



Companions on the Journey

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*Almighty God,  
We ask for your blessings on our sports day.  
We pray that in all of our races, jumps and throws we try to exceed our  
personal best.  
Where we are a part of a team, in relays and games  
May we do our best to support others to succeed in the interests of the  
team.  
And may we compete fairly and perform safely.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

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

A reminder to all families that **next Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September is a Pupil Free day.** The last day of school for this term is Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> September. Children commence Term 4 on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> October in their summer school uniforms.

The Open Night / Book Fair was another outstanding success. I wish to thank the families for attending this very important event. I would also like to acknowledge the work of the staff of the school who spent hours in preparation and co-ordination. It simply doesn't just happen but takes a lot of hard work.

The classrooms displayed a lot of the wonderful work being completed by the children. Once again, the Book Fair was an attraction that provided good literature for the children to enjoy. We are so blessed to have such a dedicated and hard-working staff here at St Andrew's. Maybe you could consider every so often telling them that?

I appreciate our wonderful, dedicated staff who are always so giving. They help out in so many different and varied ways with sports events, supporting the children in their learning journeys, providing other staff with new ideas and initiatives. Thank you on behalf of your school!

## **CANTEEN**

Unfortunately, for the rest of the term, the canteen will be open at lunch time for sandwich/wrap orders only. No hot foods will be available. We have had a malfunction with our freezer. Recess sales will operate as normal. We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding. Canteen orders will return to normal in Term 4.



## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ATHLETICS FACTION CAPTAINS**

Sincere congratulations are extended to the following students, who were elected by their peers, as the 2023 School Faction Athletics Captains. They were presented with their faction badges at our Assembly last Friday. These are outstanding achievements and they should be very proud of their efforts!



## **CONGRATULATIONS - ALEXANDER H**

Congratulations is extended to Alexander in Year 6! Alexander was awarded the Irene McCormack Catholic College Bursary for 2024. In addition, on the weekend, Alexander was awarded the 'Bob Rintoul' award for 2023. This award is presented by the Quinn's District Junior Football Club to one player from the Modified age group who has demonstrated good sportsmanship and fairness within their team. These are outstanding achievements! We congratulate Alexander on his efforts and wish him every success in the future.



## **MANGAHIGH**

Mangahigh is a digital resource used by the students to enhance their understanding of Mathematical concepts. Mangahigh uses engaging and interactive quizzes and games to foster active participation with key concepts. At last week's Assembly, a number of students received awards for being High Achievers with their use of this program. We congratulate them for their efforts.





## **SPORTS**

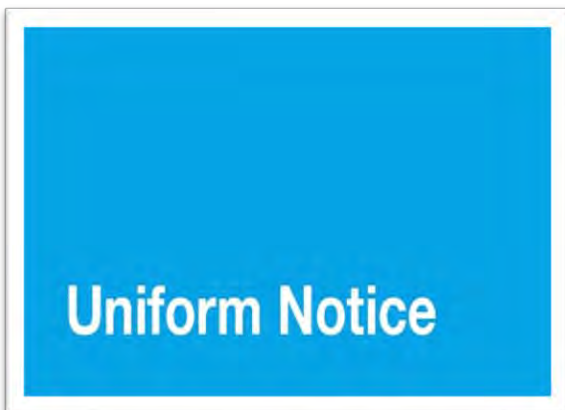
We are in the midst of our sport carnivals and the success of today's events is a testament of the preparation and dedication of Mr Kelly and the school staff as a whole. The sports captains performed admirably and were ably assisted by the other Year 6 students. We eagerly look forward to tomorrow's events.

## **FREE DRESS DAY – Sport Theme**

Children are invited to wear appropriate free dress (no thongs or offensive t-shirt slogans, etc.) on ***Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> September for a Gold Coin donation*** to Catholic charities. Thank you for your support.



## **UNIFORM FOR TERM 4**



Please be aware that the children commence Term 4 wearing the full summer uniform. As a courtesy, we usually give a one-week period of grace before enforcing our uniform policy. Now is an appropriate time to check your children's uniform stocks. During the winter period many children experience growth spurts and it can be quite a shock in October when they put on school uniforms that they last wore in April. Sports shoes, as in the handbook and on the website, should be predominantly white in colour.

Parents of Year 6 children are advised that their children will be expected to wear the full summer uniform throughout Term 4 and that this should fit correctly – especially for Graduation in December.

## **SECOND-HAND UNIFORMS WANTED URGENTLY**

As we now enter a new season for uniforms, we welcome any donation of second-hand uniforms for other families. Building up a supply of second-hand uniforms benefits all of the families at our school. (As with the cost of living at the moment, any second-hand uniforms, sold at heavily reduced prices, directly benefit all of the students at the school). It saddened me to have one of our local Op Shops bring into me a selection of second-hand uniforms, which they kindly donated back to our school.



*Donations are accepted on any day and at any time and you are welcome to simply send them in with your child or deposit them at the front office with Mrs Champion. We appreciate all of your support with this endeavour.*

### **SCHOOL FEES**

Thank you to the many fantastic parents who have paid their school fee accounts or are up to date with payments. By now, three quarters of the school fees should have been paid. Reminders have gone home to families who are not up to date. Please contact Mr Fontaine or Mrs Rafferty if you are experiencing difficulties. Your attention to this important aspect of our school is appreciated.



**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 Chloe B, Jonathan W,  
Skye F, Ari W, Lani C, Nate S and Xavier C

We hope you have a wonderful day!

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#### PARISH NEWS

**St Andrew's**  
Catholic Church  
Clarkson



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

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

SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
					<b>15 SEPTEMBER</b>  School Athletics Carnival Field (throws and Jumps) Events Until Recess  Senior Tabloids after recess  Presentation of Grade Champion Medals & Faction Shield approx. 12noon  <b>Lunch</b>  Junior tabloids after lunch
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	<b>22 SEPTEMBER</b>  <b>Pupil Free Day</b>