



Companions on the Journey

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## NEWSLETTER NO 34 2023

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#### ALL SOULS DAY (2<sup>nd</sup> November)

Heavenly Father,

On the day of All souls we remember those who have died  
and especially those who are known to us and our families.

And those who are now at peace with you.

Create in us not the fear of death,  
but grateful thanks for their lives.

Show your love to those who have recently lost someone close to them.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

**Dear Parents and Guardians,**

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.

**A reminder to all CURRENT KINDERGARTEN PARENTS that Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November is a Pupil Free Day. Kindy students do not attend school on this day.**

On Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November, we will be holding our Annual *Kindergarten Orientation Meeting* for children and families joining our school community in 2024.

**Kindergarten  
Orientation**

**ATTENTION: CURRENT KINDERGARTEN PARENTS:**  
**PRE-PRIMARY PARENT INFORMATION SESSION –TUESDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER at 1:45pm**

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 1:45pm on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> 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.



**CITY OF WANNEROO – NOTIFICATION OF CONSTRUCTION**

We have been advised that the City of Wanneroo will shortly commence construction to upgrade the Anthony Waring Sports Amenities Building. During construction the City of Wanneroo has advised that temporary traffic management may be implemented to safely manage traffic and pedestrians around the worksite. Further, parking around St Andrew's may be impacted by these works. Please take care whilst dropping and collecting your child from school.

**INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

Last Friday, our St Andrew's Athletics' Team competed in the annual inter-school competition. All the children had spent a considerable amount of time training and preparing for this event. I congratulate them on their efforts. They performed exceptionally well and should be very proud of their achievements. St Andrew's achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> place on the day which is a fantastic result. I congratulate Mr Kelly for his coordination, training and support of this event. (Most of the other schools competing are a lot larger than St Andrew's.)



## **ACADEMIC ALL STARS**

Academic Allstars 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 place overall and we congratulate the students on this fantastic achievement.

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.



## **RUNNING CLUB**

We have been delighted this year with the participation of a significant number of students in our running club program. These sessions provide an opportunity for children to work on particular skills with their peers in a fun and relaxed environment. **Running Club for 2023 has now concluded.** I would like to extend my thanks to Mr Kelly for his coordination of this program as well as Mrs Jaschinsky and Mrs Kilgallon for their assistance.

## **SCHOOL FEES ARE VERY IMPORTANT**



Thank you to the families who have already met their fee commitments for the 2023 school year. The deadline for 2023 school fees is Friday, 24<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.

## **EXISTING FAMILIES NOT RETURNING IN 2024**

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 2024, 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 2024 and a change of address if applicable. We appreciate your support.

## **ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING OF BOTH THE P&F AND PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

These important school community meetings will occur on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November in the school hall. The ACM of the School Advisory Council starts at 6.00pm and the ACM 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.



## **THE MUSIC GALA**

***On Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> November*** your child may be performing in 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 and showcase their talents. A real highlight 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 morning will commence at approximately 8:45am.** 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!

**OUTLINE** (Times are approximate only) – all events are held in the School Hall

8:45am 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. (if required)



### **CONGRATULATIONS**

We extend our congratulations to Benji H who has recently been selected for the TBAWA State Super Squad for Tee-Ball. Benji's selection will mean that he will now play at Perth Heat Games, State Tee-Ball championships, Softball WA games and other Tee-Ball carnivals. This is an amazing opportunity and he should be very proud of this achievement! Well done!



**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  
Rishika K, Mikayla V, Sofia R, Dafney C, Gabriel A, Miller T,  
Isla M, Nicole C and Chad N!**

**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)

## 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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# 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
					3 NOVEMBER  <b>Year 1 Merit Assembly (Both Classes)</b>  <b>Year 6 Footsteps Lesson 1:30pm</b>
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>  Staff Meeting	8 NOVEMBER	9 NOVEMBER	10 NOVEMBER  <b>Remembrance Day Year 2 11:00am</b>  <b>Year 6 Footsteps Lesson 1:30pm</b>
11/12 NOV  Week 6	13 NOVEMBER	14 NOVEMBER  Staff Prayer  <b>NO PLAYGROUP</b> <b>CURRENT KINDY PUPIL FREE</b>  <b>Kindy 2024 Orientation Meeting 9:00 -10:00am PARENTS ONLY</b>  Staff Meeting	15 NOVEMBER  <b>P &amp; F and Advisory Council ACM 6:00pm School Hall</b>	16 NOVEMBER	17 NOVEMBER  <b>MJR Assembly</b>  <b>Year 6 Footsteps Lesson 1:30pm</b>
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>  <b>Year 4 Excursion – WA Reptile Park</b>  Staff Meeting	22 NOVEMBER	23 NOVEMBER	24 NOVEMBER  <b>P &amp; F Celebration for St. Andrew's Day</b>  <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 9:00aam Mass</b>	27 NOVEMBER	28 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	29 NOVEMBER  <b>Saint Andrew's Day, Christmas / Staff Farewell and Thanksgiving Mass 8:50am (Host: 3B)</b>	30 NOVEMBER  <b>Kindy 2023 to Pre-Primary 2024 Orientation time</b>	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>  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</b> <b>Years K - 6</b> <b>10.40am – 11.30am</b> <b>Class Lists on display</b>  Children will participate in transition session	8 DECEMBER  <b>Last day of Term 4 for students</b>  Reports available on SEQTA
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