



Companions on the Journey

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A Prayer for Peace

*Lord Jesus Christ,
You are the true King of peace.
In You alone is found freedom.
Please free our world from conflict.
Bring unity to troubled nations.
Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart.*

*Dispel all darkness and evil.
Protect the dignity of every human life.
Replace hatred with Your love.
Give wisdom to world leaders.
Free them from selfish ambition.
Eliminate all violence and war.*

*Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, hear our prayers.
Jesus, I trust in You! Amen.*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that everyone enjoyed their school vacation. It was wonderful to walk around and talk to the children upon their return about the exciting events that took place. Term 4 has come around so quickly that it is important to talk to your children about their goals and expectations after looking through their work at Open Afternoon. It is by this ***united approach that we strive to provide the best opportunities and outcomes for the students.***



Please ensure that you visit the school website for a copy of the Term 4 Dates.

I wish all of the staff who are currently on Long Service Leave a well-earned rest and I look forward to their return in the very near future.

I thank all families for returning the children in their summer school uniform.

MONDAY – SPORTS UNIFORMS

Every Monday, all children are invited to wear their sports uniform as they will be participating in the Footsteps movement program. The children will perform their dance on Monday, 18th November at the Music Gala. Parents are invited to attend this performance.



RUNNING CLUB

Running and Athletics training commenced this week. It will again be held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings until the conclusion of the Interschool Carnival. ***The last session of training for the year will be on Tuesday, 22nd October.***

YOU'RE INVITED

You are all invited to attend the ACM of the Parent Advisory Council followed by the ACM of the Parents & Friends Association. These meetings will be held on Wednesday, 13th November commencing at 6:00pm in the school hall and will run one after the other.

LOST PROPERTY

If your child has lost or misplaced any article of clothing, please check the box in the undercover area, especially after sport days. Any item, which is clearly marked with your child's name, has been returned to your child.



PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL



Please ensure that all families follow safe practices and park in the appropriate bays. We also request that you be courteous to the residents and neighbours. The City of Wanneroo has advised us that rangers will be in attendance. Please observe all laws.

WORK COMPLETED IN THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

A number of significant works projects have been completed over the school vacation. The major projects included the deployment of big screen televisions in all remaining classes including the Mary MacKillop Centre, replacement of several air conditioners, upgrading all toilet blocks and washrooms within the school, replacement and upgrade of electrical switch boards within the school, emergency shut off valves installed for all water outlets within the school, air conditioner filters cleaned and / or replaced, replacement of hall perimeter fencing and the regular maintenance that is always completed pursuant to our maintenance schedule.

2025 CLASSES - REQUESTS

A few parents have written to me with regards to classes in 2025. We are blessed at St Andrew's to have teachers of the highest calibre. I feel that your children will be well catered for. Most classes work collaboratively together during portions of the day.



Parents *SHOULD* assume that the current teachers will remain in their current grades for next year and that the CURRENT CLASS STRUCTURES WILL REMAIN THE SAME FOR NEXT YEAR. No final decision as to which teacher is teaching which grade has been made, but a number of staff will change grade next year.

Parents need to take into consideration that there are only 2 classes per grade and that ***children will be split*** from their previous year. ***Your current teacher has your child's best interest at heart and will attempt to place them into the best class for their needs.*** Parents should also be aware that if a teacher is requested, then ***your child may not be placed in the same class as their friends.*** Also, it may be necessary that friendship groups be split for optimum learning to occur. The classroom should be viewed as a place for learning to occur. (A conversation with your child's current teacher may be a good starting point.) **Parents should not request a teacher and then friendship groups. It is one or the other and if a request is put in for both, then it will be completely discounted.**

I will acknowledge your request and they will be taken into consideration. Unfortunately, I ***cannot give any guarantee for requests*** made.

All requests must be made in writing and are exactly that, a request and no guarantee can be given. Once classes have been set and announced there will NOT be any alterations to class groupings. Please send all requests to the school email address:

admin@standrews.wa.edu.au

All requests should be finalised by end of the school day on Friday, 25th October.

**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.

SCHOOL NEWS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Happy Birthday to
Roman W, Jordan U, Bronny J, Ethan S, Rydash R, Bella P
and Mia G**

We hope you have a wonderful day!



P&F NEWS

P&F FACEBOOK PAGE

Don't forget to check out the P&F Facebook page to keep up to date with things going on at school or to get in touch with us. The page name is St Andrew's Clarkson CPS P&F group. Our next meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, Friday 11th October at 1:30pm in the staffroom.

The ACM will be held on Wednesday, 13th November in the school hall at 6.00pm. Elections will be held for the Executive at this meeting. All Executive positions may be vacated. Anyone who is interested in nominating for a position on the Executive is welcome to contact the P&F through the school. The job description can be found on the school website (link below) or hard copies are available in the office. Please note these are guidelines only.

<https://standrews.wa.edu.au/parents-and-friends/>



PARISH NEWS



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

clarkson.perthcatholic.org.au

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

**ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING FOR THE
ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, 13th NOVEMBER AT 6.00PM - SCHOOL HALL**

If anyone wishes to nominate for the Advisory Council in 2025, they are requested to book an appointment with Mr Fontaine initially and then receive an information pack.

P & F NEWS

**ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING FOR THE P& F
WEDNESDAY, 13th NOVEMBER AT 6.00pm - SCHOOL HALL**

All positions on the P & F Committee are open for nomination for next year. Everyone is welcome to come on board and join our enthusiastic team of parents helping to improve the community spirit of St Andrew's. As a result of the great teamwork this year, workloads have not been too heavy, and we have still managed to raise a tidy sum to assist in the improvement of our children's education. Please consider joining the team and nominating for one of the following positions:

Brief "job descriptions" –

- **President:**
(Chairs the meetings, liaises with the Principal and co-ordinates the sub-committees in charge of the different events).
- **Vice President:** (Chairs the meetings in the President's absence and assists where required).
- **Secretary:** (Records the Minutes of each meeting and distributes them to each committee member.)
- **Treasurer:** (Presents the financial report prepared for each meeting).
- **Committee Member:** (Comes up with fabulous ideas to keep the community / children entertained!).

I would like to nominate for the
position of for the 2025 committee.

Signed
Please return this nomination slip to Mrs Champion at the front office.

ST ANDREW'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
TERM 4 2024 – FAMILIES (9 week student term +1)

| SAT/SUN | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|-----------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
| 5/6 OCT Week 1 | 7 OCTOBER PUPIL FREE DAY | 8 OCTOBER Staff Prayer STUDENTS START 8:30AM (SUMMER UNIFORMS) Staff Meeting | 9 OCTOBER | 10 OCTOBER Run Club commences for Term 4 Current Year 3 Parents – BYOD Meeting for 2025 3:00pm Library | 11 OCTOBER Year 5 Merit Assembly (Both Classes) P&F Meeting (1:30pm Staffroom) |
| 12/13 OCT Week 2 | 14 OCTOBER <i>Footsteps</i> 8:30 – 9:20-Yr 6 9:20 -9:50 - PP 9:50 -10:20–Yr 1 10:40 -11:30 - Yr 5 11:30 -12:20 –Yr 4 1:05 -1:55 – Yr 3 1:55 – 2:45 – Yr 2 | 15 OCTOBER Staff Prayer Run Club Playgroup 8:30 -10:30 Hall Staff Meeting | 16 OCTOBER Pre-Primary Liturgy of The Word 9:00am – Church | 17 OCTOBER Run Club Year 1 Excursion to Cuddly Farm | 18 OCTOBER <i>Footsteps</i> 8:30 – 9:20-Yr 6 9:20 -9:50 - PP 9:50 -10:20–Yr 1 10:40 -11:30 - Yr 5 11:30 -12:20 –Yr 4 1:05 -1:55 – Yr 3 1:55 – 2:45 – Yr 2 |
| 19/20 OCT Week 3 | 21 OCTOBER <i>Footsteps</i> 8:30 – 9:20-Yr 6 9:20 -9:50 - PP 9:50 -10:20–Yr 1 10:40 -11:30 - Yr 5 11:30 -12:20 –Yr 4 1:05 -1:55 – Yr 3 1:55 – 2:45 – Yr 2 | 22 OCTOBER Staff Prayer Playgroup 8:30 -10:30 Hall LAST DAY OF RUN CLUB Staff Meeting | 23 OCTOBER | 24 OCTOBER NO RUN CLUB | 25 OCTOBER Interschool Athletics Carnival Years 3 -6 ALL EVENTS (Ridgewood Park) |
| 26 / 27 OCT Week 4 | 28 OCTOBER <i>Footsteps</i> 8:30 – 9:20-Yr 6 9:20 -9:50 - PP 9:50 -10:20–Yr 1 10:40 -11:30 - Yr 5 11:30 -12:20 –Yr 4 1:05 -1:55 – Yr 3 1:55 – 2:45 – Yr 2 | 29 OCTOBER Staff Prayer Playgroup 8:30 -10:30 Hall Staff Meeting | 30 OCTOBER ACADEMIC ALL STARS (School Hall) | 31 OCTOBER Year 6 Excursion | 1 NOVEMBER All Saints Mass 9:00am (Year 3W) |
| 2/3 NOV Week 5 | 4 NOVEMBER <i>Footsteps</i> 8:30 – 9:20-Yr 6 9:20 -9:50 - PP 9:50 -10:20–Yr 1 10:40 -11:30 - Yr 5 11:30 -12:20 –Yr 4 1:05 -1:55 – Yr 3 1:55 – 2:45 – Yr 2 | 5 NOVEMBER Staff Prayer Playgroup 8:30 -10:30 Hall Melbourne Cup Staff Meeting | 6 NOVEMBER Current Year 5 Parents- Camp / Ministry Meeting for 2025 3:00pm Year 6 Classroom Advisory Council Meeting 5:00pm | 7 NOVEMBER | 8 NOVEMBER Year 1B Merit Assembly |

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| 9/10 NOV Week 6 | 11 NOVEMBER Remembrance Day Year 2 11:00am | 12 NOVEMBER Staff Prayer NO PLAYGROUP CURRENT KINDY PUPIL FREE DAY Kindergarten 2025 Parent ONLY Information Meeting 9:00 -10:00am School Hall Staff Meeting | 13 NOVEMBER P&F and Advisory Council ACM 6:00pm School Hall | 14 NOVEMBER Indonesian Day | 15 NOVEMBER URSTRONG Assembly Year 3 Bunnings Incursion |
| 16/17 NOV Week 7 | 18 NOVEMBER Music Gala inc Footsteps Performance 8:45am- Whole School in Hall | 19 NOVEMBER Staff Prayer Playgroup 8:30 -10:30 Hall Staff Meeting | 20 NOVEMBER Pre-Kindy Information Session 8:45am (Kindergarten Rooms) | 21 NOVEMBER Whole School Rehearsal Kindy-Year 6 Christmas celebration /carols 9am Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Reconciliation 11:00am Church | 22 NOVEMBER P & F Celebration for St. Andrew's Day |
| 23//24 NOV Week 8 | 25 NOVEMBER | 26 NOVEMBER Staff Prayer Playgroup 8:30 -10:30 Hall Last day Kindy - Year 6 Christmas Celebration/Carols 9:00am School choir to lead singing Staff Meeting | 27 NOVEMBER | 28 NOVEMBER St Andrew's Day, Christmas / Staff Farewell and Thanksgiving Mass 9am (Host: 3B) | 29 NOVEMBER Year 6 Graduation Outing Last Day Canteen Open |
| 30 Nov / 1 Dec Week 9 | 2 DECEMBER Canteen Closed | 3 DECEMBER Staff Prayer 2025 Class Orientation Kindy – Year 6 8:45am-9:30am Class Lists on display & Children to participate in transition session Kindy Christmas Party 10am-11:30am KINDY LAST DAY Early finish after party Staff Meeting | 4 DECEMBER Canteen Closed Free Dress Day Theme – Holidays Gold coin donation to Catholic charities | 5 DECEMBER Year 6 Graduation Mass 9.00am Church followed by Award Presentation School choir to lead singing Whole school attending | 6 DECEMBER Staff Casual Friday Canteen Closed Final Assembly 8:40am School choir to lead singing 3 carols only Last day of Term 4 for students Reports available on SEQTA (Please download a hard copy for your records) |
| 7/8 DEC Week 10 | 9 DECEMBER STAFF | 10 DECEMBER STAFF | 11 DECEMBER STAFF | 12 DECEMBER STAFF | 13 DECEMBER STAFF |



St Andrew's Pre-Kindy Program

STARTS 2025

OPEN TO

3+



WHAT WE PROVIDE

- Qualified Early Childhood Teacher
- Play-based learning
- Social, emotional and a wide range of experiences

\$65

A DAY

FULL DAY PROGRAM
8:30am-2:30pm

*For more information & to get
registration form, please visit our site:*



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Irene McCormack Catholic College



PANTHERS SPORTS ACADEMY



The College welcomes applications from Year 5 & 6 students looking to enrol at Irene McCormack Catholic College, Year 7-10 students from other schools and students currently enrolled at Irene McCormack. Selection will be based on academic performance, personal attributes, community club sport participation and athletic levels.

➤ **TRIALS** - Wednesday, 6th November

➤ **TIME** - 3.30pm-4.30pm **PLACE** - Paul Rafter Centre

www.imcc.wa.edu.au

**APPLY
ONLINE**

