



Companions on the Journey

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NEWSLETTER NO 37 2024

21st NOVEMBER 2024

Dear Lord
Walk with us, Lord, in our life journeys,
Guiding, teaching and helping us,
As we learn our lessons of loving,
In our homes, our schools and our communities.
Amen.



Dear Parents,

Tomorrow, we look forward to celebrating St Andrew's Day with an incursion presented by the P&F. All students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 will participate in an interactive incursion coordinated by 'Crazy Science'. The incursion will incorporate science, magic and music. Whilst being highly entertaining, the incursion is designed to incorporate a mixture of visual magical science demonstrations that will teach a wide array of Science concepts including Chemistry and Physics as well as Art concepts. We are eagerly looking forward to this event.



SPECIAL PARISH MASS – ST ANDREW’S DAY

All students are invited to attend the **10:00am Mass on Sunday, 1st December** to celebrate St. Andrew's Day with the Parish. Some jobs will be given out on the day. Please try to come along and support this very significant occasion in the life of our parish. Students who attend are to sit with their families and remain under the supervision of parents. Straight after Mass there will be a free sausage sizzle for everyone to enjoy. We look forward to seeing many families.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION MORNING – ALL INVITED



On Tuesday, 26th November you are invited to the Christmas celebration morning. The **Christmas Celebration Morning** will commence at approximately 9am. The venue is the school oval, weather permitting. If there is inclement weather for this event, it will be held in the School Hall, rescheduled or postponed.

Our performances will begin at approximately 9am. Some of our Year 5 children will be narrating and our Kindergarten children will present our Christmas celebration for this year. (Every year we attempt to hold a different event to maintain and develop a greater understanding of Christmas for the students.) Our School Choir will lead the performance of Christmas songs and all students will assemble at the rear and join in with the choir.

All class groups are invited to wear a **Christmas t-shirt, school sports shorts and their school hat. Should your child want to wear a Christmas accessory on their head, they will need to wear it over their school hat.** (Please keep it VERY SIMPLE!!!!).

This will prove to be a very rewarding morning for those families who wish to commence the season of Advent in this way. If parents require any other clarification, they are welcome to contact Mrs Mulholland directly.

CANTEEN

Please note that as detailed on our school calendar, the canteen's last day of operation for this year will be Friday, 29 November 2024. Recess and lunch sales will **not** be available in week 9, the final week of the term.

MUSIC GALA AND DANCE PERFORMANCE

On Monday morning we were entertained and amazed by our in-school music students who performed in the Music Gala. This event has proven to be popular for all involved and showcases the talent of our students; some students have just recently joined the music program to others who are accomplished performers. It also allowed the tutors to demonstrate to the children a small group performance compared to an individual performance. Congratulations to Mrs Mulholland, the in-school music tutors and all of the talented students.

We were also dazzled by our students who presented their educational Footsteps dance piece. Again, we were amazed by how well they performed.

REPORTING: New Parents to Our Community, Kindergarten and Pre-Primary Parents

'SEQTA Engage' is an app used by the school to allow parents to access student reports digitally. You may have received an email inviting you to download and connect to the 'SEQTA Engage' app. We ask that you please respond to this invitation as soon as possible. Digital reports will be available on SEQTA Engage on the afternoon of Friday, 6th December. Please note that paper reports will not be issued.

Kindy Parents: please be aware that only Pre-Primary students receive formal digital reports. We have invited you to SEQTA Engage to make accessing reports easier next year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Champion in the office.



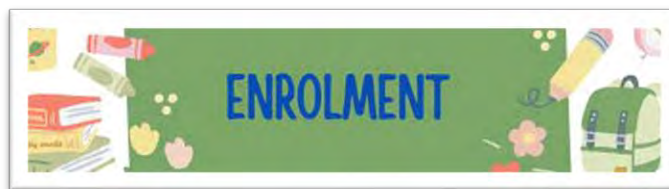
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Technology and Enrichment

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.

ENROLLING YOUR CHILD AT ST ANDREW'S

Parents who have younger children (0 - 3) are encouraged to book their children in for future years, as places are limited. (There is a small fee associated with placing your name on this list.) We can only enrol your child if the school has the appropriate forms on file. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.



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 payment of the 2024 school fees is tomorrow, 22nd November. Fees can be paid by cash, credit card, and direct debit or B Pay 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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL HAMPERS – GIVE A GIFT AT CHRISTMAS

A sincere thank you is extended to those very generous families who donated to the St. Vincent de Paul hampers. For further information, please see Mrs Troman who is coordinating the event. The hampers will be presented to the community at our Mass next Thursday, 28th November.

**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
Marley H, Emily W, Samantha V, Gabriella W, Lucas D,
Peyton S, Rory M, Kora F, Sienna P, Aleksander P and
Neema S**

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
					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 <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

It's not too late!



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INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM FOR RETURNING AND NEW STUDENTS AT ST ANDREW'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR 2025

Tuition is offered for a variety of instruments and depending on the instrument, is offered to children from Year 2 upwards. Different instruments have different recommended ages of commencement requirements and hence starting to learn a musical instrument is in consultation with the school's Music Teacher, **Mrs Mulholland**. All children learning an instrument must have an instrument of their own to practise on and instruments may be hired, or students may prefer to buy their own.

In 2025 the cost of lessons will be:

- **\$45.00 30-minute individual lesson.**
- **\$25.00 30-minute group lesson.**

Families should commit to an initial tuition period for six months. In fairness to the tutors, it is hoped that a term's notice **in writing** be given to the tutor if the child is withdrawing from the music program. Tuition costs are paid directly to the tutor, who will invoice families. **Music tuition must be paid in advance, prior to lessons commencing.** If tuition fees fall into arrears, without consultation with the tutor, lessons will be suspended immediately. The music tuition is the tutors' paid employment.

Families, who wish their child to be involved in music tuition at the school, **must also be current in their school fees.** Under no circumstances will children be able to participate in the program if their family is not up to date with their school fees.

Lessons are conducted on a rotating timetable during school time which means that unless it is unavoidable, children will not miss the same subject each week. Small groups of children working with one tutor does not always allow this to happen, however, this is the goal. Parents are not able to select the lesson times, as this will be coordinated directly between **Mrs Mulholland** and the Instrumental tutor.

Lessons which are missed by the tutor will be made up at the earliest possible time. Lessons missed by the child will be forfeited and the tutor will **NOT** be expected to make up missed lessons. If your child is unable to attend their scheduled music lesson due to illness, family commitments, appointments, camps, excursions, or holidays taken during term time, that lesson will be forfeited. As a courtesy, parents should give at least 24 hours notice about the absence of the student from scheduled music lesson.

Please note that students have the responsibility of taking their instrument to and from school. Instruments that are brought to school can be kept in the Music Room. It is the responsibility of the student to carefully store their instrument appropriately in the Music Room. St. Andrew's Catholic Primary School does not accept any liability for the damage or loss of any student's musical instrument. Students who bring their own instruments onto school sites do so at their own risk.

If you are interested in enrolling your child in the instrumental program or if you wish to continue lessons, please complete and return the slip below to the office which will then be forwarded to **Mrs Mulholland** when approved. Children may be offered lessons based on the availability of specific teachers.

Children who participate in the school's music tuition program may be invited to join the school band, attend the Performing Arts festival and to participate in the school's Music Gala.

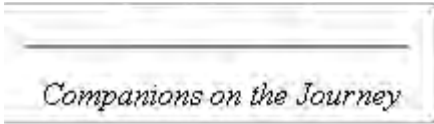
If you have any queries, please contact **Mrs Mulholland** (rather than the individual tutors).

Yours sincerely

Clare Mulholland & Sam Fontaine

Music Co-ordinator / Principal

Office Admin: Music



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NEW ENROLMENT RE ENROLMENT (Please Tick)

Child's Name (Print): _____

Year Level in 2025: _____

Instrument (Number in order of preference if more than one choice):

- Guitar- From Year 2
- Flute - From Year 3
- Clarinet- From Year 4
- Fife (Woodwind Instrument-leading onto Flute/Clarinet/Saxophone) - From Year 2
- Saxophone - From Year 4
- Drums (Individual only) - From Year 2
- Piano (Individual only) - From Year 2

Please circle your tuition preference: Individual Lesson Group Lesson

- Our family will commit to tuition for a six-month period.
- Our family is current in our school fees.
- I accept that St. Andrew's Catholic Primary School does not accept any liability for the damage or loss of my child's musical instrument.
- I have read and agreed to the conditions.
- I understand that I, as the undersigned am responsible for payment to the tutor.
- I understand I will not ask the tutor to request payment from a third party.

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Home Address (Print): _____

Email Address (Print): _____

Parent's Mobile phone numbers: _____

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Finance Approval: _____	Principal Approval: _____
Date: _____	Copy of Document has been given to Tutor: <input type="checkbox"/>