



# St Andrew's Primary School Newsletter

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## Dear St Andrew's Community,

On Friday, the school stopped to commemorate **Remembrance Day**. The service was a time to remember the many fallen soldiers who sacrificed so much to protect our shores and our freedom.

The children planted a memorial garden of rosemary around our flag pole to mark this very significant time in our history, our present, and our future.



## Knowledge-a-thon



I wish to thank our entire school community for the money raised during this fundraising initiative. The school raised \$11 000. This money will go towards additional play equipment for the children during break times. Mr. Haynes has spotted some great outdoor musical equipment and basketball hoops that I am sure the children will love to entertain themselves with during break time.

I wish to congratulate the following children who raised the most money in their grades. These children will receive a special pizza lunch in the coming weeks.

Kindergarten	Kaylee D, Isaac I, Hudson G
Year 1	Gabriel V, Andrea Y, Lydia L
Year 2	Zachary D, Blake P, Corey C
Year 3	Scarlett M, Ja'Bear S, Milana S
Year 4	Ruby G, Kristina B, Giordana S
Year 5	Autumn B, Crissabella M, Isaac T
Year 6	Max B, Jack B, Emily B

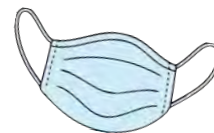
I also wish to congratulate **Gabriel V** of Year 1 for raising the most money overall. A special prize will be shared at our next whole school assembly.



## St Andrew's Awards



Please join us on **Friday at 2pm** for our St Andrew's Awards.



As a precautionary measure, we invite our parents and guests to wear a mask for this gathering.

As I have been informing our community, several community members have tested positive for COVID. It is important that as a community, we do what we can to limit the spread.

## Snake Season Alert

Parents, it is that time of the year when snakes seem to be on the move.

Experts are warning to be on the lookout for snakes, with recent wet and warm weather bringing them out earlier than usual. Approximately 3000 people are bitten by snakes every year, with 300 of them receiving antivenom and one or two bites, on average, proving fatal. The vast majority of snakebites occur when the snake is threatened.

If a snake is spotted at your workplace or surrounding area, **STAY CALM**. Snakes have poor hearing but heightened reaction to vibration, so stand still if it is near and it is likely to move away.

Staff are not to be trained in snake catching. If a snake is sighted, the school is to call a snake catcher immediately.

### If the snake is inside:

- \* calmly and quietly move people away from the room.
- \* close the door and place a rolled up towel (or similar item) under the door.

### If the snake is outside:

- \* calmly and quietly move people away from the vicinity.
- \* move inside and engage students in activities until it is caught.

### Alert:

- \* staff working in the immediate vicinity that a snake is there and warn them not to approach it
- \* persons passing by the immediate vicinity that a snake is there and warn them not to approach it
- \* school admin or maintenance if school is in progress or staff are on-site
- \* any parents if it is at a time that pick up or drop off will occur and they come past that area.

### Watch:

If possible, keep an eye on the whereabouts of the snake from a safe distance.

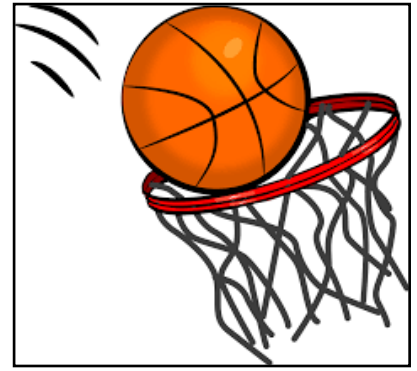
The snake may naturally move out of the area and it is good to have an idea of the direction or new location.

## St Andrew's Basketball Gala Day – 7/11/22

Wow, what a day for the St. Andrew's basketball teams!

St Andrew's entered six teams into the Parramatta Diocesan Basketball Gala Day. Four teams took out first place: Year 6 boys, Year 5 boys, Year 5 girls, and the Year 3 and 4 girls.

What a great achievement for these teams! Our Year 3 and 4 boys came in second, and our Year 6 girls came in fourth.



A special thanks to all the teachers who prepared the children for the day and the parents who supported the children at the event. A special thank you to the seven SAC students who supported the children as referees, managers, and assistant coaches on the day.

### Final Results

Year 6 Boys – 1st

Year 6 Girls – Equal 4th

Year 5 Girls – 1st

Year 5 Boys – 1st

Year 3 and 4 Girls – 1st

Year 3 and 4 Boys – Equal 2nd

Year 5 Boys 1<sup>st</sup> Place.



Year 3 and 4 Girls 1<sup>st</sup> Place





Year 6 Boys 1<sup>st</sup> Place



Year 6 Girls - Equal 4<sup>th</sup> Place



Year 3 and 4 Boys - Equal 2<sup>nd</sup> Place



Year 5 Girls - 1<sup>st</sup> Place



Well done, boys and girls; you must be very proud of your achievements.  
Enjoy your sport, and all the best for your future endeavours in basketball.

**Mr. Graham Paynter**  
**Sports Coordinator**



## Vaping Concerns

Vaping has become a serious problem in our society. This act does not limit itself to adults. Children are very influenced by and curious about this trend. The issue that has faced our school community is that students are seeing the vape units discarded on the street and are picking them up and bringing them to school to share with others. I ask our families to please discuss the seriousness of this action with their children. The germs alone from touching something that has been in a person's mouth and then sharing it around are very concerning. If you require further information regarding this topic, please refer to the flyer below.

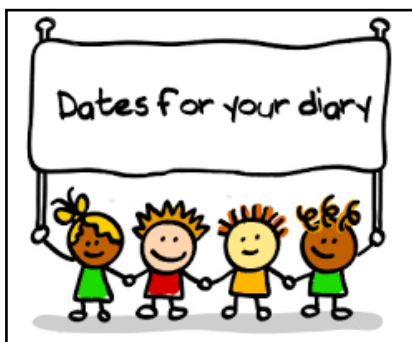
## Infants Athletics Carnival- Yes we did it!!!!

A big thank you to all who made this event so special.

To the P and F for organising a great BBQ lunch, to our groundskeeper Mario for organising the grounds and line marking, and to the teachers for running such a fun day.



Our students were so supportive of each other and really enjoyed a day of fun and social interaction. It was so good that the sun stayed out long enough for us to have a fun day. I would also like to acknowledge the outstanding parent support for this event. You were all amazing cheerleaders for the children. You made our day even more special. Thank you, St. Andrew's Community.



## Parent Information Night for our 2023 Kindergarten students

Just a reminder that we will be having a face-to-face parent information night for our parents whose children will be starting school in 2023. This event has not happened since 2019, so we are all looking forward to meeting our parents.

See you on **Monday, the 28th of November, at 7 p.m. in the school hall.**

## Orientation Day for our 2023 Kindergarten students

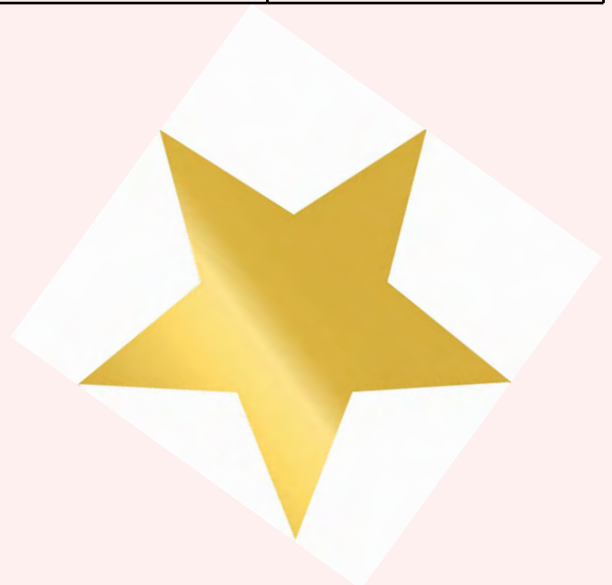
Our new students commencing in 2023 will have an opportunity to visit our school and our kindergarten classrooms on the **1st of December.**





# Student of the Week

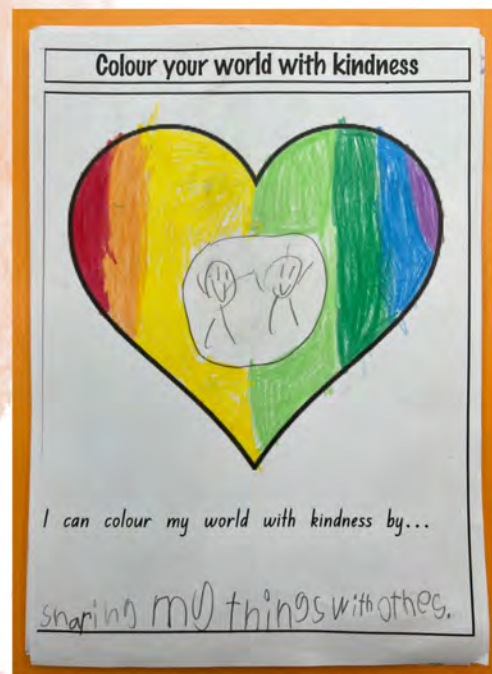
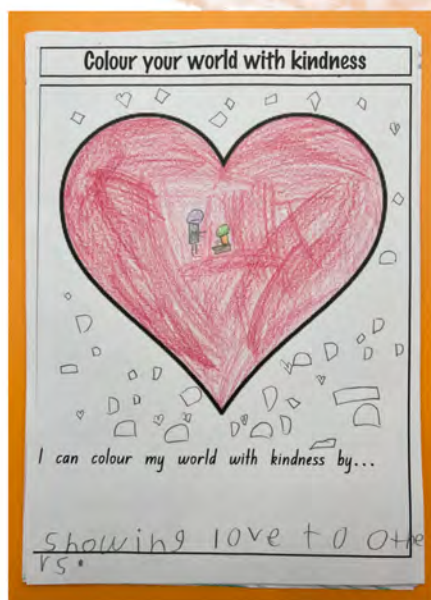
	T4 WEEK 4	T4 WEEK 5		T4 WEEK 4	T4 WEEK 5
KB	Kresimir Bastalic	Luke Ilagan	3G	Evelyn Moras	Ethan Panol
KG	Augustine George	Ciandro Razon	3R	Ronit Shergill	Ben Wilson
KR	Isaac Iglesia	Harriet John	3Y	Nathan Herft	Flynn Sullivan
KY	Reyansh Roy	Janice Kumar	4B	Georgia Ortiz	Zion Vakai
1B	Adol Mayen	Ved Dave	4G	Ryan Kumar	Annaleise Smith
1G	Xavier Vakai	Lucy Legge	4R	Jayden Kumar	Liam Borg
1R	Edlyn Lawson	Roy Kim	5B	Leah McSweeney	Isaac Ma'u
1Y	Naisha Prasad	Roman Themistou	5G	Jax Mackie	Reyan Rami
2B	Omana Patel	Ryan Batra	5R	Vishva Patel	Padraig Kenny
2G	Arnav Singh	Sameer Thapar	6B	Jasper Brignell	Brooklyn Lotonuu-Fakalago
2R	Emily Su	Ivan Vujica	6G	Anne Atienza	Angeline Rentoy
2Y	Zayn Ahmed	Anthony Ghobrial	6R	Rhea Sharma	Lukas Bulacan
3B	Cooper Randall	Scarlett McGuiness			





# Kindergarten

Kindergarten have been deepening their understanding of Jesus' Mission and how they can live a life like Jesus showed us. The students have been exploring ways they can show love and kindness, like Jesus did in Jesus Blesses Little Children (Mk 10:13-16). Kindergarten reflected on the Scripture by identifying ways they can 'colour their world with kindness.'





# LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you parents and carers for supporting your child's Library borrowing and returning during the year. Reading for pleasure is an integral part of your child's learning. Fostering a love of reading ensures that their path to learning will be easier and more enjoyable. **Please note the following:**

Week 6      - Last week for children to borrow

Week 7      - All children's books to be returned



### Term 4 Calendar 2022

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	<b>October 10 Staff Development Day</b>	11 Little Big Shots Rehearsal	12 11:45 Little Big Shots (Parents welcome)	13 9am Year 4 Parish Mass	14
2 Newsletter Week	17	18 Knowledge A-thon	19 9am Year 5 Parish Mass	20 Readers Theatre 2023 Kinder Transition	21 Readers Theatre
3	24 7pm P&F Meeting SAC orientation day	25 11.45 Year 3 Grade Mass	26 9am Year 6 Mass	27 2023 Kinder Transition 11.45 Year 4 Grade Mass	28 2pm St. Andrews Awards
4 Newsletter Week	31	November 1 K, 1, 3 & 5 All Saints Mass	2 Year 2, 4 & 6 All Souls Mass	3 2023 Kinder Transition	<b>4 Staff Development Day NO Students</b>
5	7 Basketball Gala Day	8	9 11.45am Year 6 Reconciliation	10 2023 Kinder Transition	11 10.45am Remembrance Day Liturgy
6 Newsletter Week	14	15	16 11.45 Kindy Grade Mass	17 Infants Athletics Carnival (to be confirmed)	18 2pm St. Andrews Awards
7	21	22	23 9am Year 1 Parish Mass 11.45am Year 5 Grade Mass	24	25
8 Newsletter Week	28 2023 Kinder Parents Information Evening 7pm	29	30 St. Andrews Day Year 6 Parents Reconnector Morning Tea	December 1 2023 Kinder Orientation Day 9am - 11am Year 1 excursion	2 Swimming Trials 12.30 - 3pm
9	5 Student leaders Rewards Day	6 Stage 2 Disco	7 Infants Disco	8 Year 2 excursion Stage 3 Disco Reports to Parents	9 Principals Awards 9-9.30 Infants 9.45-10.15 Primary
10 Newsletter Week	12 6pm Year 6 Graduation Mass 2-3 Meet the teacher 2023	13 Year 6 Lunch	14 Andrew Chinn Workshops and Concert	15 Year 6 Rewards Day	<b>16 Last Day for Students</b>





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# Vaping – 'short and sweet'

What do parents need to know?  
Webinar Thursday 17 November 2022



**The Council of Catholic School Parents NSW/ACT in collaboration with the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle - Federation of Parents & Friends Associations invites: parents, carers and staff to attend a free webinar about this growing issue.**

The session will provide up-to-date and accurate information on the use of e-cigarettes and vaping, including the potential harms associated with the use of these devices, particularly young people.

Practical advice will also be provided on how to talk to young people about vaping, as well as some possible responses that parents can use should their child attempt to challenge them in this complex area.

## Webinar Details

**DATE** Thursday 17th November, 2022  
**TIME** 7.00 - 8.30pm  
**VENUE** online  
**RSVP** <https://forms.office.com/r/BR3b1TsHT5>  
or scan the QR code.

You can attend the webinar using your mobile phone, laptop, or tablet. You do not need to download any programs.

Please note this event will not be recorded.

This webinar is for parents and carers not students.

For any issues registering for the webinar please contact office@ccsp.catholic.edu.au or call 02 8287 1514



**Paul Dillon – Drug and Alcohol Research Training Australia (DARTA)**



Paul Dillon has been working in the area of drug education for more than 25 years. Through his own business, DARTA, he has been contracted by many agencies and organisations across the country to give regular updates on current drug trends within the community. He continues to work with many school communities across the country to ensure that they have access to good quality information and best practice drug education.

With a best-selling book titled 'Teenagers, Alcohol and Drugs' released internationally, Paul has a broad knowledge across a range of areas. Paul is regarded as a key social commentator in Australia, appearing on a wide range of television programs discussing topical issues. Paul also has a blog where he discusses topical issues of the day, as well as addressing some of the questions he is regularly asked by those attending his presentations.



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# OFFICE NEWS

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**If you require any reports printed please log into the QKR App and you can pay via this we will then print the reports and send them home. The cost is \$6 per report.**

Thank you to those who have paid their school fees, the school fees are now overdue, please make payment or contact Mrs Kerai 88696700



## **Mrs Taylor's Book Shop**

**Our 2nd hand book shop is looking for any donations of children's books. If you have any children's books you no longer require we would love to share them with the students. You can leave them at the school office for Mrs Taylor. Thank you in advance for any donations.**

# Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials

A note was sent home earlier this week regarding the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials.

## HOW DO STUDENTS REGISTER - Choose any of the following:

1. Registration (Expression of Interest) link

[2023 CEDP Primary Sport TEAM Registration Form \(Expression of Interest\) - Sport Trials](#)

Primary Sport Parramatta WEBSITE link

[www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au)

FACEBOOK link

[Primary Sport Parramatta Diocese](#)

QR Code link





# Many Faces One Voice Building the future

Fundraising concert for Social Justice initiatives of our Parish

**26 November 2022 ~ Ticket Price \$10.00**

7:00 PM

Saint Andrew The Apostle Parish, Marayong  
School Hall



# **Sacramental Program Dates for 2023...**

## **SACRAMENT OF FIRST PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)**

*The Sacrament of First Penance Program will take place in Term 1 for children in Years 3 & above who have been baptised.*

**Registration Forms may be collected from the Parish Office  
from Monday 30th January 2023**

[These forms may also be collected from the Parish Office  
on Sundays 5th February and 12th February 2023 between 9.30 and 11.30am]

**Registration Evening:**

**Tuesday 14th February 2023 at 7.00pm in the Church**

**Classes:**

**Sundays 26th February, 5th March and 12th March 2023**

[Classes begin with 8.45am Mass and conclude at approximately 11.30am]



**Sacrament of First Penance will be celebrated on :**

**Saturday 18th March (9:30 am) and/or Saturday 25th March (9:30 am) 2023**

## **SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

*This Program will commence in Term 2 for children in Years 3 and above who have received the Sacrament of Penance.*

**Registration Forms** may be collected from the Parish Office starting  
**Monday 24th April 2023**

[These forms may also be collected from the Parish Office  
on Sunday 30th April and Sunday 7th May 2023 between 9.30 and 11.30am]

**Registration Evening:**

**Tuesday 9th May 2023 at 7.00pm in the Church**



**Classes: Sunday 21st May & Sunday 28th May 2023**

[Classes begin with 8.45am Mass and conclude at approximately 11.30am]

**Sacrament of First Holy Communion:**

**Saturday 10th June (5pm) , Sunday 11th June (8:45am)  
Saturday 17th June (5pm) and Sunday 18th June (8:45 am)**

## **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

*This Program will commence in Term 3 for children in Years 5 & above who have made their First Holy Communion.*

**Registration Forms** may be collected from the Parish Office  
**from Monday 17th July 2023**

[These forms may also be collected from the Parish Office  
on Sunday 23rd July and Sunday 30th July 2023 between 9.30 and 11.30am]

**Registration Evening:**

**Tuesday 1st August at 7.00 pm in the Church**

**Classes: Sunday 20th August & Sunday 27th August 2023**

[Classes begin with 8.45 am Mass and conclude at approximately 11.30am]

**Sacrament of Confirmation Ceremony: (Dates to be confirmed)  
Wednesday 13th and / or Thursday 14th September 2023 at 7 pm**





## School Travel

### Term 4 2022

#### 2023 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2023 open from **Monday 10 October 2022**.

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2023 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and entitlements remain valid for the start of the 2023 school year. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade (i.e. grade two to grade three), the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), we will send an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2023.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

#### Travel from Term 1 2023

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for 2023 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel open at the start of Term 4 2022, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a busy period for local transport operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Students using School Opal cards are also reminded that they must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Further information can be found at [transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel](https://transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel)

Enquiries can be submitted at [transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback](https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback)