



Companions on the Journey

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*God, who loves us dearly,
We thank you for the life of Saint Mary MacKillop.
She showed us how to love and care for each other
And how to trust you when everything seemed wrong.
We ask her to pray with us at this time.
May Saint Mary MacKillop help us to follow Jesus always.
Amen*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Today, the 8th of August, we celebrate the Feast Day of St Mary MacKillop. St Mary MacKillop is a very important part of the Catholic identity of our school, as the charism of her sisters are embraced in what we aspire to be in living out Gospel values at St Andrew's School.

Mary Helen MacKillop RSJ (15 January 1842 – 8 August 1909), now formally known as St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, was an Australian nun who has been declared a Saint by the Catholic Church. Of Scottish descent, she was born in Melbourne, but was best known for her activities in South Australia. Mary was beatified on the 19th of January 1995 at Randwick Racecourse, Sydney, in a Mass celebrated by Pope John Paul II.

She was canonised as St Mary of the Cross at a Mass celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI in St Peter's Square in the Vatican on 17th October 2010. Julian Edmund Tenison-Woods (15 November 1832 – 7 October 1889) was an English Catholic priest and geologist, active in Australia. With Mary MacKillop, he co-founded the Congregation of Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart at Penola in 1866.



The Sisters have been a very active part of the St Andrew's Parish and school community for several years now. We are very blessed to have Sister Wendy working at our school. We send our heartfelt appreciation, thanks and blessings to Sister Wendy and all the Sisters' of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart on the feast day of their leader.

PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION

Almighty God,

We pray for those students being Confirmed next week.

May your high expectations, Lord be matched by their faithfulness.

On this special occasion, when their Baptism is transformed into Confirmation by Your Grace and their free will.

Let the church rejoice and their schools applaud.

May the Sacraments deepen their spiritual experience of You and encourage them in the exploration of their faith.

Let us pledge ourselves in doing all that we can to support them in their commitment.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on TUESDAY, 13th August at 6pm.

URSTRONG ONLINE WORKSHOPS

On Tuesday we celebrated the URSTRONG DAY OF FRIENDSHIP online workshops. The children and staff enjoyed the presentation. It also served to strengthen their knowledge and understanding regarding positive friendship choices.



SCHOOL MASS – NEXT THURSDAY - FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION



We will be celebrating a School Mass at 9am on Thursday, 15th August. We cordially invite all members of the St Andrew's School community to join us in celebration.

BOOK WEEK 2024 DRESS UP PARADE – TUESDAY 20th AUGUST

Each year, since 1945 the Children's Book Council of Australia has brought children and books together across Australia during Book Week. During this time, schools and libraries spend one week, in particular, celebrating books and Australian children's authors and illustrators. To celebrate Book Week this year, we will be holding our annual book week dress up parade on Tuesday, 20th August, straight after morning drop off. The theme for 2024 is "*Reading is Magic*".

Please ensure that if your child is wearing a costume, that they have suitable footwear and clothing for the rest of the day at school. **There will be no run club that morning.**



PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL

Last week, the St Andrew's School Band played at The Performing Arts Festival. Congratulations to the students for their outstanding performance at the festival! Their hard work, practice and dedication truly shone through. They should be very proud of their efforts.



UNIFORMS

We wish to thank you for ensuring that your child is complying with the winter uniform requirements. Our uniform range is noted on the website and all children are welcome to wear either option 1 or 2. These include the school tunic with shirt and tie or the school trouser/short with shirt or tie. In addition, our range has also been expanded to include the skirt. Families are able to order school uniforms directly from Perm-A-Pleat and they will be delivered to school or to your home. Please see the school website for further information.

**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 to
Oscar D, Harry F, Nikita F, Ella W, Zahli S,
Nevaeh S and Henry W**

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.



PARISH NEWS



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

clarkson.perthcatholic.org.au

ST ANDREW'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
TERM 3 PLANNER 2024 PARENTS (10 week term)

SAT/SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
					9 AUGUST Year 2 Merit Assembly (Both Classes) Performing Arts Woodwind Solo Performances
10/11 AUG Week 5	12 AUGUST Science Incursion Years 5 & 6	13 AUGUST Run Club Staff Prayer Playgroup 8:30 -10:30 Hall CONFIRMATION 6:00pm	14 AUGUST	15 AUGUST Run Club Feast of the Assumption Mass (4W) 9:00am	16 AUGUST Year 3 Merit Assembly (Both Classes)
17/18 AUG WEEK 6 Children's Book Week 17– 23 August	19 AUGUST P & F Father's Day Raffle tickets sent home	20 AUGUST Staff Prayer NO RUN CLUB Book Week Character Parade – Hall 8:50am Playgroup 8:30 -10:30 Undercover area Staff Meeting	21 AUGUST	22 AUGUST Run Club Maths Day Incursion (PP – 3) One Big Voice Festival (Yr4-6 selected choir)	23 AUGUST Maths Day Incursion (4 – 6)
24/25 AUG Week 7	26 AUGUST	27 AUGUST Staff Prayer Run Club Playgroup 8:30 -10:30 Hall	28 AUGUST Year 1 Liturgy of The Word 8:50am - Church Advisory Council Meeting	29 AUGUST Run Club	30 AUGUST PPB & PPW Father's Day Assembly (NO Merit) Father's Day Family Breakfast 7:15am – 8:00am Father's Day Raffle drawn at Assembly
31 AUG / 1 SEPT Week 8 FATHER'S DAY	2 SEPTEMBER	3 SEPTEMBER Staff Prayer NO RUN CLUB Open Night / Book Fair 3:00 - 4:30pm Festivities Conclude 4:30pm Playgroup 8:30 -10:30 Hall No Staff Meeting	4 SEPTEMBER	5 SEPTEMBER Run Club	6 SEPTEMBER URSTRONG Assembly

7/8 SEPT Week 9	9 SEPTEMBER	10 SEPTEMBER Staff Prayer Playgroup 8:30 -10:30 Hall Last day of Run Club for Term 3 Year 6 Excursion (Brownes Dairy) Staff Meeting	11 SEPTEMBER	12 SEPTEMBER NO RUN CLUB School Athletics Carnival School Athletics Carnival Track Events Junior tabloids and Senior Tabloids after Lunch (run concurrently) Presentation of Grade Champion Medals & Faction Shield after tabloids	13 SEPTEMBER Year 3 Excursion
14/15 SEPT Week 10	16 SEPTEMBER	17 SEPTEMBER Staff Prayer Playgroup 8:30 -10:30am Staff Meeting	18 SEPTEMBER	19 SEPTEMBER	20 SEPTEMBER LAST DAY OF TERM FREE DRESS DAY FAVOURITE SPORT PERSON /TEAM