



Companions on the Journey

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*Dear Lord
Walk with us, Lord, in our life journeys,
Guiding, teaching and helping us,
As we learn our lessons of loving,
In our homes, our schools and our communities.
Amen.*



Dear Parents,

As you are aware, we have had to unfortunately cancel our school excursion to Perth Zoo. Given the forecast earlier this week for extreme weather, the nature of the excursion as well as the fact that there continues to be a significant number of children that are presenting with sickness during the day which has required us to call parents, we made the difficult decision to cancel the excursion.

Please note that this decision was made after consultation with the Bureau of Meteorology, Perth Zoo as well as CEWA. The overriding principle was and continues to be the safety of children.

Instead, to celebrate the Feast of St Andrew, we have offered the children (courtesy of the P&F) a pizza lunch with icy pole. You will have received a permission note regarding this. If your child has chosen not to participate in the pizza lunch, they will need to bring their lunch tomorrow.

We thank the many parents who have expressed their support and understanding of this decision.

CANTEEN

Please note that the canteen will be **CLOSED** tomorrow (Friday, 24th November). There are no recess sales or lunch orders on this day.

SPECIAL PARISH MASS – ST ANDREW’S DAY

All students are invited to attend the **9:00am Mass on Sunday, 26th 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. Unfortunately, on the advice of the DFES and the City of Wanneroo, the planned sausage sizzle has been cancelled because of the total fire ban that is in place. However, you can still enjoy a treat after Mass. We look forward to seeing many families and thank you for understanding.



NATIVITY NIGHT – ALL INVITED



On Tuesday, 28th November you are invited to the Nativity Night. The **Nativity Night** commences at approximately 5:00pm with a bring-your-own picnic. 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.

Our performances will begin at approximately 6pm. Some of our Year 5 children will be narrating and our Kindergarten children will represent different countries from around the world. Our School Choir will lead the performance of Christmas songs and **ALL OTHER STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOL ARE INVITED**. They 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 2023 school year. The deadline for 2023 school fees is Friday, 24th November. Fees can be paid by cash, credit card, and direct debit or BPay 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.

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. Next week you will receive 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, 8th 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.

Mr Redding
Technology and Enrichment

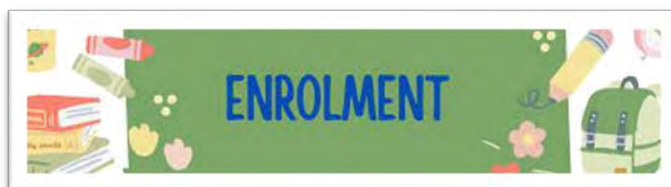


MUSIC GALA

On Monday morning we were entertained and amazed by our in-school music students who performed in the Music Gala. This event has proven to be popular for all involved and showcases the talent of our students; some students have just recently joined the music program to others who are accomplished performers. It also allowed the tutors to demonstrate to the children small group performance compared to an individual performance. Congratulations to Mrs Mulholland, the in-school music tutors and all of the talented students.

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.

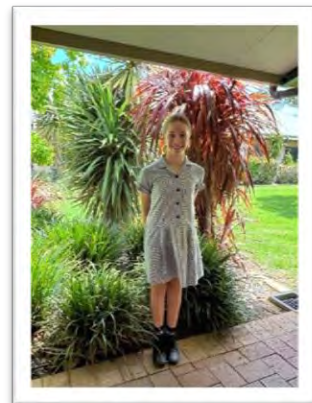


ST VINCENT DE PAUL HAMPERS – GIVE A GIFT AT CHRISTMAS

A sincere thank you is extended to those very generous families who donated to the St. Vincent de Paul hampers. For further information, please see Mrs Troman (Year 5 Teacher) who is coordinating the event. The hampers will be presented to the community at our Mass next Wednesday, 29th November.

CONGRATULATIONS

We extend our congratulations to Hineana M. She has been awarded a Netball scholarship with Aranmore Catholic College for next year. This is an amazing achievement and she should be very proud of her efforts!



We also extend our congratulations to Rachel H. Rachel has been selected by her club to play in the U11's state team for the Tee Ball State Championships for the 2023-24 season. This is an outstanding achievement and she should be very proud of her 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.



**Happy Birthday to
Samantha V, Gabriella W, 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

FINAL MEETING FOR CURRENT P&F

Last week's ACM was the last meeting for the P&F executive of Katie Canzirri, Krystina Stropek, Melissa Morris and Joanne Webber. They leave to make way for a new group of dedicated, enthusiastic and wonderful parents who will guide the P&F to even greater heights in the new school year.

The outgoing Executive thoroughly enjoyed their time on the P&F, coordinating the many events for your children throughout the years. They wish the incoming committee all the very best for a bright future. Melissa Morris and Joanne Webber will stay on as P&F ordinary members and look forward to helping the new team settle into their roles.

As always, if you have any suggestions for the P&F, we invite you to attend a meeting or send a message through Facebook. 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

ST ANDREW'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
TERM 4 2023 – FAMILIES (9 week student term +1)

SAT/SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
18/19 NOV Week 7	20 NOVEMBER	21 NOVEMBER	22 NOVEMBER	23 NOVEMBER	24 NOVEMBER P & F Celebration for St. Andrew's Day at school CANTEEN CLOSED
25//26 NOV Week 8 Sun 26 th Nov St Andrew's Parish Feast Day Mass 9:00am	27 NOVEMBER	28 NOVEMBER Staff Prayer Playgroup 9:00 -11:00 Hall Last day Kindy - Year 6 Nativity / Carols Night 5:00 Picnic 6:00 Nativity / Carols School choir to lead singing	29 NOVEMBER Saint Andrew's Day, Christmas / Staff Farewell and Thanksgiving Mass 8:50am (Host: 3B)	30 NOVEMBER Kindy 2023 to Pre- Primary 2024 Orientation time	1 DECEMBER Year 6 Graduation Outing
2/3 DEC Week 9	4 DECEMBER	5 DECEMBER Staff Prayer Kindy –Fun Day Kindy Christmas Party KINDY LAST DAY Early finish after party – 11:00am Year 6 Footsteps Lesson 11:00am Staff Meeting	6 DECEMBER Year 6 Graduation Mass 6.00pm Church Free Dress Day Theme – Holidays Gold coin donation	7 DECEMBER Final Assembly Start of school. School choir to lead singing 3 carols only 2024 Class Orientation Years K - 6 10.40am – 11.30am Class Lists on display Children will participate in transition session	8 DECEMBER Last day of Term 4 for students Reports available on SEQTA