



Companions on the Journey

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#### MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Our Father in Heaven, whose love is divine,  
thanks for the love of a mother like mine,  
And in thy great Mercy look down from above and grant  
this dear mother the gift of Your love.  
And all through the year, whatever betides her –  
assure her each day that you are beside her,  
And Father in Heaven, show me the way  
to lighten her tasks and brighten her day,  
And bless her dear heart with the insight to see  
that her love means more than the world to me.  
Amen.



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I wish to advise the St Andrew's Community that I will be on leave until almost the end of term 2. In my absence, please refer any questions to Mrs Campbell, who will be the short-term Principal of our school.

It is with mixed emotions that I inform our Year 5 White Class and School Community that **Mr. Fintan Archer**, who has worked for 38 years in Catholic Education, has decided to retire. Fintan will conclude teaching at St Andrew's at the end of Term 2.

Fintan has held a number of roles in Catholic Education which include Principal of St Joseph's in Pemberton, short-term Principal at a number of different schools, Assistant Principal, senior teacher and teacher. He has worked at St Andrew's for the past 12 years. At St Andrew's, Fintan has held the role of Assistant Principal for 11 years and short-term Principal for 6 months.

Fintan's passion is education and the formation of young people into caring and compassionate adults. He has been a very supportive and dedicated member of staff and we wish him every happiness into the future as he travels and relaxes into retirement. We know that Fintan's heart is filled with fond memories of St Andrew's school over the decade.

All families are welcome to join us in Fintan's farewell, which will be on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> June at our whole school Assembly.

### **THANK YOU, MR BARTUCCIOTTO**

I am very pleased to inform Year 5 White that Mr B will work very closely with Mrs Forzatti (and all of the school staff) and teach Year 5 White on a Thursday and Friday until the end of the year. Thank you, Michael.

### **MOTHER'S DAY**

I hope that all mothers and grandmothers of students from the St. Andrew's School community have a wonderful ***Mother's Day on Sunday***. May you all enjoy the breakfast in bed that you so richly deserve!



### **MOTHER'S DAY REFLECTION**

I would like to share this reflection with you.

- It is Mother's Day, a time to remind me to remember. Remember all that you have done for me, all that you are, and all that you will ever be in my life.
- Through the good and the bad, you have been there. Loving and caring all of the way with me. Mending broken hearts and sharing the joys.
- Caught up in my busy life I am guilty of not always showing just how much I love you and to know that you are always in my heart; that my love for you is beyond anything that I could ever do or say.



## **MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST**

We look forward to seeing you all tomorrow for the Mother's Day Breakfast.



### **Please note the following information for the breakfast:**

- **Bring a SEALED reusable cup with a lid for all drinks for both parents and students.**
- **Please supervise you child/ren at all times**
- **Do not arrive before 7:15am**
- **No children on the stage please.**

### **PRE-PRIMARY MOTHER'S DAY ASSEMBLY - TOMORROW**



**Both Pre-Primary classes** will present the Assembly item to celebrate this event. (Again, later in the year, both Pre-Primary classes will present an item for Father's Day). *We apologise for any confusion that may have been caused from the previous newsletter.*

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.

### **SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST (FIRST HOLY COMMUNION)**

*As the children prepare to receive this Sacrament, please note the following dates:*

**Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> June**

**Eucharist Workshop (School Hall) 6:00pm**  
**Eucharist Retreat (School Hall – students only)**  
**Sacrament of Eucharist – 11am (Church)**

Please refer to the notes sent home or contact your child's classroom teacher if you require any further clarification.

## EUCHARIST WORKSHOP – TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MAY – 6:00pm – SCHOOL HALL

All families, who have children who are making their First Holy Communion this year, are reminded that they are required to attend a parent / child workshop. This workshop will be held in our **school hall this Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May commencing at 6:00pm** sharp. This workshop will be facilitated by Mr Stephen Harris from CEWA Perth. We look forward to seeing you all there.

## YEAR 2 LITURGY

Our Year 2 children will be celebrating a special liturgy on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May at 8:50am at St Andrew's Church. We invite you to join us for this occasion.

## SCHOOL DISCO

All students are invited to attend our annual school disco which has been kindly organised by our P&F. This is a FREE event and will be held on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> May. The evening will be separated into three discos:

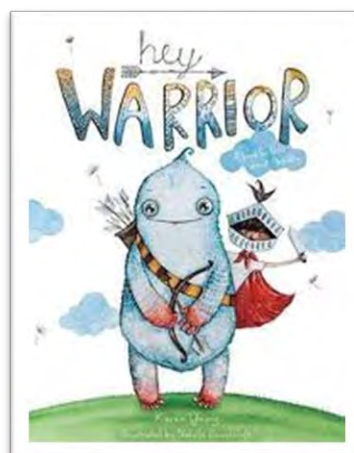
Kindy, Pre-Primary & Year 1	3:45 – 4:30pm
Year 2 & 3	4:45 – 5:45pm
Year 4, 5 & 6	6:00 – 7:15pm

A note was sent home earlier this week with all the details and a copy can be found at the end of this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you there!



## KAREN YOUNG, PSYCHOLOGIST

As part of our ongoing efforts to support and nurture the wellbeing and development of our children, St Andrew's Catholic Primary School is delighted to extend an invitation to a special parent talk hosted by psychologist, Karen Young. Karen is a world-renowned psychologist and has a particular emphasis on strengthening the mental wellness of children. This talk will be held **in our school Hall on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024 commencing at 6pm.** A "save the date" note has been sent home with all the details and a copy can be found at the end of this newsletter. We will provide you with details soon on how to secure your FREE ticket. *Please note this is NOT Mrs Karen Young, our Year 3 Teacher and Assistant Principal.* 😊



## **PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE**

Mr Roger Cook MLA, Premier of Western Australia has launched the 2024 Premier's Reading Challenge. The challenge is open for all Western Australian students. The program is designed to promote a life-long love of reading which is important in the development of students' literacy skills.



The challenge is for students to read as many books as they can between 6<sup>th</sup> May and 6<sup>th</sup> September. A bookmark has come home with your child this week (PP to Year 6) regarding this challenge. More details can be found by scanning the QR code on the bookmark or going to the website.

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **Conduct statement 2**

**You give priority to students' safety and well-being in all your behaviour and decision making.**

### **Guidelines**

1. You accept that you and all adults have individual and joint responsibility for the safety and well-being of students.
2. You ensure the safety and well-being of students are the primary focus of your actions and decisions and take precedence over any other considerations including the reputation of the school and your own needs.
3. You support the safety, health and well-being of each student, promoting and supporting decisions and behaviour that contribute to the student's self-confidence, safety and well-being.
4. You do not behave in any way that risks creating ambiguity about whether you are acting in the best interests of a student.
5. You respectfully communicate in plain language and in a way the student and those supporting their education can understand so they may fully participate in that education.
6. You support informed decision making by advising the student as appropriate and those supporting their education about education options and assist the student and their supporters to make informed decisions about that education.
7. You endeavour to ensure the voice of the student is heard as appropriate, taking into account age and circumstances.
8. You seek out, welcome, and learn from information relevant to the safety and well-being of students in any form, including advice, disclosures, complaints, criticisms, feedback and performance reviews. You look for opportunities to engage in formal and informal group and self-reflection and professional development about your own and others' decisions so that you and the school can learn and continuously improve.
9. You recognise that all information about students collected by school staff is done so on behalf of the Principal and for the benefit of the student. Therefore, all information is disclosed to and accessible by all who have a need to know it in order to support the education, safety and well-being of the student.
10. You respectfully advocate for the safety and well-being of students above all other considerations.
11. You recognise the importance that students' education continues without interruption or disturbance.

12. You disclose to the Principal any information that a reasonable person would recognise may be relevant to the safety and well-being of students so that the Principal may make appropriate decisions to manage any risk to them. This includes any relationship with any person who may have been accused of harming children or acting unsafely towards them.

13. You recognise that students and their parents are entitled to assume that the sole focus of your engagements with students is to educate them within a safe environment that puts their well-being above all else. You understand that this trust by parents and students puts the onus on you to use your relationship with students solely for their education. You use all engagements with students and their parents, whether in person, through a third party, or via digital media for the purpose of teaching the curriculum.

14. You do not accept gifts or benefits that could be viewed as a means of influencing your objective decision making.

**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.*



**Happy Birthday to Marlee B, Hezekiah V, Beny A,  
Zoey T, Jayce N and Kobi F**

**We hope you have a wonderful day!**



## **P&F NEWS**

Please join the P&F St Andrew's Facebook  
[standrewsparentsandfriends@gmail.com](mailto:standrewsparentsandfriends@gmail.com)

## **PARISH NEWS**

**St Andrew's**  
Catholic Church  
Clarkson



For all Mass times and parish information please follow the following link.  
[clarkson.perthcatholic.org.au](http://clarkson.perthcatholic.org.au)

# ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL DISCO FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Disco TIME with *DJ Bop till you Drop*



*All St Andrew's CPS Students are invited to attend this **FREE** event coordinated by the P&F.*

The evening will be separated into three discos:

**Kindy, Pre-Primary & Year 1      3:45 – 4:30pm**

**Year 2 & 3                                      4:45 – 5:45pm**

**Year 4, 5 & 6                                    6:00 – 7:15pm**

- **A reminder to parents that children must be escorted to and from the undercover area on the night – PLEASE REMEMBER TO abide by the rules for the event.**
- Drop off at the door near the year 6 classrooms & pick-up from the Southern door on the hall's side of the undercover area.
- Parents are invited to stay for the Kindy/PP/Year 1 disco. The other two discos will be drop off only.
- Please note that only younger siblings are permitted at the Kindy, PP and Year 1 disco and no other siblings (younger or older) will be allowed at the other discos.
- No student or siblings from other years will be able to attend a disco that is not allocated for them.
- Siblings will also not be allowed to play anywhere else on the school grounds.
- **Any children who are on school grounds unsupervised during sibling discos will be asked to leave.**
- ***Discos are for current St Andrew's Catholic Primary School students only.***
- Parents please note: If you are staying for the Kindy/ PP/Year 1 Disco, we remind you, as per our school and CEWA policy, to refrain from videoing or photographing children other than your own child at the disco.
- No phones or devices are permitted into the disco. If you consider that your child requires a phone on the night, it can be signed in when you drop them off and will be looked after by the volunteers during the disco.
- The discos are free dress but please ensure that **students are dressed appropriately for the night.**
- Children are welcome to bring a labelled water bottle and they will also have access to the water fountains.
- **A Big Thank You in advance to all the parents who have volunteered to assist on the night - without you, the event would not be possible.**
- All parent volunteers must attend the office prior to the Disco (not on the night of the Disco) to complete the required documentation.
- ***NO CONFETTI OR FOOD PLEASE***
- Thank you again for your support.



*St Andrew's Catholic Primary School invites  
you to an information session with*

*Karen Young, Psychologist*

*"Strengthening Young People Against Anxiety"*

**As part of our ongoing efforts to support and nurture the wellbeing and development of our children, St Andrew's Catholic Primary School is delighted to extend an invitation to a special parent talk hosted by renowned psychologist, **Karen Young**.**

Karen is a world-renowned psychologist and has a particular emphasis on strengthening the mental wellness of children and adolescents. She is known for her insightful and practical approach and will be sharing valuable strategies and guidance on fostering resilience, managing anxiety at school, promoting positive mental health in children and fostering the social-emotional development and learning potential of all children. For more information on Karen Young, please visit her website: <https://www.heysigmund.com>.

**Places will be limited. We will let you know soon how to secure your ticket. Please note that this parent talk will be FREE and will be held in our school Hall on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024 commencing at 6pm.**

We look forward to welcoming you to this enriching parent talk and continuing our journey together in supporting the wellbeing of our children.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024  
6pm - 7:30pm**



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

SAT/SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
					10 MAY <b>PPB &amp; PPW Mother's Day Assembly (Mother's Day Raffle) (NO MERITS)</b>  <b>Mother's Day Family Breakfast 7:15 – 8:05am</b>
11/12 MAY  Week 5  <b>Mother's Day</b>	13 MAY	14 MAY Staff Prayer <b>Run Club</b>  Playgroup 8:30 – 10:30 Hall  Staff Meeting  <b>Eucharist Workshop SACPS Hall 6.00pm</b>	15 MAY  <b>Year 2 Liturgy of The Word 8:50am – Church</b>	16 MAY  <b>Run Club</b>  <b>Constable Care Incursion – whole school</b>	17 MAY  <b>URSTRONG Assembly</b>  <b>SCHOOL DISCO</b>
18/19 MAY  Week 6	20 MAY  <b>WINTER Interschool Lightning Carnival</b>	21 MAY Staff Prayer <b>Run Club</b>  Playgroup 8:30 – 10:30 Hall  Staff Meeting	22 MAY  National Stimulus Australia Wide Reading session	23 MAY  <b>Run Club</b>  <b>Science Incursion (Year 3 &amp; PP)</b>	24 MAY  <b>Eucharist Retreat– school hall</b>
25/26 MAY Week 7 <b>9am Parish Mass May Flower Celebration Years PP, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, &amp; 6 (SFOA) FREE Sausage sizzle after 9:00am Mass</b>	27 MAY	28 MAY Staff Prayer  <b>Run Club</b>  Staff Meeting	29 MAY  Advisory Council Meeting	30 MAY  <b>NO RUN CLUB</b>	31 MAY  <b>School Cross Country Years 2 – 6</b>

1/2 JUNE Week 8	<b>3 JUNE</b> <b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b> Western Australia Day	<b>4 JUNE</b> <b>PUPIL FREE</b> <b>DAY</b>	5 JUNE Year 4 Taster Day at IMCC	6 JUNE Run Club Eucharist Rehearsals. All day in Church. BCPS –Hall & Church. Reconciliation – Year 4	7JUNE Merit Assembly
8/9 JUNE Week 9 Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> 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