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Companions on the Journey

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First Sunday of Advent

*In your coming Lord, may our hearts be open,
so that we may be filled with peace.*

*May our minds be open,
so that we may know your will.*

*May our eyes be open,
so that, in others, we might see your light.*

*And may our lives be open, so that you may come to us
and fill us with hope and joy.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

AMEN



The First Sunday of Advent

Be watchful –Stay Awake.

*The 1st Candle is called the Prophet's Candle to remind us of
the Old Testament about the Messiah*

*Lord our God, during this time of Advent, teach me to wait and be patient with
ourselves and those around us. Teach us
to find time for loved ones that we might grow in your love.*

Amen.

Dear Parents

We have entered the **Season of Advent** and we should explore the many themes in our own lives. Although you will probably not be directly confronted with the crowds of hungry or suffering people this day, as Jesus was, you doubtlessly do know someone who is in need; spiritually, emotionally or materially. Possibly this week you could spend some time and open your compassionate heart to another?



Fr Darek has given to me a copy of the Christmas Mass timetable for St Andrew's Church. The Christmas Eve Mass at 6:00pm is a Family Mass and is specifically coordinated for children. Maybe organise some of your child's class friends and attend altogether?



ST ANDREW'S DAY

Last Friday, we spent an enjoyable time celebrating with the school community at the **St Andrew's Feast Day Colour Run**. The Mass was very reverent and meaningful. The focus was on the Patron Saint of our school and parish. The St. Andrew's School P&F Committee, with the assistance of a host of very kind volunteers, organised the colour run. The children had so much fun participating in the activities. The kindness of the P&F continued by providing each child with a free icy-pole. **Thank you so much to our wonderful and hard-working P&F Committee.**



NATIVITY



A wonderful event was held last Tuesday night where our Kindergarten children performed, Year 5 narrated and the rest of the school joined with the choir for the Nativity. We were so happy to see so many children and families attend. A special mention to the staff; especially Mrs Mulholland, Mrs Scaf, Mrs Puca and Mrs Canzirri for the preparation for this event. This annual event forms a very important part of our religious celebrations for the school.

I also thank all of the staff who attended, not only to supervise the extended school choir but to also support the students and school. We are blessed to have such a wonderful community working together for the benefit of the children in our care.



CHRISTMAS/THANKSGIVING MASS

We also celebrated our **Annual Christmas / Thanksgiving Mass**, which was a very moving celebration. This Mass was dedicated to all staff that are leaving the St. Andrew's School Community, whether it be for retirement or to transfer to another school. A sincere thank you to everyone involved.

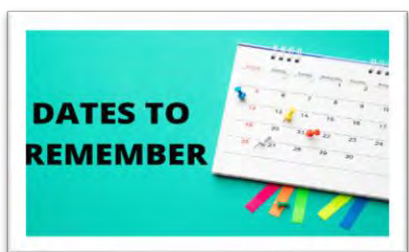
GRADUATION EXCURSION

All of our **Year 6 students** are eagerly looking forward to their **Graduation Outing** and celebration. This event will be held tomorrow at **Perth Outback Splash**.

ENROLLING YOUR CHILD AT ST ANDREW'S

Parents who have younger children (0 - 3) are encouraged to book their children in for future years, as places are limited. (There is a small fee associated with placing your name on this list.) We can only enrol your child if the school has the appropriate forms on file. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

SCHOOL FINISHING DATES FOR 2022



This year, all children in ***Pre-Primary to Year 5 are expected to attend school until Friday, 9th December.*** They will be dismissed as normal at 2:45pm on that day. ***The Year 6 Graduating Students will be dismissed directly after the Graduation celebrations and Awards Ceremony*** which will be held on Wednesday, 7th December commencing at 6:00pm in the Church.

FREE DRESS DAY – Wednesday 7th DECEMBER 2022

The children will be able to wear free dress on Wednesday, 7th December for a gold coin donation to Catholic Christmas Charities – St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. The theme is Holidays/Christmas. Children are not allowed to wear thongs or non-supportive shoes. Thank you for your support.

The Year 6 Spiritual Ministry.



LIBRARY LOANS

All students need to return their library books immediately so that a stock take can be undertaken. To all parents and children, I appreciate your support in the Library this year and look forward to this continuing in 2023.

Kind regards, Mrs Baldock

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations are extended to the following students who have been awarded certificates on completing the 2022 Premier's Reading Challenge:

Ella W, William F, Luke F, Matthew K.

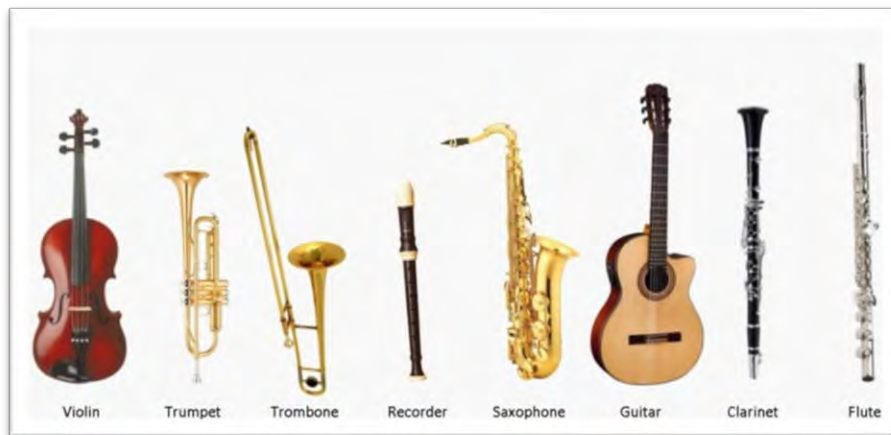
MUSIC NEWS

REMINDER: INSTRUMENTAL TUITION & RECORDERS

All children in Years 2-5 have been provided with a Music Tuition Note. If you would like your child to have instrumental lessons in 2023, please return the application form to school as soon as possible. [This includes the children wishing to re-enrol.] I will be forwarding the completed forms to the tutors and they will be in touch with you, by email during the holidays. Thank you to those of you who have already returned their forms. There are distinct qualifications as to participation in the instrumental program and these requirements are listed on the enrolment and re-enrolment note.

Recorder is taught to students in years 3, 4 and 5 and every child in these year groups need to have a recorder. Learning to read music is part of the Western Australian Curriculum. Recorders appear on each child's booklists and should be retained and used year after year. There is no need to purchase a new recorder each year.

Children who participate in the school's Music tuition program will be given priority when joining the School Band, Performing Arts and the School's Music Gala.



Mrs Clare Mulholland
Music Specialist & Instrumental Program Co-ordinator

FOOTSTEPS PERFORMANCES AND THE MUSIC GALA

On Monday, 5th December, your child will be performing at the Footsteps Production, and may also be performing at the Music Gala in the school hall. ***Every student, from Pre-Primary to Year 6 will showcase their Footsteps Dance.*** The Music Gala is an informal event, which gives the students involved in the St Andrew's school instrumental program an opportunity to perform and showcase their talents. A real highlight for me is to see the development and progression of the children's talents year after year. There are over 80 students participating and ***parents and friends are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you all there.***

The day will commence at approximately at 8:45am with the footsteps class presentations followed by the music gala recitals. There is no definite concluding time or performance times. We apologise but with so many components to this day, it would be impossible to give set times. We thank you for understanding and look forward to seeing you all there!

OUTLINE (Times are approximate only) – all events are held in the School Hall

8:45am	Footsteps performances.
9:30am	Music Gala
10:15am	Go to classes for Sip N Crunch
10:20am	Sip N Crunch
10:25am	Recess
10:45am	Back to Hall – Music Gala part 2.



2023 CLASS ORIENTATIONS

Next Thursday, 8th December will be a morning filled with both excitement and some trepidation. The children in all years will be introduced to their new classes for 2023. It is important for all parents to be proactive and focus on the positive. A new year brings new challenges, as well as growth, development and a level of maturity for the child. It is by the positive words that you speak with your child that could 'make or break' next year for them. So, I encourage you to consider this and set the scene for a great 2023. We are so blessed at St. Andrew's to have such a talented and giving staff, that no matter which class your child has been placed into, they are destined for greatness. I must admit that I am also excited personally and looking forward to 2023 as well.



Parents should not attend their child's transition program for their child's sake. We thank you for your cooperation with this matter. Class lists will not be placed on the classroom door until Friday morning.

EXITING THE KISS AND RIDE



Both the City of Wanneroo and the school have completed a lot of site works with regards to the exiting at the school's Kiss and Ride. The exit has been modified so that it is a **LEFT TURN ONLY** and Main Roads has erected a sign showing this. Please observe all of the road rules as the safety of our students is paramount in any decision that is made. We appreciate your cooperation in this initiative.

LOST PROPERTY

Please check the lost property in the undercover area. Any items left at the end of the year will be donated to the uniform shop.

MERRIWA DENTIST

Parents, please note that when your child leaves St. Andrew's to go to high school, they are still entitled to go to the Merriwa Dentist. Should you have any concerns, please call them on 9305 1272.

MINNI VINNIES

32 baskets of goodies have been donated to the St Vincent De Paul, Clarkson. A very big thank you to all the St Andrew's families that have given so generously. Let us pray that those in need will get some relief with their Christmas baskets.

SCHOOL FEES ARE VERY IMPORTANT

Thank you to the families who have already met their fee commitments for the 2022 school year. The deadline for 2022 school fees is Friday, 25th November. Fees can be paid by cash, credit card, and direct debit or B Pay if these options are in place. As you can imagine, schools operate on sizeable budgets and the paying of school fees has a determining factor in meeting expenses.

EXISTING FAMILIES NOT RETURNING IN 2023

We never like to lose people from our school community but fully understand that this occurs from time to time and for a variety of reasons. Should your child not be returning to St. Andrew's in 2023, could you please place this in writing, urgently. In your letter, please detail your child's class, their full name, the departure date, where they will be going to school in 2023 and a change of address if applicable. We appreciate your support.



ACTIVITIES FOR THE FINAL WEEK OF SCHOOL:

- **Monday 5th December:** Footsteps Performance / Music Gala – School Hall approx. 8:45am start. All invited.
- **Tuesday 6th December:** Kindy will have their St Andrew's Graduation & Christmas function celebrations. A separate note was sent home with the details. Please see your child's classroom teacher if any more information is required.
- **Tuesday 6th December - Kindergarten last day for 2022.**
- **Wednesday 7th December:** This is the *last day for the Year 6 students*. If they are bringing in items to sign, please be aware that they are not permitted to sign their school uniforms. They are welcome to sign their graduation shirts or sport top **under the supervision of teachers**. No other parts of the uniform should be signed.

- ❖ Year 6 students are not to attend school on Thursday or Friday unless they are in the school choir or band and are required by Mrs Mulholland. They should also just be at school for the event time and NOT for the entire day.
 - ❖ Year 6 **Graduation Mass:** This ***Mass will commence at 6:00pm*** sharp, in the church. The children are expected to **wear full Summer School Uniform.** (Year 6 students should be at Church by 5:45pm).
 - ❖ **Year 6 Awards:** **ALL** of these will be presented at a ceremony, to be held in the Hall at the conclusion of the Graduation Mass.
 - ❖ **Second Semester Reports:** Reports will be sent home on Friday, 9th December via SEQTA engage. (***Parents of children in Year 6 should download a hard copy of their child's report immediately.***)
- **Wednesday 6th December:** All children will be able to wear ***Free Dress for a gold coin*** donation to Catholic Christmas Charities. The theme will be holidays/Christmas.
 - **Thursday 8th December:** We commence our day with our final Assembly for 2022. This assembly will be concluded with the singing of several Christmas Carols lead by Mrs Mulholland and the School Choir.
 - **2023 Class Orientation session** (PP-6) from approximately 10:40am – 11:30am. The children will be directed to their new classes and meet with their new class members for 2023. An exciting time for all! We ask that **parents do not attend this event** for the children's sake to cause unnecessary anxiety. (Creation of new class groupings each year, by staff and leadership, is one onerous task that obviously will never please everyone. Please be advised that your child has been placed into a class in which their current teacher feels that they would best continue to develop and grow. We thank you for your support.)

The children have told me that they will be very excited to come home and share the good news with you rather than have parents attend and affect the transition. Moving to a new class is always accompanied by some excitement and potential anticipation. To continue to ensure that your child has a successful start to 2023, we encourage you to **FOCUS ON THE POSITIVE!** Talk about the orientation and the good aspects of St Andrew's School, classmates and their new teacher. Your supportive, kind and encouraging words could make all the difference. We thank you for understanding and for being so supportive.

- **Thursday 8th December:** The ***final Newsletter and Term 1 Planner for 2023 is uploaded to our website on this day.*** The staff and I have placed a considerable amount of time into the preparation of the 2023 school year and as such, a list of significant dates has been included in the newsletter. Please add these dates to your calendars so that you can organise the possibility of attending significant events in your child's education.

- **Friday 9th December - class lists placed on classroom doors for 2023 classes.**
- **Friday 9th December:** All second semester reports are available, after school, via SEQTA Engage. Last Day of Term for Pre-Primary -Year 5 with a normal school finishing time of 2:45pm applying. (With the exception of our Year 6 children who were dismissed on Wednesday 7th December after graduation.) **It is strongly encouraged that all parents download a hard copy of their child's school reports.**

God Bless

Mr. Sam Fontaine
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.

SCHOOL NEWS

**STUDENTS RETURN WEDNESDAY,
1ST FEBRUARY 2023**

Happy Birthday



Levi S, Grace J, Arav K, Xavier H, Liam C, Eva G, Morgan S, Harlow P, Olivia E, Scarlett G, Neve T, Matthew K and Elijah E



P&F NEWS

P&F FACEBOOK PAGE

Don't 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](#).



PARISH NEWS

St Andrew's
Catholic Church
Clarkson



For all Mass times and parish information please go to the following website:

clarkson.perthcatholic.org.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

Do not forget to check out the **[St Andrew's School Face Book Page](#)**. Many events and great photos are available here for viewing.

<https://www.facebook.com/standrewscps/>



ST ANDREW'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL TERM 4 2022 – PARENTS (9 week student term +1)

SAT/SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3/4 DEC Week 9	5 DECEMBER Music Gala 8:45am- Whole School in Hall (inc: Footsteps Dance performance)	6 DECEMBER Staff Prayer: PP / Kindy –Fun Day Choir to Clarkson Library Kindy Christmas Party KINDY LAST DAY Early finish after party Staff Meeting	7 DECEMBER LAST DAY YEAR 6 Year 6 Graduation Mass 6.00pm Church School choir to lead singing Free Dress Day Theme – Holidays Gold coin donation	8 DECEMBER Final Assembly Start of school. School choir to lead singing 3 carols only 2023 Class Orientation Years PP - 6 10.40am – 11.30am Class Lists on display Children will participate in transition session	9 DECEMBER Last day of Term 4 for students Pp – Year 5 Reports available on SEQTA
10/11 DEC Week 10	12 DECEMBER PUPIL FREE DAY STAFF PLANNING	13 DECEMBER PUPIL FREE DAY STAFF PLANNING	14 DECEMBER PUPIL FREE DAY STAFF PLANNING	15 DECEMBER PUPIL FREE DAY STAFF PLANNING	16 DECEMBER PUPIL FREE DAY STAFF PLANNING