



St Andrew's Primary School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear St Andrew's Community,

This is the second-last newsletter for the year. It feels like this term has flown by when we consider that we have just under two weeks left of school until the Christmas vacation.

This week we celebrated St. Andrew's Feast Day. It was a day of prayer, celebration, and sharing of our wonderful students' talents and gifts. I wish to thank the Little Big Shots Committee for the outstanding work they did in coordinating the event for our students. We are blessed to have so much talent at St. Andrews. It was also lovely to see so many parents join us for morning tea at the church piazza. Making time for a chat and a coffee with our parents was a great way to reconnect with our school families.

The lunch picnic on the grounds was once again a huge success. A sincere thank you to those who joined us to celebrate our school's namesake.

Advent Prayer Group

All of our community is invited to join us for our Advent prayer experience starting on the 1st of December in the school library at 8.30a.m. Please bring your children with you as we prepare ourselves for the birth of our Lord and Saviour.

Special thanks to Mrs. Park for leading us in this special prayer experience.

Invitation to our Christmas Concert: 6th December

Remember to save the date as we celebrate the coming of the birth of Jesus. Parents and friends are invited to attend our end of year celebration in the COLA area. The event will commence at 6pm and conclude by 7pm. The children have been practising their part of the Nativity with song, dance and prayer.

Principal Awards

This year, the students nominated to receive a Principal Award will be presented at a ceremony to take place on Friday, December 8th, in the school hall. The Primary awards ceremony will begin at 9.15am and the Infants awards ceremony will follow at 10am. All are welcome to join us.

From the office team
Important Updates
Lost Property
Final Reminder for 2023



Parents and students are invited to check for any misplaced items!

There is a large collection of unclaimed and unlabelled uniforms, drink bottles, and lunch boxes.

WHERE?

In the COLA adjacent to the student/staff administration entry.

Any items that have not been collected by Friday 8th December will be donated to our school Second Hand Uniform Store.

Christmas Raffle

Mrs. Ford , our P and F President, has been working hard with her team to make this Christmas raffle one of our best. Raffle tickets went home last week. If you would like to purchase tickets, please write your name and number clearly on the ticket and return it to the office before the raffle date. All payments for tickets need to be made via the normal online payment platform. I am looking forward to announcing the many winners at our Christmas concert on December 6th.

Is your child leaving St Andrew's?

If your child will not be returning to St. Andrew's next year, may I ask that you contact the school in writing, including the name of the school that your child will be attending in 2024.

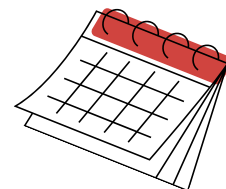
Parent Information Night for Kindergarten 2024

It was lovely to see so many new faces at our Parent Information Night on Monday. This is always an exciting time for our new parents to hear and see what our school can offer the students who are starting school for the first time.

The following day, Tuesday, our newest members attended their first day in big school. The children were so excited to visit their classroom and school. Many children are counting down the days until they can wear their uniform and walk through our school gates next year. It was a positive day overall, with many laughs and fun had by both the students and the teachers.

Important Dates - Mark your calendar!

2023



Friday 8th December - 2:00 - 3:00m - Students 'Meet The 2024 Teacher'

Friday 15th December 2023 - Last day of school for term 4 for all students

Monday 18th December 2023 -Staff Development Day - Students are not to attend school

Tuesday 19th December 2023 -Staff Development Day - Students are not to attend school

2024

Tuesday 30th January 2024 -Staff Development Day - Students are not to attend school

Wednesday 31st January 2024 -Staff Development Day - Students are not to attend school

Thursday 1st February 2024 -Years 1-6 students return

Thursday 1st February 2024 - Group 1 Kindergarten 1/2 day attendance

Friday 2nd February 2024 - Group 2 Kindergarten 1/2 day attendance

Monday 5th February 2024 - All Kindergarten students - full day attendance

For all other event dates for term 4 2023, please see Term 4 Calendar in this newsletter.

Our School Leadership team for 2024

It is with great pride that I present to you our Student Leadership team for 2024. I know these children and all the students in Year 6 will lead our school with dignity and respect. I am looking forward to living this journey with you.

2024 St Andrew's Primary School Leadership Team



School Captain

Marcella Arshillo



Mission Leader

Veronica Adamecki



Aarika Yashik



Miranda Sanorjo



Sydney Tannous



School Captain

Dominic Russo



Mission Leader

Ethan Mercolisa



Liam Borg



Harrison Bensley



Jayden Kumar

School Fees

As we are nearing year-end, it would be greatly appreciated if all fees owing were cleared up as soon as possible. For families on payment arrangements, please continue with these arrangements.

Uniform Awards Morning Tea

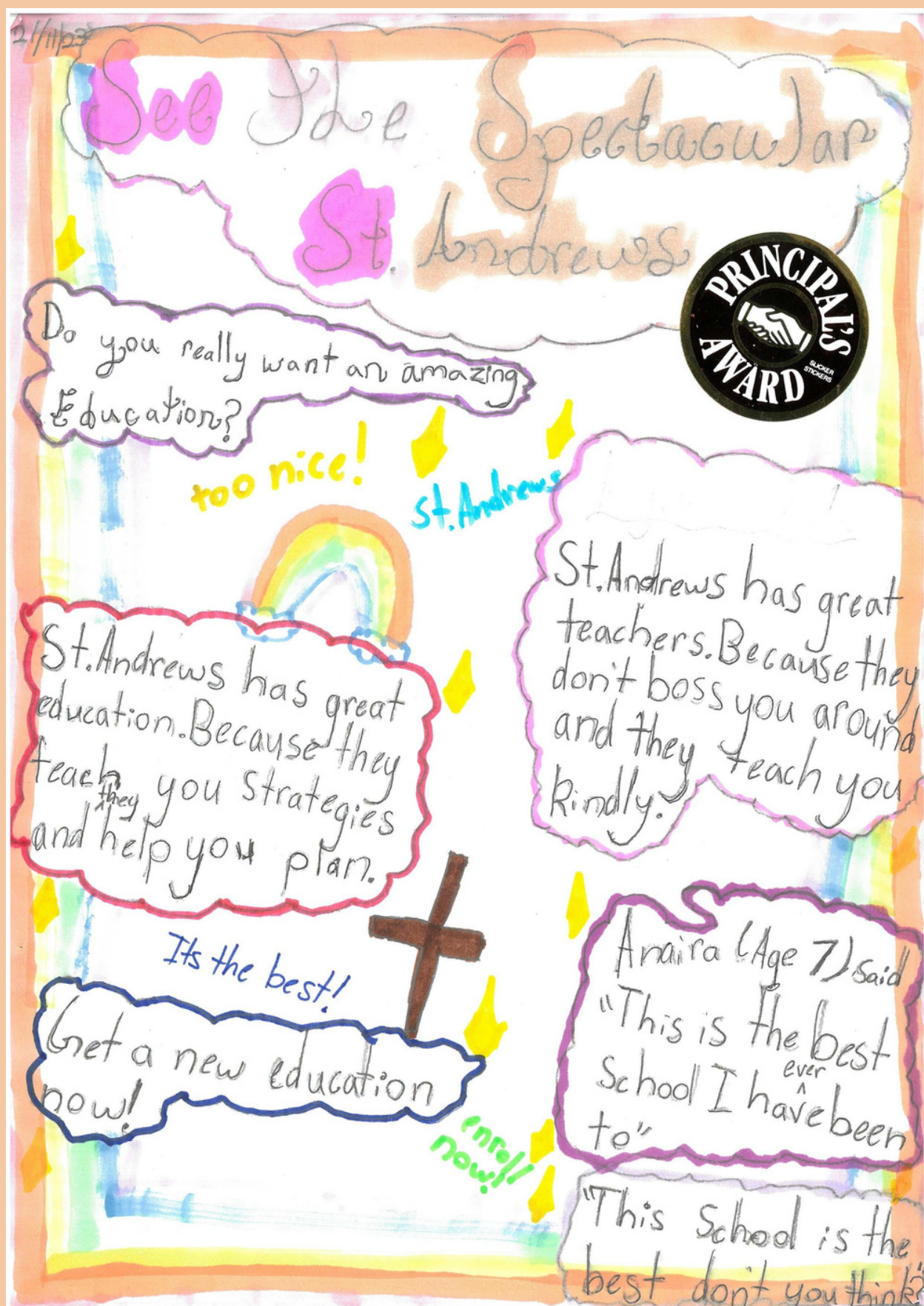
Once again, we are so proud to see so many children receiving more than five awards for wearing their uniform with pride. I really enjoy morning tea with so many children each week. Thank you parents, for sending your child in the correct uniform each day.



What do our students think of St Andrew's?

As part of their persuasive writing in Year 2, Students were asked to compose a persuasive text about our school. Some of the finished posters have been shared below. Congratulations to the children for highlighting the great things about our school .

Go Gently,
Mrs McGowen
Principal



SUPER St Andrews

Don't you want
your child to
have fun?



St Andrews has
the best Education
so your child
can ace Harvard!

Don't you want
your child
to make kind
and loving
friends? Once
they make friends
they will have
so much fun
at saint Andrews.



Lucas Aged 8 said:

Xavier aged 8 said:

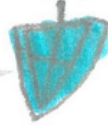
I love this
school!



I made great
friends at
st Andrews.

cruz

Do not miss out of the
School!?



cruz age

You Don't really want
to miss out on the best
School on Earth.



do you want your kids to
get an A+++++
? so he can get good
grades

You can not miss out
on this school because
it is the best Primary
School on this Planet
and Earth and your
kids can get a A++++.

this is a picture



I Don't want you
to miss out on this
School because it
is the best

"the End"

Spectacular St Andrews!

@ Kind people!

Do you really want
to miss out on a good
religious school and
going to your dream
university?



Miss Thompson

Miss Abbott

Miss Koelmeyer

Miss Clancy



big
play-
ground

We have magnificent
teachers that help
you and not be
mean to you.
They will make
you happy
instead!

loving
teachers

In St Andrews you
can make lots of
friends and do fun
activities like little
big shots.



singing

fun
sports



viola



lots of
activities



Andra Caged 8 said
"the teachers are so
kind here".
Michelle Caged 8 said
"You play the strings in
year 3 and 4".

21/11/23

Come to the best school in the world

Do you
want to
come to

St Andrews and
have some
fun?



$H^2O \rightarrow$ water



Firstly you should
come to St Andrews
because it has
all the tools you
need for school.

Next you can
get candy from
the teacher if
you be good.



best school
in the world



Xavier (8 years
old said
"this is the
best school I
ever went to"



For unto us
a child is born!



St Andrew's Primary School

Christmas Concert

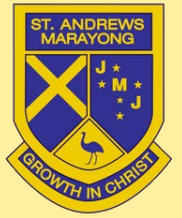
**December 6th
6pm - 7pm
in the COLA**

We invite all families to join us
in this divine celebration
of the Christmas story,
narrated and performed by
our Kindergarten - Year 6
students.

We hope to see you there!

Student Of The Week

Term 4 Weeks 6 & 7



	WEEK 6	WEEK 7		WEEK 6	WEEK 7
KB	Dane Summerton	Geet Badwal	3G	Agampreet Dhaliwal	Jolen Kouta
KG	Lily Aliberti	Iniya Vijayasekaran	3R	Omana Patel	Kane McCarthy
KR	Brianna Dangamuwa	Zephyr Powell	3Y	Aryana Mand	Dhwani Ragesh
KY	Jordan Khawaga	Zoe Caraig	4B	Maya Longabela	Andrii Lototskyi
1B	Reyansh Roy	Rehaanveer Singh Makkar	4G	Samaira Mansukh	Maya Stewart
1G	Prateek Soni	Anders Vanags	4R	Sienna Farag	Cynthia Oo
1R	Noah Axiak	Anamaria Araque	4Y	Lillyana Feltham	Kush Ralhan
1Y	Krishiv Patel	Matteo Nocon	5B	Anaya Barman	Annabelle Demian
2B	Aaron Giri	Sienna Lim	5G	Zander Farag	Lauren Griffiths
2G	Immanuel Lok-Saladik	Seth Calluag	5R	Shlok Shrimali	Anshika Sharma
2R	Veronica Prabakaran	Eleya Abboud	6B	Isaac Ma'u	Poppy Anderson
2Y	Katelyn Prabakaran	Nathania Dsilva	6G	Holly Ghobrial	Melina Skilbosios
3B	Georgia Mataupu	Olivia Demian	6R	Mason Blake	Yollyn Tanyag

YEAR 2 FAITH PAGE

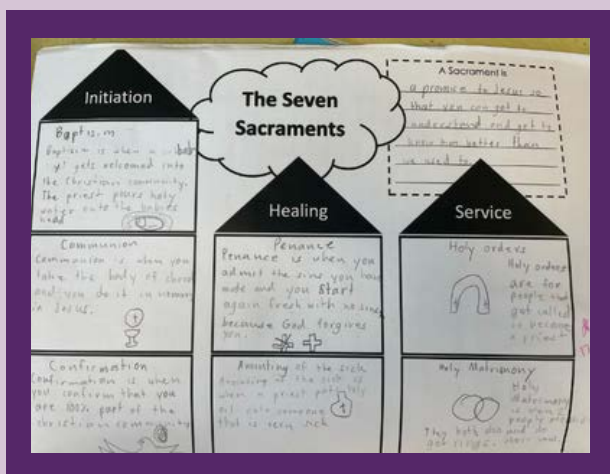
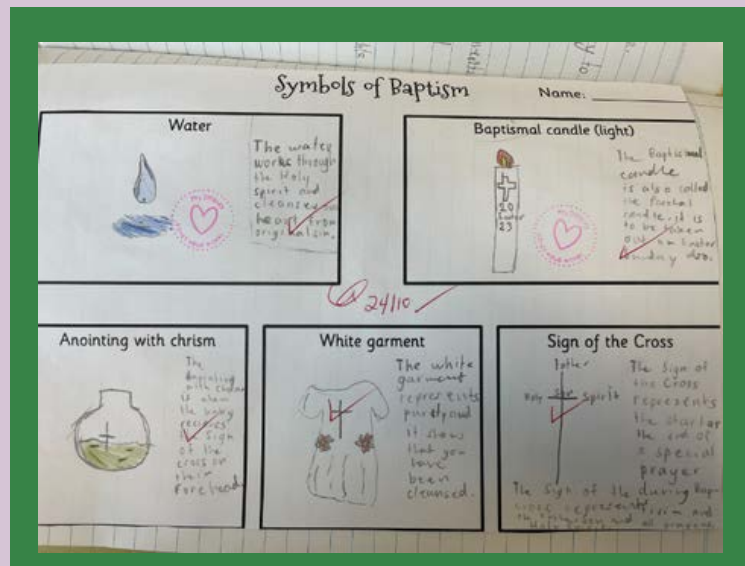
We are learning to demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the Church's sacraments as sacred actions by which we are welcomed to the community, reconciled and invited to share the special presence of Jesus.



Why is it important to show forgiveness?
It is important because if you love God, you should forgive others like Jesus
Vanessa

What do the symbols of baptism represent?

It represents how you and God come together to be part of the community
Mikhail



Why do we have the seven Sacraments?
We receive the power and blessing of Jesus to be a Jesus person- *Xavier*

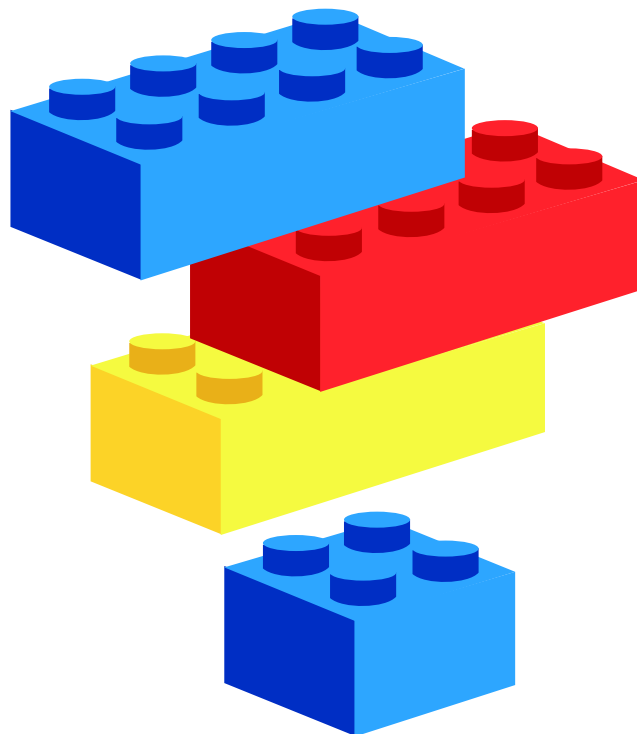
How can Penance bring me closer to God?

By forgiving and being kind to people, I can be closer to God- *Syler*



Over the past two terms groups of students have been thoroughly enjoying participating in our Makerspace sessions. Infants have been busy building with Lego. Years 3 and 4 created Lego Wedo Robots and Years 5 and 6 learnt how to code Sphero robots and program them to race through custom made race courses!

We will hold the last set of sessions starting next and look forward to more children getting to experience STEM!



Term 4 Calendar

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	23	24 11.45 Year 4 Reconciliation	25	26 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 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
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 10.00 Infants Reports go home 2.15pm Meet the teacher for 2024
10	11 Disco K, 1 & 2	12 Year 6 Lunch 6pm Year 6 Graduation Mass	13 Disco 3 & 4	14 Year 6 Rewards Day Wedderburn Disco Year 5	15 LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS



Christmas Raffle

The P+F have organised a Christmas Raffle with fantastic prizes that have been donated by many local businesses. So far, we have over 20 amazing prizes with more coming in!

First prize is a family pass (2 adults & 2 children) for Taronga Zoo.

Other prizes include Raging Waters passes, Featherdale Wildlife Park passes, food & beverage vouchers from local pubs and bistros, uniform shop vouchers, swim passes to local pools and many more!

The raffle will be drawn on 6 December at the Christmas Concert.

If you would like to purchase tickets in the raffle, the tickets are \$1 each, please fill in the ticket page included and send all filled out tickets to the school once payment has been made. Please place your tickets in an envelope or zip lock bag with your child's name and class. Please use the QKR app to pay for your tickets. Please ensure payment is made and tickets returned to the office by Monday 4th December 2023.

Thank you again for your support!

If you are, or know of, a local business that may wish to donate a prize please contact us at samps.pf@gmail.com by 29 November

Raffle Tickets Sheet - Tickets \$1.00 each

Name: _____
Contact No: _____
Student's Name: _____
Student's Class: _____

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Student's Class: _____

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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



Isaac Kaloustian (4Y), currently a blue belt, came first for his Kata, making him the GKR National Champion for 10-11 year old boys. There were 24 competitors in total in Isaac's group.



Kata are formalised sequences of movements put together to represent various offensive and defensive techniques, strategies and postures.

We are very proud of Isaac and especially of his dedication to his training regime.

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

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

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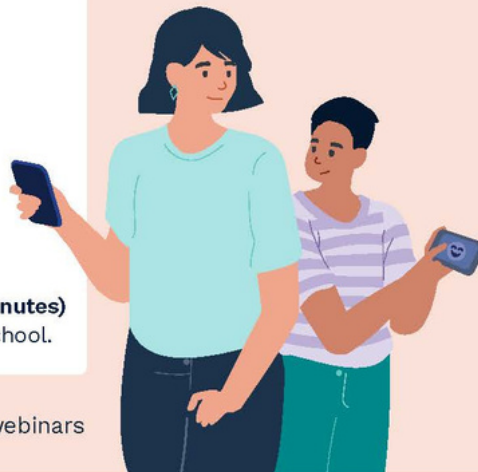
Free eSafety parent and carer webinars

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



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eSafety.gov.au

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.

