



St Andrew's Primary School Newsletter

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Dear St Andrew's community,

Building community- Our St Andrew's Faith Community

It has been wonderful to see so many families join us for the many school events we have celebrated this term.

This week, an old favourite returned to our social calendar: Kindergarten families Welcome BBQ. On Wednesday, over 200 family members and friends gathered together in a social setting to get to know each other, and for the staff to also get to know the many new families who have joined our faith family this year. The special treat of the afternoon were our newest members, our Kindergarten students, entertaining their parents in dance and song. The children were amazing.

I wish to thank Miss Anderson for choreographing the dance item performed on the day and also to the office team led by Mrs Muscat for organising catering for our families. A special thanks to the Kindergarten teachers and staff that attended in the afternoon to welcome our families. Please see our website gallery for photos of the event.

School Fees

School Fees are now due, if you have paid, thank you. If not, would you please arrange payment as soon as possible or contact Reshma Kerai for further information.

P and F Fundraisers

This term the P and F have organised the following fundraising events:

Easter Raffle

If you intend to purchase raffle tickets,
please have them paid for via the QKR app
(no cash will be accepted at school)

and sent into the office before **Wednesday the 5th of April.**

The raffle will be drawn on Thursday the 6th of April.



Grade Discos

This is an event that the children really look forward to. If you have not already, you are invited to make a \$5.00 donation via our QKR payment app. Please remember to make an individual payment for each child. The P and F was very busy packing disco goody bags last week for every child. An enormous thank you to the parents who donated their time to help out with this event.

Infants Grade disco will be held on Thursday the 30th of March

Stage 2 Disco will be held on Tuesday the 4th April

Stage 3 Disco will be held on Wednesday the 5th of April.



Winter Beanie fundraiser

The children have an opportunity to purchase a school beanie as part of their winter uniform. This is the only beanie that the children will be permitted to wear. A photo of the beanie will be sent home with the opportunity to purchase one for your child before the weather cools. If you are interested, please fill out the order form and make your payment following the QKR prompts. The beanies will be available in week 1 Term 2 to order and will be sent home in the first two weeks of Term 2. The monies raised from this fundraiser will go toward purchasing further resources for the children.

Mrs McGowen on Leave

I will be on leave following the student Easter break until the 15th of May. Miss. McDonald will be Acting Principal in my absence. Mrs. Brewer will be Acting Assistant Principal during this time.



Holy Week- our journey with Jesus to the Cross

The children will be journeying with Jesus to the cross next week during our Stations of the Cross liturgy on Thursday 10am and 11.45am. Special thanks to Mrs Whiticker for coordinating this very important part of our Catholic life with our community. Parents are invited to join us at these times in the Church.

Building our Catholic Identity Survey

This week the staff and students in Year 5 and 6 have had an opportunity to complete the Catholic Identity survey. The letter has gone home twice regarding parents having the opportunity to voice their opinions regarding the way, we as a school, live our Catholic identity. I encourage you to complete the survey at home. Please follow the instructions regarding the codes needed to log on. Your voice is important to us. Our school is listed as St. Andrew's School, Marayong.

I will be completing an intensive university course, *Building Our Catholic Identity*, starting on the 29th of May at KU Leuven University in Belgium. During my study absence, Miss. McDonald will be the Acting Principal, and Mr. Haynes will be Acting Assistant Principal. I look forward to sharing my learning with our community.

School Holidays

Children will commence their Easter school holidays on Good Friday the 7th of April.




The children will return after ANZAC Day on **Wednesday the 26th of April.**

The children may return in Winter Uniform. If the weather is still warm, there will be a two week transition period.

All children must be in full winter uniform following the transition period including ties for girls and boys.

A person wearing a black long-sleeved shirt and black gloves is planting a small green seedling into the soil. The background is a close-up of the soil and the person's hands.

 St Andrew's Community
You are amazing!
Your generosity in donating your council plants means we have 500 plants being delivered soon.

Next step: Mr Mario will start digging holes, and we will invite some students to help us plant the gardens!

Our gardens are going to be looking so luscious!

500 plants!
We are so grateful!

SPORTS and COMMUNITY NEWS

Cross Country Trials

This year we will be sending a full squad to the Diocesan Cross Country event on **Wednesday the 10th of May**. Thank you to Mr. Paynter for coordinating the trials at school for the children who were interested in competing. What amazing talent we have at St Andrews!



Fencing

Last Saturday, **Joshua Sun (3 Red)**, represented the NSW school fencing U11 Boy Saber (Roberta Nutt) competition and won the gold medal.

Under the leadership of his coach Alex, Joshua has been able to develop more tenacity, perseverance and have the courage to face more challenges.

Well done to Joshua - Congratulations!



Gymnastics

Gabriella Zerafa (6 Blue) has qualified and been selected to represent NSW at the 2023 Australian Gymnastics Competition, taking place in May on the Gold Coast.

Over the weekend, Gabriella competed at the state championships in 2 disciplines: trampoline and double mini trampoline, as well as synchro, where she placed first in all 3.

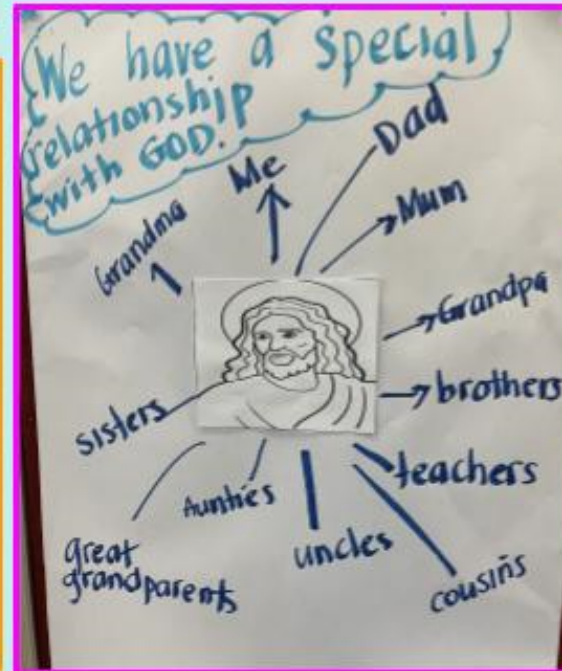
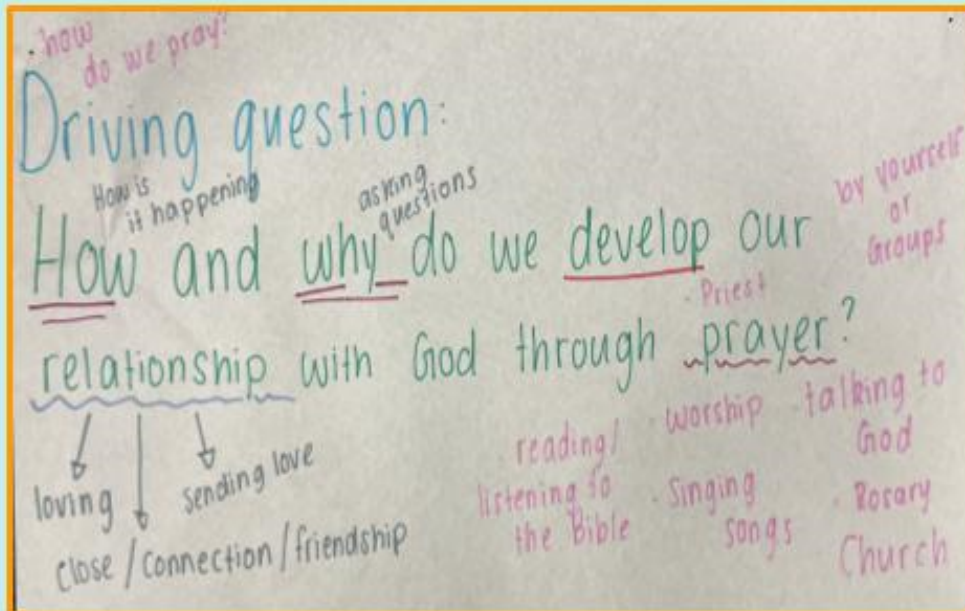
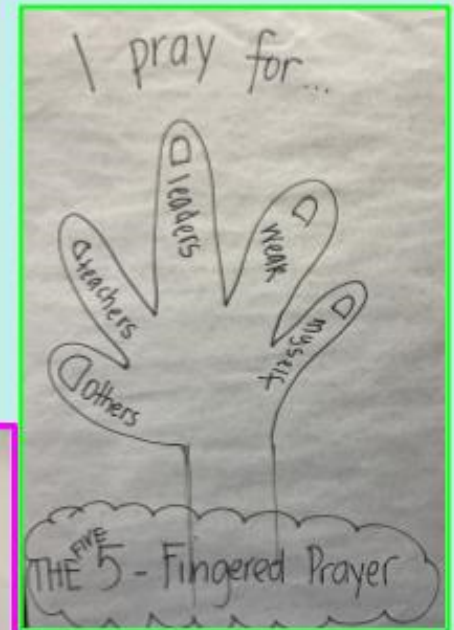
Gabriella has worked very hard to get where she is and has come a long way. Congratulations Gabriella! We are all very proud of you.



YEAR 2 FAITH PAGE

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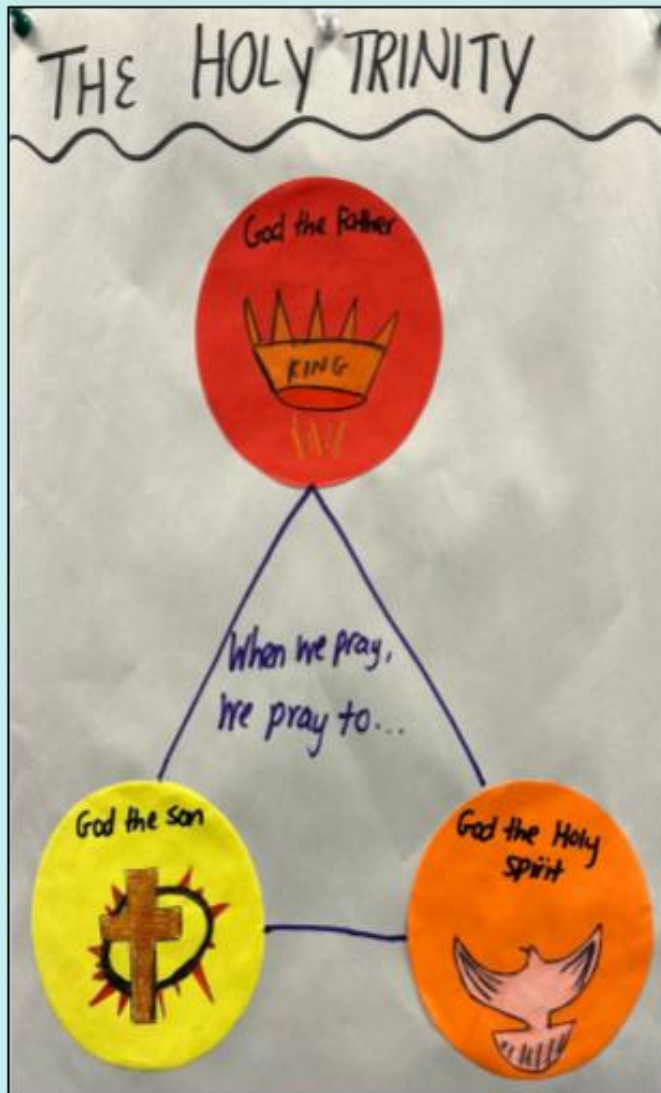
We have been learning: How and why do we develop our relationship with God through prayer?





This term, Year 2 have been looking at developing their relationship with God through prayer. Prayer is a fundamental part of building our relationship with God, so it was important that we went deep into our thinking!

The scripture passage concerning prayer from Matthew 6:5-15 was explored in detail, as well as the psalm 117 'The Lord's Faithfulness endures forever.'



1 THE LORD'S PRAYER	2 Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed by thy name.	3 Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
4 Give us this day our daily bread;	5 And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;	6 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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*Church *school *outside
*classroom *garden

2 Red
Favourite places
to pray

*bedroom *park *pool
*backyard *car *beach

Modelled Response

My favourite place to pray is in
my bedroom because I get to
spend some time alone with God.

Behind the Scenes

What's happening in our classrooms



KINDERGARTEN

We are thrilled with the fantastic learning that has taken place this term at school. Our students have been engaged and motivated and making great progress across all areas.

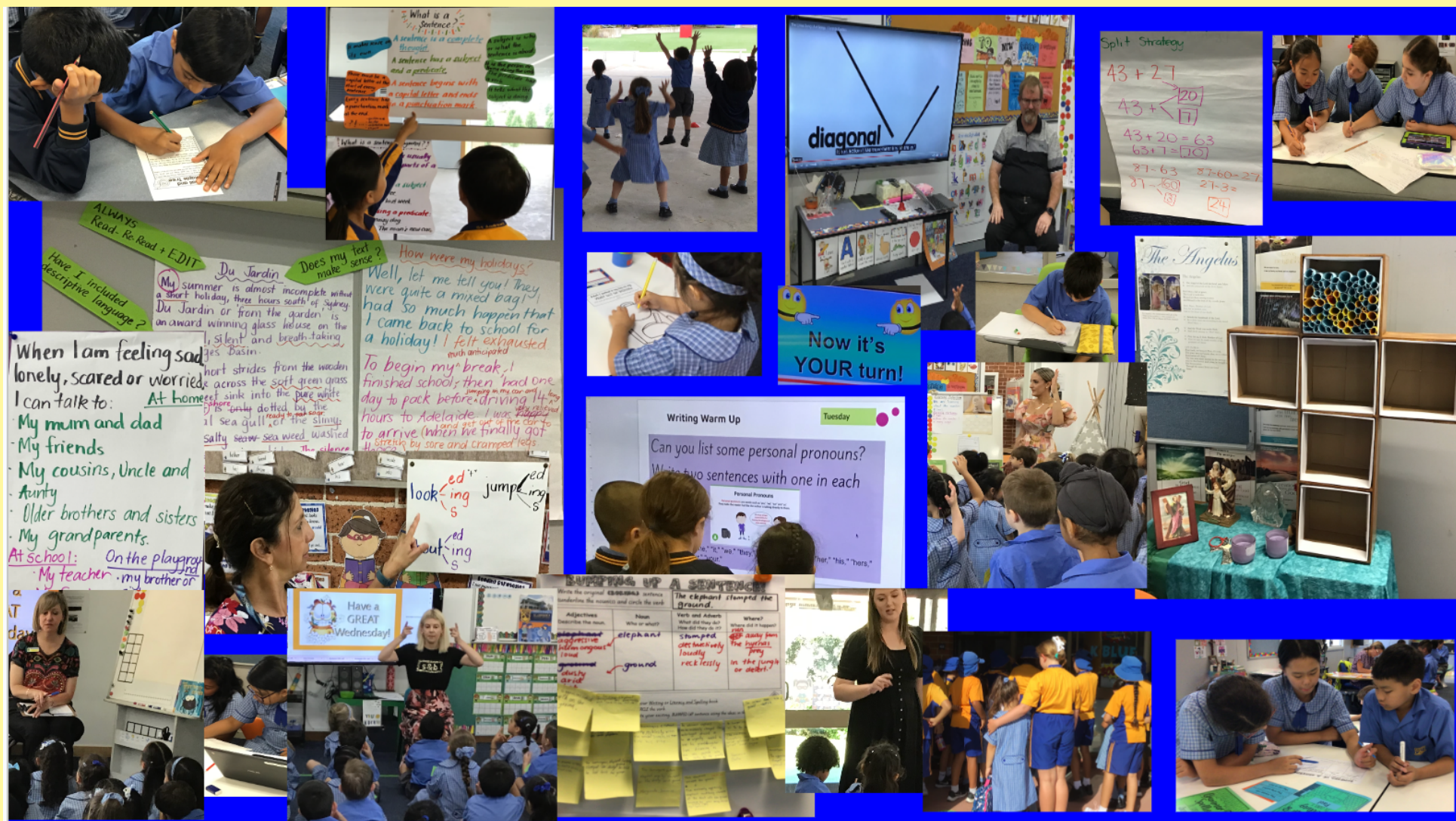
First and foremost, our students have been working hard to deepen their understanding and appreciation of Jesus and our church.

Across the school, we have also been focusing on developing our literacy skills. Students have been reading a variety of texts, practising their oral reading skills, as well as comprehension and higher order thinking skills. They have also been working hard developing their creativity and imagination through creating engaging and effective texts.

Our students have been tackling challenging problems and exploring new Mathematical concepts. They have been working hard to develop their own skills, as well as collaboratively solving complex problems and developing a deeper understanding of different Mathematical concepts.

We have also been investigating the world around us by developing our observation and data analysis skills, also working together to draw conclusions and make predictions. Through our celebration of Harmony Day we have explored the rich cultural heritage of our community and the wider world. Establishing and developing our skills in the areas of Creative Arts, Health and PE has also played an important part in our learning this term. Some of our students have accomplished great sporting achievements while competing against other schools.

We are incredibly proud of the progress our students have made this term, and we are looking forward to seeing their continued growth and development in term 2.





Student of the Week

	WEEK 8	WEEK 9		WEEK 8	WEEK 9
KB	Jesse Chacon	Anastasia Bogtour	3G	Jolen Kouta	Ishandeep Thind
KG	Elsie Miller	Anok Deng	3R	Lucas Jangoshian	Elizabeth Wang
KR	Selena Bisada	Name With held	3Y	Ryan Htun	Skylar Harris
KY	Dale Petersen	Riyan Bajwa	4B	Cooper Randall	Hithishi Dangamuwa
1B	Akira Kondeya	Noah Naeim	4G	Zarius Celeste	Natalia Hanna
1G	Owen McCarthy	Harriet John	4R	Taylor Bigeni	Narella Kerry
1R	Helena Salib	Marty AlWijah	4Y	Luis Ilagan	Antonio Fernandez
1Y	Agansh Singh	Matteo Nocon	5B	Paul Win	Mia Mackie
2B	Andrea Cook	Naisha Prasad	5G	Sydney Tannous	Chris Aridah
2G	Aria-Coco Melaisis	Vanessa Carney	5R	Ivy McCarthy	Gabriella Themistou
2R	Diya Kamal	Name Withheld	6B	Isaac Torok	Jasmine Trevail
2Y	Nathania Dsilva	Katelyn Prabakaran	6G	Vishva Patel	Sean Willathagamuwa
3B	Denise Li	Olivia Demian	6R	Cienna Cripps	Malaar Kaur



Term 1 Calendar 2023

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1					27 January STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
2 Newsletter Week	30 1st Day Years 1-6 Kinder 1/2 day	31 Kinder 1/2 day	1 February All Kindergarten full day	2	3
3	6 6.30 pm P&F AGM	7	8	9	10 9.15 am Beginning School Mass 2pm Assembly
4 Newsletter Week	13	14	15	16	17 Mufti day fundraiser for WYD
5	20	21	22 9.15am Ash Wednesday Mass	23	24
6 Newsletter Week	27 Meet and Greet Week	28 Meet and Greet Week	1 March Meet and Greet Week	2 10-10.30am School Tours Meet and Greet Week	3 Year 4 excursion Riverside Theatre 2pm Assembly Meet and Greet Week
7 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK	6	7	8	9 10-10.30am School Tours	10 11.45 am Catholic Schools Week Mass 12.45-1.15 Open Classrooms
8 Newsletter Week	13	14	15 NAPLAN	16 NAPLAN	17 NAPLAN
9	20 NAPLAN	21 NAPLAN Harmony Day	22 NAPLAN	23 NAPLAN	24 NAPLAN School Cross Country 2pm Assembly
10 Newsletter Week	27 NAPLAN	28	29 5-7pm Kinder Welcome BBQ	30 Infants Disco	31
11	3 April	4 Stage 2 Disco	5 Stage 3 Disco	6 HOLY THURSDAY Stations of the Cross 10am Infants 11.45 Primary (Church) Easter Raffle Drawn	7 GOOD FRIDAY NO SCHOOL

Term 2 Calendar 2023

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	24th April STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	25 ANZAC DAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY	26 ALL STUDENTS RETURN FOR TERM 2	2	28
2 Newsletter Week	1st May	2	3	4	5
3	8	9	10	11	12 2pm Assembly
4 Newsletter Week	15	16	17	18	19
5	22	23 Year 3 Excursion - Australian Pioneer Village	24	25	26
6 Newsletter Week	29	30	31	1st June	2 2pm Assembly
7	5	6	7	8	9
8 Newsletter Week	12	13	14	15	16
9	19	20	21	22	23 2pm Assembly
10 Newsletter Week	26	27	28	29	30 9.15am Sacred Heart Mass LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



Mrs Taylor's Book Shop

**Our 2nd hand book shop
is looking for donations
of children's books.**

**If you have any children's books
in good condition,
which you no longer require,
we would love to share them
with the children.**

**You can leave them at the
school office
for Mrs Taylor.**

**Thank you for your
generosity.**



EASTER DECORATION COMPETITION

Help us decorate the canteen & win everyone in your class a Fruity Ice

Use an A4 piece of paper & get creative

The most imaginative entry wins a Fruity Ice
FOR EVERYONE IN THE CLASS

All entries will be displayed in the canteen and changed as needed due to limited space.

EASTER DECORATION COMPETITION



OLMC Parramatta
Production of



Disney **THE LITTLE
MERMAID**

18, 19 & 20 May | Tickets \$25 - olmc.nsw.edu.au

Music by

**ALAN
MENKEN**

Lyrics by

**HOWARD & GLENN
ASHMAN SLATER**

Book by

**DOUG
WRIGHT**

Based on Hans Christian Andersen story and the Disney film produced by Howard Ashman & John Musker
and written & directed by John Musker and Ron Clements

Originally Produced by Disney Theatrical Productions

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia).
All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia.

| NSW Department of Education School Sport Unit

NSW Primary All Schools Boys Netball 12 Years & Under Selection Trial

16 June 2023 - Term 2, Week 8

Registrations for this event close
5:00pm Friday 26 May 2023.

Cost

\$10.00 per student

Who

This trial is **only for primary school boys 12 years and under**. Boys can be 12, however must not be turning 13 in 2023. Boys enrolled in secondary school are **ineligible** to trial.

Registration

To apply for the Primary All Schools Selection Trial, complete the relevant online registration form on DASH ([NSW Government schools](#), [NSW Catholic schools](#), [NSW Combined Independent schools](#)) and make payment by the closing date, Friday 26 May 2023.

All boys who trial must be available, if selected, for the School Sport Australia Championships in Perth, Western Australia from 9 to 15 September 2023.



When and Where

Friday 16 June 2023

[NSW All Schools Primary Boys Netball selection trial](#)

Billbergia Sports Centre

9 Grand Avenue, Camellia 2142

This year the School Sport Unit will support the attendance of a Primary Boys Netball team at the inaugural School Sport Australia 12 years & Under Netball Championships in Perth, Western Australia.

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