



Companions on the Journey

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### NEWSLETTER NO 21 2024 18 JULY 2024

*Heavenly Father,  
As a new term begins, we promise, with your help,  
To bring new energy to our work at our school.  
May we always be aware of the needs of others in our school  
And in the local community, including our church.  
Help us to listen and learn in our classes; do our very best in our homework;  
And play our full part in school and class activities.  
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

A warm **welcome back to Term 3**. We hope that you had an enjoyable school holiday period. We pray for those people who may have recently experienced loss or tragedy. We extend our prayers and thoughts to you during this difficult time.

***A reminder that next Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July is a Pupil Free Day. All staff will be involved in professional development.***

*Tonight, we are excited to host a Parent Information Night presented by Karen Young, a world-renowned psychologist. She will be talking about student wellbeing and reducing the stress of the classroom. The books that she has written are proving to be a valuable resource for all. We look forward to welcoming the large number of people attending.*

With the onset of winter and the possibility of your child being absent from school, please ensure that **all absences are covered by a written note** signed by a parent or guardian. Please ensure that if your child is unwell, they do not attend school. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

## STAFF MEETINGS EVERY TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL



Parents are reminded that teachers will be involved *in staff meetings every Tuesday afternoon* and also on some other designated afternoons during the Term. It is appreciated if you can ensure that you collect your child/children promptly after school.

The teachers have raised a **concern about the late arrival of some children**. Whilst I fully understand the complexities of getting children to school, the organisation required and the issue of cold weather, it is essential that all children arrive on time to maximise their learning and minimise all classroom disruptions. Often children who have arrived late have missed vital information pertaining to the day and to the introduction of the lesson.

## WORK COMPLETED DURING THE VACATION

To minimise the disruption to both staff and students, a number of major jobs were completed over the school holidays.

## RUNNING / ATHLETICS' CLUB

Unfortunately, we were unable to hold our running/athletics' club this morning because of the inclement weather. We look forward to recommencing this club next Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

## RAC INCURSION

The 'RAC Around the Roads' presenters have visited our classrooms this week to provide safety advice on the use of bikes, scooters and skateboards. They have also talked to the students about how to be "A grade passengers" in a car and to cross roads safely. The children are looking forward to sharing this important learning with you.



## **WASTE FREE INITIATIVE**

This year we have been continuing with our initiative to become a waste-free school. We have been encouraging the children to bring waste-free lunch boxes and to take their rubbish home.

A waste-free lunch contains no throwaway packaging and produces no food waste. The typical waste-free lunch is packed in a reusable lunchbox or bag. Food is put in reusable containers rather than wrapped in disposable packaging. A drink is in a refillable bottle and all containers are resealable so that leftover food and drink can be saved for later.

Australia is one of the highest producers of waste per person in the western world. The average student's lunch generates around 3 kg of waste per school year. If you consider the impact of the collective lunches of your family, that's a lot of waste. But with your assistance, we can make a great contribution towards avoiding waste.

The following are great ideas for creating a waste-free lunchbox:

- Use a reusable lunch bag or box for carrying lunch. There is a non-disposable alternative for every item you can imagine making your waste-free lunch a breeze.
- Put food in reusable containers instead of wrapping in plastic wrap.
- Put drinks in refillable containers.
- Label all containers to make sure they come home.
- Let children help pack their own lunchbox and help them to make it nutritious and waste-free.
- Only pack as much food as your child will eat.
- Buy in bulk – food such as crackers, chips, biscuits, yoghurt, cheese or other small, packaged food is much cheaper bought in bulk and put into reusable containers and creates a lot less waste.
- Stock up on easy-to-pack, healthy foods, such as fresh fruits, vegetables and wholegrains.
- Cut up fruit and vegetables and pack them in reusable containers so that any uneaten can be saved for later.
- Put leftovers from dinner directly into a lunch container.
- Minimise the morning rush by packing lunches the night before and leave in the fridge overnight. Cut up a few extra vegetables.

Thank you for supporting your child's participation in our school waste and sustainability program.



### **KISS N RIDE - Gate 1 Exit (Gate nearest Anthony Waring Park)**

Thank you to all parents who are parking down at the Anthony Waring 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.



### **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.



## CODE OF CONDUCT

### Conduct statement 10

You maintain and build on the community's trust and confidence in Catholic schools and the Church.

#### Guidelines

1. Your conduct maintains and builds public trust and confidence in your school, other members of the school community, and the Church.
2. Any unlawful and unethical actions in your personal life risk adversely affecting both your own and the school's reputation in the eyes of the public. If the good standing of either you or the school was to diminish, this might jeopardise the inherent trust between the school and parents, as well as the community more generally, necessary for effective relationships and the best education of students.
3. You notify the Principal of your involvement in any criminal investigation or other legal process that may undermine trust and confidence in your judgement or care of students.
4. You consider the interests of the school and the Church when exercising your right to freedom of speech and participating in public, political and academic debate, including publication.
5. You never place the reputation of the school above the safety and well-being of students.

**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**

**Happy Birthday to Oscar R, Violet M, Luke F,  
Roman T, Nathan I, My An N and Zoe W  
We hope you have a wonderful day!**

## P&F NEWS

### NEXT MEETING

We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at our next meeting tomorrow at 1:30pm in the staffroom. We will be discussing all the events for the remainder of the year including the Father's Day Raffle, St Andrew's Day and Christmas! See you then.

**Please join the P&F St Andrew's Facebook**  
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## PARISH NEWS



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

[clarkson.perthcatholic.org.au](http://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
					19 JULY <b>Merit Assembly</b>  P&F Meeting (1:30pm Staffroom)
20/21 JULY Week 2	<b>22 JULY PUPIL FREE DAY  Staff Professional Development</b>	23 JULY Staff Prayer <b>Run Club</b> Playgroup 8:30 -10:30 Hall  Staff meeting	24 JULY	25 JULY <b>Run Club</b>	26 JULY  Pre-Primary 100 Days of School Celebration  <b>Merit Assembly</b>
27/28 JULY  Week 3  <b>Confirmation Commitment Mass at all weekend masses</b>	29 JULY	30 JULY Staff Prayer Playgroup 8:30 -10:30 Hall <b>Run Club</b>  Staff Meeting  <b>Confirmation Workshop Hall 6:00pm</b>	31 JULY  <b>CEWA Religious Education Assessment Year 5</b>	1 AUGUST <b>Run Club</b>  <b>CEWA Religious Education Assessment- Year 3</b>  Performing Arts Festival Band Performance 11am (Venue TBC)	2 AUGUST  <b>Confirmation Retreat 8:45am – 2.30pm Hall</b>  <b>CEWA Religious Education Assessment- Catch Up Test</b>
3/4 AUG Week 4  10:00am Parish Mary MacKillop Mass (IMCC) <b>FREE Sausage sizzle after 10:00am Mass (TBC)</b>	5 AUGUST	6 AUGUST Staff Prayer <b>Run Club</b>  <b>URSTRONG Day of Friendship Online Workshops 9 - 9.30: Yr 1&amp;2 10-10.45: Yr 3&amp;4 11-11.45: Yr 5&amp;6</b>  Playgroup 8:30 -10:30 Hall  Staff Meeting	7 AUGUST  <b>Confirmation Rehearsals 9:00am Church</b>  <b>Confirmation Year 6 Reconciliations 10:00am Church</b>	8 AUGUST <b>Run Club</b>  <b>School Mass Feast of Mary MacKillop Mass (4B) 9:00am</b>  Year 3 Excursion to Clarkson Library (11am)	9 AUGUST  <b>Year 2 Merit Assembly (Both Classes)</b>  Performing Arts Woodwind Solo Performances
10/11 AUG  Week 5	12 AUGUST  Science Incursion Years 5 & 6	13 AUGUST <b>Run Club</b>  Staff Prayer Playgroup 8:30 -10:30 Hall  <b>ST ANDREW'S CONFIRMATION @ 6:00pm</b>	14 AUGUST	15 AUGUST <b>Run Club</b>  <b>Feast of the Assumption Mass (4W) 9:00am</b>	16 AUGUST  <b>Year 3 Merit Assembly (Both Classes)</b>
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 <b>NO RUN CLUB</b>  <b>Book Week Character Parade – Hall 8:50am</b> Playgroup 8:30 -10:30 Undercover area  Staff Meeting	21 AUGUST	22 AUGUST <b>Run Club</b>  <b>Maths Day Incursion (PP – 3)</b>  <b>One Big Voice Festival (Yr4-6 selected choir)</b>	23 AUGUST  <b>Maths Day Incursion (4 – 6)</b>

24/25 AUG Week 7	26 AUGUST	27 AUGUST Staff Prayer <b>Run Club</b>  Playgroup 8:30 -10:30 Hall	28 AUGUST  <b>Year 1 Liturgy of The Word 8:50am - Church</b>  Advisory Council Meeting	29 AUGUST  <b>Run Club</b>	30 AUGUST <b>PPB &amp; PPW Father's Day Assembly (NO Merit)</b>  <b>Father's Day Family Breakfast 7:15am – 8:00am</b>  Father's Day Raffle drawn at Assembly
31 AUG / 1 SEPT Week 8  <b>FATHER'S DAY</b>	2 SEPTEMBER	3 SEPTEMBER Staff Prayer <b>NO RUN CLUB</b>  <b>Open Night / Book Fair 3:00 - 4:30pm Festivities Conclude 4:30pm</b>  Playgroup 8:30 -10:30 Hall  No Staff Meeting	4 SEPTEMBER	5 SEPTEMBER  <b>Run Club</b>	6 SEPTEMBER  <b>URSTRONG Assembly</b>
7/8 SEPT Week 9	9 SEPTEMBER	10 SEPTEMBER Staff Prayer  Playgroup 8:30 -10:30 Hall  <b>Last day of Run Club for Term 3</b>  Year 6 Excursion (Brownes Dairy)  Staff Meeting	11 SEPTEMBER	12 SEPTEMBER <b>NO RUN CLUB</b>  <b>School Athletics Carnival School Athletics Carnival Track Events</b>  <b>Junior tabloids and Senior Tabloids after Lunch (run concurrently)</b>  <b>Presentation of Grade Champion Medals &amp; Faction Shield after tabloids</b>	13 SEPTEMBER  <b>Year 3 Excursion</b>
14/15 SEPT Week 10	16 SEPTEMBER	17 SEPTEMBER Staff Prayer  Playgroup 8:30 -10:30am  Staff Meeting	18 SEPTEMBER	19 SEPTEMBER	20 SEPTEMBER  <b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>  <b>FREE DRESS DAY FAVOURITE SPORT PERSON /TEAM</b>





# 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](mailto:admin@standrews.wa.edu.au)*

