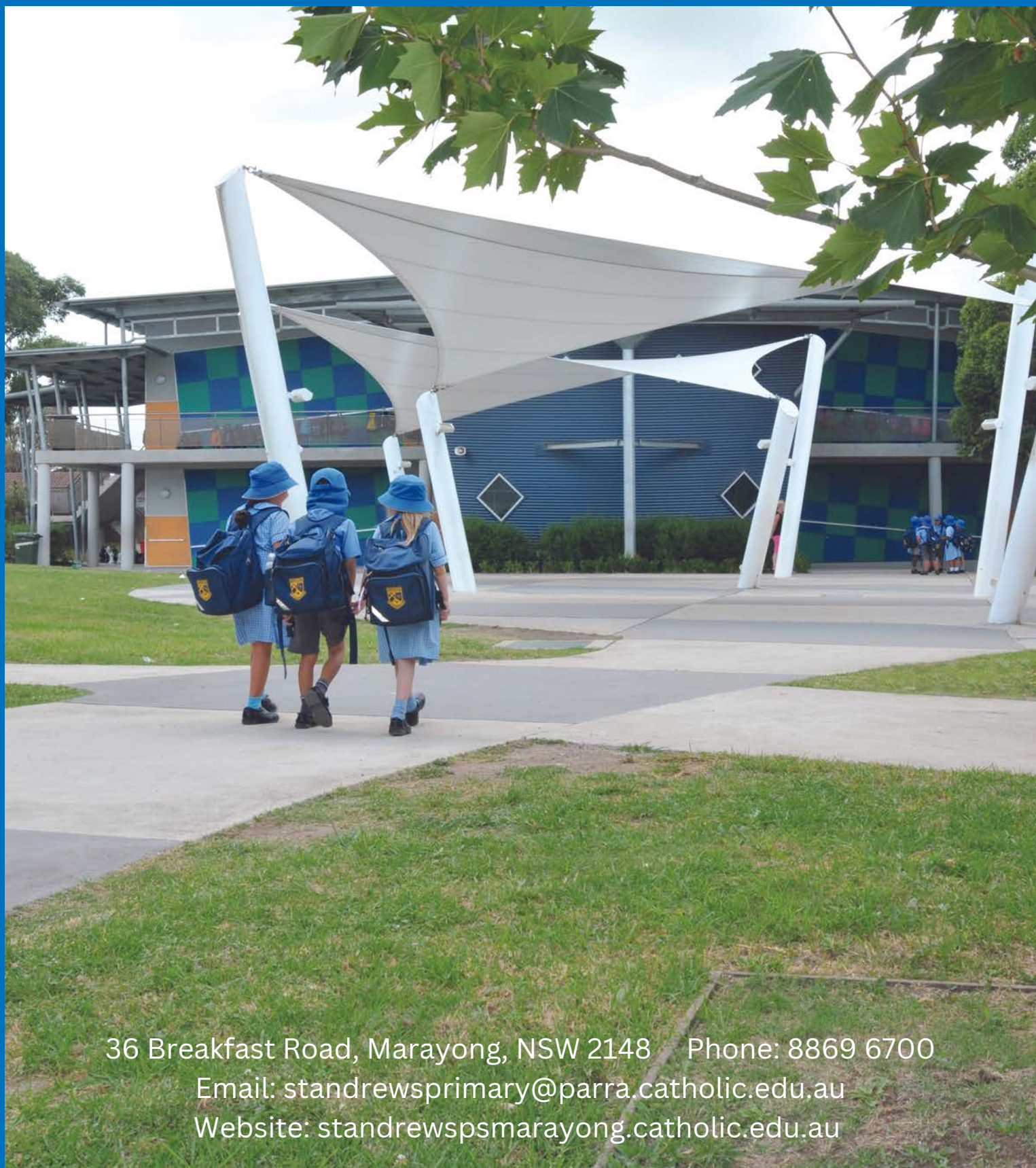




St Andrew's Primary School Newsletter

Term 3 Issue 11, 27th July 2023



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Principal's Message

Dear St Andrew's Community,

Welcome back to Term 3!

It was a pleasure to see the children return to school life after two weeks of student vacation. I hope that all our families had a wonderful time together and are well rested for another very busy term of learning and faith community building.

During the holidays, we began our Library refurbishment. New carpet and flooring were laid and furniture has been ordered as well as new IT equipment. We envisage the refurbishment to conclude half way through the term. As we await the new furniture, the current furniture will be used with **borrowing and library lessons resuming in week 4.**

I wish to thank Mrs Rush, Mrs Ross and Mr Mario for the hours spent moving the books, shelves and furniture in the last few days of Term 2.

I am happy to announce that Mrs Ross will be back as our full-time Librarian following the appointment of Mrs Vanessa Kidd as the new teacher in Year 2 Blue. Mrs Kidd is very well known at our school, having taught in many different roles over the past two years. I know I join all our St Andrew's families in welcoming Mrs Kidd back to our great school.

NAPLAN has arrived

Naplan reports will be sent home to parents on **Tuesday July 25th.**

The reports that will be sent home this year are different from previous ones. There has been a significant shift in the reporting scale descriptors to "exceeding", "strong", "developing" and "needs additional support".

I am happy to share that our school has performed above the national average in all domains in both Years 3 and 5. Congratulations students and teachers.

Urgent Attention Needed

I ask parents to please be mindful when you drop your child off at school in the morning that you do not linger at the fence line and watch your child. The reason is that Kindergarten children are leaving the school grounds to meet with their parents. This is a very concerning practice and one that we must address and change. Once children enter the school grounds, they are under the school's duty of care. This has never been an issue in the past, as all children are very aware of the school rules regarding leaving the school grounds. I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this safety matter.

Meet Mr Bawden

Last week, you would have received an invitation to join the school Leadership Team for afternoon tea to meet Mr Bawden and have an opportunity to chat with the school executive members. The afternoon tea is scheduled for

Thursday, July 27th, at 2pm in the school hall.

Please remember to RSVP for catering purposes.

I encourage our wonderful parents to join us for this social event.



Whole School Assembly

Please join us on **Friday, August 4th**, for our whole school assembly at 2pm in the school hall.

LOCKDOWN DRILL

We have a scheduled drill on **Wednesday, August 2nd**. If you hear the drill alerts, please do not worry or call the school. If the school is ever in a lockdown situation or critical incident, parents will be informed via the COMPASS alert system.



Zone Carnival

Congratulations to the children who have made it to the Zone Athletics Carnival. I am looking forward to hearing about all the great personal achievements of the day.

Garden beds are looking green and healthy

Mr Mario and Mr Haynes have been very busy over the holidays and during the day at school planting the 500 donated plants from Blacktown Council. Our garden beds are looking great. My sincere thanks to the team for their time and effort to make our school beautiful.

Uniform Awards- first group to enjoy morning tea with Mrs McGowen

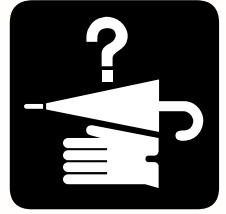
Last term, our first group of Uniform award recipients enjoyed morning tea with Mrs McGowen. The children were very excited to share this special treat. The children collected five awards over the semester to be eligible for this treat.

I am looking forward to many more fun morning teas with our children.



Lost Property

We have a large collection of uniforms that have no names and this is steadily growing. If your child has misplaced a uniform item please check 'Lost Property' which is in the COLA outside the administration office.



Contacting your child's teacher and other school staff

Please read the important flyer on the next page for more information.

Bus timetable changes

Please note changes to School Bus Timetables which will be effective as of Monday, July 24th. Timetable can be found in this newsletter.



School Fees

School Fees statements have been posted on 24/07/2023 and the due date for Instalment 3 is 23/08/2023. Please contact Reshma Kerai on 02 8869 6700 if you have not yet received your statement in the post within the next week or so.



Gabriella Zerafa of 6 Blue is participating in the Kids Cancer Council – Wigs for Kids fundraiser for families that have a child being treated for a cancer diagnosis.

In two weeks time, Gabriella will be cutting her hair for the Kids Cancer Council and donating it to be made into a wig.

"I am cutting my hair to fundraise to help sick kids throughout Australia. Not only will my lovely locks be used to make a wig, your donations to the cause that means so much to me, will allow Kids with Cancer Foundation to continue with their financial support of families that have a child suffering cancer."

Please donate to my fundraiser, and share with your family and friends, together we can all make a difference."

[Please click here to donate to Gabriella's page.](#)



Gabriella, we are very proud of the self sacrifice you are making to help others in our community.

Mrs Yvette McGowen
Principal



Contacting your child's teacher and other school staff

Dear Parents and Carers,

At St Andrew's Primary, Marayong, we value our strong relationship with families and welcome opportunities to communicate with parents and carers. We also recognise that email is a fast and convenient way to contact your child's teacher or other school staff.

Although staff will read their emails at various times throughout the school day, they are generally not expected to respond to emails outside of normal working hours. In the case of an emergency, please contact the school office on 8869 6700. Our caring team will address your concerns.

If you wish to contact a staff member, please continue to send your emails to standrewsprimary@parra.catholic.edu.au. Your email will be directed to your child's teacher or another relevant staff member. This helps us to have confidence that we are aware of any matters needing our attention as a team, and that you are connected to the person who can best help.

Thank you so much for your assistance and understanding.

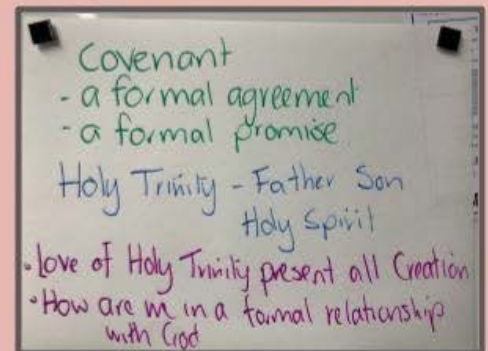
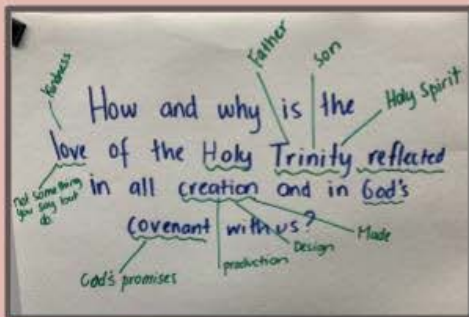
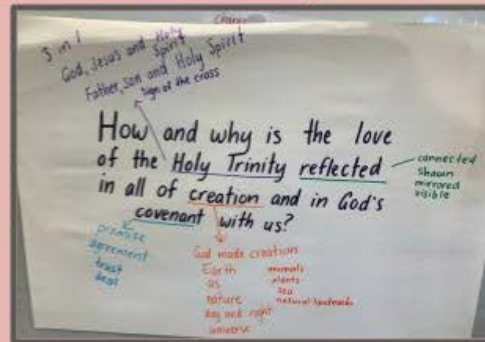
If you have any questions about the above, please contact Mrs Yvette McGowen on 8869 6700.

**Kind regards
Mrs Yvette McGowen
Principal**

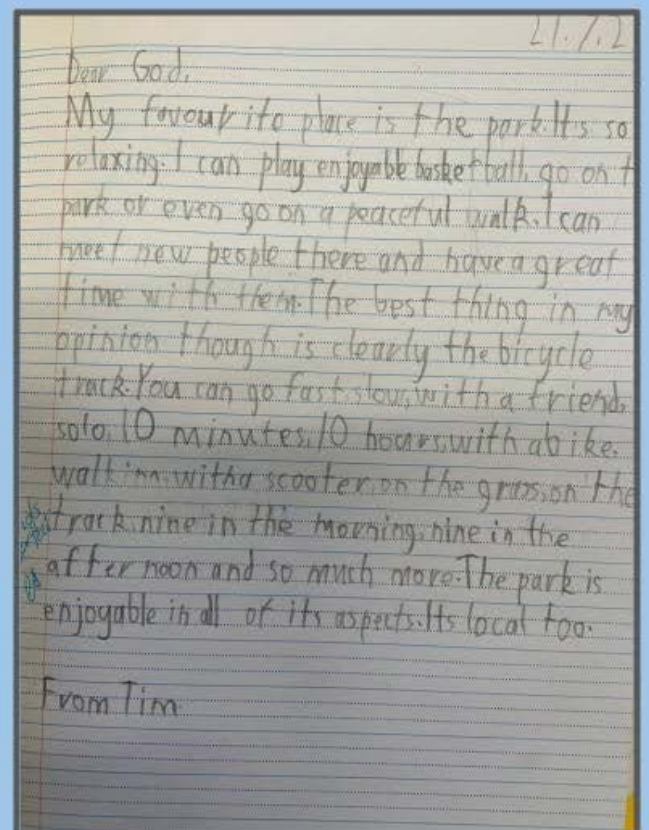
Faith Page Year 3

YEAR 3 FAITH PAGE: Year 3 have started to learn about how God's love is reflected in all Creation and how they have been created in God's image, body and soul.

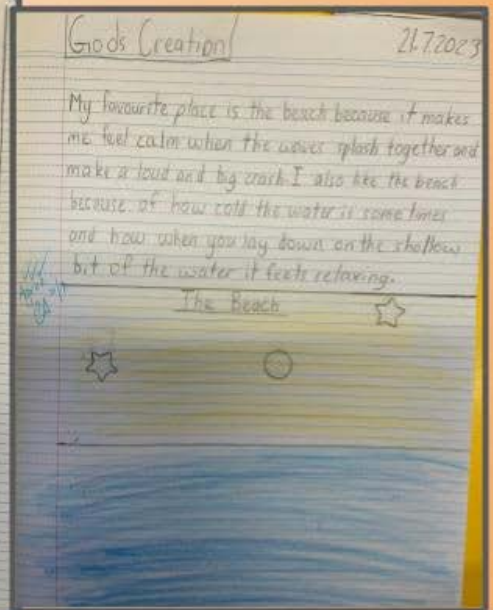
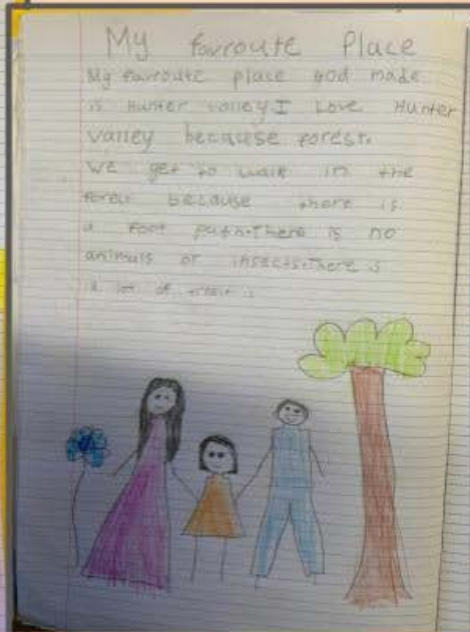
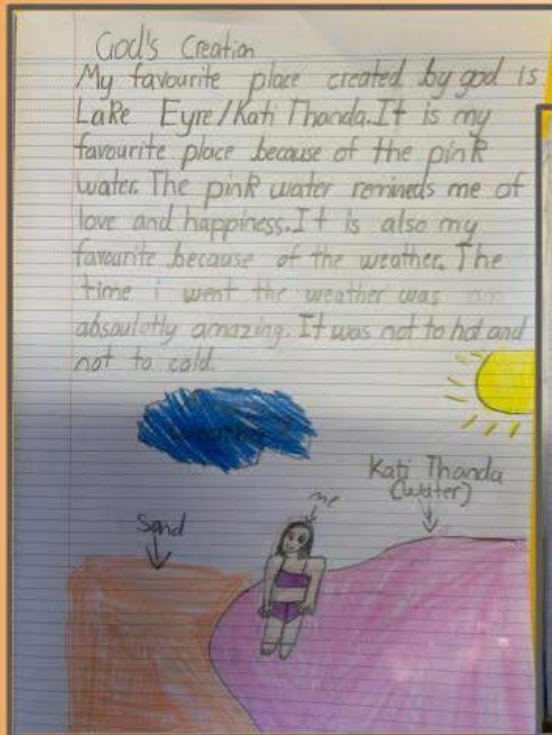
Year 3 Religion Driving Question: How and why is the love of the Holy Trinity reflected in all of creation and in God's covenant with us?



Students were asked, 'What is God's best masterpiece?' Students then looked inside a gift box to find themselves reflected in a mirror. Students also wrote about their favourite place in creation.



My favourite place in creation is.....



Students also drew portraits of themselves, to acknowledge that they are God's masterpieces, made in the image of God.





P AND F FUNDRAISER TERM 2 DISCO

A BIG thank you to the many parents who assisted in packing the show bags for the children for our disco social event last term. The children were so excited to dance the afternoon away with our traditional P and F fundraising event.

I wish to thank the staff who also got into the spirit of the event and dressed up to ensure fun was had by all. This event raised \$1575.00





Student Of The Week

Term 2 Week 10 Term 3 Week 1



	Term 2 Week 10	Term 3 Week 1		Term 2 Week 10	Term 3 Week 1
KB	Zara Unal	Joseph Lock	3G	Ayushi Rawal	Chehade Assi
KG	Miti Raval	Zoe Mendoza	3R	Kane McCarthy	Nadene Hipolito
KR	Isabella Pollifrone	Eliana Brougham	3Y	Kayla Lascano	Manea Bob
KY	Meera Khalsi	Xavier Ridgway	4B	Alice Torossian	Ronit Shergill
1B	Amelia Lucas	Bella Chhina	4G	Samaira Mansukh	Thomas Yuan
1G	Mayra Punj	Mia Mansfield	4R	Laya Krishnan Menon	Lachlan Flood
1R	Ellie Cortez	Kresh Bastalic	4Y	Anna Waligora	Taireese Lim
1Y	Kristoff Tee	Noah Shrestha	5B	Aarika Yashik	Brianna DSilva
2B	Laurel Vasek	Riyan Suthar	5G	Sofia Cerna	Naiya Bautista
2G	Victor Diras	Imogen Turner	5R	Julian Reyes	Jacob Lim
2R	Phoenix Raz	Elissa Hillary	6B	Jacqueline Westlake	Gabriella Zerafa
2Y	Jacob Leonard	Angad Dhaliwal	6G	Hannah Farag	Hayden Straub
3B	Elijah Lebon	Hayden John	6R	Lauren Hiplolito	Avika Chaturvedi

Term 3 Calendar 2023

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	17th July STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	18 ALL STUDENTS RETURN FOR TERM 3	19 Year 5 Parish Mass	20	21
2 Newsletter Week	24	25 Year 1 Parish Mass	26	27 2PM Welcome Afternoon Tea 3.30 - 4.30 P&F Meeting	28
3	31	1st August Kindy Parish Mass	2	3	4 Year 3 Parish Mass 2pm Whole School Assembly
4 Newsletter Week	7	8 Year 4 Grade Mass Feast of Mary MacKillop	9	10 Year 6 Reconciliation	11
5	14	15 9.15am Whole School Mass Feast of the Assumption	16 Book Week Performance	17 Voice of Youth Cluster Final	18
6 Newsletter Week	21	22 Year 2 Parish Mass	23 Year 4 Reconciliation	24 Year 6 Grade Mass	25 Diocesan Athletics Carnival 2pm Whole School Assembly
7	28	29	30 Year 5 Reconciliation	31 Year 3 Reconciliation	1st September
8 Newsletter Week	4	5 Kindy Liturgy of the Word	6 Year 2 Grade Mass	7 Year 6 Canberra Year 3 Grade Mass	8 Year 6 Canberra
9	11	12 Year 5 Grade Mass	13	14 Year 1 Grade Mass	15 Year 6 Parish Mass 2pm Whole School Assembly
10 Newsletter Week	18 Mackillop Athletics	19 Year 4 Parish Mass	20	21	22 LAST DAY OF TERM



COMMUNITY SPORTS NEWS



During the holiday period, **Hannah Farag of 6 Green**, represented Football NSW in the NAIDOC Cup Football Tournament.

Hannah is 11 years old and played up in the U/14 girls team as the youngest player across the whole tournament.

Being of Aboriginal heritage, Hannah thoroughly enjoyed sharing and celebrating her indigenous culture with cultural dances, social activities, and the coming together of other indigenous players across NSW.

It was a great soccer representative experience, culminating in Hannah's team winning in their division and Football NSW winning the cup overall.

Hannah then went on to compete in the Sydney FC Cup, a 2 day tournament for National Premier League teams. Her team was unfortunately knocked out in the semi finals, but they did well considering they were playing a year up and hadn't lost a game up until that point.

Hannah is also training with the MacKillop girls soccer team in Kellyville, where they will soon be competing with the NSW Public Schools Sydney South West team. Congratulations Hannah!



Arya Shah of 3 Red participates in for Women's Gymnastics at the Sydney Gymnastic and Aquatic Centre (SGAC) at Rooty Hill. During an in house competition on June 24th, Arya came first overall in her team and received a trophy. These are her most recent achievements. Congratulations Arya!



Joshua Sun of 3 Red attended the KARATE tournament 2023 NSW CUP and won the gold medal.

In this year's competition, he has achieved:

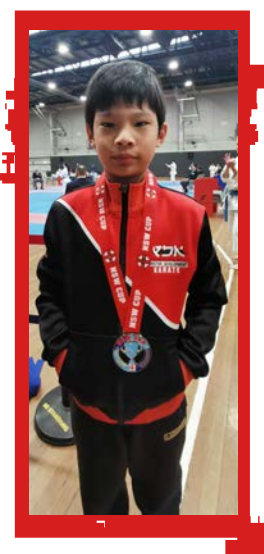
25/2 NSW all styles Karate championships -development Male Kata 8-9 years (gold medal)

11/3 NSW State championships (silver medal)

15/3 NSW Open (bronze medal)

22/7 NSW CUP Male kata 8-9 years (gold medal)

Joshua started practising Karate when he was four and a half years old. He has maintained his love for karate through so many years of persistence and competition. Well done Joshua!



Mrs Taylor's Bookshop



Our second 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.



SCHOOL TIMETABLE

WESTERN SUBURBS REGION

St Andrews Primary - Marayong

Timetable effective from Monday 24 July 2023

Amended 10/07/2023

(R) Bus Turns Right - (L) Bus Turns Left

MORNING

Bus Number	Route Number	Time	Locations Served	Route Description
6026	-	7:43 AM	Quakers Hill Acacia Gardens	Departs St John Paul II (Schofields) via (R)Hambledon Rd (R)Burdekin Rd (L)Walker St (L)Bali Dr (L)Hambledon Rd (R)Barnier Dr (R)Farnham Rd (L)Kennington Av (R)Farnham Rd (L)Quakers Hill Pkwy (R)Pye Rd (8:01am) (R)Highfield Rd (L)Lalor Rd (R)Hambledon Rd (L)Quakers Hill Pkwy (L)Quakers Rd (R)Breakfast Rd to opposite School. SETS DOWN STUDENTS OPPOSITE SCHOOL
6019	-	8:10 AM	Blacktown Marayong	Departs Blacktown Station (Rank A) via Richmond Rd (R)Breakfast Rd to School.
6047	-	8:13 AM	Dean Park Doonside	Departs Yarramundi Dr & Richmond Rd via Yarramundi Dr (L)Hoyle Dr (R)Symonds Rd (L)Richmond Rd (R)Knox Rd (L)Power St (R)Hill End Rd (L)Cameron St (L)Milton Rd (L)Power St (R)Hill End Rd (R)Richmond Rd (8:33am) (L)Falmouth Rd (R)Quakers Rd (R)Breakfast Rd to opposite School. SETS DOWN STUDENTS OPPOSITE SCHOOL
6031	-	8:15 AM	Blacktown Marayong	Departs Blacktown Station (Rank B) via Richmond Rd (R)Breakfast Rd to School.
-	753	8:18 AM	Doonside Marayong	Departs Crawford Rd & Power St via Crawford Rd (L)Cross St (L)Hill End Rd (L)Richmond Rd (8:26am) (R)Quakers Hill Pkwy (R)Tallagandra Dr (R)Falmouth Rd (L)Brook St (L)Tamboroo Cr (R)Terrigal St (L)Breakfast Rd to St Andrews Senior Campus (8:39am). SETS DOWN STUDENTS IN ST ANDREWS SENIOR CAMPUS
6068	-	8:19 AM	Glendenning	Departs Adrienne St & Lamb St via Adrienne St (R)Armitage Dr (L)Golding Dr (R)Richmond Rd (L)Quakers Hill Pkwy (R)Tallagandra Dr (L)Falmouth Rd (R)Quakers Rd (R)Breakfast Rd to opposite School. SETS DOWN STUDENTS OPPOSITE SCHOOL

AFTERNOON

Bus Number	Route Number	Time	Locations Served	Route Description
6582	-	3:17 PM	Quakers Hill	Departs School via Breakfast Rd (L)Quakers Rd (R)Arnot Rd (L)Warrimoo Dr (L)Chaplin Cr (L)Medlow Dr (R)Quakers Rd (R)Quakers Hill Pkwy (L)Eastern Rd to roundabout, turns around & returns Eastern Rd to Wyndham College (3:29pm), continues Eastern Rd (L)Quakers Hill Pkwy (L)Hambledon Rd (L)Bali Dr (R)Walker St (R)Burdekin Rd (L)Hambledon Rd (L)Schofields Rd (R)Railway Tce (R)Garfield Rd (L)Riverstone Pde to Riverstone Station (3:52pm).
6514	-	3:19 PM	Quakers Hill Dean Park Glendenning	Departs School via Breakfast Rd (L)Quakers Rd (L)Falmouth Rd (R)Tallagandra Dr (L)Quakers Hill Pkwy (R)Richmond Rd (R)Symond Rd (L)Hoyle Dr to Dean Park Shops (3:30pm), continues Hoyle Dr (R)Yarramundi Dr (L)Richmond Rd (R)Stone St (L)Armitage Dr (R)Golding Dr (R)Armitage Dr (L)Adrienne St to Lamb St (3:40pm).
6536	-	3:20 PM	Quakers Hill	Departs School via Breakfast Rd (L)Quakers Rd (R)Chaplin Cr (R)Meadow Dr (R)Quakers Rd (R)Quakers Hill Pkwy (R)Eastern Rd (L)Douglas Rd (R)Lovegrove Dr (R)Chisholm St (R)Eastern Rd, U-turn at roundabout & return Eastern Rd to Wyndham College (3:35pm), continues Eastern Rd (L)Quakers Hill Pkwy (R)Hambledon Rd (L)Lalor Rd (R)Hillcrest Rd (L)Pye Rd (L)Pye Rd (L)Quakers Hill Pkwy (R)1st Farnham Rd (L)Kennington Av (R)Farnham Rd (L)Barnier Dr (L)Hambledon Rd to Quakers Hill Pkwy (4:00pm).
6504	-	3:29 PM	Doonside	Departs School via Breakfast Rd (L)Quakers Rd (L)Falmouth Rd (R)Richmond Rd (L)Hill End Rd (3:39pm) (R)Power St (L)Crawford Rd (L)Cross St to Doonside Station (3:48pm).

6523	-	3:36 PM	Marayong Blacktown	PICK UP STUDENTS FOR ST ANDREWS AFTER SCHOOL CARE Departs School via Breakfast Rd (L)Quakers Rd (R)Narabri St (R)Warrimoo Dr (R)Arnot Rd (L)Quakers Rd (R)Breakfast Rd (L)Richmond Rd to Tulloch St (3:43pm), continues Richmond Rd to Blacktown Station (3:55pm).
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For trip planning visit www.transportnsw.info or call 131 500.

For current school and route services visit www.cdcbus.com.au or call 02 8889 7000.

Conditions of Carriage: Students must have a valid Opal card and must tap on and off every trip. Further details about the SSTs are available at: www.transportnsw.info

Key: L> Bus turns left; R> Bus turns right

ST ANDREWS PS

Bell Times

Morning: 08:50

Afternoon: 15:07

Effective 29/01/2021

MORNING BUSES

Route	Time	Bus Route
2054	07:35	EX CNR LUCAS ST & FREEMAN ST via Freeman, R>Northcott, L>Heffron, R>Vardys, L>Botany, R>Solander, L>Seven Hills Rd, L>Joseph Banks, R>Whitby, R>James Cook, L>Sunnyholt, R>Madagascar, Cobham, R>Vardys, R>Quakers, L>Davis, R>Osbourne, R>Breakfast to school

AFTERNOON BUSES

Route	Time	Bus Route
2537	15:16	TO KINGS LANGLEY & LALOR PARK via Breakfast, L>Quakers to Holy Family HS, Quakers, R>Narribri, R>Warrimoo, R>Arnott, L>Quakers, L>Vardys, L>Cobham, Madagascar, L>Sunnyholt, R>James Cook, L>Whitby, L>Joseph Banks, R>Seven Hills Rd, R>Solander, L>Botany, R>Vardys, L>Heffron, R>Northcott, L>Freeman, L>Lucas, R>Seven Hills Rd to Interchange



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Dr Lea Waters AM PHD

Psychologist, Professor, Researcher, Author and Speaker.

Lee is a world expert on positive psychology, organisation and school wellbeing and strength-based parenting. Founding Director and Inaugural Gerry Higgins Chair in Positive Psychology at the Centre for Wellbeing Science, University of Melbourne.

Register here to attend.



Strength-Based Parenting

Small shifts making a positive difference!



Catholic Schools
Parramatta Diocese

This presentation by world-renowned psychologist, Professor Lea Waters, AM, PhD helps translate psychology and neuroscience research into actionable steps to help you create positive and strength-based families. Parenting is simultaneously the most joyous and stressful role. It is overwhelming not only due to the pressure we face juggling work and family but also due to the burdens our children face – intense academic pressures, social media, cyberbullying, self-harm trends, alcohol, teen suicide and so on. The temptation is to pull our kids close to protect them...maybe even over-protect them. We can't always protect our kids from the outside world, but we can build them up from the inside and make them psychologically strong.



Monday, 21 August 2023

Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm (2 hours)

(PRC meeting will be held prior to the guest speaker)

St John XXIII Catholic College

160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens 2768

Light supper and refreshments will be provided,
and a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!



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