



St Andrew's Primary School Newsletter

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Dear St Andrew's community,

I wish to thank Ms McDonald and Mr Haynes for leading our school in my absence. I am on study leave for the next two weeks, completing a Catholic study course at Leuven University in Belgium. I am looking forward to sharing my knowledge with our community on my return.

Staff Development Day

A Staff Development Day has been scheduled for Friday the 9th of June. Students do not attend on this day.

On Monday the 12th of June is the Public Holiday long weekend.

Students return on Tuesday the 13th of June.

Please also refer to updated [Term 2 Calendar 2023](#) attached to this newsletter.

Parents and Friends Committee *Working together to make a difference*

Schools are dynamic learning communities that rely on every member to ensure that many fun learning opportunities are possible for every student. The P&F are part of this journey. If you would like to be part of this energetic, creative and fun team, we are opening up for parents to nominate themselves for the roles of Treasurer and Secretary. If you have the time to dedicate and be part of the P&F executive team, please send an email to the school or a letter to Miss McDonald. If we have multiple nominations for the role, we will conduct an election early in term 3 to select our new executive team. If you have any questions regarding the roles, please contact Mrs Ford the P&F President for 2023. Contact can be made via our school office. Please leave a message and it will be forwarded to Mrs Ford.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next exciting meeting in Term 3.



Primary Athletics Carnival - 21st June

Venue : Blacktown International Sports Park Rooty Hill.

Please join us and support our sports men and women as they compete in the many field and running events. This is a compulsory part of our school calendar and we would hope that all primary children attend. A permission note will be sent home this week. Please sign it and return it to school by the 15th of June.

Please note that due to council works at the Sports Park, they are unable accommodate our whole school and therefore we will now only have a Primary Athletics Carnival. Our Infants Carnival will occur later in the year. We will keep you updated.

School Beanie Fundraiser

Thank you to the families who have placed a Beanie order. If you would like to purchase a school beanie, please make a payment of \$14.00 via the QKR app. Once we have received your payment, the beanie will be sent home with your child. Please make sure you have checked that the details on the QKR app are correct to avoid a delay in delivery.

Children will still need to wear their school hat during recess and lunch to protect them from UV rays.

Flu season hits our school

With the weather becoming cooler, colds and flu are on the increase. Many of our schools have already experienced many teachers and students with colds, flu and COVID infections.

Please be mindful of our safety preventative measures that are in place until the end of winter.

Children who present with cold or flu like symptoms will be sent home until they are recovered.

We invite parents to contact the school if a student tests positive to COVID. A community letter will be sent home so parents can monitor their child.

At whole school assemblies or events, parents/ adults are invited to wear a mask.

Air purifiers will continue to be used in the classrooms.

Building Child Safe Communities

As part of CSPD's strategy to build child safe communities, our People & Culture - Safeguarding team is providing a monthly focus on the 10 Child Safe Standards. Please read the information in the attached flyers.

Pride in Uniform Awards

I am very excited to report that many children have collected 5 awards and will be invited to have morning tea with me in the coming weeks as their reward for wearing their uniform with pride. I encourage all students to come to school in the correct uniform and to remember to wear their tie.



A message from our uniform provider Oz Fashions

Due to the rising cost of materials as well as labour costs, there will be an increase in the price of uniform items. Please see attached updated price list effective 1st July 2023.

Code of Conduct at St Andrew's

A reminder to all parents and responsible adults to please treat all staff members with respect. At no time are parents to use threatening language or aggression when speaking with a staff member. Any parent who chooses to behave in this way will be asked to leave the school grounds. We are a Catholic community and follow the Gospel values of our Lord. Respect and understanding are key values to ensure a safe and positive school culture. If you have an issue that you would like to discuss, please make an appointment with the teacher or staff member. No issues should be discussed at the afternoon dismissal gate.

School Fees

School Fees have now been issued and the due date for Instalment 2 is 31/05/2023. Please contact Reshma Kerai on 02 8869 6700 if you have not received your statement in the post by the end of this week.



Reminder to Parents: Tell Them From Me Survey 2023

A friendly reminder that we welcome your feedback via the annual Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey. The survey will remain open until 4.00pm on Friday, 9 June and is completely anonymous. We greatly appreciate the input of parents/carers in helping us improve our Catholic school community.

The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Andrew's Primary School.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey (20 different languages available) on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below.

<https://tellthemfromme.com/survey/splash/saps1>

SPOTLIGHT ON SPORT



After a successful round of soccer games with the Parramatta Diocesan Girls Soccer team, Hannah Farag of 6 Green has been selected to represent MacKillop Catholic Schools at the NSW Combined Primary School Championships in August, where she and her team will be competing in Nelson Bay over 4 days.

We are very proud of you Hannah and wish you all the very best for the upcoming tournament.



Sacred Heart Mass

16th June, 9:15 am

At this Mass each year we support the St Vincent de Paul Society with donations of non-perishable food items for the Winter Appeal. If each child only brought in one item we would have over 700 articles that would then be distributed to those in need in our community. Teachers will collect these items in the classroom and then donate to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. New socks, scarves, shawls, beanies and gloves are also always gratefully accepted for distribution to the homeless.

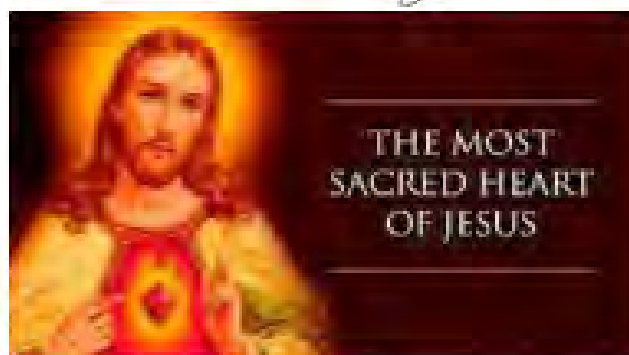
Thank you for your kind support as we teach our children about caring for others.

Suggested items for food donation.....

Breakfast cereal, Long-life milk, teabags,
coffee, hot chocolate, rice, pasta, noodles.
Tinned soup, packet soup mix, cup-a-soup,
sauce, pasta sauce, Asian stir-fry sauce,
tinned fish / meat, vegetables, baked beans,
spaghetti, cordial, fruit juice, poppers, tins or jars of fruit,
biscuits (sweet or savoury)

And anything else, so long as it is NON-Perishable Please avoid sending items that contain nuts.

Thank you





ST. ANDREWS PRIMARY UNIFORM PRICE LIST



Girls Summer Uniform

❖ DRESS:	EXCLUSIVE FABRIC & DESIGN	\$57.75
❖ PULLOVER:	NAVY WOOL /NYLON EXCLUSIVE DESIGN WITH SCHOOL CREST	\$78.75
❖ COLLEGE JACKET:	NAVY NYLON COLLEGE BOMBER JACKET WITH FLEECY LINING	\$68.25
❖ SOCKS:	SKY BLUE TURN UP	\$5.25
❖ SCRUNCHY:	EXCLUSIVE FABRIC & DESIGN MATCHING DRESS	\$5.25
❖ HEADBAND:	EXCLUSIVE FABRIC & DESIGN MATCHING DRESS	\$5.25
❖ CURLY HAIR TIE	SKY, WHITE, ROYAL	\$5.25
❖ SHOES:	BLACK LEATHER LACE UP STYLE	

Girls Winter Uniform

❖ TUNIC:	EXCLUSIVE FABRIC & DESIGN	\$63.00
❖ BLOUSE:	LEMON PETER PAN LONG SLEEVE BLOUSE	\$31.50
❖ PULLOVER:	NAVY WOOL /NYLON EXCLUSIVE DESIGN WITH SCHOOL CREST	\$78.75
❖ COLLEGE JACKET:	NAVY NYLON COLLEGE BOMBER JACKET WITH FLEECY LINING	\$68.25
❖ TIGHTS:	NAVY - COTTON/LYCRA	\$15.75
❖ SOCKS:	NAVY TURN UP	\$5.25
❖ TIE:	EXCLUSIVE FABRIC & DESIGN MATCHING TUNIC	\$5.25
❖ SCRUNCHY:	EXCLUSIVE FABRIC & DESIGN MATCHING TUNIC	\$5.25
❖ HEADBAND:	EXCLUSIVE FABRIC & DESIGN MATCHING TUNIC	\$5.25
❖ CURLY HAIR TIE	NAVY, LEMON	\$5.25
❖ SHOES:	BLACK LEATHER LACE UP STYLE	

Boys Summer Uniform

❖ SHIRT:	SCHOOL BLUE CREST	\$31.50
❖ SHORTS:	GREY ELASTIC WAIST	\$31.50
❖ PULLOVER:	NAVY WOOL /NYLON EXCLUSIVE DESIGN WITH SCHOOL CREST	\$78.75
❖ COLLEGE JACKET:	NAVY NYLON COLLEGE BOMBER JACKET WITH FLEECY LINING	\$68.25
❖ SOCKS:	GREY WITH ROYAL/GOLD STRIPES	\$7.35
❖ SHOES:	BLACK LEATHER LACE UP STYLE	

Boys Winter Uniform

❖ SHIRT:	SCHOOL BLUE LONG SLEEVE WITH CREST	\$36.75
❖ TROUSERS:	GREY DRESS TROUSER WITH ELASTIC BACK	\$47.25
❖ PULLOVER:	NAVY WOOL /NYLON EXCLUSIVE DESIGN WITH SCHOOL CREST	\$78.75
❖ COLLEGE JACKET:	NAVY NYLON COLLEGE BOMBER JACKET WITH FLEECY LINING	\$68.25
❖ SOCKS:	GREY WITH ROYAL/GOLD STRIPES	\$7.35
❖ TIE:	PRE TIED WITH VELCRO CLOSURE ROYAL	\$21.00
❖ SHOES:	BLACK LEATHER LACE UP STYLE	

Sports Uniform

❖ SHORT SLEEVE POLO TOP:	GOLD/ ROYAL COOL DRY WITH SCHOOL CREST	\$36.75
❖ LONG SLEEVE POLO TOP:	GOLD/ ROYAL COOL DRY WITH SCHOOL CREST	\$36.75
❖ SHORTS:	ROYAL /GOLD STRIPE HEAVY WEIGHT PEACH SKIN MICROFIBRE	\$36.75
❖ JACKET:	ROYAL / GOLD STRIPE HEAVY WEIGHT PEACH SKIN MICROFIBRE WITH SCHOOL CREST	\$57.75
❖ TRACKPANT:	ROYAL / GOLD STRIPE HEAVY WEIGHT PEACH SKIN MICROFIBRE	\$47.25
❖ SOCKS:	WHITE SPORT STYLE	\$5.25
❖ SHOES:	WHITE SPORT SHOES	

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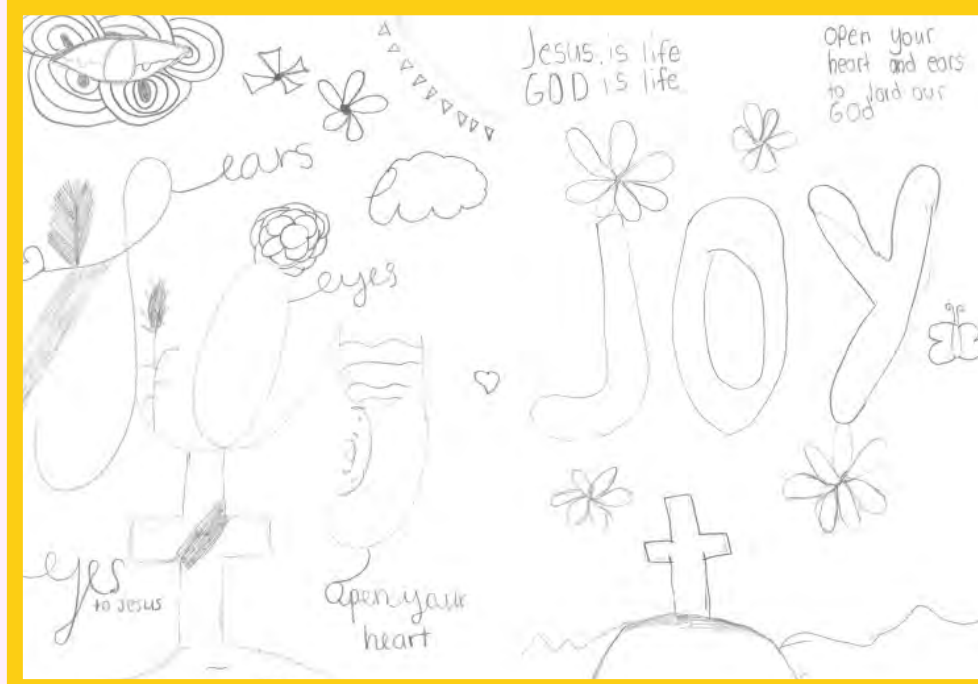
❖ COLLEGE BACK PACK:	COMPARTMENT /HEAVY DUTY WITH SCHOOL CREST	\$52.50
❖ LIBRARY BAG:	NAVY SATCHEL	\$18.90
❖ BUCKET HAT WITH LICE REPELLENT POUCH:		\$21.00
❖ LICE OFF REPELLANT KIT:	DESIGNED TO FIT SCHOOL BUCKET HAT	\$6.30
❖ LEGIONNAIRE HAT:		\$21.00
❖ ART SMOCK:	NAVY NYLON SHELL WITH VELCRO BACK CLOSURE	\$15.75
❖ RAIN COAT:	DAY/NIGHT - AVAILABLE IN YELLOW OR NAVY WITH REFLECTIVE TAPE	\$26.25

(NOTE: ALL PRICES QUOTED ABOVE ARE FOR ALL SIZES AND PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO ALTERATIONS)

Year 6 Faith Page

In Year 6, we have been learning about how sacred stories reveal religious truths. We have been studying and exploring the sacred stories from both the Old and New Testaments and learning more about what the world was like at the time they were told, as well as how they can relate to our lives now. We had a Religious Meditation session where we listened to and reflected on the Parable of the Sower and recorded our interpretations and thoughts in drawings.





Student of the Week

Term 2 Weeks 4/5



	WEEK 4	WEEK 5		WEEK 4	WEEK 5
KB	Laila Jangoshian	Grace Vonkhorporn	3G	Bentley Liew	Anthony Ghobrial
KG	Joseph Demian	Alison Zaharia	3R	Jaxon Fox	Aguem Mayen
KR	Zelda Zhang	Xanthe Jones	3Y	Ezekiel Badato	Gabriele Huezo
KY	Lachlan Nattrass	Violetta Leleimalefaga	4B	Sandra Nakhla	Jared Bala
1B	Jakub Kozinski	Samuel Simon	4G	Eksm Thind	Jansen Perez
1G	Kiyaan Raiyani	Lucia Cornwall	4R	Pinry Wu	Aiden Futialo
1R	Kayla Natan	Zachary Herft	4Y	Aidan Labo	Harry Addis
1Y	Valentina Femia	Harper Osborn	5B	Leo DeCastro	Anaya Barman
2B	Jaxon Greenbank	Aaron Giri	5G	Jayden McCann	Gabby Chulipa
2G	Nysa Patel	Sarah Santos	5R	Jacob Nocon	Zion Vakai
2R	Samar Chhina	Jillian Culili	6B	Francisca Russo	Michael Uta
2Y	Jershon WilliamRobert	Veronica Xavier	6G	Emilio Lewis-Goode	Crissabella Magayaga
3B	Emily Su	Clifford Mercolisa	6R	Anaya Suthar	Cooper Anderiesz



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	27	28
2 Newsletter Week	1st May	2	3	4	5
3	8	9	10 Diocesan Cross Country	11 Mother's Day Stall	12 9.15 Mothers day Liturgy Hall Assembly Mother's Day Stall
4 Newsletter Week	15	16	17	18	19 Lockdown Drill
5	22 Tell them from Me Survey opens for parents	23 Year 3 Excursion - Australian Pioneer Village	24	25	26
6 Newsletter Week	29	30 Year 5 Incursion Starr Planetarium	31	1st June	2 St 3 Girls Soccer Gala day 2pm Assembly
7	5	6	7	8	9 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
8 Newsletter Week	12 KING'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	13 ACARA item trial Year 3	14 ACARA item trial Year 5	15 Year 5 Gold Rush incursion	16 9.15am Sacred Heart Mass ST 3 Boys Soccer Gala day REPORTS TO PARENTS
9	19 Parent/Teacher Interviews	20 Parent/Teacher Interviews	21 Athletics Carnival Years 3-6	22 Parent/Teacher Interviews	23 2pm Assembly
10 Newsletter Week	26	27 Disco Stage 3	28 ST 2 Boys and Girls Soccer Gala Day Disco Infants	29 Disco Stage 2	30 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



2023 ACARA Item Trial Test

13th and 14th June

INFORMATION ABOUT THE ITEM TRIAL

Item Trial tests have occurred each year since 2007. The purpose of the Item Trial is to evaluate NAPLAN test items (questions) that are under consideration for inclusion in future tests.

Each year a different selection of sampled schools is needed. The sample ensures a diverse range of student backgrounds and abilities is represented.

The Item Trial will involve 2 classes in Years 3 and 5 to help collect a national samples.

Since the test is not an assessment, it won't be marked and results won't be distributed. 2 classes per grade will participate in the Item Trial. The test is purely for ACARA to work through the process of collecting both online and offline data.

WHAT GRADES ARE INVOLVED?

50 x Year 3 students and 50 x Year 5 students will be involved in the Item Test.

Dates for each grade:

Tuesday 13th June: Year 3

Wednesday 14th June: Year 5

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO FOR MY CHILD?

As a parent it is important that you encourage your child to participate and enjoy the trial experience should they be selected to do so.

While the Item Trial is not an assessment that will be graded, it is still very important that students try their best. Your positivity and encouragement will help to achieve this.

STANDARD 3: FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES ARE INFORMED AND INVOLVED

AIM: Organisations support children by actively engaging with families and communities



WHY IS THIS STANDARD IMPORTANT?

Parents/Carers have primary responsibility for raising their children.

Children feel more valued when child safe organisations include families and community in decisions affecting them, and when organisations are accountable for their child safe practices.

What should CSPD be doing?

- Families have the primary responsibility for the upbringing and development of their child and are provided opportunities to participate in decisions affecting the child.
- The organisation engages in open, two-way communication with families and communities about its child safety approach, and relevant information is accessible.
- Families and communities have a say in the organisation's policies and practices.
- Families and communities are informed about the organisation's operations and governance.



What we're doing

- Check out System Policies on CSPD Website!
- Staff can also check out our OSCAR PAGE!

- Promotes and participates in various resources and initiatives for parents, carers and communities which support a child safe culture.
- Building Child Safe Communities (BCSC) Undertaking and Training modules are available on the CSPD website and outline the standards of behaviour and reporting requirements for parents/carers/families as volunteers (and contractors) in our schools.
- Offer a range of opportunities for parents/carers to engage in the services and supports provided to their children at school.
- Provide opportunities for parents/carers to work in partnership with schools via various forums including school information evenings and meetings.
- Parent Representative Councils and associated educational initiatives.
- Provide opportunities for parent/carer feedback via the annual "Tell Them From Me Survey".
- Families are informed and made aware of CSPD's Safeguarding policies and procedures which are available on www.parra.catholic.edu.au
- Access to wellbeing counsellors for students and their families.
- Partnership with the esafety Commissioner to provide parents and carers training and education on esafety.
- Regular updates to families on CSPD's adherence to the Child Safe Standards.



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STANDARD 4:

EQUITY IS UPHOLD AND DIVERSE NEEDS ARE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT

Aim: Children are provided opportunities to participate to their full potential

Why is this standard important?

Children have diverse needs which should be supported by organisations, ensuring equality of opportunity and participation in programs and activities.

It is a necessity for children to build skills and knowledge, have access to resources that keep them safe, and be able to build relationships.

Organisations are then better able to empower children to have a voice and prevent abuse, fostering a transparent and open culture that is inclusive.



What should CSPD be doing?

The organisation is proactive in identifying and responding to children's diverse circumstances and vulnerabilities.

Every child has access to support, information and complaint processes.

Particular attention is paid to the needs of children with a disability, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

What we're doing

- Check out System Policies on CSPD Website!
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The following have been developed and/or implemented with our diverse community in mind, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, children with culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, and children with a disability or additional needs:

- CSPD codes, policies, procedures and guidelines.
- Our physical and online sites are welcoming, safe and accessible.
- Staff are educated in cultural competency and in identifying and assisting vulnerable children.
- Specialised staff, wellbeing services and programs available for students with diverse backgrounds, learning, behavioural, and emotional needs.
- Jarara Cultural Centre provides a link between schools and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.
- Increased focus on safety and services in high support needs units.
- Positive Behaviour Support for Learning (PBS4L) assists schools to improve social, emotional, behavioural and academic outcomes for children and young people.
- Life Skills curriculum for students with an intellectual disability.
- Personal Development, Health and Physical Education K-10 Syllabus for all students is inclusive of the Standard 4 requirements.



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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.**



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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