



St Andrew's Primary School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear St Andrew's Community,

It seems like only yesterday that we were starting term 2, and now we are only weeks away from ending the term and beginning the next student vacation period.

This year, we have been focusing heavily on student wellbeing and gathering data to ensure that the strategies we have adopted are making an impact on the wellbeing of every student. Some of the strategies we have employed this year are as follows:

From the office team Important Updates

Winter Beanies

With winter approaching, the school beanies will be available for sale for \$15.00 on the QKR app. Please note that these beanies are part of the school uniform, and are the only beanies that the students are permitted to wear at school.

PIVOT Programme

This programme allows every student to share their feelings and thoughts in several areas of school life. The students are surveyed every term, and feedback is given instantly to the teacher, helping raise awareness of any child needing additional support in developing a more positive attitude towards school life. The program also has a variety of quality resources which our teachers use as tools to develop the necessary skills the children require to be successful and maintain a positive outlook on learning and social interaction.

The Positivity Hub

Established in 2024, the Positivity Hub is geared towards working with children who require specific support to build a positive learning and social environment. The children involved visit the hub four times a day and meet with Mrs. McGowen, Mr. Bawden, and the school counsellors to develop goals for the school day. These goals are monitored throughout the day, and strategies are constructed with the child to help them navigate the day with increased independence, engagement, and success.

Social play groups during recess and lunch

Selected students are invited to join these groups in order to further develop their social skills. Social play groups are facilitated by our outstanding Teachers Aides. The students really enjoy the group play and have learned so much about teamwork, resilience, social interaction, and relationship building.

Library Passive Play

The library is open throughout the week for children who wish to read or enjoy a quieter break time. Many children use and enjoy the library space.

Protective Behaviours Programme

Each term, teachers build protective behaviour lessons into the learning cycle to empower all children to be proactive regarding their safety and wellbeing. This is important learning for our children to ensure they recognise unsafe situations and have strategies in place should they occur.

Cyber safety talks

Constable John Bollard visits the school each year to educate our students and parents on safe online behaviours. Constable Bollard will be joining us again next term to continue this important education for all families.

St. Andrew's identifies this area of student wellbeing as a very important part of school life. It is the responsibility of all community members to ensure that each child feels safe and has a positive attitude about school and themselves.

Stage Three Soccer Gala Day

Unfortunately, due to vandalism at the venue, this event has been postponed until further notice. We will update the students and families involved with the new date as soon as it is confirmed. Thank you for your patience.

Bookings for Parent-Teacher Interviews

Information detailing how to schedule bookings for Parent-Teacher Interviews have been sent to all parents/caregivers. These meetings will occur during week 10 of this term. Please follow the prompts to schedule a time. If you do not have access to a computer, please contact the office and the lovely staff will assist you with this process.



Fundraising Event - Term 2 Discos

During week 10, students will enjoy a disco celebration during the school day.

Students are invited to dress up in the theme of Olympics. A reminder for students to be wearing sensible shoes and a school hat on the day.

As this event is a fundraiser, the students are invited to purchase a goodie bag for \$5.00. The goodie bag consists of a packet of chips, a lollipop and a bottle of water.

Parents are invited to make their \$5.00 payment on the QKR platform before Thursday 4th July. Thank you to the parents who have already paid. Please refer to the calendar in this newsletter for disco dates.



Mr. Reitano is taking leave

Mr. Retano will be taking leave for semester 2 to journey overseas on a very well-deserved break. Mr. Reitano will be completing his parent-teacher interviews in week 9. His last day with us will be on Friday, June 28th. We wish him God's blessings as he enjoys his travels.

We are in the process of engaging a teacher to replace Mr. Reitano for Term 3.

Semester One Academic Reports

Student Semester One Academic Reports will go live on Compass on Friday, June 28th. Parent/teacher interviews will commence the week after.

Personalised Plans

Students who have personalised plans will receive a copy of the plan prior to parent/teacher interviews. They will be sent home shortly.

NSW Olympics Unleashed Programme

Mr. Beggs has organised a representative sportsperson to speak at our school on Friday, June 21st. Our visitor will engage students in Years 3-6 in a discussion about the importance of a healthy lifestyle, the journey to the Olympic level of competition, resilience, and a positive mindset for success. What a great opportunity to welcome this sporting success to our school!

Cold and flu season

We are in the middle of another increase in cold and flu symptoms. If your child has symptoms, we ask that they stay at home until they are well. It is hoped this will mitigate an increase in sickness across the school.



Absent notes

If your child is absent from school, please remember to send a letter explaining the reason for the absence on the day your child returns to school. The letter must be given to the class teacher. The reason provided for the absence by parents is documented on your child's compass page. It is expected that children are at school for at least 90% of the time or greater. Parents of all children who fall below the expected 90% of attendance will be contacted by the school. We need to work together to ensure our students receive the maximum amount of learning time each year.

Key Dates



Academic Reports - Friday, June 28th

Semester One Academic Reports will be made available to parents on Compass.

Staff Development Day - Monday, July 22nd

Students do not attend school on this day. Term 3 will begin on Tuesday, July 23rd for all students.

School Photo Day - Wednesday, July 31st

All students are required to wear their full winter school uniform on this day, including the school tie.

God Bless

Mrs Yvette McGowen

Principal

CREATIVE ARTS SPOTLIGHT

For the past 5 months, four students from St. Andrew's have been spending their weekends practising and preparing to perform in an upcoming stage show called **"Off the Record."**

Ava Shen, Natalia Hooper, Milana Sirianni, and Giordana Sirianni will be on stage for three performances to sing, dance, and act in the Cumberland Gang Show's newest production, OFF THE RECORD! Scouts and Guides from across Western Sydney will be presenting six shows at the Parramatta Riverside Theatre during the July school holidays.

We wish Ava, Natalia, Milana, and Giordana all the best for their production and hope they enjoy the experience immensely.

For anyone interested in purchasing tickets to the show, please click on the link below.

[OFF THE RECORD! Buy your tickets here](#)



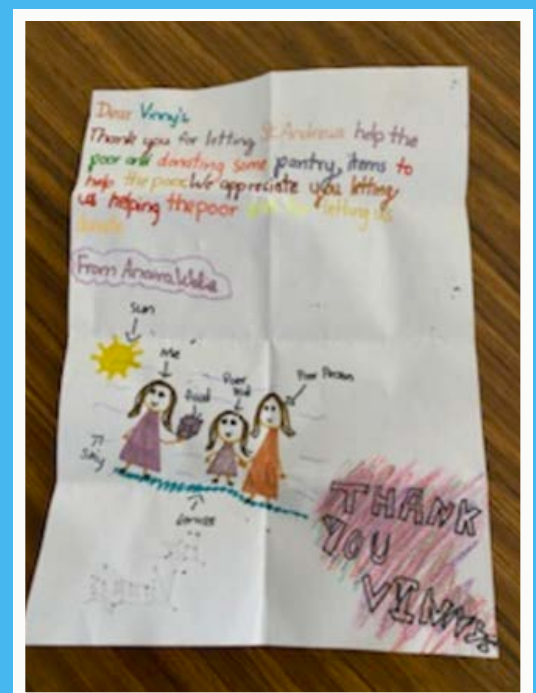
VINNIE'S WINTER APPEAL

Thank You



The students helped to create this banner to show how they can share their love with others, like the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

We would like to thank everyone for all their donations towards the Vinnie's Winter Appeal. Our students have been learning about the Catholic social teaching that this initiative is based on, which is the preferential option for the poor. We have learned that caring for those who are less fortunate is everyone's responsibility. We are called to show this preferential care to vulnerable and marginalised people, whose needs and rights are given special attention in God's eyes. In the Bible, we learn how Jesus teaches us to prioritise the well-being of the poor and powerless in society. Your donations have helped to support families in our community who are in need. Once again, thank you so much!





Six of our Faith in Action team members were able to go to the Parish to help sort out your generous donations.



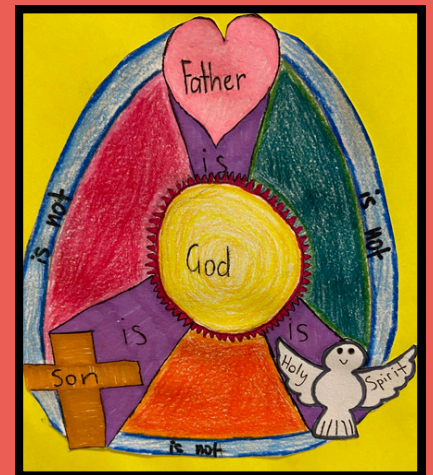
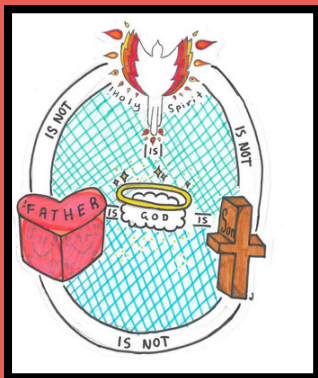
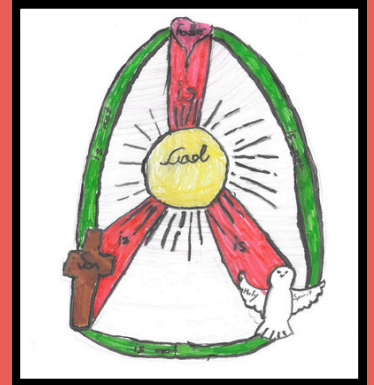
Mrs Park & Mrs Hyson
Faith In Action Leaders

Faith Page

Year 5



In Year 5, we have explored the profound mystery of the Blessed Trinity as it unfolds through Jesus Christ and the transforming gift of the Holy Spirit. We have delved into how this central teaching illuminates our understanding of God's love and presence in our lives. Students were invited to showcase their creativity by creating an artwork that captures their understanding of the Holy Trinity. This exciting project encouraged students to explore the deep concept of the Blessed Trinity through their artistic expressions.



Student Of The Week

Term 2 Weeks 6 & 7



	TERM 2 WEEK 6	TERM 2 WEEK 7		TERM 2 WEEK 6	TERM 2 WEEK 7
KB	Mateo Caballero	Kaiden Duggan	3R	Aria-Coco Melaisis	AmeliaThemistou
KG	Jett Jones	Harkirat Kaur Toor	3Y	Roy Kim	Harvir Singh Manghera
KR	Name Withheld	Kaeden Diana	4B	Nevaeh Capple	Ava Shen
KY	Eleanor Barsom	George Vella	4G	Waris Bindra	Miracle Fohe
1B	Tom Oliver McKiernan	Joseph Demian	4R	Adam Ibrahim	Aakruti Chhabhadiya
1G	Joseph Lock	Eliana Brougham	4Y	Charlotte Badato	Elijah Lebon
1R	Phoebe Petersen	Immanuel Afarian	5B	Scarlett McGuinness	Isabelle Zammit
1Y	Indi-Rose D'Angelo	Isabella Pollifrone	5G	Sandra Nakhla	Jinay Bhudia
2B	Amreen Kaur	Kiyaan Raiyani	5R	Evelyn Moras	Elijah Pacios
2G	Bryan Kumar	Oliver Farag	5Y	Nathan Herft	Antonio Gutierrez
2R	Name Withheld	Iulia Dumadag	6B	Jacob Lim	Aarushi Singh
2Y	Joanne Lin	Harlyn Warner	6G	Julian Reyes	Arianna Faddoul
3B	Prince Dabhi	Juliana Chahine Karam	6R	Anaya Barman	Gabriella Chulipa
3G	Salvador Bogtour	Disha Hirani	CONGRATULATIONS		

Term 2 Calendar 2024

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	29 Staff Development Day	30 Students return for Term 2 (full summer / full winter uniform)	1st May	2	3
2	6	7 Diocesan Cross Country	8	9 Mother's Day Stall	10 Mother's Day Liturgy
3	13 Full school winter uniform to be worn.	14	15	16	17 2pm Whole School Assembly
4	20	21	22	23	24
5	27	28	29 Stage 3 Girls Soccer	30	31
6	3rd June	4	5	6	7 9.15am Whole School Mass Sacred Heart 2pm Whole School Assembly
7	10 King's Birthday Holiday	11	12 Stage 3 Boys Soccer	13	14
8	17	18	19	20	21 Kindergarten Liturgy of the Word Year 3-6 Olympic Visitor
9	24	25 Year 4 Parish Mass	26 Year 1 Liturgy of the Word Stage 2 Boys and Girls Soccer	27	28 2pm Whole School Assembly REPORTS GO HOME
10	1st July Parent / Teacher Interviews	2 Year 3 Grade Mass Disco Stage 2 Parent / Teacher Interviews	3 Year 2 Parish Mass Disco ES1 Yr3 Excursion - Australiana Pioneer Village Parent / Teacher Interviews	4 Disco Stage 3 Parent / Teacher Interviews	5 Last Day of Term 2



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St Andrews Primary School

Photo day for your school is on Wednesday, 31st July 2024

How to place your order via MSP Online.

- 1** Visit www.msp.com.au select the Download Portrait or Order Online portal, click Order Packs
- 2** Use your school's unique Schoolkey – FAT2VYCY
- 3** Complete the required fields ensuring you include your child's full name and class and then click through to order
- 4** A confirmation email with your order details will be sent to your email address

A late/processing fee will apply for orders received 1 week after photo day.
All family/sibling orders must be placed by 11pm the day before photo day.

St Andrews Marayong

Ambrose[®]
School Age Care

Pyjama Day

In raising awareness for National Pyjama Day

Pupil Free Day

22nd July 2024 | 6:30am-6:30pm

Our Program...

Activities:

- Baking/Cooking Activity: Pizza, Cookies, and Milkshakes
 - Movies
 - Pyjama Day Crafts
 - Colourful Paintings
 - Outdoor Sports
 - And LOTS OF FUN!
- Dress-up in your Pyjamas!



If your child has not used our Ambrose Service before, please enrol your child using the QR code below.

Pupil Free Day Fee \$80 (CCS applicable)

Early-Bee Discount: Book before 6pm 1st July 2024

to receive a \$10 per day discount.



Our Menu...

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Yoghurt, Milk and CHOCOLATE MILK!

Afternoon Tea: Pizza (Make your Own Pizza) with Seasonal Fruit Platter

Cooking Experiences: Milkshakes and Cookies

Remember to bring:

- Hat: Wide brim hat, or a legionnaires hat
- Recess and Lunch (Please ensure there are no eggs, nuts, seafood, kiwi fruit, fava beans/broad beans and sesame seeds due to children with Allergies/Anaphylaxis)
- Enclosed Shoes and Sleeves
- SMILES and FUN!



For more info scan the QR code or visit ambrose.org.au/enrol

Learning for life

Return your booking form by
1st July 2024

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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

