



# St Andrew's Primary School Newsletter

Term 4 Issue 17, 2nd November 2023



36 Breakfast Road, Marayong, NSW 2148 Phone: 8869 6700

Email: [standrewsprimary@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:standrewsprimary@parra.catholic.edu.au)

Website: [standrewspsmarayong.catholic.edu.au](http://standrewspsmarayong.catholic.edu.au)



## Principal's Message

*Dear St Andrew's Community,*

### **Infants sports carnival**

What a great day for our infants' children to compete and showcase their talents on the sporting field! A big thanks to all the parents who attended and cheered our students on the day. I wish to sincerely thank St. Andrew's College for providing the grounds and equipment for the event to occur. I also wish to thank Mrs. Ross, Mr. Paynter, and the Infants' teachers for coordinating this event. This may be the last year that the Infants carnival will be held in this manner. Our intention next year is to host a whole school sports carnival at Blacktown Sports Park. We are just awaiting confirmation that renovations to the ground will be completed this year. Well done to all our superstar athletes!

### **World Teachers' Day**

Last Friday was World Teachers' Day. I wish to sincerely thank the P and F committees for the wonderful lunch that was organised for the staff. The food was plentiful, as were the smiles from the teachers. From all the staff - thank you for your kindness.

### **Year 2 Excursion**

Year 2 will be exploring the PowerHouse Museum next Tuesday. I am sure they will enjoy the many exhibitions that the museum has to offer. Thanks to the parents who will be attending on the day to assist in supervision.

### **Spirituality Day**

On **Friday the 10th of November**, the staff at St Andrews will be involved in a Spirituality Day. **This means the children will not be at school on this day.** Children will return to school on Monday the 13th of November.

*From the office team*

Important Updates

### **School Uniform Orders**

For parents/carers wishing to purchase new uniforms for 2024 please keep in mind that:

**All uniform orders must be placed by the 27th November to ensure you have a uniform to start school in 2024 and to accommodate an exchange before end of term.**

Please refer to the letter attached to this newsletter for further information.

## Catholic School Diocese of Parramatta- Board Visit

St Andrew's Executive Director, Mr. Jack De Groot, and two board members will be visiting St. Andrew's on November 9th. We welcome our new board members to see St Andrew's in action. They will be joining the staff and clergy for morning tea after viewing our engaging classrooms, and speaking with both the teachers and student leaders.

## Basketball Gala Day

Our children have been so successful during the many gala days we have participated in this year. On Tuesday, November 14th, our talented basketball teams will compete against other schools in our diocese, under the coaching of Mr. Ritano, Mr. Beggs and Miss Simpson. I wish to thank Mr. Paynter for coordinating the event for the school. Good luck teams.

## Swimming Trials

We will be holding our swimming trials on November 17th. Notes have been sent home with children who are interested in competing at the Zone Swimming Carnival in 2024. Please see Mr. Paynter if you would like more information.

At our whole school assembly, we announced the age champions from our cross-country and athletics carnivals. Congratulations to the following students.

<b>Age Champions - Athletics</b>	<b>Age Champions - Cross Country</b>
Cruz Schwalger	Liam O'Neill
Marcella Arshilo	Michelle Arshilo
Michael Giffney	Michael Giffney
Skyla Morton	Gaweem Kouta
Hayden Straub	Hayden Straub
Hannah Farag	Leah McSweeney

## Uniform Awards Morning Tea

Once again, we are so proud to see so many children receiving more than five awards for wearing their uniform with pride. I really enjoy morning tea with so many children each week. Thank you parents, for sending your child in the correct uniform each day.



Go Gently,  
**Mrs McGowen**  
Principal

# Student Of The Week

## Term 4 Weeks 2 & 3



	WEEK 2	WEEK 3		WEEK 2	WEEK 3
KB	Anastasia Bogtou	Eliana Pikibo	3G	Sophia Pollifrone	Name withheld
KG	Kennedy Hitchcock	Tom Oliver McKiernan	3R	Amelia Leleimalefaga	Mason Bezzina
KR	Name withheld	Phoebe Daniel	3Y	Walker Banas	Rijan Thapa
KY	Georgia Bulgheries	Violetta Leleimalefaga	4B	Abigail Mukose	Lucia Ballena Gomez
1B	Atticus Wang	Noah Naeim	4G	Evelyn Moras	Lily Raymundo
1G	Thomas Theodorou	Shaivi Sapkale	4R	Aashi Hedpara	Ady Ding
1R	Hudson Gater	Kayla Natan	4Y	Sol Breach	Luis Ilagan
1Y	Issac Antoniou	Tahlia Katafono	5B	Jerome Bogtour	Liam Borg
2B	Savya Rami	Sienna Lim	5G	Name withheld	Jayden Kumar
2G	Edlyn Lawson	Aria-Coco Melaisis	5R	Elaina Kirkham	Adeena Rejoy
2R	Shreya Joshi	Amarlie Odindo	6B	James Pisansarakit	Jasmine Metcalfe
2Y	Sanaa Mir	David Mayson	6G	Jacob Leleimalefaga	Gabriel Pantazopoulos
3B	Jacinta Hilal	Apalang Makog	6R	Amira Mosqueda	Tiya Rabadia

# FAITH PAGE

YEAR 4

**The Greatest Commandment**  
 34Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together.  
 35One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: 36"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"  
 37Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'  
 38This is the first and greatest commandment. 39And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'  
 40All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

## WHAT HAVE WE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT?

In Year 4 this term, we have been learning about the significance of the Eucharist in our lives and how it informs our Mission. We've so far explored experiences and symbols of the Eucharist, the history and importance of the Ten Commandments, reflected on our personal experiences of God's love, and collaborated on ways we can make loving choices towards others through our words and actions. We have identified examples of loving one another in the Bible through the passages, **Matthew 14:13-21 Feeding the Five Thousand**, and **John 13:1-15 Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet**, and discussed ways we can fulfil the Greatest Commandment of all through our daily 'Acts of Kindness' challenges.

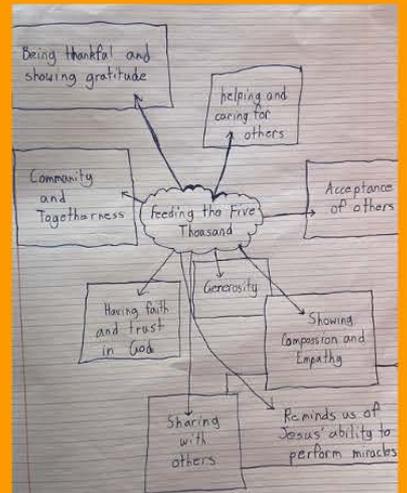
## WHERE TO NEXT?

In the coming weeks, we begin our mini inquiry-based learning project, exploring organisations that exist in our community to serve others. Through this task, students will discover the wonderful community groups whose mission is to help others, with the aim of inspiring our students to find ways that they too can 'pay it forward' on their own personal missions.

**WAYS WE CAN BEE KIND IN 4B AND 4Y**

- Donate to charities
- Offering to help others in class/ playground
- Complimenting to people/ positive words
- Offering help at home to family, neighbours
- Sharing with others equipment, ideas, LOVE
- Standing up for others, showing courage!
- Showing interest in other people's talents & hobbies
- Make the effort to spend more time with family & friends
- Cleaning & caring for the environment - school, home
- Sharing positive words and affirmations to others
- Cheering people up, tell a joke, make a silly face!
- BE A PEACE MAKER! Try to help!
- Doing something helpful for others
- Asking someone how their day has been with - R U OK?
- Using your money when speaking to others - BE GENERATE!
- Playing with people who might be alone
- Give a hug or a Cuddle to someone you love
- Being unkind and PATIENT towards others
- Helping others up in big messes!

beginnings and even through a rubber at one of your peers, making them upset. They asked you to sit next to them and you said no, and now they won't talk to you. How would you respond?





# SPORTS NEWS



## Infants Sports Carnival

A great day for the Infants Sports Carnival! The girls and boys were having a terrific time, trying their best and cheering for their colour houses. Thank you to Mr. Paynter, Mrs. Ross and all the teachers for the organisation of the day. It was wonderful to have so many parents along to cheer and support their children!





On Friday, October 27, Stage Three raised \$165 during a special 'Sock It To Poverty' Liturgy. Students and teachers wore a pair of crazy socks to school and donated a gold coin to support the work of Catholic Mission. The aim of this was to raise awareness and funds for communities in Timor Leste, in particular the Salesian Sisters and their Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Venilale. This clinic is vital in supporting the medical needs of nearby villages so they do not have to walk 5 hours for medical treatment. The Year 5 and 6 students also made sockballs just like the children have in Timor Leste and have had lots of fun playing with them (and seeing how long they last).

*Liturgy*



*Sockball playing*



# Term 4 Calendar

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	9 <b>STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY</b>	10 <b>STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY</b>	11 <b>PHOTO DAY</b> <b>ALL CHILDREN RETURN full summer Uniform</b> Year 1 Parish Mass	12	13
2	16	17 Year 2 Parish Mass	18 11.45 Year 5 Reconciliation	19 9 - 11am Kindergarten 2024 Transition	20
3	23	24 11.45 Year 4 Reconciliation	25	26 9-11am Kindergarten 2024 Transition Year 3 Parish Mass	27 2pm Whole School Assembly
4	30	31 Infants Sports Carnival	1 Nov All Saints Day 9.15am Mass for Years K, 2, 4, 6	2 All Souls Day 9.15am Mass for Years 1, 3, 5	3
5	6	7 Year 2 Excursion Powerhouse Museum Year 4 Parish Mass	8	9	10 <b>STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY</b>
6	13 Reader's Theatre	14 Reader's Theatre Basketball Gala Day	15 Reader's Theatre Year 5 Excursion Powerhouse Museum	16 Year 6 Parish Mass	17 2pm Whole School Assembly
7	20	21 Reader's Theatre	22 Reader's Theatre	23 Reader's Theatre	24
8	27 Kindergarten 2024 Information evening for Parents	28 Orientation day Kindergarten 2024 Year 1 Liturgy of the Word	29	30 St Andrew's Day 9.15am Mass 11.30 St. Andrew's got talent	1 Dec
9	4	5	6 6-7pm Christmas Concert	7 Year 3 Reconciliation	8 Principals Awards 9.15 Primary Reports go home 10.00 Infants 2.15pm Meet the teacher for 2024
10	11	12 Year 6 Lunch 6pm Year 6 Graduation Mass	13	14 Year 6 Rewards Day Wedderburn	15 <b>LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS</b>



# Little Big Shots



## Showcase

### A message from the Talent Show Committee

The "Little Big Shots Showcase" is finally here for 2023! So, mark your calendar for the upcoming event, which will be held during Week 8 on Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> of November. The performance will be held in the school hall at 11:45am.



All children will be allowed to audition for the show. They can practise an act either as an individual or in a group with peers in their grade. We ask that the acts are to be no more than two-minutes.

Students wanting to audition will have to complete an audition form from their class teacher, which will have to be returned by the end of Week 5. We ask parents to support your child in preparing them for the show and encouraging them to have-a-go.

Auditions will be held in each grade during Week 6 [no later - day selected by grade teachers] to select the 2 finalists per grade for the 2023, St Andrew's Showcase! The chosen finalists will receive a golden ticket, inviting them to perform their act in front of the whole school.

This is a wonderful and fun community event that students enjoy being part of. We hope to see you there to support the students and celebrate the talent at St Andrew's Primary school.



*The Showcase Committee*



# **Sacramental Program Dates for 2024**

## **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 29th January 2024

[These forms may also be collected from the Parish Office on  
Sunday 4th February and 11th February 2024 between 9.30 and 11.30am]

Registration Evening:

Tuesday 13th February 2024 at 7.00pm in the Church

Classes:

Sundays 10th March, 17th March and 24th March 2024

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



Sacrament of First Penance will be celebrated on :

Saturday 6th April (9:30 am) and/or Saturday 13th April (9:30 am) 2024

## **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 29th April 2024

[These forms may also be collected from the Parish Office  
on Sunday 5th May and Sunday 12th May 2024 between 9.30 and 11.30am]

Registration Evening:

Tuesday 14th May 2024 at 7.00pm in the Church



Classes: Sunday 26th May & Sunday 9th June 2024

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

Sacrament of First Holy Communion:

Saturday 22nd June (5pm) , Sunday 23rd June (8:45am)

Saturday 29th June (5pm) and Sunday 30th 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 22nd July 2024

[These forms may also be collected from the Parish Office  
on Sunday 27th July and Sunday 3rd August 2024 between 9.30 and 11.30am]

Registration Evening:

Tuesday 6th August at 7.00 pm in the Church

Classes: Sunday 18th August & Sunday 25th August 2024

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

Sacrament of Confirmation Ceremony: (Dates to be confirmed)

Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th September 2024 at 7 pm

OR Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th September 2024 at 7 pm





# Community SPORTS NEWS



During the school holidays, **Isaac Kaloustian (4Y)** and **Ja'Bear Sione (4Y)** competed in the NSW GKR Karate State Championships. They both did very well in their age and belt divisions. Isaac took home the Bronze for Kata and made it to the second round for Kumite. Ja'Bear narrowly missed out on medalling, coming 4th in Kumite / Sparring and Kata events.

Earlier in the year, along with **Jonah Kaloustian (2B)** and **Skyla Morton (5B)**, they also competed in zone tournaments, where each of them received medals in their age and belt divisions.

Listed below are their wonderful achievements so far.

**Jonah** - Bronze in Kumite for Zone tournament.

**Isaac** - Gold for Kata and Bronze for Kumite at State Titles 2022. Gold and Bronze for Kata at Zone Tournaments 2023, and Bronze for Kata at State Championships 2023.

**Ja'Bear** - Gold and Bronze for Kumite at Zone tournaments. Silver for Kata at the Zone tournament.

**Skyla** - Silver in Kata and Kumite at Zone tournament.

**Isaac, Ja'Bear, and Skyla** are in the NSW Tournament Team and have qualified to go to the GKR National Championships which will be held in Queensland in November. It is the first National tournament in over 3 years.

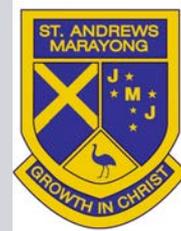
**Pink belts are being worn for the month of October to raise funds and awareness for The Cancer Council.**

*Congratulations students - we are all very proud of you!*





# Community SPORTS NEWS



**Michael Giffney (5 Red)** competed at the NSW PSSA Athletics State Championships on Wednesday, October 25th, and Thursday, October 26th, in the discus and shot put events.

He finished 10th out of 39 in discus with a new PB of 27.97 m, and 28th out of 37 in shot put with a best throw of 9.28 m (about 1.5m less than his PB)).

He was happy to have qualified for the state Mackillop team and competed well on the day.

What a great achievement Michael! We are all super proud of your efforts!

# From our Uniform Supplier



Dear Parents/Guardians,

The St Andrews Primary uniform ordering process has changed from the QKR app. Orders are to be placed on the below website using the password provided.

[standrewsprimary.uniforms4u.com.au](https://standrewsprimary.uniforms4u.com.au)

Password: please contact the school office

When placing an order on the website, you will receive an email confirmation once your order has gone through and then another email once your order has been processed with either the tracking details or delivery date to the school (please check your junk email the first time you place your order to see notification).

**The last delivery for the school term is Wednesday 6th December 2023. All orders must be placed 4:00pm Monday 27th November 2023.**

Please note that the online warehouse closes during the Christmas/January holiday break. The website will remain open to accept orders during this time, however orders will not be delivered or sent out until the first week of school. The first delivery for 2024 is Wednesday 31st January.

All orders must be placed by the end of November to ensure you have a uniform to start school in 2024 and to accommodate an exchange before end of term.

Thank you

Elle - M: 0421216414

E: [elle@ozfashions.com.au](mailto:elle@ozfashions.com.au)



Term 4, 2023

## Free eSafety parent and carer webinars

Join eSafety's expert education team for a free live webinar designed for parents and carers.

### Term 4 topics:

- **Wellbeing and digital technologies (30 minutes)**  
For parents and carers of young people in secondary school.
- **Getting the most out of gaming (45 minutes)**  
For parents and carers of children aged 7 to 14.
- **Navigating online friendships (30 minutes)**  
For parents and carers of young people in secondary school.
- **Getting started with social media: TikTok, YouTube, Instagram (30 minutes)**  
For parents and carers of young people in primary and secondary school.



For more information and to register now: [eSafety.gov.au/parents/webinars](https://eSafety.gov.au/parents/webinars)



# 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.**





AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR



## Is this your daughter?

Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform.

Join us at our  
**NOVEMBER OPEN DAY!**



AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS

