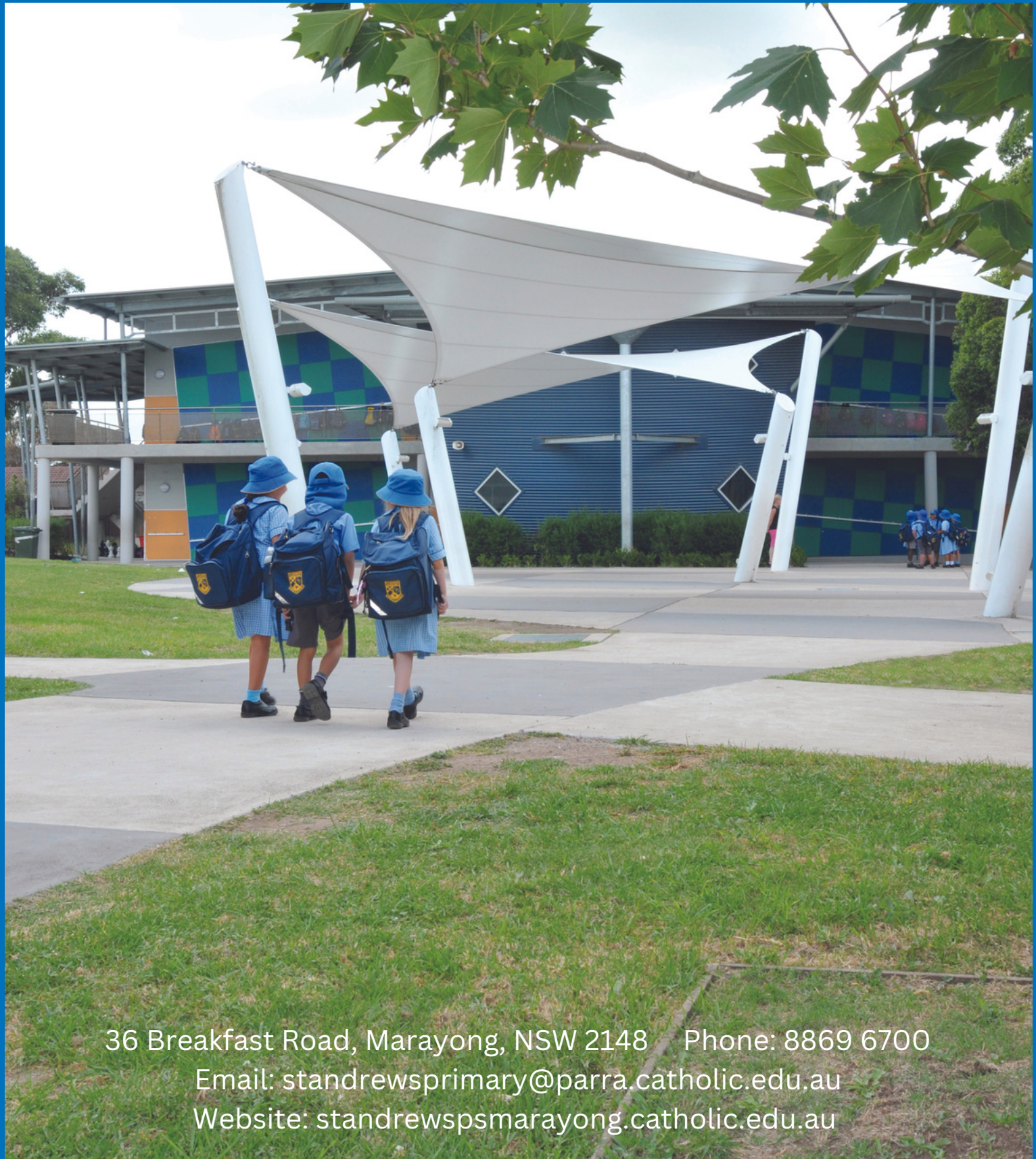




St Andrew's Primary School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear St Andrew's Community,

I feel like the term is moving along at record speed. We have reached the season of spring, and with it, the warmth is definitely being felt. Over the next two weeks, we will have our transition period from winter uniform to summer uniform. This means that on warm days when it is too hot to wear the full winter uniform, parents may decide to send the children to school in their full summer uniform. Parents, please take note that it is either the full winter or full summer uniform, not a mixture of both. When the children return from student break, the full summer uniform is to be worn.

I hope that our dads and father figures all had an amazing Father's Day on Sunday. The weather was perfect. I wish to thank the P and F committee and the many parents who volunteered to run the Father's Day stall last week. It was so exciting to see the children select their special gift for the one they love.

I also wish to thank Mrs. Whiticker and the teachers and students for the beautiful liturgy for our dads on Thursday afternoon. It was very well attended and a great way to acknowledge the gift of our dads.

This week we have the Year 6 students attending an overnight excursion to Canberra. This is part of their learning pathway on democracy in Australia and our parliamentary system.

I wish to sincerely thank the teachers who will be attending this overnight excursion and their families. Our teachers are so generous with their time, and sacrifice family time to support the students on this excursion. We wish you safe travels, and I am sure you will build many memories with your peers.

From the office team Important Updates

Lost Property

We understand it is inevitable that items will be misplaced by students from time to time. In the event that your child does lose something, they should:

- Visit the last area they remember having the item.
- Visit Lost Property which is located at the rear entrance of the administration block.

Students have access to Lost Property during the school day to search for misplaced possessions. Parents are able to access Lost Property before and after school hours.

To help us maintain Lost Property to a minimum level, we ask all parents to:

- Label all clothing and equipment with their child's full name.
- Check items regularly as labels do wear/wash off.
- Re-label items with the correct name if the item previously belonged to another sibling.

These simple measures will help your child to reclaim lost items. When possible, labelled items in Lost Property will be returned to students.

Lost Property that is not labelled will be held until Friday of week 9 (September 15th) this term. After this time, any lost property not claimed will be donated or disposed of.

We hope you find this information useful and thank you for your cooperation.

Uniform Awards

Once again, a large group of children celebrated morning tea as a reward for receiving five or more awards. Congratulations to these students.



Education Mass and Mission Agency Expo

Next Thursday, our student leaders will attend the Education Mass and Mission Agency Expo at St. Patrick's Cathedral. This is an opportunity to pray as a community of schools and for some schools to share the great work they are doing in the areas of liturgy, social justice, and faith in action.

Disco Fundraiser

We are ready for our last week of school festivities, starting with our fundraising initiative from the P and F - our Stage discos.

Infants - 19th of September
Stage 2- 20th of September
Stage 3- 21st of September



The QKR app will be open next week for our families to donate to this event. Many thanks to the P and F and the many parent helpers for their time and effort in creating our gift bags for the children to enjoy.

School Photo Day

School photos will be taken on **Wednesday 11th October** - please see attached flyer.

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**

Kindergarten Faith Page

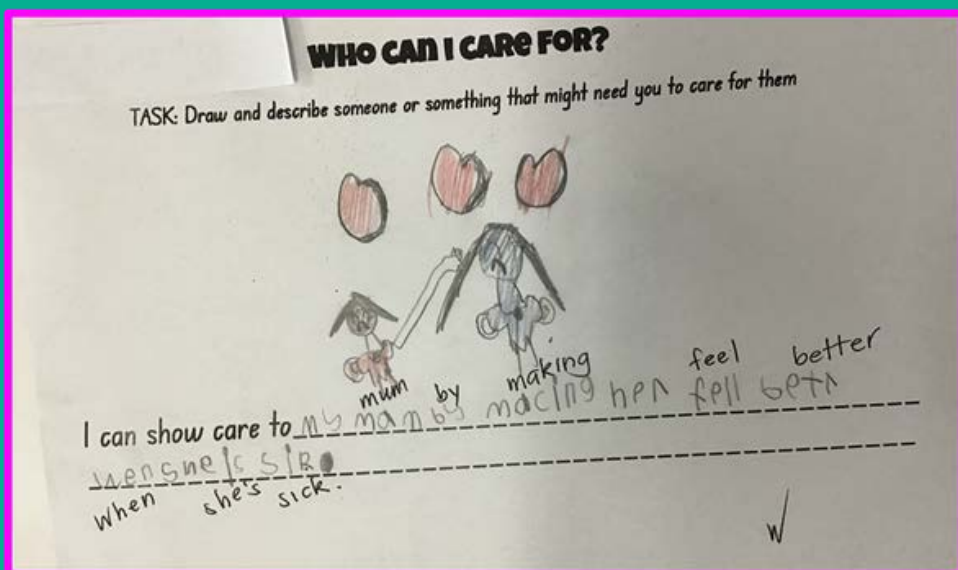
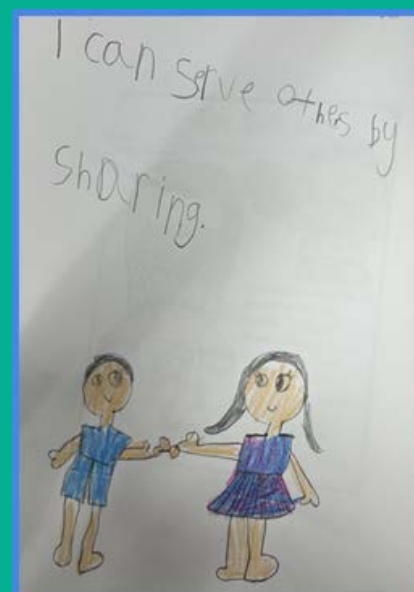
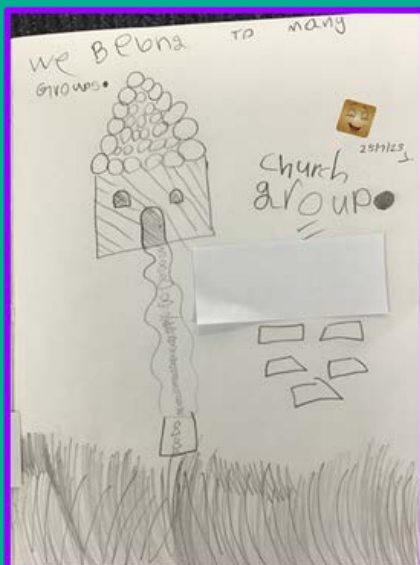
This term, Kindergarten have been learning to understand and appreciate the Church as a special community described as God's family. We were very excited to participate in our very first whole grade Liturgy to celebrate how we belong to God's Church here on earth. In our Liturgy last week, we asked God to help us to continue the church's work in Spreading the Good News.



Caring for Others

Jesus always cared for people and wanted them to know that God cares for everyone. God is a loving and forgiving Father who looks after His family. Jesus showed people how God looks after them. Jesus taught them to look after each other. The Church began after Jesus went back to heaven and continued the work Jesus started. The Church teaches us how to look after each other because Jesus loved everyone. He especially loved children. We can experience Jesus' love for us in the scripture Luke 18:15-17 'Jesus blesses the little children'.



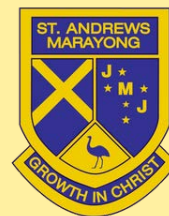


Our School

Just like our big Church family, our school community cares. Everyone at school is important. We have teachers who care about us. They teach us to read and write. Our teachers teach us all about God. They show us how to care for others, just like Jesus did. Jesus taught us that it is important to care for others. That is why we need to be kind to each other at school. We also must respect our parents and our teachers. We do this by using good manners. We gather together each day in prayer, ready to greet our teachers and friends, and to join together in prayer to speak to our God by saying prayers and singing our favourite hymns.

Student Of The Week

Term 3 Weeks 2 & 3



	WEEK 6	WEEK 7		WEEK 6	WEEK 7
KB	Leira Lascano	Sia Kim	3G	Alana Nguyen	Sienna Morisio
KG	Aaron Arndell	Tom Oliver McKeirnan	3R	Hollie Osborn	Ashiyornin Deng
KR	Ayan Patel	Chloe Lee	3Y	Ava Inocentes	Gabriele Gutierrez-Lanosga
KY	Dilshawn Singh	Indi-Rose D'Angelo	4B	Sofia Hilal	Ethan Rekam
1B	Rod Aspiras	Emma Hanson	4G	Noah Gutierrez-Lanosga	Taylah Rylewski
1G	Alexandre Dalzell	Virginia Akonda	4R	Ethan Panol	Liam O'Neill
1R	Noah Axiak	Anamaria Araque	4Y	Daniel Aridah	Janani Karthikeyan
1Y	Iver He	Name Withheld	5B	Annabelle Demian	Jude Park
2B	Kismat Sandhu	Roman Themistou	5G	Liam Innocentes	Winter Tauliili
2G	Mikhail Illangakoon	Jasmine Longabela	5R	Nouriel Naeim	Jinal Kanbi
2R	Name Withheld	Roman Tauliili	6B	Micah Amosa	Aarav Rabadia
2Y	Theodore Khalil	Manila Pielago	6G	Nelisha Andradi	Esha Jaghori
3B	Ayden Bayrich	Venisia Koko	6R	Jeffrey Su	Matthew Tentsof



SPORTS NEWS



Netball Gala Day



Thank you so much to the parents who came along to support us on the day and/or drove the children to and from the courts. An extra and huge thank you to Mrs. Farag (Hannah's mum) and Ms. Burgess (Ruby's mum) who umpired all our games; you were both amazing!

On Wednesday, August 30, we had two teams represent us at a Netball Gala Day in Penrith. Both teams had a great day, played well, and displayed good teamwork and sportsmanship. The Year 6 team won 5 out of their 8 games, and the Year 5 team won 5 out of their 7 games.





Community SPORTS NEWS



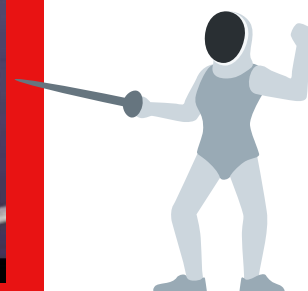
Joshua Sun (3 Red), recently participated in the Minime Fencing Festival in Singapore. We congratulate Joshua on his achievements.

U 10 Boy Saber 8th place in a strong field of 35 fencers

U12 Boy Saber 8th place

U14 Boy Saber team - Bronze medal

Whilst he was the youngest fencer in the U14 team, this did not deter Joshua from trying his absolute best. Under the strong guidance of Alex, their coach, the entire team worked well together to achieve great results.



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 Kindergarten Excursion Year 5 Grade Mass	13 Year 4 Red and 4 Green Excursion	14 Year 4 Blue and 4 Yellow Excursion Year 1 Grade Mass	15 Year 6 Parish Mass 2pm Whole School Assembly
10 Newsletter Week	18 Mackillop Athletics	19 ES 1 & Stage 1 Year 4 Parish Mass	20 Stage 2 Disco	21 Stage 3 Disco	22 LAST DAY OF TERM

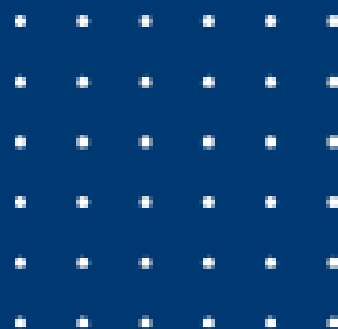
PHOTO DAY

FULL SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORM

WEDNESDAY
11TH OCTOBER 2023

DAY 1 TERM 4

No Sport Uniform on this day
more information to come next week



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.

