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*O Glorious Saint Andrew,  
You were the first to recognise and follow the Lamb of God.  
With your friend Saint John, you remained with Jesus for that  
first day,  
for your entire life, and now throughout eternity.  
As you led your brother Saint Peter to Christ and many others  
after him,  
draw us also to Him.  
Teach us to lead others to Christ solely out of love  
for Him and dedication in His service.  
Help us to learn the lesson of the Cross  
and to carry our daily crosses without complaint  
so that they may carry us to Jesus.*

### Dear Parents

Yesterday, at the request of the Parish, we held a Mass to celebrate the Patron Saint of our School and Parish – St. Andrew.

St Andrew, the brother of St Peter and a disciple of St John the Baptist, was among the early followers of Christ. According to tradition, Andrew preached extensively throughout Greece and Asia Minor. He was martyred on an x-shaped cross in Achaia, in Southern Greece.



Our celebrations for the Feast of St. Andrew continue tomorrow with our colour run and activities donated by the school's P&F. This year, participation in the colour run will occur after lunch. A separate note has been sent home with the details and permission to participate. We are looking forward to a great day!

A sincere thank you to the wonderful, dedicated parents and staff who attended last night's ACM's. It is good to see the commitment of so many people, who make the St. Andrew's community so vibrant.

*Both the School Board and P&F Association of the school are very innovative, energetic and always consider the needs of the children. I eagerly look forward to working with them all again next year.*

Our Association with Irene McCormack Catholic College (IMCC) is a strong and cooperative one whereby, with the generosity of the college and our school, a discount to the school fees of IMCC are offered to students who attend both IMCC and have a sibling attending St. Andrew's Catholic Primary School.

### **COLOUR RUN**

Our Colour Run is scheduled for tomorrow, after lunch. Today, your child should have received from their classroom teacher a white T-shirt for the Colour Run. We thank the P&F for generously supplying all of our children with the complimentary shirt. All children can come to school tomorrow dressed in the T-Shirt. They are welcome to wear school shorts or other shorts and we recommend they wear old sneakers.

### **SPECIAL PARISH MASS – ST ANDREW'S DAY**

All students are invited to attend the **9:00am Mass on Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> November** to celebrate St. Andrew's Day with the Parish. Some jobs will be given out on the day. Please try to come along and support this very significant occasion in the life of our parish. Students who attend are to sit with their families and remain under the supervision of parents. After Mass, St Andrew's School staff will be cooking a free sausage sizzle. Come along and enjoy. Hopefully, you can attend!



### **NATIVITY NIGHT – ALL INVITED**

On Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November you are invited to the Nativity Night. The **Nativity Night** commences at approximately 5:00pm with a bring-your-own picnic tea. The venue is the school oval, weather permitting. If there is inclement weather for this event, it will be held in the School Hall, rescheduled or postponed.

At approximately 6:00pm, the Kindergarten children will be acting the Christmas Story and some Year 5 students will narrate. **ALL OTHER STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOL ARE INVITED** and will also be inside the stage area performing Christmas Carols, with the school choir.



All class groups are requested to wear a Christmas t-shirt and jeans or shorts. (Please keep it VERY SIMPLE!!!! – no large hats which block the vision of other children).

***THE PLAYGROUND and BASKETBALL COURTS ARE OUT OF BOUNDS ON THIS NIGHT!***

This will prove to be a very rewarding night for those families, who wish to commence the season of Advent in this way. If parents require any other clarification, they are welcome to contact Mrs Mulholland directly. **IT IS HOPED THAT ALL CHILDREN IN THE SCHOOL WILL ATTEND THIS EVENT!**

## **SCHOOL FEES ARE VERY IMPORTANT**

Thank you to the families who have already met their fee commitments for the 2022 school year. The deadline for 2022 school fees is Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **REPORTING**

### **ATTENTION: New Parents to Our Community – (Kindy/PP and New Families)**

'SEQTA Engage' is an app used by the school to allow parents to access student reports digitally. This week you will have received an email inviting you to download and connect to the 'SEQTA Engage' app.

We ask that you please respond to this invitation as soon as possible. Digital reports will be available on SEQTA Engage on the afternoon of Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> December. Please note that paper reports will not be issued.

Kindy Parents: please be aware that only Pre-Primary students receive formal digital reports. We have invited you to SEQTA Engage to make accessing reports easier next year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Champion in the office.



***Kind Regards,  
Mr Redding  
Technology and Enrichment***

## **EXISTING FAMILIES NOT RETURNING IN 2023**

We never like to lose people 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 2023, 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 2023 and a change of address if applicable. We appreciate your support.

## **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.*



## **FOOTSTEPS PERFORMANCES AND THE MUSIC GALA**

***On Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> December*** your child will be performing in the Footsteps Production and may also be performing in the Music Gala in the school hall. ***Every student, from Pre-Primary to Year 6 will showcase their Footsteps Dance.*** The Music Gala is an informal event, which gives the students involved in the St. Andrew's school instrumental program an opportunity to perform and showcase their talents. A real highlight for me is to see the development and progression of the children's talents year after year. There are over 80 students participating and ***parents and friends are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you all there.***

***The day will commence at approximately at 8:45am with the footsteps class presentations followed by the music gala recitals.*** There is no definite concluding time or performance times. We apologise 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!

<b><i>OUTLINE</i></b>	(Times are approximate only) – all events are held in the School Hall
8:45am	Footsteps performances.
9:30am	Music Gala
10:15am	Go to classes for Sip N Crunch
10:20am	Sip N Crunch
10:25am	Recess
10:45am	Back to Hall – Music Gala part 2.



## **YEAR 6 CAMP REPORT**

We wanted to tell you about the fabulous time that we had at Ern Halliday last week. No doubt you have heard all about the exciting activities that we were involved in. The staff, parents and students all had an awesome time. Here are some of our reflections:

- It was not only fun but very challenging and rewarding.
- Most of us had the thought to “have a go” on challenging activities
- On a personal level, we all challenged ourselves, worked on our collaboration skills, screamed and laughed a lot.
- We all spoke positively and encouraged everyone.
- The activities were better than good....they were great! Some of the caves were really challenging.
- The beach games really brought another dimension to the camp.
- The food was really good!
- The night activities were really good fun and everyone got involved.

A big thank you to our teachers and parent helpers – Mrs King, Mrs Irwin, Mrs Wynne, Mrs Keane and Mr Jaschinsky. Their involvement and assistance were invaluable!

***Year 6 Students***

## **ST VINCENT DE PAUL HAMPERS – GIVE A GIFT AT CHRISTMAS**

A sincere thank you is extended to those very generous families who donated to the St. Vincent de Paul hampers. I was overwhelmed when I saw all of the goodies in the hampers. For further information, please see Mrs Troman (Year 5 Teacher) who is coordinating the event.

## **ACADEMIC ALL STARS**

Academic All Stars is a competition where teams from various schools compete in an array of different and complex team challenges. The teams work on engineering, dramatic performance, geographical knowledge, puzzles, logic problems, as well as high level literacy and numeracy tasks. The St. Andrew's team included 9 students from multiple year levels and all students represented our school amazingly well this year. We achieved third overall and placed second in an individual team category. These are fantastic achievements.

I extend my thanks to Mr Redding who prepared and coordinated our team as well as Mrs Baldock who provided invaluable assistance and positive encouragement on the day.



## **CONGRATULATIONS**

We extend a huge congratulations to a number of our St Andrew's students who recently competed in the try outs for the State T-Ball team. We are delighted to announce to our community that these students have qualified for the Western Australian State team. This is an outstanding achievement and they should be very proud of their efforts.



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  
Lucas D, Peyton S, Rory M, Sienna P, Alecsander P,  
Neema S and Luka N  
We hope you have a wonderful day!**

## P&F NEWS

### **COLOUR RUN**

The St. Andrew's Colour Run is tomorrow! We are so excited to celebrate St Andrew's Day by throwing coloured powder on all of your children! We extend a huge thank you to our parent volunteers. Their assistance will be invaluable and without them, we could not hold such a special event for our children.



### **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 go to the following website:

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

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**ST ANDREW'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**TERM 4 2022 – PARENTS (9 week student term +1)**

SAT/SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3/4 DEC  Week 9	5 DECEMBER  Music Gala 8:45am- Whole School in Hall (inc: Footsteps Dance performance)	6 DECEMBER Staff Prayer:  PP / Kindy –Fun Day Choir to Clarkson Library  Kindy Christmas Party  KINDY LAST DAY Early finish after party  Staff Meeting	7 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	8 DECEMBER  <b>Final Assembly</b> Start of school. School choir to lead singing 3 carols only  2023 Class Orientation Years PP - 6 10.40am – 11.30am Class Lists on display  Children will participate in transition session	9 DECEMBER  <b>Last day of Term 4 for students Pp – Year 5</b>  Reports available on SEQTA
10/11 DEC  Week 10	12 DECEMBER  PUPIL FREE DAY  STAFF PLANNING	13 DECEMBER  PUPIL FREE DAY  STAFF PLANNING	14 DECEMBER  PUPIL FREE DAY  STAFF PLANNING	15 DECEMBER  PUPIL FREE DAY  STAFF PLANNING	16 DECEMBER  PUPIL FREE DAY  STAFF PLANNING