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PRAYER TO START TERM 2

As we begin this new school term, we thank God for the blessings we have experienced during the holidays, and we pray together for the term that lies ahead of us.

We pray for each other, that it may be a fruitful term, one during which we enjoy the friendship and support of our colleagues, while also imparting to our students, not only knowledge, but that real sense of belonging to a faith community.

We pray for all the students we will be privileged to teach during the coming months and ask that we may try to see in each of them the many and varied gifts and talents with which you have blessed them.

We make our prayer through Christ, Our Lord.

Amen

Dear Parents,

Term 2 has started really well and I am truly excited at what the new term will bring for us all. I hope that all families had an enjoyable and relaxing school holiday.

As many of you are aware, last Friday the northern suburbs and, in particular Clarkson, was subject to a severe thunderstorm. The school suffered damage to a number of rooms and areas. Most areas have been returned to normal without any indication that anything had occurred. Other areas more severely affected will still need to be maintained in the coming days. I sincerely appreciate and thank all of the staff who attended to support the clean-up and ensure a positive start for all for Term 2.

We also hope that none of our school families and community suffered significant damage to their property and homes during the storm. Please reach out should you require any assistance.

We are excited as on Wednesday, 1st May we will celebrate our whole school Marion mass in recognition of May being Mary's month and on Friday, 3rd May we will celebrate our Year 4 Merit Assembly.

As I have previously mentioned to the children, ***second term is a time for consolidation*** and you are expected to meet early with your child's classroom teacher if you have any concerns regarding their progress. Formal parent / teacher interviews will be held later this term.

The school holidays provide an opportunity for essential maintenance work to be carried out and it is also a time which minimises disruption to students. The work that was undertaken during the school holidays included cleaning of the gutters, electrical tag and testing, safety pruning of trees and shrubs, selected painting of areas, cleaning of the undercover area, cleaning all of the heating and air conditioner filters, inspection of the school playgrounds, maintenance and inspection of the hall and the planting of new shrubs. It has been a busy time for many of us.

A reminder to all families that next THURSDAY, 25th April is a Public Holiday and Friday 26th April is a Pupil Free Day. Later in the term, Monday 3rd June, is a Public Holiday. Tuesday 4th June and Friday 28th June are Pupil Free Days.

We take this opportunity to offer our prayers to those who have been impacted throughout our world by war and tragedy. We pray for an end to conflicts and for peace in our world.

WELCOME

We are pleased to welcome Miss Friedrich, Miss Carger, Miss Howell and Miss Donaldson as practicum teachers to St Andrew's School. They will be working in various classes throughout the school in Term 2. We wish them a very successful practicum.



URSTRONG

This term we will be continuing with our URSTRONG program. The children will be using the language and concepts that they have been taught to build on their friendship skills. Check out our fantastic new URSTRONG signs that have been placed up around the school!



ANZAC DAY

ANZAC Day will occur next Thursday. On Wednesday, 24th April, we will have a very special ANZAC service that will be prepared by Year 6 Blue and attended by all students. I appreciate all of their efforts in ensuring that this special event will be celebrated by all of the students and staff from our school.



P&F MOTHER'S DAY STALL – BRING IN \$5 NOW

All children are welcome to bring in \$5 each to purchase a gift on Thursday, 9th May for the annual P&F Mother's Day Stall. ***Please send your money into your child's classroom teachers, who will collect all of the money for each child/ren.*** The gifts are once again exceptional and of course, we would like as many families as possible to participate. **You are welcome to bring in your money from tomorrow.**

(There will also be a limited opportunity, once all children have bought a gift, for children to purchase another gift for their grandparents if desired. If you would like to do this, then please also include this money when you send it into the classroom teacher.)



MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

A separate note, with an RSVP will be sent home with all children with regards to the holding of our Mother's Day Breakfast. On Friday, 10th May, the day will commence at 7:15am and conclude at 8:05am sharp so that Pre-Primary Blue can set up for their assembly. All mothers, grandmothers and significant adults in their children's lives, as well as the children, are invited to this event. There is no charge for this event, and it will be held in the school hall. As the staff of the school will be involved in the preparation of the breakfast, we ask all adults who are attending to ensure the appropriate and correct supervision of all of the children. Please **bring your own sealed cup for all drinks.** We had a number of accidental spillages last year and therefore no drink, either hot or cold, will be served unless the cup has a lid. We thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you all.



PRE-PRIMARY MOTHER'S DAY ASSEMBLY - FRIDAY 10th MAY



Our Pre-Primary Blue Class will present the Assembly item to celebrate this event. (Again, later in the year, the Pre-Primary White Class will present an item for Father's Day).

This event will be held in the school hall followed by the P&F Mother's Day Raffle draw. Parents are invited to attend the Assembly.

TERM 2 DATES

A list of dates has been placed onto the school website for your convenience.

TRAFFIC AROUND THE SCHOOL

Parents are reminded to observe the speed limit signs and parking restriction signs positioned around the school. (40 kph zone). We also ask that all parents observe the **NO RIGHT TURN when EXITING THE KISS AND RIDE**. We have been advised that the **Council Ranger will be in attendance** for the next few weeks.

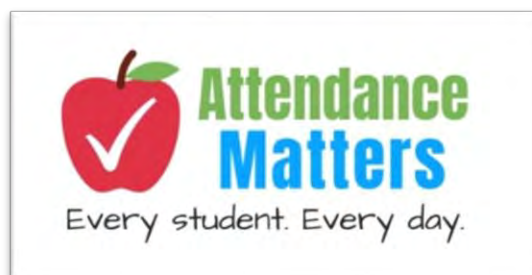


SCHOOL FEES

Families have received their fee statements. If any family is having difficulties in paying their school fees, they are required to book an appointment with Mr Fontaine urgently. Any discounts applied for must be accompanied by a ***school fee relief form***. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter. ***Parents who have not paid all of Term 1 fees and have not contacted either Mrs Rafferty or myself, will be issued with a school fee collection notice.***

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

A reminder to all parents that, to assist your child in attaining better results at school, they should attend school every day that is possible. Lessons are usually taught in sequence and if your child misses steps along the way, it makes it so much harder to catch up. There are many reasons why regular attendance is important and will benefit your child's academic progress. Please speak to your child's teacher if you have any concerns or questions relating to this.



CODE OF CONDUCT - REMINDER

All members of our school community, including parents, are bound by the St Andrew's School Code of Conduct. Section 6 of the Code of Conduct relates to the privacy and confidentiality of information relating to all members of our school community. Please remember the importance of privacy and confidentiality at St Andrew's school, to maintain respect and meet legal obligations as well as Gospel values.



STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

At our recent student council meeting, the following information was discussed and presented.

- The environmental ministry has asked to ***grow potatoes*** in the senior vegetable garden. This project will start next week. This opportunity is available to any Year 6 student that is interested.

AUSTRALIAN EARLY DEVELOPMENT CENSUS (AEDC)

The AEDC is a teacher-completed census (similar to a questionnaire) which provides a comprehensive picture of how children have developed by the time they start their first year of full-time school. The AEDC is an Australian Government Initiative and is completed nationally every three years.

Children don't miss any class time while the AEDC is completed, and parents/carers don't need to supply schools with any new information. The data collected through the AEDC is used by schools, communities and governments to better understand children and families' needs, and identify the services, resources and support they need. AEDC data is reported

at a school, community, state/territory and national level. AEDC results for individual children are not reported and the AEDC is not used as an individual diagnostic tool.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary, however the AEDC relies on all schools with children in their **first year of full-time school** participating in the collection. Parents/carers don't need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census. To find out more about the AEDC and how it is being used to help children and families visit: www.aedc.gov.au. Parents of children who are in Pre-Primary this year will have received information about the AEDC earlier this week.

CANTEEN CLOSED TOMORROW

Unfortunately, the school canteen will be closed tomorrow, Friday 19th April. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

May God Bless You All,

**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 School Running Club

Running Club will return with two sessions usually per week on a Tuesday morning and Thursday morning. Our first session began today. Our next session is scheduled for Tuesday, 23rd April. ***Running club will be held on mornings only.***

Please arrive at 7.35am for a 7.40am start. Students will finish at 8.10am (giving 10 minutes to change shoes and socks if needed).

Please remind your children, where possible, to pack a spare pair of trainers and socks in case the grass is wet on both mornings. Students will be allowed to wear their sport uniform on these days, **if they attend running club.**

Our running club will be focussed on Cross Country distances:

Year 2 = 750m

Year 3 = 1.5km

Year 4 = 2km

Year 5 & 6 = 2.5km

(Students are welcome to run at their own pace and of course can also walk laps if desired until their fitness improves.)

Mr Kelly looks forward to seeing as many students as possible attending these sessions.



**Happy Birthday to
Ada S, Ella S, Charlotte W, Jaxon F, Sebastien L, Sophie F,
Ibrahim A, Meera R, Benjamin C, James L, Sofia M,
Patrick L and Olivia B
We hope you have a wonderful day!**

P&F NEWS

NEXT MEETING

Welcome back for Term 2! We are set for a busy return to school with a P&F meeting scheduled for tomorrow, Friday, 19th April at 1:30pm in the staffroom. We will be chatting about Mother's Day and the Disco. We would love to see you there!

EASTER RAFFLE

Our Easter Raffle last term was a big success. We congratulate all the lucky winners:

Staff	Mrs Holden	
	Mrs Jaschinsky	
6 White	Ethan	
6 Blue	Rory	
5 White	Lani	
5 Blue	Matthew	
4 White	Cian	
4 Blue	Scarlett	
3 White	Ella W	
3 Blue	Blake	
2 White	Rial	
2 Blue	Charlotte	
1 Blue	Ralph	
PP White	Henry	
PP Blue	Penelope	
K White	Anthony	
K Blue	Lillia	
All School	Cheyelle	4 Blue
	Roland	5 White
	Henry	PP White
	Hayley	2 Blue



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PARISH NEWS



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

clarkson.perthcatholic.org.au

ST ANDREW'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
TERM 2, PLANNER 2024 – PARENTS (11 week term)

SAT/SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
13/14 APRIL Week 1	15 APRIL Students Return (Transition to Winter Uniforms)	16 April Staff Prayer Playgroup 8:30 – 10:30 Hall Staff Meeting	17 April Canteen closed	18 April Run Club commences 7:40am	19 April URSTRONG Assembly Canteen closed P&F Meeting (1:30pm Staffroom)
20/21 APRIL Week 2	22 April	23 April Staff Prayer Run Club Playgroup 8:30 – 10:30 Hall Staff Meeting	24 April 6B Anzac Day Service – 8:40am School Hall	25 April <u>ANZAC DAY</u> <u>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</u>	26 April PUPIL FREE DAY
27/28 April Week 3	29 April WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORMS P&F Mother's Day Raffle tickets sent home	30 April Staff Prayer NO Run Club Playgroup 8:30 – 10:30 Hall Staff Meeting	1 MAY Whole school Marion Mass 9:00am Church (5W Host)	2 MAY Run Club	3 MAY Year 4 Merit Assembly (Both Classes)
4/5 MAY Week 4 Eucharist Commitment Masses at all Church Masses	6 MAY UR STRONG Intensive Classroom Day	7 MAY Staff Prayer Run Club Playgroup 8:30 – 10:30 Hall Staff Meeting	8 MAY	9 MAY Run Club Kindy Mother's Day Morning Mother's Day Gift Stall – 1:05pm K – 6 P & F Mother's Day Raffle tickets due back to school	10 MAY PPB Mother's Day Assembly (Mother's Day Raffle) (NO MERITS) Mother's Day Family Breakfast 7:15 – 8:05am
11/12 MAY Week 5 Mother's Day	13 MAY	14 MAY Staff Prayer Run Club Playgroup 8:30 – 10:30 Hall Staff Meeting Eucharist Workshop SACPS Hall 6.00pm	15 MAY Year 2 Liturgy of The Word 8:50am – Church	16 MAY Run Club Constable Care Incursion – whole school	17 MAY URSTRONG Assembly SCHOOL DISCO

18/19 MAY Week 6	20 MAY WINTER Interschool Lightning Carnival	21 MAY Staff Prayer Run Club Playgroup 8:30 – 10:30 Hall Staff Meeting	22 MAY National Stimulus Australia Wide Reading session	23 MAY Run Club Science Incursion (Year 3 & PP)	24 MAY Eucharist Retreat– school hall
25/26 MAY Week 7 9am Parish Mass May Flower Celebration Years PP, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6 (SFOA) FREE Sausage sizzle after 9:00am Mass	27 MAY	28 MAY Staff Prayer Run Club Staff Meeting	29 MAY Advisory Council Meeting	30 MAY NO RUN CLUB	31 MAY School Cross Country Years 2 – 6
1/2 JUNE Week 8	3 JUNE PUBLIC HOLIDAY Western Australia Day	4 JUNE PUPIL FREE DAY	5 JUNE Year 4 Taster Day at IMCC	6 JUNE Run Club Eucharist Rehearsals. All day in Church. BCPS –Hall & Church. Reconciliation – Year 4	7 JUNE Merit Assembly
8/9 JUNE Week 9 Sunday 9th ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL Sacrament of Eucharist 11:00am	10 JUNE Year 6 Excursion (Parliament House)	11 JUNE Staff Prayer Run Club Playgroup 8:30 – 10:30 Hal Staff Meeting	12 JUNE	13 JUNE NO RUN CLUB SCHOOL PHOTOS whole school K – 6	14 JUNE Merit Assembly
15/16 JUNE Week 10	17 JUNE	18 JUNE Staff Prayer Last day of Run Club for Term 2 Playgroup 8:30 – 10:30 Hall Family Life Talk Year 6 - 6pm (Parents & Students) Staff Meeting	19 JUNE	20 JUNE MINI VINNIES PIZZA DAY	21 JUNE Reports available on SEQTA (After school) Regional Cross Country (Mawson Park) Yrs 2 – 6
22/23 JUNE Week 11	24 JUNE NAIDOC WEEK St Andrew's Speak Up – 8:45am - Hall	25 JUNE Staff Prayer Playgroup 8:30 – 10:30 Hall Staff Meeting	26 JUNE NAIDOC WEEK	27 JUNE NAIDOC WEEK Better Beginnings Incursion - Kindy Free Dress Day Theme – Pyjamas Gold coin donation	28 JUNE Pupil Free Day Reporting

