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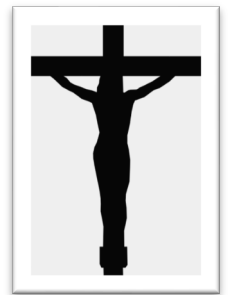


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NEWSLETTER NO 4 2022

24 FEBRUARY 2022

*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,

As you are aware, we were advised yesterday that we had a COVID-19 positive case in the school. As a precautionary measure, we gave our Year 1 parents the option to collect their children. Later that day, we received information from WA Health that the COVID positive person was deemed to be not infectious whilst at school and therefore we were able to welcome back our Year 1 students today.

We take this opportunity to extend our thanks to the St Andrew's community for the support and understanding given to the school in this situation. We especially extend our thanks to the Year 1 parents and staff who were directly affected.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

A reminder that Monday 7th of March is a Public Holiday.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Next Wednesday is ASH WEDNESDAY. This day is of special significance to all Christians as it is the start of Lent. The school will be celebrating Ash Wednesday by having a ceremony in each class lead by the classroom teacher. Father Darek will drop off blessed ashes for distribution within each class, once again by the classroom teacher.

LENT

The church has several seasons and we, as Christians, can use the seasons to focus ourselves on our relationship with God and each other. The season of Lent is traditionally one of Prayer, fasting, sacrifice and self-denial. It is a time when we accept our imperfect nature and allow the Spirit to work more openly in our lives.



Some people give up things while others try to do things that they believe should be a more regular part of our lives. What is important is that we do something! The Church is teaching us that we must be regular participants in the Sacraments. Perhaps one way of celebrating Lent is for the family to participate more in liturgies and attend Sunday Mass together. Another way may be to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter. Some families are praying more together, while others are going without lollies, soft drink, and giving the money saved to Project Compassion. May the forty days at the commencement of Lent, being Ash Wednesday, be days of growth for all of us.



During Lent, there are several themes that often come to mind. The themes are Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. In this way, the whole church prepares for Easter.



PRAYER: By our sin we turn away from God; But our prayers will lead us back to Him.

FASTING: Through fasting, our bodies are more aware of the season of Lent. We can now ask God to give us strength.

ALMSGIVING: By giving gifts to others, we are sharing what we have and showing love. God asks us to love our neighbour.

May these themes provide you and your families with some thoughts and reflections during this Lenten season.

***"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return"
or "Ask forgiveness and always love others as Jesus did."***



PROJECT COMPASSION

The eldest child in each family will be given a Project Compassion contribution box. You can encourage your child to use this as a part of their Lenten Journey. Extra boxes are available for families through the Parish.

KINDY 2023 ENROLMENTS

We are processing applications for children who intend to participate in the St Andrew's 2023 Kindergarten Program. If any parent has not enrolled their child, and they are born between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019, 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.**



SWIMMING NOTE YEARS 1 - 5

A separate swimming note has been sent home with the children in Years 1-5, from Mr Waddell, with details about this event. Parents are reminded that **swimming commences on Monday 21st March** and as such, **the swimming fee needs to be paid prior to your child commencing lessons.**

(At this stage, this event has been modified so that it can still be held and is permissible by WA Health.)

If you have any questions about the swimming lessons, please contact Mr Waddell, urgently.



NAPLAN TESTING 2022

NAPLAN Online is scheduled to go ahead in 2022. Students in Years 3 and 5 will be participating in the national assessment between the 10th and 20th of May. (Term 2). For parents interested, there is a public demonstration website <https://nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site> available to students to familiarise themselves with the NAPLAN Online platform.

Students in years 3 and 5 will begin practising on this website at school shortly, before participating in the practice tests later in the term. For further information, please contact Mr Fintan Archer.

The online testing process in 2021 at St Andrews School was very smooth, thanks to diligence in preparation and sound technological structures and networks in our school. Further information will be provided to parents in the lead up to NAPLAN testing this year.



TABLE TENNIS FUN!

Our Year 6 students have thoroughly enjoyed using the new table tennis boards. A big thank you to Mr Waddell for organising this.



KINDY

This week our Kindy children are learning all about the colours in our world. They played a parachute game and went "colour hunting" in the playground!



**May God Bless You All,
Fintan Archer
Acting Principal**

VISION STATEMENT

Saint Andrew's School offers an education that acknowledges, respects and nurtures the uniqueness of each child.

Within a framework of Catholic values and teamwork, the students will be challenged and supported to recognise their gifts and to develop their potential as they learn and contribute to their community.

We endeavour to provide a quality Catholic education which is Christ centred, child focused.



**Happy birthday to Ivy W, Max W, Bailee T, Gemma V, Kobee P and Thomas W
We hope you have a wonderful day!**

**ST ANDREW'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
TERM 1, PLANNER 2022 – PARENTS (10 week term)**

19/20 FEB Week 4 Reconciliation Commitment Masses at Church all weekend masses Parents' choice to attend	21 FEBRUARY	22 FEBRUARY Staff Prayer Playgroup 8:30 – 10:30 Hall Staff Meeting Reconciliation Workshop SACPS Hall 6.00pm (Cancelled)	23 FEBRUARY	24 FEBRUARY	25 FEBRUARY MJR Assembly CARITAS TALK AT ASSMEBLY (Cancelled)
26/27 FEB Week 5	28 FEBRUARY	1 MARCH Staff Prayer: Playgroup 8:30 – 10:30 Hal STAFF MEETING	2 MARCH Ash Wednesday Mass Ashes will be distributed in class by teachers. Children will not attend Mass	3 MARCH	4 MARCH Year 4 Merit Assembly (both classes) (Cancelled – moved to 19th August, 2022)
5/6 MAR Week 6	7 MARCH LABOR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	8 MARCH Staff Prayer: STAFF MEETING	9 MARCH	10 MARCH Year 6 Summer Lightning Carnival Kingsway Sporting Complex TBA Reconciliation Retreat - SACPS	11 MARCH MERIT ASSEMBLY (Cancelled)

P&F NEWS

Please join the P&F St Andrew's Facebook
standrewsparentsandfriends@gmail.com

BEHIND THE SCENES

While it may seem a little quiet on the P&F front, rest assured that the committee is busy on the group chat organising expenditure that benefits the students and thinking of ways we can deliver memorable experiences around Easter and Mother's Day. We look forward to providing updates along the way.

NEXT MEETING

Plan ahead now so you can join us and hear about developments around your school: Monday 28th March, straight after drop off (8.30am) (online meeting)



PARISH NEWS



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

clarkson.perthcatholic.org.au

COMMUNITY

Please see the attached letter from Catholic Education Western Australia, that was sent home to all families on Monday.



ST ANDREW'S
Catholic Primary School

21st February 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WA INITIATIVE

As you are aware, under current WA Government requirements, students in primary schools are not required to wear masks while at school in areas where mask mandates currently apply. The Minister for Education, however, has stated that as case numbers increase there will be a requirement for students from Year 3 onwards to wear masks at school.

The change in the definition of close contacts in school settings has reinforced the importance of mask-wearing. Primary students are being significantly impacted by positive COVID-19 cases as entire classes are being identified as close contacts, under the following definitions:

- Face-to-face contact for 15 minutes or longer with an infectious person *where a mask was not worn*;
- Interaction for more than two hours in a classroom environment *where masks have not been worn* or have been removed.

Close contacts are required to isolate for seven days and this has huge implications for the entire family.

I would encourage parents of children in Years 3 and above to discuss with them the possible wearing of masks at school and the potential for this to become compulsory in the days ahead. We are aware that some of our children are already choosing to wear a mask at school.

As part of an education program to support your child in transitioning to a possible mask mandate, we will be implementing 'try a mask' sessions to allow students in Years 3 and above to become familiar with the correct wearing of masks. Children will be asked to bring a mask from home, on particular days, if they would like to participate in these sessions.

If you are purchasing masks for your child, especially for younger children, please ensure that they are child sized and fit appropriately.

Kind regards

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Now interviewing
for Year 7 in 2023 & 2024

Limited places for 2022



We believe in respect for self and others

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