



Companions on the Journey

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NEWSLETTER NO 33 2024

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*Almighty God,
We pray for our school.
We give thanks for the staff, students and parents.
We ask for your encouragement to acknowledge our achievements and to be
clear sighted into directions that we undertake in the future.
We ask this through, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

MONDAYS – SPORTS UNIFORMS

Every Monday, all children are invited to wear their sports uniform as they will be participating in the Footsteps movement program. Parents will be invited to see the children's performance at the Music Gala which will be held on Monday, 18th November.



RUNNING CLUB

Running club has now ended for this year. Congratulations to all of the students for their magnificent participation and to Mr Kelly for his coordination of the event on a weekly basis.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL HAMPERS – GIVE A GIFT AT CHRISTMAS

We invite our school community to join us in participating in the Vinnies Christmas Appeal 2024. A note has been sent home inviting donations. Our Mini Vinnie's group will be preparing our Christmas hampers this year. These will be donated to St Andrew's Parish and the St Vincent de Paul group so that they can be distributed. We thank you for your support of this initiative. For further information, please see Mrs Troman and Mrs Parata

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS CARNIVAL – TOMORROW

My best wishes are extended to the Interschool team that will compete tomorrow at the Interschool Carnival at Ridgewood. I wish to thank Mr Kelly for his coordination of the team and all of the support that he offered the students as they prepared for their events. I hope that all students achieve their personal best tomorrow.

CLASS - 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.

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

PARENTS REQUESTING TEACHERS FOR 2024

As previously advised, not all staff will remain in their current grades for 2024. As such, I cannot guarantee specific teacher requests. Please be aware, that as with class structures and numerous parent requests, staffing is another element that will not be finalised until later in the year. Your child's current teacher always has your child's best interest and will place them into the class that they deem to be the most appropriate for a number of reasons. I thank you for your consideration of this matter.

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.

2025 BOOKLISTS

This year the 2025 Booklists must be accessed online. Paper copies will not be sent home.

Orders must be placed online by **FRIDAY, 22nd November**. I recommend that all parents use this service so that your child has the correct books to commence school with next year.

Instructions for online orders:

1. Log on to www.campion.com.au
2. Click on "Parents Order Here"
3. You will be prompted to either set up an **account** or log into an existing account.
4. Enter the following code into the **Resource List code**: **F27G**
5. Select the year level and then choose the items that you want to purchase.

Parents are reminded to not re-order items, which should have been retained from the previous year. ***For those parents who order their children's books before the due date, there is a significant discount on the package /handling charges associated.***

There is a home delivery service associated with this booklist, so that this can also assist families from our school.

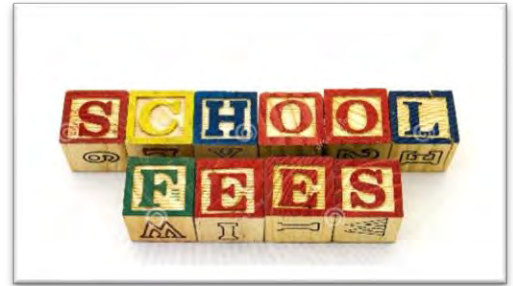
If you intend visiting a Champion Retail Store in January, then please be advised of the following:

- **Not all textbooks will be available at the retail stores in January.** It is then up to parents to locate the textbooks that are unavailable and ensure that their child has them for the commencement of the 2025 school year.
- ***It is essential that all children have the correct texts from day one.***
- Some textbooks on the booklist are a special St. Andrew's order and will not be on the shelves.
- There may be VERY LONG delays in store at this time.

If you require any assistance with the book ordering, you are welcome to ask directly at the front office.

SCHOOL FEES

Please note that Term 4 school fees for 2024 need to be finalised by 23rd November. If you have outstanding Term 3 fees they need to be finalised by Friday 1 November 2024. Reminders have gone home to families who have not paid. Please contact Mr Fontaine or Mrs Rafferty if you are experiencing difficulties. Your attention to this important aspect of our school is appreciated.



QUALITY CATHOLIC EDUCATION AWARDS

The 2024 CEWA Quality Catholic Education Awards celebrate the remarkable efforts and dedication of Catholic school communities, staff and students across our state, identifying, commending and showcasing the very best of Catholic Education in Western Australia.

This year, St Andrew's submitted our Prayer Bag Initiative in Pre-Primary for a Quality Catholic Education Award. The Pre-Primary 'Prayer Bag' initiative serves to foster faith development and celebrate diversity within the Early Years at our school. Each child is offered the opportunity to take home the class 'Prayer Bag' throughout the year. This bag contains various Catholic symbols, enabling children to establish a prayer focus area in their homes. Children and families are encouraged to compose a prayer for inclusion in the class Prayer Book. This initiative encourages family engagement to enhance Catholic faith at home and facilitates the sharing of cultural diversity in our community.

We are proud to advise our school community that we recently received a **Merit Certificate** for this initiative. I thank Mrs Kilgallon, Mrs Smith and Mrs Dennis for their outstanding efforts in Pre-Primary and for their efforts in nominating this initiative in the 2024 QCE Awards.



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

Lilly G, Chase B, Oliver D, Lucas N, Jude F and Jordan R

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 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
IN THE 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
IN THE 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 – PARENTS (9 week student term +1)

SAT/SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
					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
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 St Andrew's Parish Feast Day – Sunday Mass 10:00am FREE Sausage sizzle after Mass	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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