee increases, excluding other charges at St Andrew's Catholic Primary School, like other Catholic schools, are made within limits set by our governing body, the Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia (CECWA), with affordability in mind.

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the current recession, CECWA decided in their September meeting that Catholic schools would not increase tuition fees for 2021, excluding other charges etc. Many families have been and may continue to be affected financially by the events of this year and the state of the economy, and this decision seeks to provide some certainty and support during a challenging time.

I would also like to remind all of our school families that we continue to guarantee the enrolment of your child, irrespective of your financial position. In addition to our long-standing affordability measures including family discounts and the Health Care Card Discount Scheme, the school can make arrangements with any families who are experiencing financial hardship. Please do not hesitate to contact Administration if you would like to discuss your own situation; any arrangements made between parents/caregivers and the school will remain confidential.

Fees are an important part of our school's income, which, along with government education funding and the support available to our school as part of the Catholic Education Western Australian system, ensure that our school can continue to focus on providing outstanding education and faith formation for our students.

Yours sincerely

Sam Fontaine

Sam Fontaine PRINCIPAL