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**Companions on the Journey** 

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#### PALM SUNDAY PRAYER

Dearly Beloved,
In Holy Week, when the most bitter
sufferings of Jesus Christ
are put before us by the liturgy,
the Church invites us to come to Calvary and follow
in the blood-stained footsteps of the Divine Redeemer,
to carry the Cross willingly with Him,
to reproduce in our hearts His Spirit of expiation

and atonement,
and to die together with Him.

(Taken from the words of Pope Pius XII On the Sacred Liturgy.)





We welcome Christ as our King and give thanks that this King died to save us. Here comes Jesus, riding a donkey; riding to Jerusalem. All the people came flocking out to greet him, bringing things to wave. Hosanna for the Son of David. Blessed is he who comes. In the air they wave their leafy branches, torn from the trees around and they spread their cloaks along the wayside, like a carpet on the ground. We see

Jesus, riding on a donkey, and we wave and shout and sing; for we know that this man, so kind and humble –He is Jesus Christ our King.

#### **PASSION / PALM SUNDAY**

The entry of Jesus into Jerusalem is celebrated this Sunday. Palms remind us of that joyful procession where people waved branches and acknowledged Jesus as King. During the days of Lent, we have journeyed with Jesus. We have been challenged to look at our lives and to see how we can live in a more humane and Christian way. As we approach Holy Week, the Church invites us to reflect on the death of Jesus Christ. He chose to die fearlessly and with dignity. In choosing to die on the Cross, he found meaning and life in his pain and suffering. With him our faith carries us beyond death to the joys of the new life of Resurrection.

**Passion / Palm Sunday is the start of Holy Week**. This week is the most important week in our Church's calendar because it leads to the central mystery of our faith – the death and resurrection of Jesus.

It is critical that the events of Holy Week and the Easter celebration form an important part of all families' lives. It is not merely a 'school event'. Whilst the children will learn about the events of Holy Week at school, they will come to believe through the example of their parents.

Parents are reminded that school will close on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April until, and including, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April for the Easter Vacation period. Children return to school on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April and are required to wear their winter school uniforms. Until the end of April, there will be a phasing in period regarding winter uniforms.

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April is a Public Holiday. Please mark this date in your diary. There is no school on that day.

The school has a number of *activities prepared to celebrate* Easter. The children have been completing a number of activities within their classrooms as a part of their Religious Education lessons. On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April, we will commence the day with the P&F Easter Raffle, which will be held in the school hall. At 1.30pm, Year 5 Blue, will share a prayer gathering for the Stations of the Cross with Years PP – Year 6 in the school hall. If you are joining us for his prayer gathering in the hall, please enter and exit reverently. In this way, the children leave for the Easter period with a religious message. We look forward to seeing you there.

Last Saturday we gathered together in the Parish Church to celebrate the **Sacrament of Penance**. It was a wonderful reverent celebration.



Today we celebrate the **end of our swimming lessons**. I had the opportunity of attending on several days and saw first-hand the lessons in progress. The children described what they had done in lessons and how their skills had improved and just as importantly they had fun! A big thank you to Mr Waddell for co-ordinating the event and all the staff for their flexibility to their timetables and supervision in conducting the lessons.

### SUMMER EXTREME GAMES SPORTS CARNIVAL

The Year 6 and selected Year 5 students, who participated in the Summer Extreme Games Sports Carnival, represented both themselves and our school admirably. All in all, they had a great day and many teams won more games than they lost. The sports included Soft Cross, Cricket, Basketball and Ultimate Frisbee. Our mixed cricket team went through the entire day undefeated.

A thank you to Mr Waddell, Mrs Campbell, Mrs Dennis, Mrs Jones, Mrs Baldock, Mrs Jaschinski and Mrs Deans for looking after their teams so expertly!

#### **SCHOOL FEES**

All first billing cycle fee accounts should have been settled by now or a payment plan in place. If any family is having difficulties in paying their school fees, they should book an appointment with Mr Fontaine immediately.

#### **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 - 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.



## YEAR 6 BURSARY – DUE NEXT THURSDAY

A reminder to all current Year 6 students that are applying for Bursaries to Irene McCormack Catholic College that they are due to Mr Fontaine by the last day of school this Term.

## FREE DRESS DAY "WHEN I GROW UP, I WANT TO BE......??

Next Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March, the children will be invited to wear free dress. Children are required to bring a *GOLD COIN DONATION* which will go to Project Compassion. This year's theme will be "When I grow up I want to be?????? Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear for the day, and there is no need to hire any costumes. The Year 6 Spiritual and Leadership Ministries.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations are extended to the following students who achieved outstanding results in their chosen sports recently.

STATE LITTLE ATHLETICS – Thomas S 2<sup>nd</sup> 100m and 3<sup>rd</sup> 200m U/11 – U12 (Broke Record) Jaison J 1<sup>st</sup>; 1500m T-BALL / BASE BALL – selected in the State Team for their age groups. Alexander H, Noah B, Danika B, Rory S, Emily H, Rachel H, Logan F, Benji H, Declan M.



#### **THANK YOU P&F**

On behalf of the children and staff, we would like to thank the P&F who have so generously purchased new contemporary furniture for the Year 2 classrooms for the children to use. They are 4 flower / conundrum tables. These items will be able to be enjoyed by all of the Year 2 children at our school!



#### **MISSION BOXES**

Families are reminded to please send in Mission Boxes for Project Compassion this week or next.

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: Cameron H, Sarah H, Aaron P, Simon P, Steven S, Ida J, Ebeny G, Liam G.

# TERM DATES

# ST ANDREW'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL TERM 1, PLANNER 2021 – Parents (8 Week Term)

20/21 MAR Week 8	22 MARCH	23 MARCH	24 MARCH	25 MARCH	26 MARCH MJR Assembly
27/28 MAR Week 9 Palm Sunday	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 Easter Assembly EB Visit after assembly 1:30pm Stations of the Cross / Last Supper – Year 5B	2 APRIL GOOD FRIDAY Parish Good Friday Celebrations BURSARY – Irene McCormack Secondary College Due to Mr Fontaine

# **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 <a href="mailto:standrewsparentsandfriends@gmail.com">standrewsparentsandfriends@gmail.com</a>

#### **EASTER RAFFLE**

Our Easter raffle is next Thursday the 1st of April at the last assembly for the Term. Raffle tickets have been sent home and are due back to the office or to the classroom teacher by next Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> March. We have some great prizes this year so do not miss out!

#### **MOTHER'S DAY**

Mother's Day is coming up in early Term 2 and any family businesses that would like to donate prizes for our raffle, please get in contact with us via our Facebook page St Andrew's Clarkson CPS P&F group. It is all very much appreciated!



"Perth Entertainment Memberships are back for the year! There are 3 memberships to choose from and 12 months membership from the date of purchase.



Heaps of savings and loads of new business' have come on board! Please help support St Andrew's CPS and all our local business'. For each membership sold 20% goes back to Our school. Click on the link below to purchase yours now.

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## **PARISH NEWS**



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