



Companions on the Journey

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### NEWSLETTER NO 28 2023 7 SEPTEMBER 2023

The First Verse of our school song resonates with our feelings for our school.

**This is our school, let peace be found here  
May the rooms be filled with happiness  
May love abound, the one love of one another and love of life itself  
and the love of God.  
Everyone is special and everyone is important at St Andrew's School.**

#### **Dear Parents and Guardians,**

On Monday, at the request of the students, we held our 800m running events as part of our faction sports carnival. A wonderful morning was had by all. Thankfully the weather permitted the running of these events.

#### **FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST**



I hope that all families had a wonderful Father's Day last Sunday. To honour this occasion, we held our traditional Father's Day breakfast last Friday which was well attended by many fathers, grandfathers as well as other significant adults in the children's lives. We thank you for attending.

We also held our annual Father's Day Raffle draw after the Pre-Primary Assembly. Each year, this raffle provides great excitement for all of the children and all funds raised directly benefit the children at the school. Thank you for your ongoing support.



**OPEN NIGHT AND BOOK FAIR**  
**TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Commencing at 3:00pm until 5:00pm SHARP**

All 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.
- Allow your child to host you and guide you to the activities and displays of their work and achievements.
- In your child's classrooms, you are welcome to look at all the work on display all around the room.
- You are welcome to look through all 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 another 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 UNDERCOVER AREA for the BOOK FAIR.
- You will be able to purchase a variety of good literature at very reasonable prices.
- Mrs Baldock and several Staff will be in attendance to assist you. *The Book Fair CLOSSES AT 5:00pm SHARP.*
- There will also be a raffle with some great prizes! Tickets will be on sale at the Fair. 1 ticket for \$1 or 3 for \$2! *CASH ONLY FOR THE RAFFLE PLEASE.*
- You can visit the classrooms, other than your child's current class, so that you can gauge some of the work requirements for future years and some of the things to look forward to.
- If time permits, you are welcome to visit the rest of the school.

***As a staff, we hope that you enjoy this event!***



## PARENT VOLUNTEERS AT ST ANDREW'S – CODE OF CONDUCT & NEW REQUIREMENTS

We sincerely appreciate all of those wonderful parents who assist the school in so many different and varying ways. Parent volunteers at our school must continue to read and sign the St Andrew's Code of Conduct on an annual basis before volunteering at our school. This is available on the school's website and at the front office.



In addition, parents who would like to volunteer are also required to complete the CEWA Working with Children Check Volunteer Declaration. This declaration allows parents to volunteer in the school *without* holding a Working With Children Card. This requirement is the result of recent changes to the Working with Children Legislation. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

## FACTION CARNIVAL



**Athletics** forms a very important part of the Physical Education Program at St Andrew's culminating in the **school carnival**. The **faction carnivals will be held next Thursday and Friday**. Our Tabloid Sports Day will also be held on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> September.

Congratulations to the children who have been so eager in participating at run club and other training programs. May all your hard work and training pay off. I wish all competitors the very best of luck and hope that you all achieve your own personal best!

Please refer to the note that was sent home by Mr Kelly which has all of the finer details. A copy of the note is also located at the end of this newsletter.

## KINDY 2024 ENROLMENTS

We are processing applications for children who intend to participate in the St Andrew's 2024 Kindergarten Program. If any parent has not enrolled their child and they are born between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020, 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.**



## **TOURNAMENT OF MINDS**

Tournament of Minds is an international educational program. It provides students that participate with an opportunity to solve authentic, open-ended challenges that foster creative, divergent thinking whilst developing collaborative enterprise, excellence and teamwork. Challenges are set in the following disciplines: The Arts, Language Literature, Social Sciences and STEM.

This year, we have had two teams working all year with Mr Redding and Mrs Young. Last weekend they competed amongst a number of other schools at Edith Cowan University. Our children performed very well and I congratulate them on their efforts. I also extend my thanks to Mr Redding and Mrs Young for their coordination and support of the children.



**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 to  
Noah F, Emma C, Eabha K, Chloe S, Koby A, Lilliani M  
and Rachel H  
We hope you have a wonderful day!**

**P&F NEWS**

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

### St Andrew's Parish Questionnaire

**WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK! WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK! WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK!**

Your daughter / son currently attends a Catholic School within St Andrew's Parish in Clarkson. You may or may not attend Mass at St Andrew's Church however the Parish Council are extremely interested to learn your views on religious values within our community. Even if you never attend Mass, I plead with you to spend a few minutes of your time to complete a very short questionnaire – the carefully considered questions are relevant to **everyone**. Please scan the QR code included with this article which will take you straight to the questionnaire. It is completely anonymously unless you choose otherwise. You may only be able to answer the last question, however your feedback will be valuable to us in developing the future plan for our Parish Community.

St Andrew's Parish  
Community Questionnaire  
2023



Thank you taking the time to consider this initiative.

***Tony Summers***  
***Chairperson of St Andrew's Parish Pastoral Council***



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)**

2/3 SEPT Week 8	4 SEPTEMBER	5 SEPTEMBER	6 SEPTEMBER	7 SEPTEMBER	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>

7<sup>th</sup> September, 2023



Dear Parents/Guardians

### **Athletics Carnival Information 2023**

Please find set out below the outline for both Athletics' carnival days including details of the events and approximate times. Each day, students should wear their sports uniform (their coloured faction t-shirt), running shoes (Athletics rubber spikes are permitted), hats, sun-cream and bring plenty of water. Please note that this year students will be allowed to wear faction coloured hair spray and zinc (but this must be applied at home and not at school and should be done in an appropriate manner). On the Thursday at lunch time, there will also be an opportunity for the students to buy a P&F icy pole for \$1 if they wish. On Friday, the canteen will be available as normal.

We will have a coffee van on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> September.

If poor weather prevents the running of the Carnival on the scheduled dates, we will attempt to run the Carnival on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> September or run the events between showers.

***Please note that all times provided are an approximate only and whilst every endeavor will be made to ensure that we keep to schedule, this cannot be guaranteed.***

### **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September: 800m Races**

800m races will be run in Week 8. This will assist in making both Carnival days operate more effectively. Parents are invited and welcome to attend. We will commence our events at 8:40am. The order of events is as follows:

- Year 3 Girls 800m race followed by the Year 3 Boys
- Year 4 Girls 800m race followed by the Year 4 Boys
- Year 5 Girls 800m race followed by the Year 5 Boys
- Year 6 Girls 800m race followed by the Year 6 Boys

### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September: Track events**

**8.15:** Faction captains to the undercover area to hand out faction bibs to students that don't have a faction-coloured T-Shirt.

**8.20:** Students to start at their class so absentees can be logged and to gather hats, sun cream, water.

**8.30:** Students to make their way to the undercover area and to sit in their faction groups.

**8.40:** Students to march out to their faction tents.

**8.45: Races commence** - Order of year levels:

# Yr 3 Girls, Yr 3 Boys, Yr 4 Girls, Yr 4 Boys, Yr 5 Girls, Yr 5 Boys, Yr 6 Girls, Yr 6 Boys

**# Note: Pre-Primary, Years 1 & 2 50m races: immediately after the 200m races.**

<b>Events</b>	200m	50m	100m	Recess	400m	Circular	Lunch	Back to
	Yr3-6	Yr PP, 1	Yr 3-6		Yr 3-6	Yr 3-6		

#Lunch: **Children have the option of sitting with their parents on the hill OR sitting with their class in the Undercover area.**

## On Thursday, after the events have concluded, students will proceed back to their normal class to complete classroom activities.

### If parents wish to take their child home on Thursday after the last event, please ensure that you sign them out at the front office.

### **FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> September- field throwing and jumping final events / Tabloid Events**

**8.15:** Faction captains to the undercover area to hand out faction bibs to students that don't have a faction-coloured T-Shirt.

**8.20:** Students to their class so absentees can be logged and to gather hats, sun cream, water.

**8.30:** Students to make their way to the undercover area and sit in their faction groups.

**8.40:** Students to march out to their faction areas marked on the oval.

**8.45:** **Field Events commence**

<b>LONG JUMP</b>	<b>TURBO JAVELIN</b>	<b>SHOT PUT</b>	<b>DISCUS</b>
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Year 6	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Year 5	Year 6	Year 3	Year 4
Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 3

**10:15** Crunch and sip and recess as normal.

**10:50: Senior Tabloid Sport events (Years 3-6)**

**Approximately 12noon:** Presentations of Grade Champion medals and Faction Shield (Hall)

**Lunch**

**1:10pm: Junior Tabloid Sport events (PP-Yr 2)** (Year 6 students will assist the junior students to participate in their events, as required.)

## If parents wish to take their child home on Friday after the last event, please ensure that you sign them out at the front office.

Please ensure that your children remain in the faction tents at all times. This will ensure that they do not miss their events.

Please do not hesitate to see me if you have any queries. We are looking forward to a fantastic Carnival.

Kind Regards

***Mr Ben Kelly***  
***Physical Education Teacher***