



St Andrew's Primary School Newsletter

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Dear St Andrew's Community

On behalf of the staff of St Andrew's, I would like to thank the P and F committee for the generous lunch provided on World Teachers Day. The staff was extremely grateful for the gesture and the warm words written on the card. I agree totally with the sentiment that our staff consistently show dedication and kindness to our students and community. They are outstanding professionals.

REMINDER

Staff Development Day tomorrow - Friday the 4th of November. Students do not attend school on this day. Students return Monday the 7th of November.

All Saints Day and All Souls Day

Children attended Mass on both of these important feast days. Thanks to Mrs Whiticker for facilitating the Mass for our community.

BasketBall Gala Day

This year we will be sending 6 teams to this event. The teachers have been very busy during break times training the students and trialling for team selection. It has been a very difficult decision for teachers to select students, as we have such sporting talent. The children will participate on Monday the 7th of November. We wish them a successful and fun day. Thanks to Mr Paynter, Mr Reitano, Mr Beggs and Mr O'Keffe who have volunteered to coach the teams.

Knowledge-a-thon

Just a reminder: if parents could deposit all sponsorship money using the QKR payment system by the end of this week. Many parents have returned the sponsorship cards, however, no payment has been recorded. The children are very excited to receive the rewards for all their efforts to raise money for our school. Some of the donations will be used to buy additional play equipment for the students to use at break times. Thank you for the generosity shown in our donations, we have raised \$11141.

Remembrance Day

On Friday the 11th of November, our community will stop to remember those who have fallen in defence of our great land. The school will commemorate Remembrance Day starting at 10.45am.

Infants Athletics Carnival

We have our fingers crossed that we will be able to host our Infants sports carnival on Thursday the 17th of November.

Lunch orders that were intended for the previous date will be transferred to this day. On Monday, when we can view the long range forecast, the school will make a decision if the event will go ahead. On the chance that the weather is inclement and wet, the event will be cancelled.

Are you leaving St Andrew's at the end of the year?

If you are intending to leave St Andrew's at the end of the year, please notify the school office at your earliest convenience.

Kindergarten Enrolments - 2023

If you have siblings at St Andrew's and you intend to send your child to school next year, please lodge an enrolment form as soon as possible. It would be greatly appreciated as our school is in great demand for places.

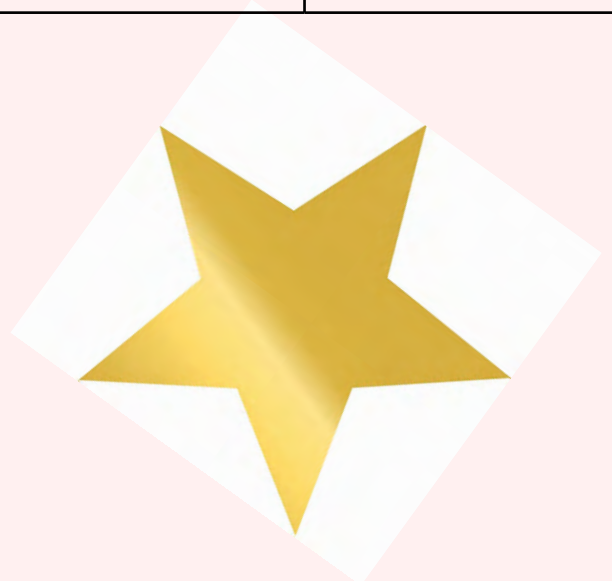
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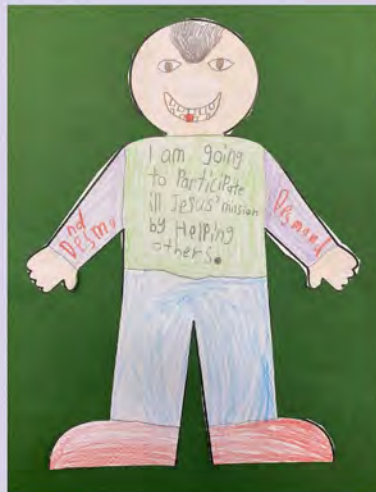
Our lost property has exploded. If your child is missing an item of clothing or a drink bottle, please check the lost property area. The items have no names and, therefore, the teachers can not find the owner. I ask parents to please label your child's belongings.



Student of the Week

	T4 WEEK 2	T4 WEEK 3		T4 WEEK 2	T4 WEEK 3
KB	Iulia Dumadag	Isaac Tan	3G	Chayse Childs	Thomas Yuan
KG	Ana Maria Araque	Noah Axiak	3R	Antonio Gutierrez	Ady Ding
KR	Kaylee Diana	Aishvir Gill	3Y	Richard Chou	Alice Torossian
KY	Charlotte Francis	David Yang	4B	Madelina Mawut	Jacob Nocon
1B	Amelia Stapleton	Immanuel Lok-Saladik	4G	Ruby Fox	Dioni Abayakone
1G	Parambir Brar	Catalina ArenasSausa	4R	Reinald Jalimao	Giordana Sirianni
1R	Phoenix Raz	Myra Sohal	5B	Jasmine Trevail	Christian Issa
1Y	Mikhail Illangakoon	Desmond Li	5G	Lauren Hipolito	Gabriella Zerafa
2B	Lucas Jangoshian	Aguem Mayen	5R	Caiden Em	Aarav Rabadia
2G	Ptolemy Powell	Cleo Summerton	6B	Jairaj Arora	Keo Sinbandhit
2R	Margaret Bagayas	Adam Ibrahim	6G	Athan Galaxidis	Alonzo Fernandez
2Y	Agampreet Dhaliwal	Anjali Jegan	6R	Emilee Pyda	Aleena Lamba
3B	Sienna Farag	Laya Krishnan Menon			

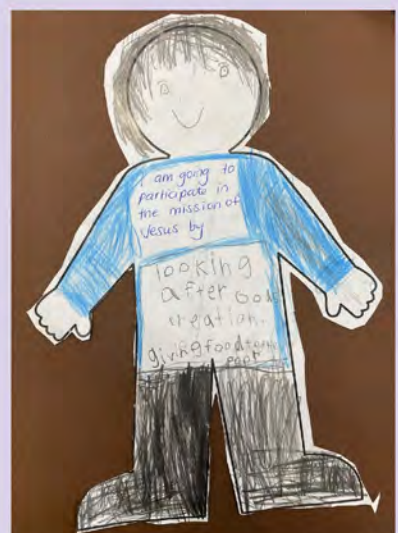




What is Mission?



Year 1 is learning to identify the ways that they can actively participate in Jesus' Mission through their daily lives.



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	October 10 Staff Development Day	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	4 Staff Development Day NO Students
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 Afternoon 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	16 Last Day for Students

OFFICE NEWS

Term 4

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

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

Enquiries can be submitted at transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback