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Companions on the Journey

## NEWSLETTER NO 37 2021 2 DECEMBER 2021

### First Sunday of Advent

*In your coming Lord, may our hearts be open,  
so that we may be filled with peace.*

*May our minds be open,  
so that we may know your will.*

*May our eyes be open,  
so that, in others, we might see your light.*

*And may our lives be open, so that you may come to us  
and fill us with hope and joy.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

**AMEN**



First Week



### The First Sunday of Advent

*Be watchful – Stay Awake.*

*The 1<sup>st</sup> Candle is called the Prophet's Candle to remind us of  
the Old Testament about the Messiah*

*Lord our God, during this time of Advent, teach me to wait and be patient  
with ourselves and those around us. Teach us  
to find time for loved ones that we might grow in your love.*

*Amen.*

Dear Parents

We have entered the **Season of Advent** and we should explore the many themes in our own lives. Although you will probably not be directly confronted with the crowds of hungry or suffering people this day, as Jesus was, you doubtlessly do know someone who is in need; spiritually, emotionally or materially. Possibly this week you could spend some time and open your compassionate heart to another?



Fr Darek has given to me a copy of the Christmas Mass timetable for St Andrew's Church. This year, being the first year that Fr Darek will be at St Andrew's for Christmas, may be a great opportunity for you and your family to attend one of the Christmas Masses. The Christmas Eve Mass at 6:00pm is a Family Mass and is geared up for the children. Maybe you could organise some of your child's class friends and attend together?



### **ST ANDREW'S BOOK ORDERS FOR 2022**

Campion have collected the book lists from St Andrew's. Late orders that missed the cut-off date will need to be placed online at [www.campion.com.au](http://www.campion.com.au). All late orders are **home delivery only**. Campion will endeavour to despatch your order before school begins. They cannot guarantee delivery before the school term starts. Alternatively, you can go to the Campion store in Malaga to collect your items.

### **ST ANDREW'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS**

Last Friday, we spent an enjoyable time, celebrating with the school community at the **St Andrew's Feast Day Mass**. The Mass was very reverent and meaningful. The focus was on the Patron Saint of our school and parish. This was followed by an extra-ordinary activity with **St Andrew's Splash Day Slides** organised by the school's P&F Committee. The children had so much fun participating in the slides and day activities. The kindness of the P&F continued with each child receiving a free icy-pole. **Thank you so much to our wonderful and hard-working P&F Committee.**







## **NATIVITY**

Under extenuating circumstances, a wonderful event was held on Tuesday night where our Kindergarten children performed, Year 5 narrated and the rest of the school performed with the choir for the Nativity. We were so proud of the agility of all the children to adapt because of the power outage. We were so happy to see so many children and families attend. A special mention to the staff; especially Mrs Mulholland and the Kindy staff; Mrs Whitaker, Mrs Scaf, Mrs Puca, Mrs Harvey and Mrs Connolly, for the preparation for this event. This annual event forms a very special part of our religious celebrations for the school and the message that it sends to the children. I also thank all of the staff who attended, not only to supervise the extended school choir, but to also support the students and school. We are blessed to have such a wonderful community working together for the benefit of the children in our care.





### **CHRISTMAS AND THANKSGIVING FAREWELL MASS**

We celebrated on Wednesday our Christmas and Thanksgiving Farewell Mass. It was led by Year 3B who did an outstanding job reading and performing their liturgical movement. It was especially significant in that we honoured five amazing senior and foundational staff members who are retiring. It was a beautiful occasion and we were honoured to have many parents share this with us. We wish our retiring staff members all the very best for the future.



## **GRADUATION OUTING**

Tomorrow, all **Year 6 students** are eagerly looking forward to their **Graduation Outing** and celebration. This event will be held at **Perth Outback Splash**.

## **ENROLLING YOUR CHILD AT ST ANDREW'S**

*Parents who have younger children (0 - 3) are encouraged to book their children in for future years, as places are limited. (There is a small fee associated with placing your name on this list.) We can only enrol your child if the school has the appropriate forms on file. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.*

## **SCHOOL FINISHING DATES FOR 2021**



This year, all children in **Years Pre-Primary – 5** are **expected to attend school until Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December**. They will be dismissed, as normal, at 2:45pm on that day. **The Year 6 Graduating Students will be dismissed directly after the Graduation celebrations and Awards Ceremony** which will be held on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> December commencing at 6:00pm in the Church.

## **FREE DRESS DAY – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2021**

The children will be able to wear free dress on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> December for a gold coin donation to Catholic Christmas Charities – St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. The theme is Holidays/Christmas. Children are not allowed to wear thongs or non-supportive shoes. Thank you for your support.

*The Year 6 Spiritual Ministry.*



## **LIBRARY LOANS**



All students need to return their library books immediately so that a stocktake can be undertaken. To all parents and children, I appreciate your support in the Library this year and look forward to this continuing in 2022.

**Mrs Baldock & Mrs Parody**

## **MUSIC NEWS**

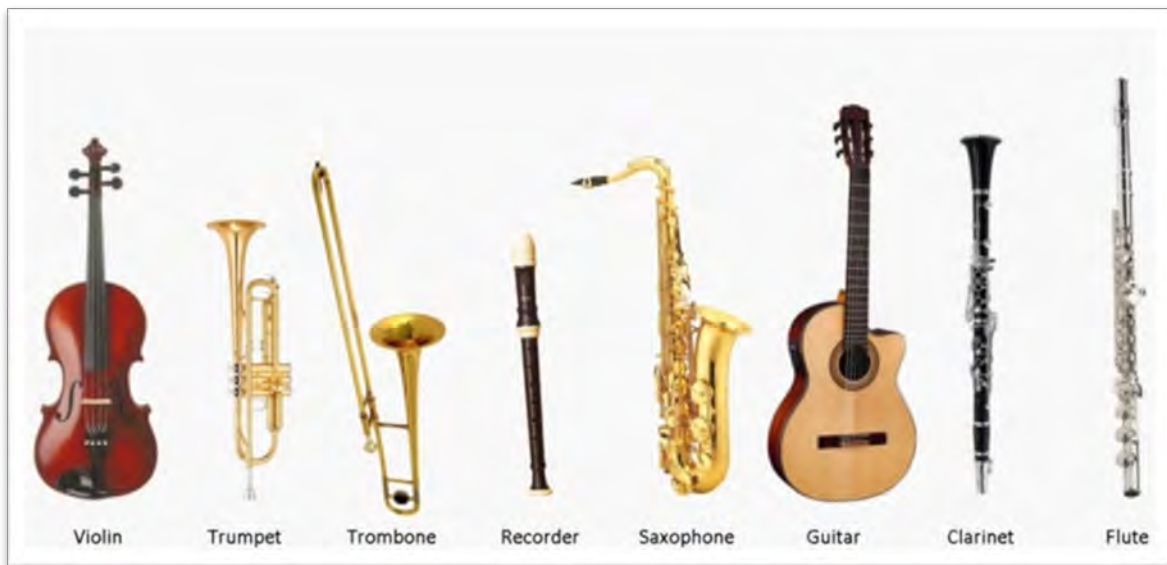
### **REMINDER: INSTRUMENTAL TUITION & RECORDERS**

All children in Years 2-5 have been provided with a Music Tuition Note. If you would like your child to have instrumental lessons in 2022, please return the application form to school as soon as possible. [This includes the children wishing to re-enrol.] I will be forwarding the completed forms to the tutors and they will be in touch with you, by email during the holidays. Thank you to those of you who have already returned their forms.

There are distinct qualifications as to participation in the instrumental program and these requirements are listed on the enrolment and re-enrolment note.

**Recorder is taught to students in years 3, 4 and 5 and every child in these year groups needs to have a recorder. Learning to read music is part of the Western Australian Curriculum.** Recorders appear on each child's booklists and should be retained and used year after year. There is no need to purchase a new recorder each year.

Children who participate in the school's Music tuition program will be given priority when joining the School Band, Performing Arts and the School's Music Gala.



***Mrs Clare Mulholland***

Music Specialist & Instrumental Program Co-ordinator

## **2022 CLASS ORIENTATIONS**

Next Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> December will be a morning filled with both excitement and some trepidation. The children in all years will be introduced to their new classes for 2022. It is important for all parents to be proactive and focus on the positive. A new year brings new challenges, as well the growth, development and maturation of the student. It is by the positive words that you speak with your child that could make or break next year for them. So, I encourage you to consider this and set the scene for a great 2022. We are so blessed at St. Andrew's to have such a talented and giving staff, that no matter which class your child has been placed into, they are destined for greatness. Class lists will not be placed on the classroom door until Friday morning. I must admit that I am also excited personally and I am looking forward to 2022 as well.



**Parents should not attend their child's transition program for their child's sake. We thank you for your cooperation with this matter.**



**LOST PROPERTY:**

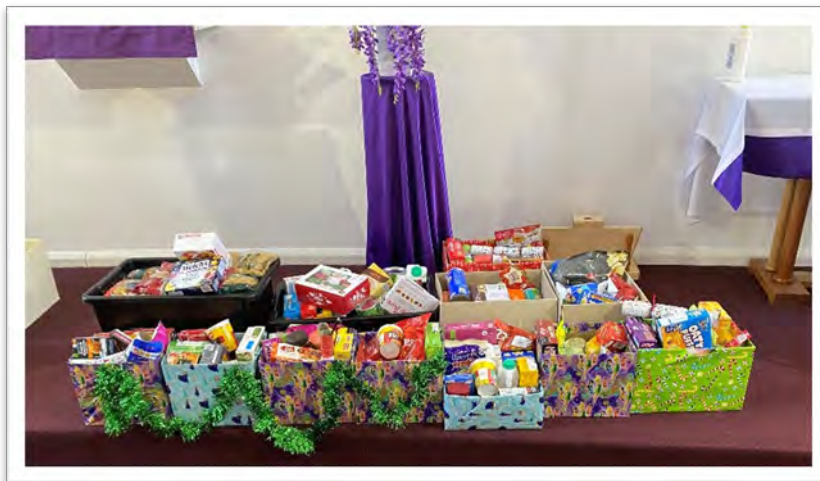
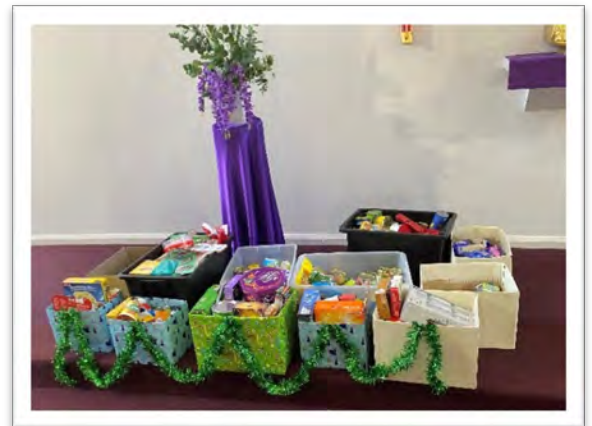
Please check lost property in the undercover area. Any items left at the end of the year will be given to the uniform shop.

**MERRIWA DENTIST:** Parents please note that when your child leaves St Andrew's to go to high school, they are still entitled to go to the Merriwa Dentist. Should you have any concerns please call them on 9305 1272.



**MINNI VINNIES**

32 baskets of goodies have been donated to the St Vincent De Paul, Clarkson. A very big thank you to all the St Andrew's families that have given so generously. Let us pray that those in need will get some relief with their Christmas baskets.





## **THE MUSIC GALA PERFORMANCES**

***On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December***, your child may be performing at the Music Gala in the school hall. The Music Gala is an informal event, which gives the students involved in the St Andrew's School Instrumental Program an opportunity to perform, publicly. There are over 80 students participating and ***parents and friends are welcome to attend.***

***The day will commence at approximately 8:45am.*** There is no definite concluding time or performance time. We apologize but with so many components to this day it would be impossible to give set times. We thank you for understanding and look forward to seeing you all there!



## **ACTIVITIES FOR THE FINAL WEEK OF SCHOOL:**

- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December:** Music Gala – School hall approx. 8:45am start. All invited.
- **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December:** Kindy will have their St Andrew's Graduation & Christmas function celebrations. A separate note was sent home with the details. Please see your child's classroom teacher if any more information is required.
- **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Kindergarten last day for 2021.**
- **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December:** This is the ***last day for the Year 6 students.*** If they are bringing in items to sign, please be aware that they are not permitted to sign their school uniforms but are welcome to sign their graduation shirts **under the supervision of teachers.** No other parts of the uniform should be signed.
  - ❖ Year 6 students are not to attend school on Thursday or Friday unless they are in the school choir or band and are required by Mrs Mulholland. They should also just be at school for the event time and NOT for the entire day.
  - ❖ Year 6 **Thanksgiving/Graduation Mass:** This ***Mass will commence at 6:00pm*** sharp, in the church. The children are expected to **wear full Summer School Uniform with all boys wearing a tie.** (Year 6 Students should be at Church by 5:45pm).

- ❖ **Year 6 Awards:** ALL of these will be presented at a ceremony, to be held in the Hall at the conclusion of the Graduation/Thanksgiving Mass.
  - ❖ **Second Semester Reports:** Reports will be sent home on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December via Seqta engage. (***Parents of children in Year 6 should download a hard copy of their child's report immediately, as well as the reports from previous years.***)
- **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December:** All children will be able to wear ***Free Dress for a gold coin*** donation to Catholic Christmas Charities. The theme will be holidays/Christmas.
  - **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December:** We commence our day with our final assembly for 2021. This assembly will be concluded with the singing of several Christmas Carols lead by Mrs Mulholland and the School Choir.
  - **2022 Class Orientation session** (PP-6) from approximately 10:40am – 11:30am. The children will be directed to their new classes and meet with their new class members and teachers for 2022. An exciting time for all! We ask that **parents do not attend this event**, for the children's sake and to reduce unnecessary anxiety. (Creation of new class groupings each year, by staff and leadership, is an onerous task that obviously will never please everyone. Please be advised that your child has been placed into a class in which their current teacher feels that they would best continue to develop and grow. We thank you for your support.)

The children have told me that they will be very excited to come home and share the good news with you rather than have parents attend and affecting the transition. The knowledge of the new class is always accompanied by some excitement and potential anticipation. Parents, to continue to ensure that your child will have a successful start to 2022, please **FOCUS ON THE POSITIVE!** Talk about the orientation and the good aspects of St Andrew's School, classmates and their new teacher. Your supportive, kind and encouraging words could make all the difference. We thank you for understanding and being so supportive.

- **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December:** The ***final Newsletter and Term 1 Planner for 2022 is uploaded to our website on this day.*** The staff and I have placed a considerable amount of time into the preparation of the 2022 school year and, as such, a list of significant dates has been included in the newsletter. Please add these dates to your calendars so that you can organise the possibility of attending significant events in your child's education.
- **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December - class lists placed on classroom doors for 2022 classes.**
- **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December:** All second semester reports are available, after school, via SEQTA Engage. Last Day of Term for Pre-Primary - Year 5 with a normal school finishing time of 2:45pm applying. (With the exception of our Year 6 children who were dismissed on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December after graduation.) **It is strongly encouraged that all parents download a hard copy of their child's school reports.**

God Bless

**Mr. 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)**

27/28 NOV  Week 8  Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov St Andrew's Parish Feast Day Mass 9:00am	29 NOVEMBER	30 NOVEMBER Staff Prayer  <b>Playgroup 9:00 -11:00 Hall LAST DAY</b>  <b>Kindy - Year 6 Nativity / Carols Night 5:00 Picnic 6:00 Nativity / Carols</b> School choir to lead singing	1 DECEMBER  <b>Christmas and staff FAREWELL and CELEBRATION MASS (Host 3B)</b>  <b>SPECIAL FAREWELL MORNING TEA</b>	2 DECEMBER  Years 3-6 Reconciliation 11:00am – St Andrew's Church	3 DECEMBER  Year 6 Graduation outing
4/5 DEC  Week 9	6 DECEMBER  <b>MUSIC GALA 8:45am- Whole School in Hall</b>	7 DECEMBER Staff Prayer  <b>PP / Kindy –Fun Day</b>  Kindy Christmas Party  <b>KINDY LAST DAY Early finish after party</b>  Staff Meeting	8 DECEMBER <b>LAST DAY YEAR 6</b>  Year 6 Graduation Mass 6.00pm Church School choir to lead singing  Free Dress Day Theme – Holidays Gold coin donation	9 DECEMBER  <b>Final Assembly School choir to lead</b>  <b>2022 Class Orientation Years PP - 6 10.40am – 11.30am Class Lists on display</b>  Children will participate in transition session	10 DECEMBER  <b>Last day of Term 4 for students PP – Year 5</b>  <b>Reports available on SEQTA</b>

# STUDENTS RETURN MONDAY 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2022



Happy Birthday to  
Grace J, Arav K, Zavier H, Liam C, Eva G,  
Morgan S, Harley R, Harlow P, Olivia E, Scarlett G, Neve T, Elijah  
E, Matthew K and Krystal P



## P&F NEWS

### **SPLASH DAY A HUGE SUCCESS**

The P&F would like to thank all the parents who assisted on the day, especially those who volunteered for the first time. The students had a blast and were so well behaved that even the owners of the water slides (Monsterball) commented on how smoothly the day ran! Monsterball will be back on 7<sup>th</sup> December to provide some bouncy castle fun for the last day for Kindy in their Christmas party.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW**

The Welcome Back event will be held on the first Friday of the 2022 School Year (4<sup>th</sup> February 2022). The P&F provide some food trucks, bouncy castles and games on the school oval to kick off a new school year. It's a great opportunity to catch up with other parents and invite your friends and family to see the school grounds. Sadly, the 2021 event was cancelled due to COVID-19 so here's hoping it goes ahead. More details will be sent out closer to the date.

As always, if you have any questions of the P&F or want to get involved, check out the [St Andrew's Clarkson CPS P&F Group](#) Facebook page or email [standrewsparentsandfriends@gmail.com](mailto:standrewsparentsandfriends@gmail.com)



## PARISH NEWS

# St Andrew's Catholic Church Clarkson



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

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

### SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS MASSES – ST ANDREWS CHURCH

<i>Christmas Eve: 24<sup>th</sup> December</i>	<b>6:00pm 12:00midnight</b>	<b>Family Mass Solemn Mass of Christmas</b>
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<i>Christmas Day Saturday 25<sup>th</sup></i>	<b>8:00am 10:00am</b>	<b>Christmas Day Mass Christmas Day Mass</b>
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### HOLY FAMILY FEAST WEEKEND

<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>7:30am</b>	
	<b>9:00am</b>	
	<b>5:00pm</b>	