



Companions on the Journey

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### NEWSLETTER NO 21 2023 20 JULY 2023

*Heavenly Father,  
As a new term begins, we promise, with your help,  
To bring new energy to our work at our school.  
May we always be aware of the needs of others in our school  
And in the local community, including our church.  
Help us to listen and learn in our classes; do our very best in our homework;  
And play our full part in school and class activities.  
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

A warm **welcome back to Term 3**. We hope that you had an enjoyable school holiday period. We pray for those people who may have recently experienced loss or tragedy. We extend our prayers and thoughts to you during this difficult time.



The staff spent Monday at an in-service with the topics being ICT in the future, school values, characteristics of high performing schools, QCE, highest impact teaching and learning, creative, innovative and collaborative thinking skills, school policy development and entrepreneurial skills. I thank all the staff for their dedication and willingness to continue on their own journeys of growth and development.

It saddens me to inform you that Mr Ciaran Mundow, Teaching Assistant in Year 1, has had an accident in the school holidays. He will be on leave for a significant period of time. We wish him all the best for his recovery.

## CANTEEN

Unfortunately, the canteen will be CLOSED next Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> July and Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> July. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.



Next week, St Andrew's Catholic Primary School will be involved in a school audit review. This process involves a number of staff from the Non-Government Schools Registration interviewing staff and parents, examining data and ensuring that our school continues to deliver an excellent, Quality Catholic Education for our students. We eagerly look forward to this occurring and continuing on our journey of providing a very different and varied curriculum, as well as supporting the students in our care.



## STAFF MEETINGS EVERY TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL



Parents are reminded that teachers will be involved in staff meetings every Tuesday afternoon and also on some other designated afternoons during the Term. It is appreciated if you can ensure that you collect your child/children promptly after school.

With the onset of winter and the possibility of your child being absent from school, please ensure that **all absences are covered by a written note** signed by a parent or guardian. Please ensure that if your child is unwell, they do not attend school. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

The teachers have raised a **concern about the late arrival of some children**. Whilst I fully understand the complexities of getting children to school, the organisation required and the issue of cold weather, it is essential that all children arrive on time to maximise their learning and minimize all classroom disruptions. Often children who have arrived late have missed vital information pertaining to the day and to the introduction of the lesson.

### **WELCOME NEW STUDENTS**

We would like to welcome Roman, Lacey, Conor, Orion and Lam who have started this week. Please make them feel welcome if you see them in the playground.

### **LOST PROPERTY**

All items that are left on verandas and in designated play areas usually end up either in the classroom or lost property which is in the undercover area. It is a much simpler task to return possessions to their owners if all items are clearly and correctly labelled.



### **TERM 3 DATES**

A list of Term 3 dates has been emailed with today's newsletter. Dates are correct at the time of printing and should there be an update, parents will be notified via the school newsletter. Term 3 **commenced on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> July and concludes on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> September.**



### **WORK COMPLETED DURING THE VACATION**

To minimise the disruption to both staff and students, a number of major jobs were completed over the school holidays. This included the deep cleaning and disinfecting of all of the carpets and mats within the classrooms, deep cleaning of all of the toilets and wet areas, safety pruning of all trees within the school grounds, weed spraying of the whole school grounds, maintenance of the long jump pits, maintenance and deep cleaning of the undercover area, gutter and down pipes, air-conditioning service and maintenance, door locks maintenance, LED lighting to selected areas of the school and finally, plumbing checked and repaired in various locations. A sincere thank you to all who provided these services and, of course, the School Advisory Council who continues to maintain our school to the very highest standard.

## **SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEYS**

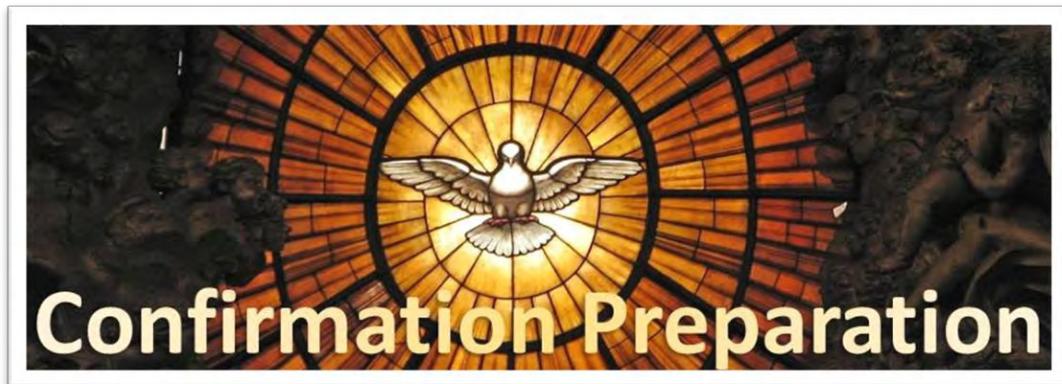
Over the next few weeks, parents and caregivers are invited to participate in a survey about our school's climate. Similar surveys will be administered to staff and students to enable us to capture a community snapshot. All responses are confidential and will be used for school improvement purposes. (Completion of the survey is on a voluntary basis.)



To protect your confidentiality all surveys are anonymous. All answers go directly to the *National School Improvement Partnerships*, where the results are analysed for your school. Answers from individual surveys will NOT be reported back to the school. Staff of the *National School Improvement Partnerships* staff are bound by a Code of Ethics and follow strict professional conduct. *National School Improvement Partnerships* will report the results to the school in an aggregated format so that individuals cannot be identified. To enable drill-down reporting, the information provided to the school will contain data based on background information.

An information sheet with key links and instructions will be sent home very soon with your children. We strongly encourage you to participate in this survey.

## **CONFIRMATION – YEAR 6 CANDIDATES**



This term will see the process for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** take place for the Year 6 children who will be candidates. Reception of the Sacrament takes place in Term 3. The process for Confirmation will closely resemble that of Reconciliation and Eucharist. The key requirements are:

- Attendance at any Parish Mass over the weekend of 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> July – for Confirmation enrolment. (Enrolment cards will be provided to your child in week 2 by the Year 6 teachers. They can be filled out at home and handed in at one of the Masses).
- Attendance at the Candidate and Parent workshop: Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> August at SACPS Hall at 6.00pm.

- Candidate attendance at the Confirmation Retreat on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> August. (Held during school hours and attended by all Year 6 students).
- Confirmation rehearsals will be held on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> August. (Held during school hours).
- The Celebration of the Confirmation Mass is on **Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> August at 6.00pm**.

***The following information is required for Confirmation:***

1. The selection of one or two sponsors in Confirmation. These are ideally the Godparents who have maintained a deep relationship with the child. Sponsors should be practising Catholics, over the age of 16. They cannot be Mum and Dad but can be older siblings, Grandparents, or close friends who have a connection to the candidate. They can live or be away interstate or overseas on the day of Confirmation and Mum or Dad can be proxies in their place.
2. The location and details of your child's Baptism – church, parish, suburb, city, country. (Exact date)
3. Mother's full maiden name and Father's full name.
4. The candidate should select a Saint in Confirmation based on discernment of the Saint's values, qualities or behaviours that the candidate admires and recognises as desirable in their own.

**RUNNING / ATHLETICS' CLUB**

We look forward to the start of our running/athletics' club for Term 3 on Thursday morning, 27<sup>th</sup> July. Please note that if the forecast is for inclement weather, it will be cancelled.

**KISS N RIDE - Gate 2 Exit (Gate close to Osh Club)**

Thank you to all parents who are parking down at the Anthony Waring Green car park after school and walking down there with their children. We have one small request, and this is that you walk out of the school via Gate 2, so you are not crossing in front of all the cars leaving the Kiss n Ride. This way, you and your children will be much safer and there will be less hold ups with traffic leaving the school at Kiss n Ride exit. A very big thank you to all families who are making life in the 'Kiss n Ride' a lot more efficient and safer at these busy times!

Finally, can I please appeal to all parents and guardians in showing patience, tolerance and wisdom when dropping off and or picking up children, or parking in order to carry out school related business. By showing respect for each other we model correct behaviours to our children.



## **WASTE FREE INITIATIVE**

This year we have been continuing with our initiative to become a waste-free school. We have been encouraging the children to bring waste-free lunch boxes for Crunch 'n' Sip and lunch and take their rubbish home.

A waste-free lunch contains no throwaway packaging and produces no food waste. The typical waste-free lunch is packed in a reusable lunchbox or bag. Food is put in reusable containers rather than wrapped in disposable packaging. A drink is in a refillable bottle and all containers are resealable so that leftover food and drink can be saved for later.

Australia is one of the highest producers of waste per person in the western world. The average student's lunch generates around 3 kg of waste per school year. If you consider the impact of the collective lunches of your family, that's a lot of waste. But with your assistance, we can make a great contribution towards avoiding waste.

The following are great ideas for creating a waste-free lunchbox:

- Use a reusable lunch bag or box for carrying lunch. There is a non-disposable alternative for every item you can imagine making your waste-free lunch a breeze.
- Put food in reusable containers instead of wrapping in plastic wrap.
- Put drinks in refillable containers.
- Label all containers to make sure they come home.
- Let children help pack their own lunchbox and help them to make it nutritious and waste-free.
- Only pack as much food as your child will eat.
- Buy in bulk – food such as crackers, chips, biscuits, yoghurt, cheese or other small, packaged food is much cheaper bought in bulk and put into reusable containers and creates a lot less waste.
- Stock up on easy-to-pack, healthy foods, such as fresh fruits, vegetables and wholegrains.
- Cut up fruit and vegetables and pack them in reusable containers so that any uneaten can be saved for later.
- Put leftovers from dinner directly into a lunch container.
- Minimise the morning rush by packing lunches the night before and leave in the fridge overnight. Cut up a few extra vegetables.

Thank you for supporting your child's participation in our school waste and sustainability program.



## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **Conduct statement 10**

**You maintain and build on the community's trust and confidence in Catholic schools and the Church.**

#### **Guidelines**

1. Your conduct maintains and builds public trust and confidence in your school, other members of the school community, and the Church.
2. Any unlawful and unethical actions in your personal life risk adversely affecting both your own and the school's reputation in the eyes of the public. If the good standing of either you or the school was to diminish, this might jeopardise the inherent trust between the school and parents, as well as the community more generally, necessary for effective relationships and the best education of students.
3. You notify the Principal of your involvement in any criminal investigation or other legal process that may undermine trust and confidence in your judgement or care of students.
4. You consider the interests of the school and the Church when exercising your right to freedom of speech and participating in public, political and academic debate, including publication.
5. You never place the reputation of the school above the safety and well-being of students.

**May God Bless You All,**

***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.*

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

**Happy Birthday to Lachlan B, Ella K, Violet M,  
Luke F, Roman T, Nathan I, Merry N, Zoe W,  
Caius M and Joseph B**

**We hope you have a wonderful day!**

## P&F NEWS

### **NEXT MEETING**

We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at our next meeting this Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> July at 1:30pm in the staffroom. We will be discussing all the events for the remainder of the year including the Father's Day Raffle, St Andrew's Day and Christmas! See you then.

**Please join the P&F St Andrew's Facebook**  
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## PARISH NEWS



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

[clarkson.perthcatholic.org.au](http://clarkson.perthcatholic.org.au)

**ST ANDREW'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL  
TERM 3, PLANNER 2023 FAMILIES (10 week term)**

SAT/SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
15/16 JULY Week 1	17 JULY <b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b>	18 JULY Staff Prayer:  Playgroup 8:30 -10:30 Hall staff meeting	19 JULY	20 JULY	21 JULY  <b>Merit Assembly</b>  P & F Meeting 1:30pm (Staffroom)
22/23 JULY Week 2	24 JULY  Student on-line BRLA System readiness Practice sometime this week.	25 JULY Staff Prayer:  <b>SCHOOL AUDIT</b>  Playgroup 8:30 -10:30 Hall	26 JULY  Year 6 Maths Olympiad	27 JULY  Years 3 BRLA System Test  Years 5 BRLA System Test	28 JULY  <b>Merit Assembly</b>
29/30 JULY Week 3  <b>Confirmation Commitment Mass at all W/E masses</b>	31 JULY	1 AUGUST Staff Prayer:  Playgroup 8:30 -10:30 Hall  <b>Pre-Primary Excursion – Browns Dairy</b>  <b>Staff Meeting</b>  <b>Confirmation Workshop SACPS Hall 6:00pm</b>	2 AUGUST  <b>CEWA Religious Education Assessment (Formally Bishops Literacy Assessment)– Year 5</b>	3 AUGUST  <b>CEWA Religious Education Assessment (Formally Bishops Literacy Assessment)– Year 3</b>	4 AUGUST  Bunnings Incursion - Yr 3  <b>Confirmation Retreat SACPS 8:45am – 2.15pm Hall and Year 6 Classrooms</b>
5/6 AUG Week 4	7 AUGUST	8 AUGUST Staff Prayer:  Playgroup 8:30 -10:30 Hall  <b>School Mass Feast of Mary MacKillop Mass (4B) 8:55am</b>  <b>Speak Up Preliminary Finals pm</b>  Staff Meeting	9 AUGUST  RAC Incursion (All grades – Karen Young)	10 AUGUST  RAC Incursion (All grades – Karen Young)  <b>Confirmation Rehearsals 9:00am Church</b>  <b>Confirmation Year 6 Reconciliations 10:00am Church</b>	11 AUGUST  <b>Merit Assembly</b>  Year 3 Excursion Cockman House & Wanneroo Museum
12/13 AUG Week 5	14 AUGUST	15 AUGUST Staff Prayer: Playgroup 8:30 -10:30 Hall  <b>Feast of the Assumption Mass (5W) 8:55am</b>  <b>Staff meeting</b>	16 AUGUST  <b>ST ANDREW'S CONFIRMATION @ 6:00pm</b>	17 AUGUST  <b>Maths Day Incursion (PP – 6) Lisa W and Karen Y to organise</b>	18 AUGUST  <b>Maths Day Incursion (PP – 6) Lisa W and Karen Y to organise</b>  <b>National Day Against Bullying</b>

19/20 AUG  WEEK 6  Children's Book Week 23– 27 August	21 AUGUST  P & F Father's Day Raffle tickets sent home	22 AUGUST Staff Prayer:  <b>NO RUN CLUB</b>  <b>Book Week Character Parade – Hall 8:50am</b>  Playgroup 8:30 -10:30 Under cover area  Staff Meeting	23 AUGUST	<b>24 AUGUST</b>  <b>Performing Arts School Choir 11:00 -12:30 Vasto Club Balcatta</b>	25 AUGUST  <b>Year 2 Merit Assembly (Both Classes)</b>
26/27 AUG  Week 7  TOM Weekend Regional Final Competition	28 AUGUST  Finance Meeting <b>Advisory Council</b>	29 AUGUST Staff Prayer:  Playgroup 8:30 -10:30 Hall  <b>Year 5 Excursion</b>  Staff Meeting	30 AUGUST  <b>Year 1 Liturgy of The Word 8:50am - Church</b>  P & F Father's Day Raffle tickets finalised  <b>Advisory Council Meeting</b>	31 AUGUST	1 SEPTEMBER  <b>PP Father's Day Assembly (NO Merit)</b>  Father's Day Family Breakfast 7:15 – 8:05am  Father's Day Raffle drawn today at Assembly
2/3 SEPT Week 8  <b>FATHER'S DAY</b>  <b>TOM FINALS</b>	4 SEPTEMBER  <b>800m Carnival events Years 3, 4 5 &amp; 6</b>	5 SEPTEMBER Staff Prayer:  Playgroup 8:30 -10:30 Hall  Staff Meeting	6 SEPTEMBER  Year 6 Maths Olympiad	7 SEPTEMBER  Year1 Excursion – Landsdale farm	8 SEPTEMBER  <b>Year 3 Merit Assembly (Both Classes)</b>
9/10 SEPT Week 9	11 SEPTEMBER  Performing Arts Festival Concert – Perth Concert Hall  <b>School Athletics Back Up Date</b>	12 SEPTEMBER Staff Prayer: Playgroup 8:30 -10:30 Hall  <b>Open Night / Book Fair 3:00 - 5:00pm Festivities Conclude 5:00pm</b>	13 SEPTEMBER	14 SEPTEMBER  <b>School Athletics Carnival Track Events</b>	15 SEPTEMBER  <b>School Athletics Carnival Field (throws and Jumps) Events Until Recess</b>  <b>Senior Tabloids after recess</b>  <b>Presentation of Grade Champion Medals &amp; Faction Shield approx. 12noon</b>  <b>Lunch</b>  <b>Junior tabloids after lunch</b>
16/17 SEPT Week 10	18 SEPTEMBER	19 SEPTEMBER Staff Prayer:  Playgroup 8:30 -10:30 Hall  No staff meeting	20 SEPTEMBER  <b>TOM School Showcase 8:45am – 9:30</b>	21 SEPTEMBER  <b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>  Free Dress Theme – Sports Donation for Catholic Missions: Gold Coin	22 SEPTEMBER  <b>Pupil Free Day</b>