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*Jesus, you spent forty days in the hot, dusty desert,
to get ready to do your Father's work.
Help us to get ready for Easter during the forty days of Lent.
Help us to forgive others, to say 'sorry' and to make peace with everybody.
Help us to say 'yes' to others so that we can follow you more closely.
In this time of Lent, give us generous hearts to become better people.
More helpful people. More loving people. Amen.*

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We hope that you all had a very enjoyable extra-long weekend with family and friends.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Yesterday was **ASH WEDNESDAY**. This day is of special significance to all Christians as it is the start of Lent. The school celebrated Ash Wednesday by having a special Mass hosted by our Year 6W class.



LENT

The church has several seasons and we, as Christians, can use the seasons to focus ourselves on our relationship with God and each other. The season of Lent is traditionally one of Prayer, fasting, sacrifice and self-denial. It is a time when we accept our imperfect nature and allow the Spirit to work more openly in our lives.

Some people give up things while others try to do things that they believe should be a more regular part of our lives. What is important is that we do something! The Church is teaching us that we must be regular participants in the Sacraments.

Perhaps one way of celebrating Lent is for the family to participate more in liturgies and attend Sunday Mass together. Another way may be to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter. Some families are praying more together, while others are going without lollies, soft drink, and giving the money saved to Project Compassion. May the forty days at the commencement of Lent, being Ash Wednesday, be days of growth for all of us.



During Lent, there are several themes that often come to mind. The themes are Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. In this way, the whole church prepares for Easter.



PRAYER: By our sin we turn away from God; But our prayers will lead us back to Him.

FASTING: Through fasting, our bodies are more aware of the season of Lent. We can now ask God to give us strength.

ALMSGIVING: By giving gifts to others, we are sharing what we have and showing love. God asks us to love our neighbour.

May these themes provide you and your families with some thoughts and reflections during this Lenten season.

***"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return"
or "Ask forgiveness and always love others as Jesus did."***



PROJECT COMPASSION

The eldest child in each family has been given a Project Compassion contribution box. You can encourage your child to use this as a part of their Lenten Journey. Extra boxes are available for families through the Parish.

SWIMMING NOTE YEARS 1 – 5 –THIS YEAR

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). It will continue to be updated.

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. **NAPLAN in 2025 commences on Wednesday, 12th March. Our Naplan timetable is as follows:**

12 th March	Years 3 & 5 Writing
13 th March	Year 3 Reading
14 th March	Year 5 Reading
17 th March	Year 3 Conventions of Language
18 th March	Year 5 Conventions of Language
19 th March	Year 3 Numeracy
20 th March	Year 5 Numeracy

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 all appreciate your on-going support.

YEAR 6 CAMP REPORT

We were so excited about our camp that was held at Ern Halliday last week. Words could not express how much fun we had and all of the amazing activities that we completed. The staff, instructors and students all had an awesome time.

- It was not only fun but very challenging and rewarding.
- Most of us had the thought of "having a go on things that normally might challenge yourself".
- Some of the challenges included conquering heights and confined spaces.
- On a personal level, we all challenged ourselves, worked on our leadership and collaborative skills, screamed and laughed a lot.
- We all spoke positively and encouraged everyone.
- The activities were better than good and the height ones were just the best. (Flying fox, big swing) Some of the caves were really challenging and we had to use the escape exits. Lots of children made it to the top of the climbing wall.
- Lost Pilot was such a different game that we have ever played before. It was so challenging. We had to use our problem-solving skills and work as a team to meet the challenges and find the clues.
- The beach games and sculptures by the sea were so much fun.
- The food was really tasty and there was lots of it. We could have seconds and even thirds if we wanted.
- The night activities were really good fun and everyone got involved. Each night was so different and nothing was repeated. Mrs Campbell and Mr Fontaine taught us a challenging "mind game".
- The teachers were so very proud of the children.

A big thank you to our teachers, Mrs Stokes, Mrs Peacham, Mr Kelly, Mr Waddell, Mr B, Mrs Campbell, Mr Fontaine, Mrs Holden and Mrs Jaschinsky who all supported and encouraged us.

By: Rydash, Patrick, Roland, Peyton, Sophie, Willow, Luca, Christian, Brooklyn, and Lani. Year 6 students



URSTRONG - FRIENDSHIP FIRES

A friendship fire is any situation between you and a friend that results in negative feelings. During this session, the students learn how to resolve conflicts with a friend and how to respond to hurt feelings, misunderstandings and disagreements.



**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
Nwabuona E, Joshua V, Arlo B, Ashton B,
Reyansh N and Angela M**

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
					7 MARCH MERIT ASSEMBLY
8/9 MAR Week 6	10 MARCH	11 MARCH Extreme Lightning Carnival Year 6 Year 3 Reconciliation Retreat Reconciliation Workshop Hall 6.00pm Staff Meeting	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 (Catch up day)
22/23 MAR Week 8	24 MARCH NAPLAN (Catch up day) Swimming Lesson Commence Years 1 – 5 Locavora Food Ordering Closed	25 MARCH Swimming Lesson Years 1 – 5 Locavora Food Ordering Closed Staff Meeting 6:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation Church	26 MARCH Swimming Lesson Years 1 – 5 Locavora Food Ordering Closed	27 MARCH Swimming Lesson Years 1 – 5 Locavora Food Ordering Closed	28 MARCH Swimming Lesson Years 1 – 5 Locavora Food Ordering Closed
29/30 MAR Week 9	31 MARCH Swimming Lesson Years 1 – 5 Locavora Food Ordering Closed	1 APRIL Swimming Lesson Years 1 – 5 Locavora Food Ordering Closed Staff meeting	2 APRIL Swimming Lesson Years 1 – 5 Locavora Food Ordering Closed	3 APRIL Swimming Lesson Years 1 – 5 (Last lesson) Locavora Food Ordering Closed	4 APRIL URSTRONG Assembly

<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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P&F NEWS

Please join the P&F St Andrew's Facebook
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