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Companions on the Journey

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*Almighty God,
We pray for our school.
We give thanks for the staff, students and parents.
We ask for your encouragement to acknowledge our achievements and
to be clear sighted into directions that we undertake in the future.
We ask this through, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen*

Dear Parents

On Tuesday 9th November, we will be holding our Annual **Kindergarten Orientation Meeting** for children and families joining our community in 2022.



Next Thursday, 11th November at 11:00am, we will be holding our Remembrance Day celebration. All are welcome to join us for this event.

The end of the school year is rapidly approaching and there is so much going on at school. To remain fully informed, please refer to the Term Planner, school newsletter and website.

LEGO

Next week we are all geared up and excited as we will have our **Lego Masters Incursion** at the school.

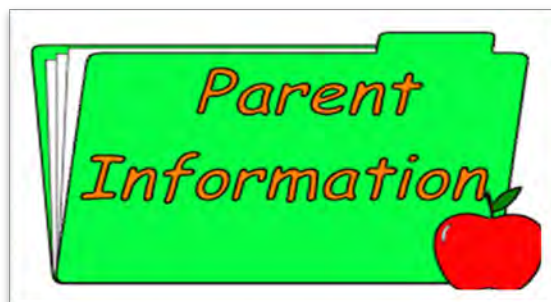


KINDERGARTEN 2022/2023

If any family, currently enrolled at our school, has not put in an application for their child to attend *Kindergarten in 2022/2023*, could they please do so urgently as places are filling rapidly. If you are unsure of your child's enrolment status, please contact Mrs Champion urgently.

ATTENTION CURRENT KINDERGARTEN PARENTS – PRE-PRIMARY PARENT INFORMATION SESSION – TUESDAY 16th NOVEMBER at 2:00pm.

All parents with children who are currently in our Kindergarten Program are invited to a parent information session to prepare your child for their transition into Pre-Primary next year. This will be held at 2:00pm on Tuesday 16th November and will conclude at 2:30pm, in time for you to collect your Kindergarten child as normal. We hope to see all Kindergarten parents there for this important event.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF BOTH THE P&F AND SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL



These important school community meetings will occur on Wednesday, 17th November in the school hall. The AGM of the School Advisory Council starts at 6.00pm and the AGM of the P & F is scheduled to start immediately after. I invite all parents to attend. Please consider joining the P & F committee. We are always looking for people who wish to help coordinate or assist with the many activities which are held throughout the school year.

2022 BOOKLISTS

Previous newsletters have provided all families with clear directions about ordering the 2022 Booklist. The book lists are easy to read and provide all of the information for parents and guardians to ensure that the children turn up to school with all of the equipment that they require for a successful start to the 2022 school year. If you are unsure, please speak directly to Mrs Champion.



SCHOOL FEES ARE VERY IMPORTANT

Thank you to the families who have already met their fee commitments for the 2021 school year. The deadline for 2021 school fees is Thursday, 25th November. Fees can be paid by cash, credit card, and direct debit or B Pay if these options are in place. As you can imagine, schools operate on sizeable budgets and the paying of school fees has a determining factor in meeting expenses.

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

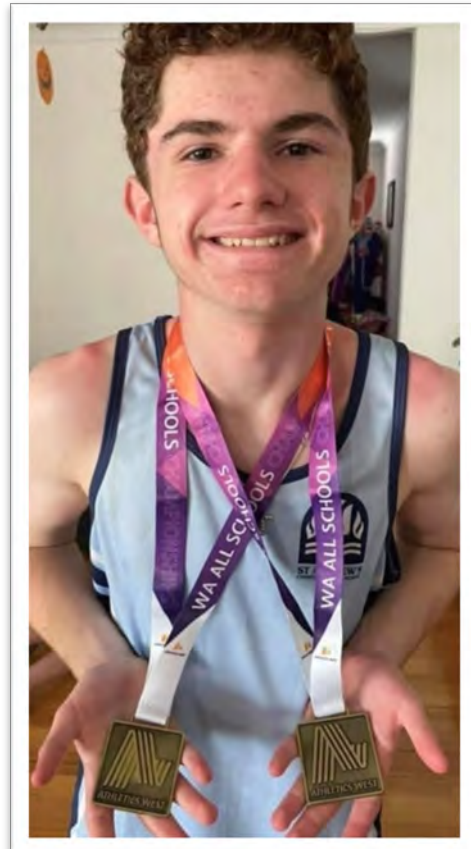
Last Friday, our interschool athletics team participated in the carnival at Ridgewood Oval.



Once again, the staff and I were impressed by the dedication of the children and the support that they provided for each other while competing in their events. We achieved some excellent results throughout the day. A special mention is made to Mr Waddell and all of the staff who supported and trained the children. Thank you one and all.

CONGRATULATIONS – STATE ATHLETICS FINALS – THOMAS S – YEAR 6

Congratulations is extended to Thomas S in Year 6, who participated so enthusiastically at our interschool carnival on Friday and then had to front up on Saturday to compete in the State Athletics Finals. I am pleased to inform you that Thomas **achieved a first place in both the 100m and 200m Under/14 finals**, where he had to compete against high school students. Thomas was the only student who currently attends a primary school, who competed on the day. Finally, we are also so happy because Thomas represented St. Andrew's School in the event; the only primary school represented on the day. Celebrations all round and we can't wait to see what the future holds for Thomas! Congratulations once again.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations is extended to Emily H in Year 5 who has been accepted into the Western Australian Super Squad team for Tee ball in 2021/22. Congratulations, Emily!



CANTEEN NEWS

On Wednesday 17th November 2021 the Canteen will be closed for on-line orders. **Unfortunately, the Canteen is only able to accept cash for orders on this day.**

Sorry for any inconvenience.

Maria Cross
Canteen

EXISTING FAMILIES NOT RETURNING IN 2022

We never like to lose families from our school community but fully understand that this occurs from time to time and for a variety of reasons. Should your child not be returning to St. Andrew's in 2022, could you please place this in writing, urgently. In your letter, please detail your child's class, their full name, the departure date, where they will be going to school in 2022 and a change of address if applicable. We appreciate your support.

RETIRING/STAFF LEAVING

At the end of the 2021 school year, we will be saying farewell to Mr Warren Smith, Mrs Anne O'Connell, Mrs Jacqui Durtanovich, Mrs Deb Parody and Mrs Lesley O'Neil, all who are retiring from St. Andrew's School. We also say farewell to two other staff members who are leaving our school: Mr Dave Parody and Mrs Julie McMillan. We will all have an opportunity to thank, honour and acknowledge them for their dedicated service to the St. Andrew's School community as the year comes to a close.



CHRISTMAS AND THANKSGIVING FAREWELL MASS

All parents and anyone else who may be interested in farewelling retiring staff from St. Andrew's School are very welcome to attend our farewell Mass and morning tea on 1st December in St. Andrew's Church and School Hall, starting at 8:45 am. Please come along if you can and take the opportunity to say farewell to all staff who are leaving St Andrew's, including five foundational or senior staff members. (If you would like to stay for the morning tea, could you please RSVP to the school. admin@standrews.wa.edu.au)



MR WARREN SMITH – UPDATE

Many families, with children in Year 6, have known that Mr Smith has been suffering with a very sore back. He received this injury while away in Melbourne, earlier in the year. Unfortunately, his declining health now means that he will require surgery and, of course, a long recovery time to recuperate. It saddens me to inform the community that Mr Smith will not be back to teach this year and will also miss many of his school farewells. Please keep Warren in your prayers as he undergoes his surgery and of course his recovery. If there is any further news, I will keep you all informed via the school newsletter.

Thank you.

God bless you

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.

ST ANDREW'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL TERM 4 2021 – PARENTS (9 week student term +1)

SAT/SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
30/31 OCT Week 4	1 NOVEMBER All Saints Mass 9:00am (Year 5B)	2 NOVEMBER Staff Prayer Playgroup 9:00 -11:00 Hall Melbourne Cup Staff Meeting	3 NOVEMBER	4 NOVEMBER Year 2 Incursion Year 3 Excursion Lego Workshop Clarkson Library pm	5 NOVEMBER :
6/7 NOV Week 5	8 NOVEMBER Lego Incursion Year 6	9 NOVEMBER Staff Prayer: NO PLAYGROUP CURRENT KINDY PUPIL FREE Kindy 2022 Orientation Meeting 9:00 -10:00am Lego Incursion Year 5	10 NOVEMBER Lego Incursion Year 4 CCC MEETING At St Andrews	11 NOVEMBER Remembrance Day Year 2 11:00am Lego Incursion Year 3	12 NOVEMBER Merit Assembly
13/14 NOV Week 6	15 NOVEMBER Advisory Council Meeting 5:00pm Budget and School Fees	16 NOVEMBER Staff Prayer Year 6 Footsteps 2022 Pre-Primary Orientation Afternoon Meeting 2:00pm Staff Meeting -	17 NOVEMBER NO ON-LINE CANTEEN ORDERS TODAY (INTERNET UPGRADED) P & F and Advisory Council AGM 6:00pm School Hall	18 NOVEMBER Year 6 Footsteps	19 NOVEMBER MJR Assembly

You're Invited



ST ANDREW'S
Catholic Primary School

Dear St Andrew's School Families

THANKSGIVING AND FAREWELL MASS FOR RETIRING STAFF

After many years of devotion to various educational communities, Mr Warren Smith, Mrs Anne O'Connell, Mrs Deb Parody, Mrs Jacqui Durtanovich and Mrs Lesley O'Neil have decided to retire.

To recognise and acknowledge this significant occasion, the *St Andrew's Catholic Primary School* community will be celebrating with a *Liturgy of the Eucharist* and Morning Tea as outlined in the details below:

Date: Wednesday 1 December, 2021

Time: 8.45 am

Place: St Andrew's Catholic Church

Morning Tea: St Andrew's School Community Hall

RSVP: ESSENTIAL: by 12th November, 2021

admin@standrews.wa.edu.au

We do hope you will be able to attend and look forward to seeing you on the day if you are available.

Yours sincerely

Sam Fontaine

Principal



**Happy Birthday to
Dafney C, Gabriel A, Conor H, Nicole C, Chad N,
Marcus C, Patrick C and Sid D**

ST ANDREW'S INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETIC CARNIVAL



Last Friday, St Andrew's Catholic Primary School participated in the Regional Inter-School Athletics Carnival. It was a fantastic day, with great weather and it was wonderful to see all the students compete so well and support each other throughout the day. All students that attended should be extremely proud of the way they represented St Andrew's and it was especially heart-warming to see the way the students cheered each other on and encouraged their peers in all events. We competed extremely well and ended up 5th out of 10 schools that attended. Thank you to all the parents that attended and helped where possible. A special thanks to Mrs Deans, Mrs Baldock, Mrs Puca and Mrs Jaschinsky for helping all the students with their events. Throughout the day there were many outstanding performances which lead to first, second and third place positions for St. Andrew's students. Our school running club fitness training has again assisted each student to give their best. Well done to all students involved; a magnificent effort and one that they should be very proud of.

P&F NEWS



Do not 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. We can also be contacted on the email address:

standrewsparentsandfriends@gmail.com

P & F AGM MEETING

The AGM will be held on 17th 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 or check out the Facebook Page: [St Andrew's Clarkson CPS P & F Group](#).

PARISH NEWS

St Andrew's
Catholic Church
Clarkson



For all parish information please follow the following link.

clarkson.perthcatholic.org.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

Do not forget to check out the ***St Andrew's School Face Book Page***. Many events and great photos are available here for viewing.

<https://www.facebook.com/standrewscps/>



Advisory Council

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR THE ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL WEDNESDAY 17th NOVEMBER 6.00PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL

If anyone wishes to nominate for the Advisory Council in 2022, 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 17th NOVEMBER 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 2022 committee.

Signed

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



School banking update.

Dear School Families,

For 90 years, our School Banking program has helped children learn about money, reinforced the importance of regular savings and provided structure for parents to support their children to save.

Support is strong from schools, principals and volunteers who choose to run the program, however you may be aware that in past months, a number of state and territory governments have announced bans on banks delivering programs in their schools, and the NSW Government announced a similar decision today, because of a report from the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC).

We are disappointed with the position taken by ASIC and subsequent decisions by some state and territory governments to take the choice to participate away from individual schools and parents. Because of the ASIC review and these government decisions, we are unable to continue providing programs in schools and we have had to make a difficult decision to close our School Banking program nationally.

As a result, the CommBank School Banking program will not be returning to schools beyond 2021.

Our School Banking program was established in 1931 at a time when having a bank account was not commonplace, and since then we have helped more than 15 million Australians take their first financial steps.

This would not have been possible without the wonderful support we have had from the schools we partnered with over the journey, and for this we are deeply grateful.

Even though this is a sad time, School Banking has taught so many young

Australians, past and present, the value of money and we believe this should be celebrated. We have created a place for you to share your stories, fondest memories and lessons learnt through the program. Share your story at commbank.com.au/sbstories

While our in-school program will close, we are committed to supporting financial wellbeing, and will always provide financial education to young Australians. We have launched a new [CommBank Youth Hub](#), which brings together all our youth financial education resources for parents and teachers. This includes a range of free resources including lesson plans, videos and worksheets from our curriculum-aligned financial education program, Start Smart.

Our School Banking team will remain available until the end of the year to answer any questions you may have about running the program. You can contact our School Banking Helpdesk on 1800 674 496 Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm (AEDST).

To find out more about these changes and to access resources, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Thank you sincerely for your support of our program. It has been invaluable and has helped many Australian children learn the importance of saving.

Warm regards,
Veronica



Veronica Howarth
Head of School Banking
CommBank