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## NEWSLETTER NO 3 2025 20 FEBRUARY 2025

Dear Lord

Help me to navigate the mazes and puzzles  
that this new school year brings.

Use my eyes to see the wonderful people that I work with.

Open my ears to listen to the world around me.

Open my mind to learn new skills.

Let my heart love everyone around me.

Help me to grow and learn each day.

And help me to become the best that I can be this school year.

Amen.

*Dear Parents and Caregivers,*

*I thank all of the families that attended last night's All Sacraments Parent Night.*

**A reminder that Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March is a Public Holiday and Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March is a Pupil Free Day.**

Upon our return on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March we will commence our day with attendance at the Ash Wednesday Mass. This Mass will commence at 9:00am and all are welcome to join us.

Next week, I will be attending the Year 6 Camp. Should you have any concerns, please contact Mrs Young in my absence.

**KISS AND RIDE – SLOW DOWN AND BE CONSIDERATE – PLEASE DON'T LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE**



Whilst I understand that nearly all of our parents are using this service effectively and considerately, I did observe **some parents travelling far too fast in this area**. Please, for the sake of the safety of our children, take your time, keep your wits about you and be considerate of all.

## **URSTRONG - MAKING FRIENDS**

This session teaches students four strategies for making new friends, including how to introduce themselves and have a conversation that plants a seed for a new friendship to grow.



## **SWIMMING NOTE YEARS 1 – 5**

A separate swimming note has been sent home with the children in Years 1- 5, from Mr Kelly, with details about this event. Parents are reminded that **swimming commences on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March** and as such, **the swimming fee needs to be paid prior to your child commencing lessons.**

If you have any questions about the swimming lessons, please contact Mr Kelly, urgently. *A copy of the swimming note is attached.*



## **NAPLAN TESTING 2025**

ACARA's NAPLAN online public demonstration site is now available for access by parents and students. The landing page for the website, <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>, provides links to a number of resources (FAQs, user guide and technical requirements) that will continue to be updated.

In Week 1, with your class information packs, the families in Years 3 & 5 received a separate NAPLAN information sheet. Please speak directly to your classroom teacher if you did not receive this.

The online testing process in 2024 at St Andrews School was very smooth, thanks to diligence in preparation and sound technological structures and networks in our school. Further information will be provided to parents in the lead up to NAPLAN testing this year. **NAPLAN in 2025 commences on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March.**

## **PRE-KINDERGARTEN and KINDERGARTEN 2026 ENROLMENTS**

We are processing applications for children who intend to participate in the St Andrew's 2026 Kindergarten Program. If any parent has not enrolled their child and they are born between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022, they need to do so immediately. (We can only enrol children who have the correct enrolment application forms and that we know want to participate in our program.)



**Please do not assume that we 'know' that your child is seeking enrolment into the St Andrew's Kindergarten program.**

## **PRE - KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM - 2026**



**Parents are also encouraged to enrol any student, who is turning 3 in 2026, into the PRE - KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM. Simply complete the same enrolment forms and then we can organise an interview for yourself and your child.**

**Enrolment packages are available from the front office or online on the school's website. If you are unsure or require any assistance, then please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs Champion or Mrs Puca on 6206 4100.**

## **SECOND HAND UNIFORMS - WANTED**

If any family has any second-hand uniforms that they no longer require or need and are willing to donate them to the uniform shop, please do so as soon as possible as we have a number of families that require and want second-hand clothing. These uniforms can be brought to the administration, given directly to Mrs Jaschinsky or handed into the uniform shop each **Friday morning**. We appreciate your ongoing support.

## **ICT PARENT ASSISTANCE**

Each year, as is mentioned at the BYOD Parent Information Session, we offer all parents the opportunity for some assistance or support with regards to ICT. Both Mr Redding and I would like to volunteer this service to any parent in the school that requires it. Some suggestions for support may include:

- Setting up an iPad
- Apps for the school iPad site
- General help with tablets
- How can I help my child with their iPad when they know more than me!
- Security and safety on devices.



If you require any further information or require support, please see Mr Redding directly.

## **YEAR 6 MINISTRIES STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING**

I very much enjoyed our recent student council meeting with our current Year 6 ministry students. They have so many interesting and varied ideas to contribute to the development of St Andrew's School. I will take the ideas to both the School Advisory Council, P&F and Staff and endeavour to implement some of these suggestions throughout the year. Some of the ideas included continuing to maintain and expand the Year 6 school recycling and a very positive review of the welcome back function.



### **SCHOOL FEES**

Thank you to families who have already paid Term 1 fees and have returned their Payment Plan. Please remember that fees and Payment Plans are due by Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> February.

**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 to  
Mila C, Grace K, Dorian H, Poppy H,  
Ryan S and Bailee T  
We hope you have a wonderful day!**



## **WHAT IS LITERACY PRO (Lexile Reading / Lexile Score)?**

Literacy Pro is a physical book and computer-based program to assist your child in comprehension from about late Year 2/3 onwards. (Our school generously receives each year, the whole yearly range of new Lexile books, through our P&F. The books are located in the school library, and all children have an opportunity to borrow the books during library time, on a weekly basis.)

Your child receives a Lexile reader measure from an assessment administered at school. A Lexile reader measure can range from below 0L for early readers to above 1000L for advanced readers. Readers who score below 0L receive a BR for Beginning Reader. If you don't know your child's Lexile reader measure, ask their teacher or your child.

Your child also receives a unique log on credential for this program. Parents are very welcome to look through the information presented by using their child's log-in details. If any child has forgotten their log in credentials, then please contact your child's classroom teacher and they can assist you with this information. The website is very informative and contains a lot of information that families can use.

More than 100 million books, articles and websites have received Lexile text measures. Materials receive Lexile text measures based on factors like their vocabulary and complexity. For example, the first Harry Potter book measures 880L, so it has a Lexile text measure of 880L.

Using the Lexile reader measure and the Lexile text measure together is what makes Lexile measures different from any other reading score. You can use your child's Lexile measure to engage them in reading materials that accelerate their skills, or, for advanced readers, find materials that offer more challenge but are also age appropriate.

### **Reading Comprehension Sweet Spot:**

Students and parents should look for reading materials with a reading comprehension "sweet spot" of 100L below to 50L above their reported Lexile score. Reading materials in this range will provide an ideal level of challenge while maintaining comprehension.

### **What happens:**

Once your child finishes reading a book, they are guided to complete an on-line quiz which gauges their comprehension of the material read. Usually, the comprehension consists of 10 multi choice questions. The computer-based quiz reports the score back to the child and the teacher obtains a printout on a regular basis. (Even the local library and the book club books are Lexiled to assist both parents and children in selecting appropriate reading material.)

### **Home Book Club.**

This year, home book club will take the form of a newspaper. Contained in each edition are a number of books, which also include lexile scores, so that your child can read appropriate literature.

If you require any further information, please see your child's classroom teacher, Mr Fontaine or Mrs Baldock in the school library.



**ST ANDREW'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**TERM 1, PLANNER 2025 – Parent (10 week term)**

SAT/SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
					21 FEBRUARY  <b>MERIT ASSEMBLY</b>
22/23 FEB <b>Week 4</b>  Reconciliation Commitment Masses at Church all weekend masses	24 FEBRUARY	25 FEBRUARY  Staff Meeting	26 FEBRUARY  Year 6 Camp @ Ern Halliday Camp Sorrento	27 FEBRUARY  Year 6 Camp @ Ern Halliday Camp Sorrento	28 FEBRUARY  Year 6 Camp @ Ern Halliday Camp Sorrento
1 /2 MARCH  <b>Week 5</b>	<b>3 MARCH</b>  LABOR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	<b>4 MARCH</b>  PUPIL FREE DAY RE DAY	5 MARCH  Ash Wednesday Mass (6W) 9:00am (Liturgy: PP)	6 MARCH	7 MARCH  <b>MERIT ASSEMBLY</b>
8/9 MAR  <b>Week 6</b>	<b>10 MARCH</b>	<b>11 MARCH</b>  Extreme Lightning Carnival Year 6  Year 3 Reconciliation Retreat  Reconciliation Workshop Hall 6.00pm  Staff Meeting	12 MARCH  <b>NAPLAN Commences</b>	13 MARCH  <b>NAPLAN</b>	14 MARCH  <b>NAPLAN</b>
15/16 MAR <b>Week 7</b>	17 MARCH  <b>NAPLAN</b>  Finance Meeting	18 MARCH  <b>NAPLAN</b>  <i>Advisory Council Meeting</i>  Staff Meeting	19 MARCH  <b>NAPLAN</b>	20 MARCH  <b>NAPLAN</b>	21 MARCH  <b>NAPLAN</b>

22/23 MAR  <b>Week 8</b>	24 MARCH  <b>NAPLAN (Catch up day)</b>  Swimming Lesson Commence Years 1 – 5  <b>Locavora Food Ordering Closed</b>	25 MARCH  Swimming Lesson Years 1 – 5  <b>Locavora Food Ordering Closed</b>  Staff Meeting <b>6:00pm</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation Church	26 MARCH  Swimming Lesson Years 1 – 5  <b>Locavora Food Ordering Closed</b>	27 MARCH  Swimming Lesson Years 1 – 5  <b>Locavora Food Ordering Closed</b>	28 MARCH  Swimming Lesson Years 1 – 5  <b>Locavora Food Ordering Closed</b>
29/30 MAR  <b>Week 9</b>	31 MARCH  Swimming Lesson Years 1 – 5  <b>Locavora Food Ordering Closed</b>	1 APRIL  Swimming Lesson Years 1 – 5  <b>Locavora Food Ordering Closed</b>  Staff meeting	2 APRIL  Swimming Lesson Years 1 – 5  <b>Locavora Food Ordering Closed</b>	3 APRIL  Swimming Lesson Years 1 – 5 (Last lesson)  <b>Locavora Food Ordering Closed</b>	4 APRIL  <b>URSTRONG Assembly</b>
5/6 APRIL  <b>Week 10</b>	7 APRIL	8 APRIL  Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Reconciliation 11:00am Church	9 APRIL	10 APRIL	11 APRIL  <i>Free Dress Gold Coin donation "When I grow up, I want to be"</i>  <b>BURSARY – Irene McCormack Due to Mr Fontaine</b>  <i>Easter Assembly EB Visit after assembly</i>  <i>2pm Last Supper / Religious Play Host: Year 5B</i>  <b>SCHOOL FINISHES LAST DAY OF TERM</b>



# **Swimming Lessons 2025**

Dear Parents/Guardians

Please note the following information regarding Term 1 Swimming Lessons. There will be a total of 9 lessons to be held at **State Swim School, Joondalup**.

Our swimming lessons start on **Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> March** and finish on **Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025**. **Lessons need to be paid in full before they commence.**

The lessons are for all children in **Years 1 - 5** and form part of the school's Physical Education Curriculum. However, if there is a medical reason preventing your child from swimming, please provide a medical note. The lesson details are as follows:

**DATES:** Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> March – Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025  
(9 lessons).

**VENUE:** State Swim, Joondalup (6 Buick Way, Joondalup)

**LESSON TIMES:** TBC (Each grade will have different lesson times.)

**TRANSPORT:** Bus

**COST:** \$ 110.00 to be **paid before 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025**.

The children may wear School Sports Uniform for the duration of the swimming lessons. All students ideally should wear their bathers to school under their sports uniform. If required, children will be given the opportunity to change into their bathers prior to departure. All children will need a towel. Suitable footwear will be required for travelling to and from the pool. **(Thongs are acceptable.)** However, **WHITE sports shoes need to be worn during the remainder of the day at school.**

Attached to this form is an *In-term swimming enrolment form* which will be given to the swimming instructors for the purposes of placing your child in the correct stage. Please ensure that you state your child's current stage. If you are unsure, please state this on the form. **Parents entering the venue will be expected to pay the usual entry fee.**

Please complete and return the attached enrolment form for each child. **The enrolment form needs to be returned directly to the office or to your child's classroom teacher and payment needs to be made by 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025. No refunds will be given once swimming lessons have commenced.**

Thank you

**Mr Ben Kelly**  
**Physical Education Teacher**

# SCHOOL FEE ACCOUNTS AND SWIMMING LESSONS

School Fee accounts have been sent home. Please ensure that you check your account carefully, so that you understand all the items listed. If not, then please come into the office and we will happily explain it to you.

Please note the following:

- Swimming Lesson Levies do appear on the school fee accounts.
- Swimming lessons need to be paid before the lessons commence.
- Swimming is for students in Years 1 - 5 only.

## SWIMMING LESSONS

Listed below are some payment scenarios:

1. I pay my whole school fees for the year **UPFRONT** and therefore my swimming lessons will be covered.
2. I am paying my school fees by **DIRECT DEBIT**, *which has been in place since last year and over the Christmas holidays*. There are therefore enough funds in my direct debit account to cover the swimming levies. If there are insufficient funds, I will need to pay the swimming levy.
3. I am paying my school fees by **DIRECT DEBIT** *but have started this payment method this year*. I will need to therefore pay the swimming levy before lessons commence.
4. I have a **direct debit** in place but sometimes there are insufficient funds and it **BOUNCES**. Therefore, you will need to pay for swimming lessons, for each child, prior to the commencement of the lessons.
5. I **pay my school fees TERM BY TERM**. Please ensure that you pay your Term 1 Fees before swimming lessons commence to ensure that the lessons are covered.
6. All swimming lessons, for each child in your family, need to be paid prior to the lessons commencing for your child to participate.
7. My child has a medical condition / certificate and will **NOT BE SWIMMING**. Please either come into the office or send an email stating this, so that your school fee account can be adjusted. Please also send in a copy of your child's medical certificate.

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

If you are uncertain or would like any clarification, then please do not hesitate to contact the office on 6206 4100.

Thank you for your cooperation. It is truly appreciated.

# **In-term Swimming Lessons ENROLMENT FORM**

To be returned to your *child's* teacher before 14<sup>th</sup> March. Please complete an enrolment form for **EACH** child.

## **PERMISSION SLIP**

I give permission for my child to travel by bus to and from State Swim School, 6 Buick Way, Joondalup for the duration of the school In-term swimming lessons. (24<sup>th</sup> March – 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 inclusive.) I also give permission for my child to participate in the swimming lessons coordinated by State Swim School.

CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD'S CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **CURRENT SWIMMING STAGE**

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Current Swimming Stage</u>
_____	_____	_____

*(Parents and children should note that the 'swim school' gradings and levels are considerably different to those at holiday VacSwim.)*

## **MEDICAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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## **SWIMMING LESSON PAYMENT**

I understand that payment for my child's swimming lessons is required by 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

Payment for my child \_\_\_\_\_ (Class \_\_\_\_\_) is as follows:

- Payment Enclosed
- Payment of School Fees has been made by 14<sup>th</sup> March OR the Payment Plan in place will cover the Swimming cost
- Payment to be made at the Office

## P&F NEWS

Please join the P&F St Andrew's Facebook  
[standrewsparentsandfriends@gmail.com](mailto:standrewsparentsandfriends@gmail.com)

### **CALLING ALL BUSINESS OWNERS**

The P&F holds several raffles throughout the year and is always keen to showcase and promote local businesses; especially those run by parents or friends of the St Andrew's school community. So, if that's you, or someone you know, get in touch with us via our Facebook page. We happily accept any and all donations including vouchers, gift baskets and single items that best display your business.

Our first raffle of the year is held just before Easter so get thinking !!

## PARISH NEWS



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

[clarkson.perthcatholic.org.au](http://clarkson.perthcatholic.org.au)