



Companions on the Journey

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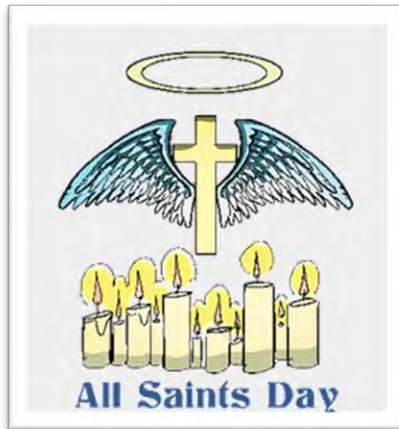
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## NEWSLETTER NO 33 2023

### 26 OCTOBER 2023



### ALL SAINTS DAY

(1<sup>st</sup> November)

Almighty God,  
You know that we each have our special saints,  
Whose lives and works mean a lot to us.  
In a moment of silence, we remember them now.  
Thank you, Lord, for who they were, what they did  
and what they still mean to us today.  
Amen.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

### INTERSCHOOL SPORTS CARNIVAL



Congratulations are extended to all of our Interschool Athletics' team. They performed extremely well with a number of our children achieving their personal best results. Once again, a sincere thank you is extended to Mr Kelly for coordinating and supporting the team. Well done to everyone involved.

## **SCHOOL FEES**



Please be reminded that all school fees need to be finalised by Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Please disregard this if you have a Direct Debit in place. Thank you.

*Muzzie Rafferty*  
*Finance Officer*

## **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.***

## **DUE TOMORROW**

### **PARENTS REQUESTING TEACHERS FOR 2024**

As previously advised, not all staff will remain in their current grades for 2024. As such, I cannot guarantee specific teacher requests. Please be aware, that as with class structures and numerous parent requests, staffing is another element that will not be finalised until later in the year. Your child's current teacher always has your child's best interest and will place them into the class that they deem to be the most appropriate for a number of reasons. I thank you for your consideration of this matter.

# 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 Champion 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  
Oliver D, Lucas N, Jude F, Jordan R, Amity C and Dexter P  
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.



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/>

## PARISH NEWS



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

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

# ST ANDREW'S DAY EVENTS 2023

This year, in conjunction with our amazing Parents & Friends Association, a different event has been organised to celebrate St Andrew's Day (the Patron Saint of our school.) The P&F and school will cover all associated costs for this event.

## St Andrew's Day Celebrations:

**Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November:** all children in **Pre-Primary to Year 6** will leave school at approximately 8:45am and travel by bus to Perth Zoo. (Perth Zoo is located at South Perth.) **Please note that the bus will leave promptly at 8:45am** so it is important that your child is on time to school. We will require some parents to assist for this event (please see details below regarding registering your interest). Both Kindy Classes will be provided with an event later in the year and will not attend Perth Zoo. Parents who have children in either Kindy class and another grade throughout the school, should NOT BRING their kindy child to the Perth Zoo excursion.

**Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November: THE SCHOOL CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED.**

**Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November:** Kindy White class will run as normal.

**Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> November:** all families, within our school, are invited to the 9:00am Parish Mass. After Mass, our school will be providing a **FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE** to all parishioners. We look forward to seeing many families in attendance.

**Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November:** commencing at approximately 9am, we will celebrate a whole school Mass in our Parish Church. This Mass will be hosted by 3 Blue and all are invited to attend.

## PARENT VOLUNTEERS AT PERTH ZOO – CODE OF CONDUCT & NEW REQUIREMENTS

We sincerely appreciate all of those wonderful parents who assist the school in so many different and varying ways. Parent volunteers at our school must continue to read and sign the St Andrew's Code of Conduct on an annual basis before volunteering at our school. In addition, parents who would like to volunteer are also required to complete the CEWA Working with Children Check Volunteer Declaration. This declaration allows parents to volunteer in the school without holding a Working With children Card. This requirement is the result of recent changes to the Working with Children Legislation. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

**All parents who would like to attend this event should:**

1. Please register your interest with your child's classroom teacher on the permission slip below.
2. Only parents who have completed all of the necessary CEWA paperwork will be considered for attendance at this event. These forms will be provided by the classroom teacher.
3. If an oversupply of parent volunteers exist in a class, then all names will be placed into a hat and drawn out by Mr Fontaine for attendance. (Successful attendees will be notified by the classroom teacher.)

4. If parents attend, they will be expected to be in charge of a small group of students and not with a single child, under the direction of the school staff. (The classroom teacher will allocate groups to those parents who have indicated that they will be in attendance and have been selected.) Please note that parents are requested to not bring younger siblings to this event (as per supervision regulations of the venue and school).
5. Parents who are selected to assist in the classes will have their entry fee paid by the school into Perth Zoo.
6. Parents will need to find their own way to Perth Zoo, as the buses are for the children and staff only. (We are expecting to arrive at approximately 9:30am and depart at approximately 1:45pm.)
7. Parking costs at Perth Zoo will not be covered by the school.
8. Parents who have children in any Kindy class and another grade throughout the school, ***should NOT BRING their kindy child to the Perth Zoo excursion.***
9. Parents are ***NOT PERMITTED*** to buy any food or drinks for their child or any other child whilst at Perth Zoo. Please be considerate of all children who attend this event and our school.
10. Parents can take their child home directly from Perth Zoo, after they have provided a written note and informed their child's classroom teacher.

### **Perth Zoo Event – What Should Students Bring?**

- Recess/Lunch in a disposable container in a small bag or small backpack (We would prefer you to not bring your school bag). This bag will be carried by your child during the day.
- Drink bottle, which can be refilled at Perth Zoo, again with your child's name clearly labelled. (This will be kept in their small backpack).
- Provide a simple lunch. (No foods requiring spoons etc.)
- Food CANNOT be purchased from any food vendors or shops whilst at Perth Zoo (No money is required to be brought on the excursion).
- Your child will be provided with allocated recess and lunch breaks within their class group. Therefore, each child must have their own food requirements.
- Wear their sports uniform. (Please make sure that all jackets are clearly labelled.)
- Students will need their school hat.
- Please note that medication, just like at school, will be administered if required. Your child's teacher will contact you.

We are looking forward to the St Andrew's Day celebrations. Please complete the permission slip below and return it to your classroom teacher by 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further queries.

## PERTH ZOO EXCURSION CONSENT 2023

I have read and understood the information regarding the Perth Zoo excursion. I give my consent for \_\_\_\_\_ to travel by bus and attend the excursion at Perth Zoo, (20 Labouchere Road, South Perth) and return by bus on **Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023**.

I (parent/guardian) \_\_\_\_\_ would like to register my interest to attend the Perth Zoo excursion as a parent volunteer and I acknowledge that I will read and sign the St Andrew's Code of Conduct and complete the CEWA Working with Children Check Volunteer Declaration. I note that the selection of parent volunteers is at the discretion of the school.

**Parent Name:**

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**Contact Number:**

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**Signature of Parent / Guardian:**

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**Date:**

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# 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
21/22 OCT  Week 3	23 OCTOBER	24 OCTOBER	25 OCTOBER	26 OCTOBER	27 OCTOBER  Interschool Athletics Carnival Years 3 -6 ALL EVENTS
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  All Saints Mass 9:00am (Year 3W)	2 NOVEMBER	3 NOVEMBER  Year 1 Merit Assembly (Both Classes)  Year 6 Footsteps Lesson 1:30pm
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  Remembrance Day Year 2 11:00am  Year 6 Footsteps Lesson 1:30pm
11/12 NOV  Week 6	13 NOVEMBER	14 NOVEMBER  Staff Prayer  <b>NO PLAYGROUP</b> <b>CURRENT KINDY PUPIL FREE</b>  Kindy 2024 Orientation Meeting 9:00 -10:00am <b>PARENTS ONLY</b>  Staff Meeting	15 NOVEMBER  <b>P &amp; F &amp; Advisory Council ACM</b> 6:00pm School Hall	16 NOVEMBER	17 NOVEMBER  <b>MJR Assembly</b>  Year 6 Footsteps Lesson 1:30pm
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  P & F Celebration for St. Andrew's Day  <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 9:00am Mass</b>	27 NOVEMBER	28 NOVEMBER  Staff Prayer  <b>Playgroup 9:00 -11:00 Hall Last day</b>  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</b> <b>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> <b>Start of school.</b> <b>School choir to lead singing 3 carols only</b>  <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>  <b>Reports available on SEQTA</b>
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

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# SUNSET TOURS

22nd November  
at 4.00pm and 4.30pm



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