



Companions on the Journey

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Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*As we venerate the glorious memory of the most Holy Virgin Mary,
grant, we pray, O Lord, through her intercession,
that we, too, may merit to receive from the fullness of your grace.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

A sincere thank you is extended to all of the parents, community members and staff who attended last night's ACM of both the Parent Advisory Council and St Andrew's Parents & Friends Association. It is good to see the commitment of so many people, who make the St. Andrew's community so vibrant.

Both the Parent Advisory Council and P&F Association of the school are very innovative, energetic and always consider the needs of the children. I eagerly look forward to working with them all again next year.

Today we celebrated Indonesian day with fun activities and an optional, Indonesian food lunch. We sincerely thank Mrs Belcastro for all of her efforts in promoting another language at our school and immersing us all in Indonesian culture. A great day was had by all.

SCHOOL FEES ARE VERY IMPORTANT



Thank you to the families who have already met their fee commitments for the 2024 school year. The deadline for 2024 school fees is Friday, 22nd November. Fees can be paid by cash, credit card, and direct debit or BPay if these options are in place. As you can imagine, schools operate on sizeable budgets and the paying of school fees has a determining factor in meeting expenses.

EXISTING FAMILIES NOT RETURNING IN 2025

We never like to lose people from our school community but fully understand that this occurs from time to time and for a variety of reasons. Should your child not be returning to St Andrew's in 2025, could you please place this in writing, urgently. In your letter, please detail your child's class, their full name, the departure date, where they will be going to school in 2025 and a change of address if applicable. We appreciate your support.

THE MUSIC GALA

On Monday, 18th November your child may be performing in the Music Gala in the school hall. The Music Gala is an informal event, which gives the students involved in the St. Andrew's school instrumental program an opportunity to perform and showcase their talents. A real highlight is to see the development and progression of the children's talents year after year. There are over 80 students participating and ***parents and friends are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you all there.***

The morning will commence at approximately 8:45am with the Footsteps dance performances. All children from Pre-Primary to Year 5 will be involved in the Footsteps dance performances. There is no definite concluding time or performance times. We apologise but with so many components to this day, it would be impossible to give set times. We thank you for understanding and look forward to seeing you all there!

OUTLINE **(Times are approximate only)** – all events are held in the School Hall

8:45am Footsteps Dance Recital (PP to Year 5)
9:30am Showcase of Instrumental Program
10:15am Go to classes for Sip N Crunch
10:25am Recess
10:40am Back to Hall – Showcase of Instrumental Program continued.



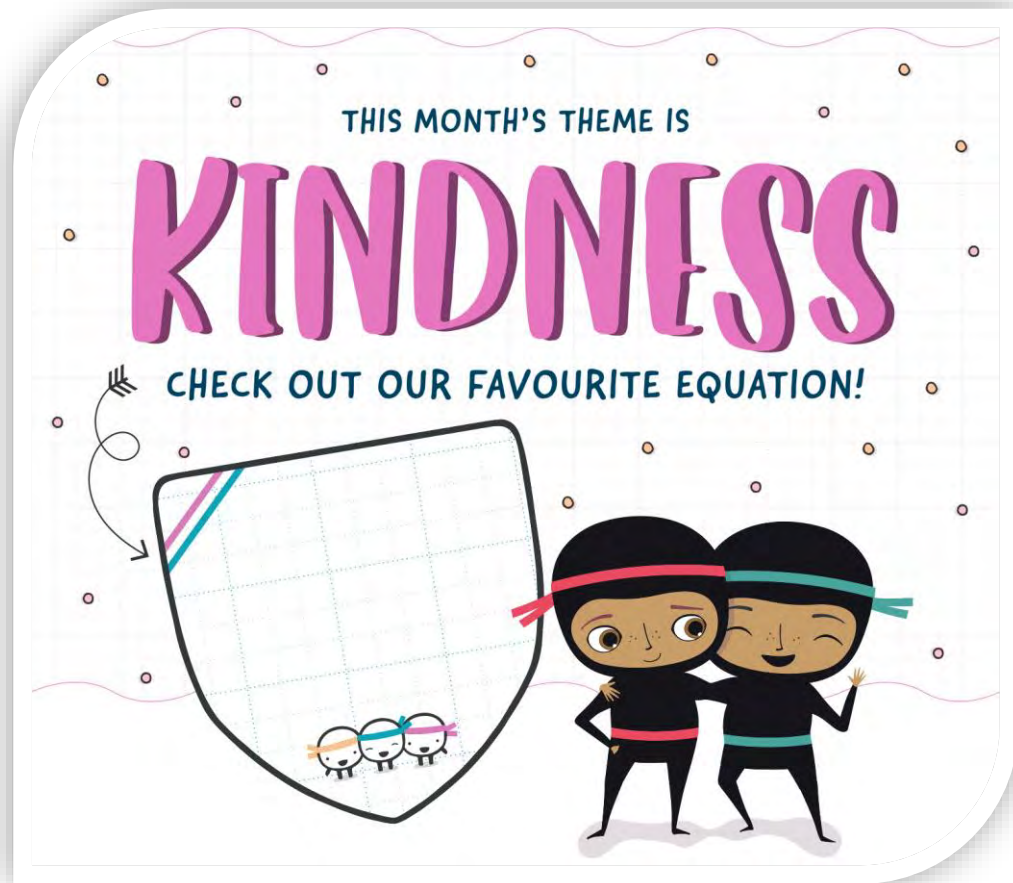
PRE-KINDERGARTEN PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

WEDNESDAY 20th NOVEMBER at 8:45am

All parents with children who are currently in our Pre -Kindergarten Program for 2025 are invited to a parent information session to prepare your child for their transition into Pre-Kindergarten next year. This will be held at 8:45am on Wednesday, 20th November in the Kindergarten room. We hope to see all Pre-Kindergarten parents there for this important event.



URSTRONG - KINDNESS



“Integrity is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching.” ~C.S. Lewis

We teach our children to be kind – even when no one is watching, even when they're online.

Studies show that children who exhibit kindness are more socially accepted by peers. In other words, kids who are kind are more well-liked and have more friends. Not only that, kids who engage in acts of kindness improve their own wellbeing.

Our staff explicitly teach our students how to be **Kind-on-Purpose**.

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.

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 to
Willow J, Edward F, Wesley H, Georgia C, Stella P, Zainab
A, Tejveer G, Oran M, Lazarus D and Noah M**

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.



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 4 2024 – PARENTS (9 week student term +1)

SAT/SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
					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 <i>(Please download a hard copy for your records)</i>
7/8 DEC Week 10	9 DECEMBER STAFF	10 DECEMBER STAFF	11 DECEMBER STAFF	12 DECEMBER STAFF	13 DECEMBER STAFF