



Companions on the Journey

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*Heavenly Father,
We are ready for the holidays.
You know, Lord that we have done our best and learnt a lot.
Thank you for the fun we have had
And the hard work that we have put into this term.
Help us to carry on learning after this short break.
We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

TOMORROW, FRIDAY, 28th JUNE IS A PUPIL FREE DAY.



As Term 2 draws to a close, it is a good time to re-visit our goals and outcomes for the second half of the year. Each child should have been developing sound study habits and focussing on the outcomes that they would like to achieve for Semester 2. We are all praying that we can continue to strive towards a productive second semester.

Today, we had our annual **Pyjama Free Dress Day**. Thank you for your gold coin donation to Catholic charities. It is truly appreciated. *(Staff and Spiritual Ministry.)*

TOMORROW, Friday 28th June has been set aside for parent teacher interviews and it is a designated PUPIL FREE DAY for the students. Please ensure that you keep to the interview times allocated as parents who run late will have a definite impact on future interviews. Thank you for being considerate.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR INTER-SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

We are thrilled to advise our school community that we placed **second overall** in the Carnival. This is a fantastic achievement! A lot of hard work and training has gone into the children performing so admirably at the Interschool Cross Country Carnival and they should all be very proud of their efforts. A sincere thank you is extended to Mr. Kelly for coordinating the event and ensuring that the children were so well prepared. I also thank Mrs Parata and Mrs Jaschinsky for assisting at the Carnival.

A number of students achieved outstanding results and we congratulate those children in particular:

Year 3

Wallace D	2 nd
Alba T	3 rd
Chloe B	6 th
Ethan M	10 th

Year 4

Deisha Z-C	6 th
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Year 5

Emily K	1 st
Brooklyn W	4 th
Hanna F	5 th
Molly S	8 th
Amariah V	10 th

Year 6

Taj F	1 st
Ruby M	4 th
Ivy W	5 th
Ivan W	5 th
Benji H	8 th



SPEAK UP COMPETITION

This term, all Year 5 and 6 students presented a 4-minute speech in class on a topic that they chose. Students were encouraged to be both original and creative in their topic selection and presentation. Six finalists from each grade were selected to compete in the St Andrew's Speak Up Final which was held this week. Congratulations are extended to all of the students who presented their speeches. We are delighted to announce the following achievements:

- 1st Sophia C
- 2nd Logan F
- 3rd Muna E

We congratulate these students. Well done to all students that participated.



FAREWELL AND THANK YOU MR ARCHER

Tomorrow is Mr. Archer's last day as he retires from St Andrew's School and teaching as a whole. Last Friday, at our Assembly, we held a meaningful farewell. We all wish Fintan every happiness into the future.

STAFF LONG SERVICE LEAVE

A number of staff will be away from school for part of Term 3 on long service leave. We wish them all the best for their break.

SECONDARY SCHOOL



It is the parent's responsibility to enrol their children into the secondary school of their choice and to confirm this enrolment. It is also advisable for all parents/families that they should enrol into the Secondary School, of their choice, as early as *possible in primary school*. Some Secondary Schools include, as an enrolment-criteria, the date in which the application is received by the secondary school. (Attending any Catholic Primary School does not guarantee enrolment into another Catholic Secondary School.)

KISS N RIDE - Gate 2 Exit (Gate close to Osh Club)

Thank you to all parents who are parking down at the Anthony Waring Green car park after school and walking down there with their children. We have one small request, and this is that you walk out of the school via Gate 1 (the gate closest to Anthony Waring Park), so you are not crossing in front of all the cars leaving the Kiss n Ride. This way, you and your children will be much safer and there will be less hold ups with traffic leaving the school at the Kiss n Ride exit. A very big thank you to all families who are making life in the 'Kiss n Ride' a lot more efficient and safer at these busy times by turning left as they exit.

Finally, can I please appeal to all parents and guardians in showing patience, tolerance and wisdom when dropping off and/or picking up children, or parking in order to carry out school related business. By showing respect for each other we model correct behaviours to our children.

LOST PROPERTY

All items that are left on verandahs and in designated play areas usually end up either in the classroom or lost property which is in the undercover area. It is a much simpler task to return possessions to their owners if all items are clearly and correctly labelled.



TERM 3 DATES

A list of Term 3 dates has been emailed with today's newsletter. Dates are correct at the time of printing and should there be an update, parents will be notified via the school newsletter. Term 3 ***commences on Monday, 15th July at 8:30am and concludes on Friday, 20th September.***



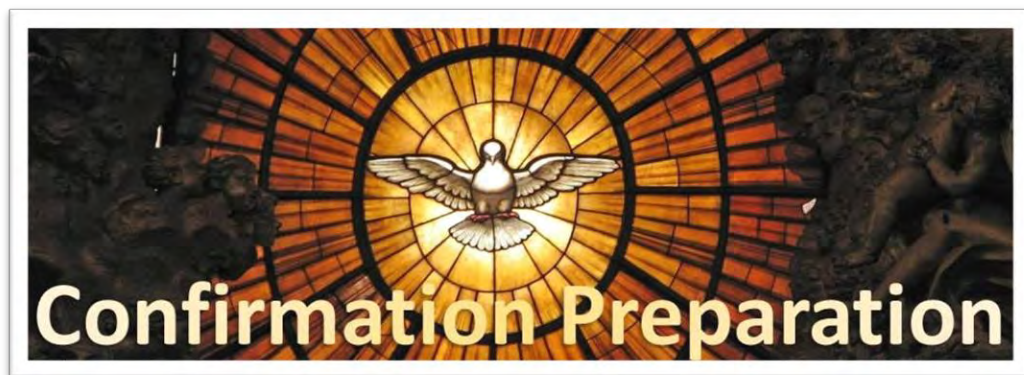
CONFIRMATION – YEAR 6 CANDIDATES

During this term, many of our Year 6 children will receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. The process for Confirmation will closely resemble that of Reconciliation and Eucharist. The key requirements are:

- Attendance at any Parish Mass over the weekend of 27th/28th July – for Confirmation enrolment. (Enrolment cards will be provided to your child by the Year 6 teachers. They can be filled out at home and handed in at one of the Masses).
- Attendance at the Candidate and Parent workshop: Tuesday, 30th July at SACPS Hall at 6.00pm.
- Attendance at the Confirmation Retreat on Friday, 2nd August. (Held during school hours and attended by all Year 6 students).
- Confirmation rehearsals will be held on Wednesday, 7th August. (Held during school hours).
- The Celebration of the Confirmation Mass is on **Tuesday, 13th August at 6.00pm.**

The following information is required for Confirmation:

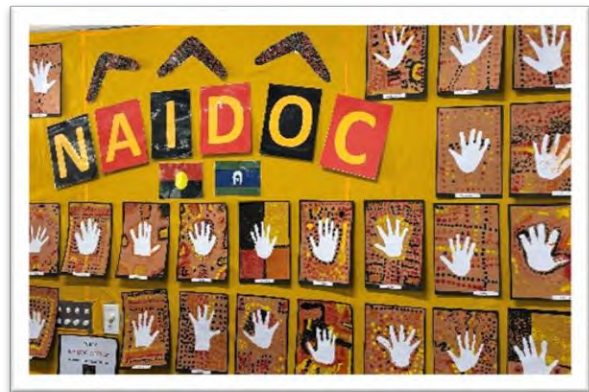
1. The selection of one sponsor in Confirmation. These are ideally the Godparents who have maintained a deep relationship with the child. Sponsors should be practising Catholics, over the age of 16. They cannot be Mum and Dad but can be older siblings, Grandparents, or close friends who have a connection to the candidate. They can live or be away interstate or overseas on the day of Confirmation and Mum or Dad can be proxies in their place.
2. The location and details of your child's Baptism – church, parish, suburb, city, country. (Exact date)
3. Mother's full maiden name and Father's full name.
4. The candidate should select a Saint in Confirmation based on discernment of the Saint's values, qualities or behaviours that the candidate admires.



NAIDOC WEEK

Held across the country from 7-14 July 2024, NAIDOC Week will celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This year's theme chosen by the National NAIDOC Committee, is 'Keep the Fire Burning!' The theme honours the enduring strength and vitality of First Nations culture – with fire a symbol of connection to Country, to each other, and to the rich tapestry of traditions that define Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Mrs Parata, our NAIDOC co-ordinator, has organised a number of different activities for our classes. The children's learning will be displayed in classrooms and in the Library.



MINI VINNIES PIZZA DAY

I thank our Mini Vinnies as well as Mrs Troman and Mrs Parata for their coordination of our Mini Vinnies Pizza Day. We all had a lovely lunch! I thank you for supporting this event as any proceeds will be donated on behalf of the students to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.



***** BOOKINGS OPEN *****

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, 18th July 2024 commencing at 6pm.** *Please note this is NOT Mrs Karen Young, our Year 3 Teacher and Assistant Principal.* 😊

Bookings are NOW OPEN! To secure your FREE ticket to this event, please go to the following website or scan the QR Code: <https://www.trybooking.com/CRDLU>



PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM 2025

St Andrew's Catholic Primary School is currently seeking expressions of interest from families for a Pre-Kindergarten Program scheduled to commence in 2025. This program will operate as a full day on Wednesday and will be open to all children who are aged 3+ years. If you would like to register your interest for the program or would like some more information, please contact the office. Our Pre-Kindergarten flyer is attached to this newsletter.



CONGRATULATIONS

We extend our congratulations to Koby A (Year 6) who has been accepted into the Aviation program at Kent Street Senior High School for next year. This is an outstanding achievement and he should be very proud of his efforts. We wish Koby the very best in his studies next year.



PARENTING IDEAS – SCHOOL REPORTS

Reports can mean anxious times for children. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is a main concern for most children. Student reports bring mixed feelings for parents. Pleasure and pride if they are performing well but considerable angst when children are not progressing as you hoped. Children of all ages take their cues from their parents, so your reaction to their school reports can affect the way they see themselves as learners and as people. Before you look at the report, do a little self-check to see if you are in the right frame of mind.

- 1) Are your expectations for your son or daughter realistic and in line with their ability? Expectations that are too high can turn children off learning; too low and there is nothing for them to strive for.
- 2) Do you believe that children learn at different rates? There are slow bloomers, late developers and steady-as-you-go children in every classroom, so avoid comparing your child to siblings, your friends' children and even yourself when you were a child. **Instead, look for individual progress.**
- 3) Are you willing to safeguard your child's self-esteem rather than deflate it? Self-confidence is a pre-requisite for learning, so be prepared to be as positive and encouraging as possible.

Some ideas to consider when you look at your child's report:

- Focus on strengths.
- Take account of your child's effort and attitude to learning.
- Broaden your focus away from just academic learning – How does your child perform socially?
- Take note of any student self-assessment.
- Discuss the report with your son or daughter.
- For more ideas about parenting please go to: parentingideas.com.au

CODE OF CONDUCT

Conduct Statement 9

You promote and preserve the trust and privilege inherent in your relationship with all members of the school community.

Guidelines

1. You promote and preserve the trust inherent in your relationship with students and with their parents.
2. You recognise that an inherent power imbalance exists within your relationship with students that may make the students and their family vulnerable and open to exploitation. You actively preserve the dignity of all people through practised kindness and by recognising the potential vulnerability and powerlessness of each student and their family. You recognise that the power relativities between you and a student can be significant, particularly where the student is very young, has a disability, a difficult family background, has cultural differences, or experiencing emotional turmoil. This vulnerability creates a power differential in your relationship with students that must be recognised and managed with care.
3. You take reasonable measures to establish a sense of trust to protect the physical, psychological, emotional, social and cultural well-being of each student. You protect students who are vulnerable, including but not limited to students with disability, from exploitation and harm.
4. You have a responsibility to maintain appropriate boundaries with students and to actively support other adults to do likewise, including bringing to their attention any failure to do so.
5. You may have personal or recreational relationships outside your school role with students' families and friends, or with school staff. You are aware that dual relationships may compromise student care and well-being. In cases of overlap or conflict between your dual relationships, you act with the primary intent of the safety and well-being of the student, which may require you to withdraw from a social relationship.
6. You do not engage in any behaviour with a student that could be interpreted by a reasonable person as being a friendship.
7. You do not engage in any behaviour with a student that a reasonable person could interpret as creating an opportunity to engage in emotional, physical or sexual intimacy with a student.
8. You recognise that the power imbalance between you and students means that the onus is on you to avoid any ambiguity or misunderstanding by a student or third party about your intent in your behaviour towards them.
9. You understand that the power imbalance between you and students means a student is unable to give their consent to engaging in emotional, physical or sexual intimacy with you, regardless of the legal age of consent, or the student's age or maturity. You must therefore

not seek nor rely on such express or implied consent from a student to engage in an intimate relationship.

10. You understand that the power imbalance between you and students may continue to influence students' choices beyond the date when they cease to be students at your school. You must therefore not engage in emotional, physical or sexual intimacy with a former student within two years of them ceasing enrolment at your school, or them turning 21, whichever occurs latest.

11. You take all reasonable steps to ensure the safety and security of the possessions and property of students and their families that are in your care.

12. You do not knowingly mislead parents or make misrepresenting statements to them, or withhold information relevant to their ability to make informed decisions about their children unless required by law.

13. You recognise that there may be rare exceptions to full disclosure to parents. Such disclosure of information may compromise law enforcement or other risk management processes, or the privacy and reputation of those involved. You seek legal or other expert advice in resolving such situations, recognising that parents have the right to know about any risk to their children.

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
Ralph H and Zane D
We hope you have a wonderful day!

P&F NEWS

Please join the P&F St Andrew's Facebook
standrewsparentsandfriends@gmail.com

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 3, PLANNER 2024 FAMILIES (10 week term)

SAT/SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
13/14 JULY Week 1	15 JULY Students start school 8:30am	16 JULY Staff Prayer Playgroup 8:30 -10:30 Hall Staff meeting	17 JULY RAC Incursion	18 JULY Run Club commences 7:40am RAC Incursion Parent Information evening (free event) Karen Young, Psychologist	19 JULY Merit Assembly P&F Meeting (1:30pm Staffroom)
20/21 JULY Week 2	22 JULY PUPIL FREE DAY Staff Professional Development	23 JULY Staff Prayer Run Club Playgroup 8:30 -10:30 Hall Staff meeting	24 JULY	25 JULY Run Club	26 JULY Pre-Primary 100 Days of School Celebration Merit Assembly
27/28 JULY Week 3 Confirmation Commitment Mass at all W/E masses	29 JULY	30 JULY Staff Prayer Playgroup 8:30 -10:30 Hall Run Club Staff Meeting Confirmation Workshop SACPS Hall 6:00pm	31 JULY CEWA Religious Education Assessment Year 5	1 AUGUST Run Club CEWA Religious Education Assessment- Year 3 Performing Arts Festival Band Performance 11am (Venue TBC)	2 AUGUST Confirmation Retreat SACPS 8:45am – 2.15pm Hall and Year 6 Classrooms CEWA Religious Education Assessment- Catch Up Test
3/4 AUG Week 4 10:00am Parish Mary MacKillop Mass (IMCC) FREE Sausage sizzle after 10:00am Mass (TBC)	5 AUGUST	6 AUGUST Staff Prayer Run Club URSTRONG Day of Friendship Online Workshops 9 - 9.30: Yr 1&2 10-10.45: Yr 3&4 11-11.45: Yr 5&6 Playgroup 8:30 -10:30 Hall Staff Meeting	7 AUGUST Confirmation Rehearsals 9:00am Church Confirmation Year 6 Reconciliations 10:00am Church	8 AUGUST Run Club School Mass Feast of Mary MacKillop Mass (4B) 9:00am Year 3 Excursion to Clarkson Library (11am)	9 AUGUST Year 2 Merit Assembly (Both Classes) Performing Arts Woodwind Solo Performances
10/11 AUG Week 5	12 AUGUST Science Incursion Years 5 & 6	13 AUGUST Run Club Staff Prayer Playgroup 8:30 -10:30 Hall ST ANDREW'S CONFIRMATION @ 6:00pm	14 AUGUST	15 AUGUST Run Club Feast of the Assumption Mass (4W) 9:00am	16 AUGUST Year 3 Merit Assembly (Both Classes)

17/18 AUG WEEK 6 Children's Book Week 17– 23 August	19 AUGUST P & F Father's Day Raffle tickets sent home	20 AUGUST Staff Prayer NO RUN CLUB Book Week Character Parade – Hall 8:50am Playgroup 8:30 -10:30 Under cover area Staff Meeting	21 AUGUST	22 AUGUST Run Club Maths Day Incursion (PP – 3) One Big Voice Festival (Yr4-6 selected choir)	23 AUGUST Maths Day Incursion (4 – 6)
24/25 AUG Week 7	26 AUGUST	27 AUGUST Staff Prayer Run Club Playgroup 8:30 -10:30 Hall	28 AUGUST Year 1 Liturgy of The Word 8:50am - Church Advisory Council Meeting	29 AUGUST Run Club	30 AUGUST PPB & PPW Father's Day Assembly (NO Merit) Father's Day Family Breakfast 7:15am – 8:00am Father's Day Raffle drawn at Assembly
31 AUG / 1 SEPT Week 8 FATHER'S DAY	2 SEPTEMBER	3 SEPTEMBER Staff Prayer NO RUN CLUB Open Night / Book Fair 3:00 - 4:30pm Festivities Conclude 4:30pm Playgroup 8:30 -10:30 Hall No Staff Meeting	4 SEPTEMBER	5 SEPTEMBER Run Club	6 SEPTEMBER URSTRONG Assembly
7/8 SEPT Week 9	9 SEPTEMBER	10 SEPTEMBER Staff Prayer Playgroup 8:30 -10:30 Hall Last day of Run Club for Term 3 Year 6 Excursion (Brownes Dairy) Staff Meeting	11 SEPTEMBER	12 SEPTEMBER NO RUN CLUB School Athletics Carnival School Athletics Carnival Track Events Junior tabloids and Senior Tabloids after Lunch (run concurrently) Presentation of Grade Champion Medals & Faction Shield after tabloids	13 SEPTEMBER Year 3 Excursion
14/15 SEPT Week 10	16 SEPTEMBER	17 SEPTEMBER Staff Prayer Playgroup 8:30 -10:30am Staff Meeting	18 SEPTEMBER	19 SEPTEMBER	20 SEPTEMBER LAST DAY OF TERM FREE DRESS DAY FAVOURITE SPORT PERSON /TEAM



St Andrew's Catholic Primary School Pre-Kindergarten 2025

*We invite you to Register your Interest for our NEW
Pre-Kindergarten Program for 2025*

- ✓ Starts in 2025
- ✓ Open to all children aged 3+ years
- ✓ Qualified Early Childhood Teacher
- ✓ Program based on Early Years Learning Framework principles
- ✓ Play-based learning environment
- ✓ Experiences designed to foster social, emotional, cognitive and physical development through a range of experiences
- ✓ Pre-Kindergarten in 2025 will be on Wednesday
- ✓ Full day program (8:30am-2:30pm)
- ✓ Classes will be in the current Kindergarten rooms
- ✓ \$65 per day

*To register your interest or find out more information,
please contact our office on 6206 4100 or
email: admin@standrews.wa.edu.au*

