



Companions on the Journey

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#### *A Prayer for Peace*

*Lord Jesus Christ,  
You are the true King of peace.  
In You alone is found freedom.  
Please free our world from conflict.  
Bring unity to troubled nations.  
Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart.*

*Dispel all darkness and evil.  
Protect the dignity of every human life.  
Replace hatred with Your love.  
Give wisdom to world leaders.  
Free them from selfish ambition.  
Eliminate all violence and war.*

*Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, hear our prayers.  
Jesus, I trust in You! Amen.*

**Dear Parents and Guardians,**

I hope that everyone enjoyed their school vacation. It was wonderful to walk around and talk to the children upon their return about the exciting events that took place. Term 4 has come around so quickly that it is important to talk to your children about their goals and expectations after looking through their work at Open Night. It is by this team effort and ***united approach that we strive to provide the best opportunities and outcomes for the students.***



A reminder to all parents of children who are currently in Year 3 that we will be holding a ***Year 3 Parent BYOD information session for 2024 in the school Library next Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> October commencing at 3:00pm***. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please ensure that you visit the school website for a copy of the Term 4 Dates and to read the previous newsletter.

I wish all of the staff who are currently on Long Service Leave a well-earned rest and I look forward to their return in the very near future.

### **ST ANDREW'S DAY & THANKSGIVING MASS**

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we have had to change the date of this Mass. It is now scheduled for **Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November** (rather than Thursday). Mass will commence at 8:50am and will be hosted by 3B. All parents are welcome to attend.

### **RUNNING CLUB**

Running and Athletics training commenced this week. It will again be held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings until the conclusion of the Interschool Carnival. The last session of training for the year will be on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> October.

### **YOU'RE INVITED**

***You are all invited to attend the ACM of the Parent Advisory Council followed by the ACM of the Parents & Friends Association. These meetings will be held on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November commencing at 6:00pm in the school hall.***

### **LOST PROPERTY**

If your child has lost or misplaced any article of clothing, please check the box in the undercover area, especially after sport days. Any item, which is clearly marked with your child's name, has been returned to your child.



### **PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL**



Please ensure that all families follow safe practices and park in the appropriate bays. We also request that you be courteous to the residents and neighbours. The City of Wanneroo has advised us that rangers will be in attendance. Please observe all laws.

### **CLASSES - REQUESTS**

A few parents have written to me with regards to classes in 2024. We are blessed at St Andrew's to have teachers of the highest calibre. I feel that your children will be well catered for. Most classes work collaboratively together in any event.



***Parents should not assume that the current teachers will remain in their current grades for next year. No final decision as to which teacher is teaching which grade has been made, but a significant number of staff will change grade next year.***

Parents need to take into consideration that there are only 2 classes per grade and that children will be split from their previous year. ***Your current teacher has your child's best interest at heart and will attempt to place them into the best class for their needs.*** Parents should also be aware that if a teacher is requested, then your child may not be placed in the same class as their friends. Also, it may be necessary that friendship groups be split for optimum learning to occur. (A conversation with your child's current teacher may be a good starting point.) **Parents should not request a teacher and then friendship groups. It is one or the other and if a request is put in for both, then it will be completely discounted.**

I will acknowledge your request and they will be taken into consideration. Unfortunately, I **cannot give any guarantee for requests** made. **All requests must be made in writing.**

**[admin@standrews.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@standrews.wa.edu.au)**

***All requests should be finalised by end of the school day on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> October.***

## **2024 BOOKLISTS**

**This year the 2024 Booklists must be accessed online. Paper copies will not be sent home.**

Orders must be placed online by **FRIDAY, 17<sup>th</sup> November.** I recommend that all parents use this service so that your child has the correct books to commence school with next year.

### **Instructions for online orders:**

1. Log on to [www.campion.com.au](http://www.campion.com.au)
2. Click on "Parents Order Here"
3. You will be prompted to either set up an **account** or log into an existing account.
4. Enter the following code into the **Resource List code: 7DMW**
5. Select the year level and then choose the items that you want to purchase.

Parents are reminded to not re-order items, which should have been retained from the previous year. ***For those parents who order their children's books before the due date, there is a significant discount on the package /handling charges associated.***

**There is a home delivery service associated with this booklist, so that this can also assist families from our school.**

If you intend visiting a Campion Retail Store in January, then please be advised of the following:

- **Not all textbooks will be available at the retail stores in January.** It is then up to parents to locate the textbooks that are unavailable and ensure that their child has them for the commencement of the 2024 school year.
- ***It is essential that all children have the correct texts from day one.***
- Some textbooks on the booklist are a special St. Andrew's order and will not be on the shelves.
- There may be VERY LONG delays in store at this time.

***If you require any assistance with the book ordering, then you are more than welcome to ask directly at the front office.***

**God Bless,  
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**

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

**Happy Birthday to Jordan U, Bronny J, Mia G and  
Charlotte M**

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

## 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. Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October at 1:30pm in the staffroom.



The ACM will be held on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November in the school hall at 6.00pm. Elections will be held for the Executive at this meeting. All Executive positions may be vacated. Anyone who is interested in nominating for a position on the Executive is welcome to contact the P & F through the school. The job description can be found on the school website (link below) or hard copies are available in the office. Please note these are guidelines only.

<https://standrews.wa.edu.au/parents-and-friends/>

If you would like further information regarding the P & F, please email: [standrewspandf@yahoo.com.au](mailto:standrewspandf@yahoo.com.au) or check out the Facebook Page: [St Andrew's Clarkson CPS P & F Group](#).

## PARISH NEWS



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

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

# Parent Advisory Council

## ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING FOR THE ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL WEDNESDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER AT 6.00PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL

If anyone wishes to nominate for the Advisory Council in 2024, they are requested to book an appointment with Mr Fontaine initially and then receive an information pack.

## P & F NEWS

## ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING FOR THE P& F WEDNESDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER AT 6.00pm IN THE SCHOOL HALL

All positions on the P & F Committee are open for nomination for next year. Everyone is welcome to come on board and join our enthusiastic team of parents helping to improve the community spirit of St Andrew's. As a result of the great teamwork this year, workloads have not been too heavy, and we have still managed to raise a tidy sum to assist in the improvement of our children's education. Please consider joining the team and nominating for one of the following positions:

Brief "job descriptions" –

- **President:**  
(Chairs the meetings, liaises with the Principal and co-ordinates the sub-committees in charge of the different events).
- **Vice President:** (Chairs the meetings in the President's absence and assists where required).
- **Secretary:** (Records the Minutes of each meeting and distributes them to each committee member.)
- **Treasurer:** (Presents the financial report prepared for each meeting).
- **Committee Member:** (Comes up with fabulous ideas to keep the community / children entertained!).

I ..... would like to nominate for the  
position of ..... for the 2024 committee.

Signed .....

Please return this nomination slip to Mrs Champion at the front office.



**ST ANDREW'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**TERM 4 2023 – FAMILIES (9 week student term +1)**

SAT/SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7/8 OCT Week 1					13 OCTOBER <b>MJR Assembly</b>
14/15 OCT Week 2	<b>Year 3 Parent Meeting BYOD for 2024 – 3:00pm – Library</b>	Staff Prayer:  Playgroup 9:00 -11:00 Hall  Staff Meeting	18 OCTOBER  <b>Pre-Primary Liturgy of The Word 8:50am - Church</b>	19 OCTOBER	20 OCTOBER  <b>Year 5 Merit Assembly (Both Classes)</b>  <b>Year 6 Footsteps Lesson 1:30pm</b>
21/22 OCT Week 3	23 OCTOBER  P & F Meeting 8:30am Staffroom	24 OCTOBER  Staff Prayer: : Playgroup 9:00 -11:00 Hall  Staff Meeting	25 OCTOBER	26 OCTOBER	27 OCTOBER  <b>Interschool Athletics Carnival Years 3 -6 ALL EVENTS TBC</b>
28 / 29 OCT Week 4	30 OCTOBER  <b>Academic All Stars Event</b>	31 OCTOBER  Staff Prayer:  Playgroup 9:00 -11:00 Hall  No Staff Meeting	1 NOVEMBER  <b>All Saints Mass 9:00am (Year 3W)</b>	2 NOVEMBER  <b>Year 6 Transperth Incursion</b>	3 NOVEMBER  <b>Year 1 Merit Assembly (Both Classes)</b>  <b>Year 6 Footsteps Lesson 1:30pm</b>
4/5 NOV Week 5	6 NOVEMBER  <b>Advisory Council Meeting 5:00pm Budget and School Fees</b>	7 NOVEMBER  Staff Prayer  <b>Melbourne Cup</b>	8 NOVEMBER	9 NOVEMBER	10 NOVEMBER  <b>Remembrance Day Year 2 11:00am</b>  <b>Year 6 Footsteps Lesson 1:30pm</b>
11/12 NOV Week 6	13 NOVEMBER	14 NOVEMBER  Staff Prayer  <b>NO PLAYGROUP</b> <b>CURRENT KINDY PUPIL FREE</b>  <b>Kindy 2024 Orientation Meeting 9:00 -10:00am PARENTS ONLY</b>  Staff Meeting	15 NOVEMBER  <b>P &amp; F and Advisory Council ACM 6:00pm School Hall</b>	16 NOVEMBER	17 NOVEMBER  <b>MJR Assembly</b>  <b>Year 6 Footsteps Lesson 1:30pm</b>

18/19 NOV Week 7	20 NOVEMBER  <b>Music Gala 8:45am- Whole School in Hall</b>	21 NOVEMBER  Staff Prayer  Playgroup 9:00 -11:00 Hall  <b>2024 Pre-Primary Orientation Afternoon Meeting 1:45pm PARENTS ONLY</b>  Year 4 Excursion – WA Reptile Park  Staff Meeting	22 NOVEMBER	23 NOVEMBER	24 NOVEMBER  <b>P &amp; F Celebration for St. Andrew's Day</b>  <b>SCITECH</b>  <b>CANTEEN CLOSED</b>  Kindy White classes as normal at school
25//26 NOV Week 8  <b>Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Nov St Andrew's Parish Feast Day Mass 9:00am</b>  <b>FREE Sausage sizzle after 9:00aam Mass</b>	27 NOVEMBER	28 NOVEMBER  Staff Prayer  Playgroup 9:00 -11:00 Hall Last day  Kindy - Year 6 Nativity / Carols Night 5:00 Picnic 6:00 Nativity / Carols School choir to lead singing	29 NOVEMBER  <b>Saint Andrew's Day, Christmas / Staff Farewell and Thanksgiving Mass 8:50am (Host: 3B)</b>	30 NOVEMBER  Kindy 2023 to Pre- Primary 2024 Orientation time	1 DECEMBER  <b>Year 6 Graduation Outing</b>
2/3 DEC Week 9	4 DECEMBER	5 DECEMBER Staff Prayer  <b>Kindy – Fun Day</b>  <b>Kindy Christmas Party</b>  <b>KINDY LAST DAY Early finish after party</b>  <b>Year 6 Footsteps Lesson 11:00am</b>  No Staff Meeting	6 DECEMBER  <b>Year 6 Graduation Mass 6.00pm Church</b> School choir to lead singing  Free Dress Day Theme – Holidays Gold coin donation	7 DECEMBER  <b>Final Assembly</b> Start of school. School choir to lead singing 3 carols only  <b>2024 Class Orientation Years K - 6 10.40am – 11.30am Class Lists on display</b>  Children will participate in transition session	8 DECEMBER  <b>Last day of Term 4 for students</b>  Reports available on SEQTA
9/10 DEC Week 10	11 DECEMBER  PUPIL FREE DAY  STAFF PLANNING	12 DECEMBER  PUPIL FREE DAY	13 DECEMBER  PUPIL FREE DAY	14 DECEMBER  PUPIL FREE DAY	15 DECEMBER  PUPIL FREE DAY