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O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
I offer you my prayers, works and joys of this day
for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart,
in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world,
for the salvation of souls, the reparation of sins,
the reunion of all Christians, and
in particular, for the intentions of the Holy Father this month.
Amen.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

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

Upon our return on Wednesday 5th 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.

I am currently attending the Year 6 Camp. Everyone is having an enjoyable time with rewarding and challenging experiences for each student (and staff members). Should you have any concerns, please contact Mrs Young in my absence.

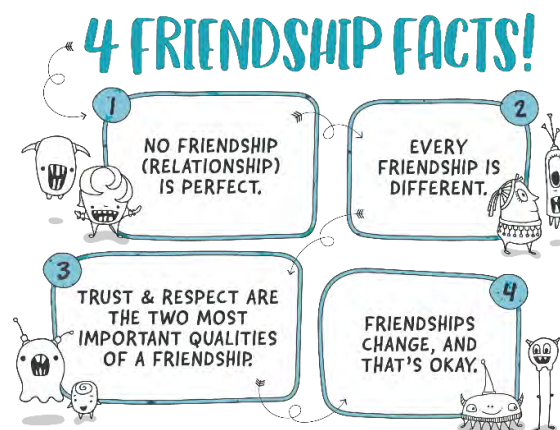


We sincerely thank all those wonderful parents / families that have “**liked**” our school **Facebook and Instagram pages**. If you have not done so, we invite you to visit our Facebook and Instagram pages.

URSTRONG - FRIENDSHIP FACTS

There are four Friendship Facts that the children have been working on. These facts help us to have realistic expectations in our friendships, so that we understand what makes a friendship “healthy”.

1. No friendship (relationship) is perfect.
2. Every friendship is different.
3. Trust and Respect are the two most important qualities of a friendship.
4. Friendships change and that's okay.



**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.

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 24th 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.

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.

The families in Years 3 & 5 have 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, 12th March.**

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 all appreciate your ongoing support.

**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
Bronte M, Mya M, Gemma V, Kobee P,
Conor M, Chiron R, Tyler M and
Penelope R**

We hope you have a wonderful day!



**ST ANDREW'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
TERM 1, PLANNER 2025 – Parents**

SAT/SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
					28 FEBRUARY <i>Year 6 Camp @ Ern Halliday Camp Sorrento</i>
1 /2 MARCH Week 5	3 MARCH LABOR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	4 MARCH PUPIL FREE DAY RE DAY	5 MARCH Ash Wednesday Mass (6W) 9:00am (Liturgy: PP)	6 MARCH	7 MARCH MERIT ASSEMBLY
8/9 MAR Week 6	10 MARCH	11 MARCH <i>Extreme Lightning Carnival Year 6</i> <i>Year 3 Reconciliation Retreat</i> <i>Reconciliation Workshop Hall 6.00pm Staff Meeting</i>	12 MARCH NAPLAN Commences	13 MARCH NAPLAN	14 MARCH NAPLAN
15/16 MAR Week 7	17 MARCH NAPLAN Finance Meeting	18 MARCH NAPLAN <i>Advisory Council Meeting</i> Staff Meeting	19 MARCH NAPLAN	20 MARCH NAPLAN	21 MARCH NAPLAN
22/23 MAR Week 8	24 MARCH NAPLAN (Catch up day) <i>Swimming Lesson Commence Years 1 – 5</i> Locavora Food Ordering Closed	25 MARCH <i>Swimming Lesson Years 1 – 5</i> Locavora Food Ordering Closed Staff Meeting 6:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation Church	26 MARCH <i>Swimming Lesson Years 1 – 5</i> Locavora Food Ordering Closed	27 MARCH <i>Swimming Lesson Years 1 – 5</i> Locavora Food Ordering Closed	28 MARCH <i>Swimming Lesson Years 1 – 5</i> Locavora Food Ordering Closed

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

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PARISH NEWS



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clarkson.perthcatholic.org.au



26 February 2025

Dear Parents/Caregivers and Colleagues

On Saturday, 8 March, Western Australians will vote in the State Government election. This communication aims to inform you of the requests that Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA) has made to the next State Government concerning support for capital development in Catholic schools.

At present, Western Australia is the only state in Australia that does not provide capital grants to Catholic schools. For example, in 2023, the State Governments in Victoria, New South Wales, and Queensland allocated capital grants of \$117 million, \$75 million, and \$93 million, respectively, to Catholic schools. In contrast, CEWA is granted access to an annual low-interest loan of approximately \$30 million, which must be repaid.

In the absence of capital grants from the Western Australian State Government, the responsibility for constructing and developing Catholic schools is borne by parents through school fees and loans which are also financed through school fees and levies. In 2025, more than 1 in 3 school-aged children will attend non-government schools, and 1 in 5 will be enrolled in Catholic schools.

All children in Western Australia are entitled to an education provided by the State Government. The presence of 162 Catholic schools across the State offers parents the option of a faith-based education for their children, while also enabling the state to save approximately \$700 million each year by not having to provide education to 84,000 children.

CEWA is the sole education provider in seven Kimberley locations. Without Catholic schools, children in these areas would need alternative educational facilities, which would require the State Government to construct new schools.

In July 2024, CEWA asked the incoming WA State Government for:

- An annual \$25 million capital grant to ensure Catholic school students have parity with other students across Australia.
- A one-off \$100 million capital injection over 5 years to address underfunding in Catholic schools in the Kimberley.
- An annual \$2 million grant for insurance and risk management costs in the Kimberley.

CEWA has received the following responses from the three major parties regarding our capital grants requests:

- The Labor Party, if re-elected, will introduce an \$8 million infrastructure grants program for 14 sole-provider schools in Kimberley, including seven Catholic schools, and will continue the low-interest loans scheme.
- The National Party has not made specific commitments but acknowledged the role of Catholic education in WA, especially in remote areas.
- The Liberal Party has not responded to our capital grant requests.

State Government capital grants to Catholic schools will ease the financial burden on parents and will ensure that children attending our schools continue to have access to appropriate learning facilities.

We urge you to contact your local candidates to inquire about their party's stance on capital funding for Catholic schools. This information can help you decide whom to vote for in the 8 March election.



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Catholic Education Western Australia



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