



# St Andrew's Primary School Newsletter

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## Principal's Message

*Dear St Andrew's Community,*

Welcome back to Term 2. We have had a great start to the term. Students have entered into their learning with enthusiasm and they are keen to continue their learning in a positive and safe classroom culture.

This term, children are expected to wear their winter uniform. As usual, we have a two-week transition to winter uniforms, as in past years the weather has remained warm. **All children are to be in full winter uniform by Monday, May 13th.** Please remember that our uniform consists of ties for both boys and girls. It is expected that students wear their ties each day.



This term, your child will receive their first-semester academic report for 2024. Below are the important dates regarding academic reports and interviews for the remainder of the year.

**Semester One Academic Report: Friday, June 28th.**

**Face-to-face parent/teacher interviews: week starting July 1st.**

**Semester Two Academic Reports: Wednesday, December 11th.**

*From the office team*  
Important Updates

### Transition To Winter Uniform

New uniform items may be purchased through the following web address:

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

The uniform shop can also be accessed via this QR code



Once you have entered the website, you will be required to type in a password to access the St Andrew's uniform list.

The password remains the same as the one given to parents last year, and is used each time a uniform order is placed. If you are unsure of the password, please contact the school office, and we will happily supply it to you over the phone.

Parents are asked to ensure their children wear the correct uniform and do not deviate from the items mentioned in the list.

If, for any reason, a child is unable to wear the correct uniform, a letter of explanation must be supplied to the child's class teacher.

All items of clothing are to be clearly marked with the child's full name.

## School Goals and the New Student Wellbeing Initiative for 2024

We have entered 2024 striving for excellence and improvement with great energy and determination. We have four school improvement plans covering English, Mathematics, Mission, and Student Wellbeing. Each plan is based on data sets that the staff have analysed and strategically identified as the next step in building student learning improvement goals for the year. Unfortunately, due to low attendance, we were forced to cancel the parent meeting where we were to unpack these goals and introduce a new student wellbeing initiative. An electronic version of the PowerPoint presentation will be sent to families via our Facebook page at the beginning of next week.

## Extended Leave

Families are encouraged to travel only during the school holidays. If travel during the school term is necessary and your child will be absent from school for more than 5 school days, an application for extended leave will need to be completed and approved by the school principal prior to travel.

Applications can be collected at the school administration office. Once filled in, applications must be returned to the school office at least 5 school days prior to the planned travel arrangements. Relevant travel documentation, such as a copy of the eTicket (flight-bound travel) or travel itinerary (non-flight-bound travel within Australia), should be attached to the application.

Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

## School Fees

School Fee Statements were posted on 06/05/2024. The due date for Instalment 2 is 24/05/2024. Please contact Reshma Kerai at 02 8869 6700 if you have not received your statement in the mail within the next week or so.

### Uniform Donations

With the transition into winter uniforms, our Second Hand Uniform Shop is running low on stock. If you have clean, wearable uniform items that your child has grown out of, please consider donating them to the school.

Donations can be made to the front office. These items will make a difference to incoming and current families.

**The Second Hand Uniform Shop  
is open every Wednesday from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.**

We thank you in advance for your support.



## 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 children will be permitted to wear.

## Mother's Day Liturgy

We happily welcome our mothers and mother figures to a liturgy on **Friday, May 10th**, to celebrate Mother's Day. The liturgy will commence at 2.15 p.m.

Prior to the liturgy at 1.45 p.m., we invite our guests for a cuppa and light refreshments. We all look forward to seeing you at this event. Please read the flyer attached to this newsletter for further information.



## Mother's Day Stall



It is that time again for students to save their pocket money to purchase a special gift for the one they love. An invitation went home to parents via the Compass app. Please follow the QKR prompts for payment prior to the event. I wish to sincerely thank the P and F and the many volunteers for making this event possible for our children.

## Miss Caitlin Gaffney: a sad farewell to our dear friend.

Miss Gaffney has made a very hard decision to leave St. Andrew's after several years as a class teacher. Miss Gaffney is leaving due to personal reasons. Miss Gaffney is a much-loved teacher and has had a very positive impact on every child she has worked alongside. We wish Miss Gaffney God's blessing.

I wish to introduce Mrs. Tauri Bjornssen to our St. Andrew's family. Mrs. Bjornssen is an experienced teacher who previously worked at St. Bernadette's in Lalor Park. Mrs. Bjornssen commenced her appointment today to work alongside Miss Gaffney for a few weeks to ensure a very comprehensive and smooth transition. Miss Gaffney's final day is Friday, May 24th.



## Welcome to new staff members!

Mrs. Julie Floyd, an experienced teacher, will be joining the Year 5 team on Thursday to cover Miss Spencer Salt's 5 Blue class for executive release. Miss Spencer Salt is an executive member of our school and will be engaged in completing her coordinator work on this day.

Mrs. Paula Birch will be working as an additional teacher in Year 1. Mrs. Birch has been working at St. Andrew's for many years in many different roles.

We welcome Mrs. Faqs to our Teacher Aide team. Mrs. Faqs will be working mainly in Year 3 for the rest of the year, supporting the teachers and students.

## Diocesan Cross Country - May 7th, 2024

Our team had great success as they competed in the Diocesan Cross Country on Tuesday, May 7th. Mr. Bawden was very impressed with the sportsmanship, talent, and perseverance of the students who braved the weather and participated on the day. Well done, team!!!

## Continuing to mitigate the spread of illnesses at school

Every year, around this time, we see a rise in cold and flu cases. Our policy has always been to mitigate the spread of contagious illnesses in classrooms and across the school by sending home students who present with cold and flu symptoms. I understand that this may cause an issue for parents who work, and I understand the stress this has on a family. However, it is also important that our school remains safe for all staff and families. Can I please ask that parents check the responsible people they have as emergency contacts and update the numbers or the people you have on our records? If you would like to update the names or phone numbers of the emergency contacts you have previously provided to the school, please forward the information to the school office in writing, either via the school email address or a note. At times when we cannot get in contact with you, we will only contact your emergency representative as the last resort.

To prevent calls during the school day, if your child presents with cold and flu symptoms or a fever before school, please keep him/her at home until they are well or you have sought medical advice. It is the responsibility of all community members to protect each other from illness.

The school will continue our safeguarding processes each day.



## May the month of Mary, our Mother - Praying the Rosary together.

Every Wednesday at lunchtime, students are invited to the church to pray the Rosary.

On our first Wednesday, over 100 children attended to pray the Rosary together. I wish to thank Beth and Nirine from the Legion of Mary parish group, who led the children in prayer. Special thanks to Mrs. Hyson and Mrs. Park for organising the opportunity for our children to continue to build a relationship with our Lord and Mary, our Mother.



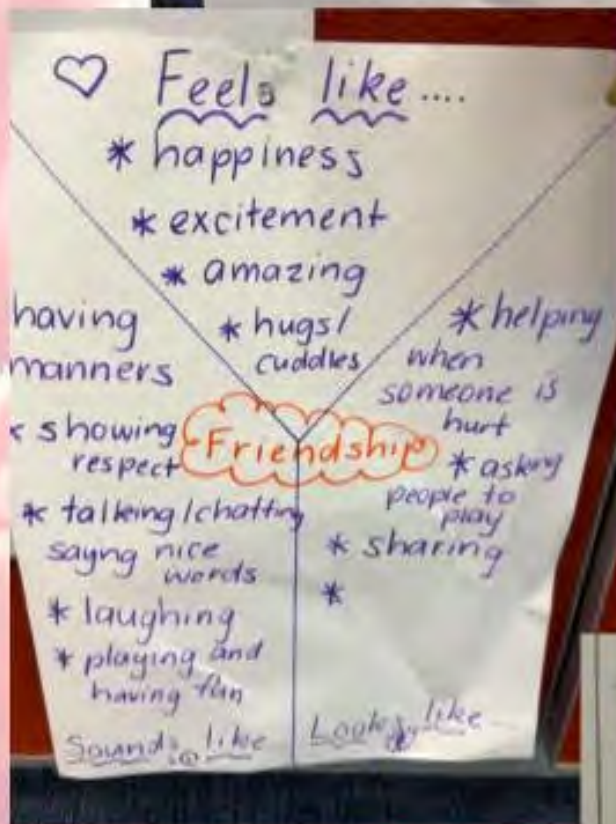
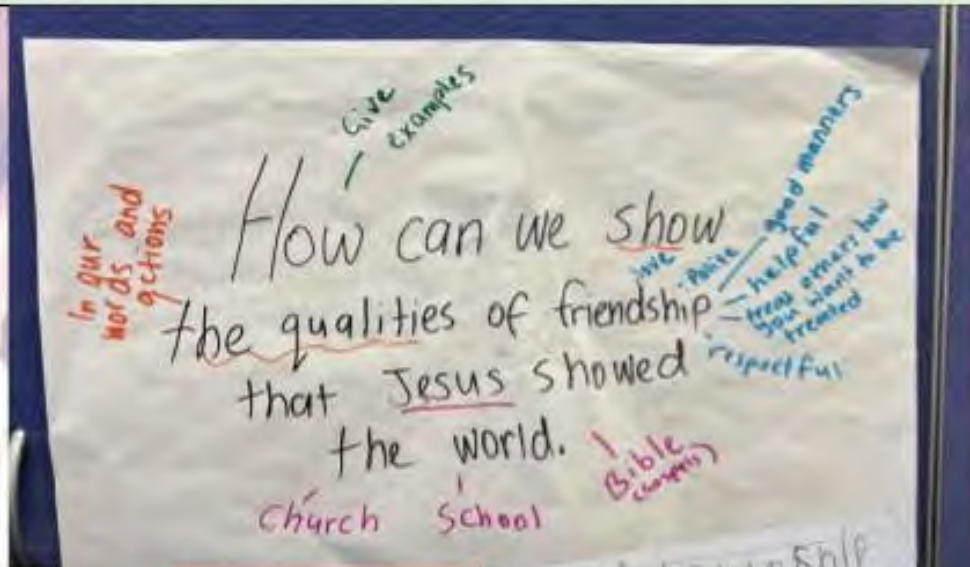
### New Arrival

Congratulations to Mrs. Dann on the birth of her baby girl, Mia. Both mother and baby are doing very well. We look forward to seeing baby Mia when she visits in the near future.

# Year One Faith Page

In Year One, we have been learning about the qualities of a good friend as Jesus taught us through Scripture. We engaged in deep thinking about how Jesus treated others and what we are called to do as his followers.

Our Driving Question helped us in our learning:



# Year One Faith Page

Our focus Scripture "The Rich Man" helped us to reflect on our priorities and what we value most in life. Jesus always teaches us to help those in need and that He will ALWAYS love us.

## Mark 10:17-22 - The Rich Man

17 As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 18 Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. 19 You know the commandments: 20 He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." 21 Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." 22 When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions."

I can show kindness by including others and I can also show kindness by giving away money to the poor.

Give and follow the ten commandments.

*How can we carry on the Mission of God through the way we live?*

*What we we doing everyday to live like Jesus?*

2. This story taught me to  
→ FORGIVE OTHERS also be a  
Good teacher.

Give <sup>the story taught me to</sup> to the  
poor and do not  
be selfish and  
Eternal life and  
what Good Teacher  
means





# Student Of The Week

## Term 1 Week 10 & 11 Term 2 Week 1



	TERM 1 WEEK 10	TERM 1 WEEK 11	TERM 2 WEEK 1		TERM 1 WEEK 10	TERM 1 WEEK 11	TERM 2 WEEK 1
KB	Aubrey Periera	Name Withheld	Shania Yang	3R	Syler See	Jacob Leonard	Theodore Khalil
KG	Clara Yabut	Reyan Barman	Shreenal Kanbi	3Y	Aaron Giri	Marius Agresta	Julmar Nocon
KR	Lucy Beileiter	Lachlan Yoon	Amaya Bhandari	4B	Gabriele Huezo	Jaxon Fox	Rijan Thapa
KY	Agoth Makog	Lily Ewins	Lexa Perez-Atencio	4G	Violet Kearns	Hannah Mary Nirmala	Jaina Chawla
1B	Leilani Forsythe	Xanthe Jones	Brianna Dangamuwa	4R	Ayden Bayrich	Emily Su	Vivienne Vanags
1G	Shiven Kerai	Miti Raval	Elleni Louella Chulipa	4Y	Caleb Magayaga	Gabriele Gutierrez-Lanosga	Ptolemy Powell
1R	Caron Tau	Sehaj Gill	Sahana Chawla	5B	Lucia Ballena-Gomez Chayse Childs	Vyonna Lobrigas	Kanav Pathhak
1Y	Phoebe Daniel	Name Withheld	Sia Kim	5G	Kush Ralhan	Jasmine Fedele	Suhani Garsiya
2B	Liam Mitchell	Nimrat Sanghera	Lucia Cornwall	5R	Camille Chong	Pritam Patel	Liam O'Neill
2G	Harriet John	Iver He	Shaivi Sapkale	5Y	Noah Gutierrez-Lanosga	Samaira Mansukh	Ekamdeep Thind
2R	Matteo Nocon	Janice Kumar	Thomas Theodorou	6B	Dioni Abayakone	Maribella George	Gabriella Themistou
2Y	Ruby Vella	Tejbir Bhalla	Ciandro Razon	6G	Lauren Griffiths	Margarete Tiglao	Brianna D Silva
3B	Michelle Martinez	Lynn Chimbira	Victor Diras	6R	Annaleise Smith	Jiyan Jeshani	Zion Vakai
3G	Jake Perez	Katelyn Prabakaran	Nimarveer Rai	<b>CONGRATULATIONS</b>			



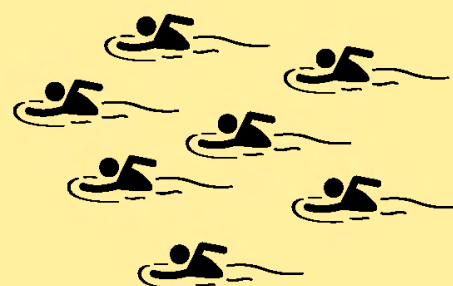
# ST ANDREW'S SPORTS NEWS



On April 4th, **William Ford** (4 Blue) represented the school and the Parramatta Diocese at the NSW Catholic Primary School Swimming Championships. William competed in 4 events, finished in the top half of his events, and took an impressive 8 seconds off his personal best time for the 200 individual medley. He had a wonderful time and is already back training for next year!



William was also very excited to have Mr. Paynter come along to cheer him on.

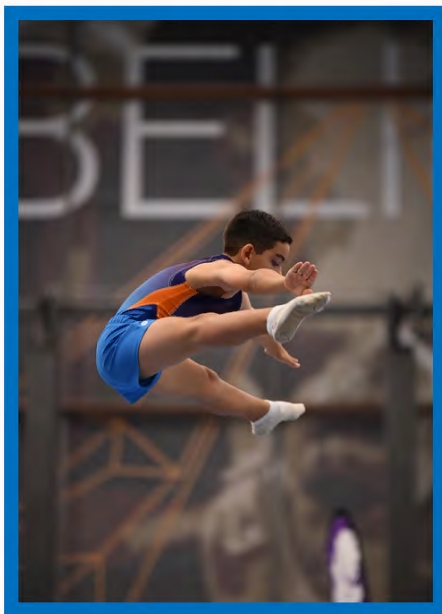




# Community SPORTS NEWS



Last term, **Leilani (1 Yellow)** competed in two solo dancing competitions, achieving 1st place in four of her routines. What a wonderful achievement, Leilani! We are all very proud of you.



**Marcell B (5 Green)** competed at the 2024 NSW Gymnastics Senior State Championships, which were held at the Sydney Gymnastics Centre. He entered several events and achieved wonderful results. These results have earned him a spot in the NSW State Team, which will be competing in the upcoming Australian Championships held later this month on the Gold Coast. Congratulations Marcell! Your hard work and determination have most definitely paid off!

Event: Level 5 Trampoline: 3rd Place Bronze medal

Event: Level 5 Double Mini Trampoline: 4th overall in NSW.

Event: Synchronized Trampoline: Marcell and his partner placed 4th overall in NSW.

**Maya. S (5 Yellow)** is in her 5th year as a student at D.T. Performing Arts. Together with other students, Maya performed at the 2024 Sydney Royal Easter Show at Sydney Showground.

Maya entertained the audience by performing a dance routine combining jazz and hip-hop styles.

Maya also performed as part of a duet, singing 'You Belong With Me' originally recorded by Taylor Swift.

'Australia's Got Talent', we may have found your next star!





# Mother's Day Events

Thursday - Mother's Day Stall

Gifts \$7.00 please pay via the QKR App.

Please send a carry bag with your child for them to carry their gift home.


If you are available to help at the Mother's Day stall please contact [samps.pf@gmail.com](mailto:samps.pf@gmail.com)

Just a reminder parent helpers must have completed the Building Child Safe Communities online course.

[BCSC online course link](#)

Friday - Afternoon Tea and Liturgy

1.45pm Afternoon tea in the Piazza followed by a Liturgy in the Church at 2.15pm



## Term 2 Calendar 2024

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	29 <b>Staff Development Day</b>	30 Students return for Term 2 (full summer or full winter uniform to be worn)	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 - Feast of the Sacred Heart 2pm Whole School Assembly
7	10 <b>King's Birthday Holiday</b>	11	12 Stage 3 Boys Soccer	13	14
8	17	18	19	20	21
9	24	25	26 Stage 2 Boys and Girls Soccer	27	28 2pm Whole School Assembly <b>REPORTS GO HOME</b>
10	1st July Parent / Teacher Interviews	2 Disco Stage 2 Parent / Teacher Interviews	3 Disco ES1 Yr3 Excursion - Australiana Pioneer Village Parent / Teacher Interviews	4 Disco Stage 3 Parent / Teacher Interviews	5 Last Day of Term 2

# **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

