



St Andrew's Primary School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear St Andrew's Community,

Special Mother's Day Liturgy and afternoon tea

Last Friday, we celebrated our mothers, grandmothers, and mother figures at a whole school liturgy. The skies opened up just as the children were making their way to the church; however, all our children were very sensible as they entered the church, albeit a little wet.

Our special guests received a blessing and a gift from the school. I wish to thank Mrs. Whiticker, Mrs. Hyson, Mrs. Park, and the school student leaders who facilitated such a reflective prayer experience for our community. I also wish to thank the office team for coordinating the afternoon tea for our community. Please enjoy the photos on the following pages.

Sad Farewell

This week, Miss Molly May Cann returned from London to see us at St. Andrew's. Miss Cann has decided to return to London for an extended period of time. Miss Cann is an outstanding teacher, and she will be missed at St. Andrew's.

From the office team
Important Updates



At times, students come to school without recess or lunch. Often, it is a case of the child leaving it behind at home. When this happens, we gladly help out by organising food for the students.

If your child brings home a note showing money owed for food that has been provided by the school, we ask that you please make payment as soon as possible. There are still outstanding payments for term 1. Payment can be made at the front office.

If you think you may have money owed but are not sure of the amount, please contact Mrs. Reshma Kerai in the school finance office on 8869 6700.

Mrs. Kerai is also available to discuss payment arrangements.

Thank you

Important Reminders

Absent notes

The only legal document we have at school is the student attendance roll. It is important that the roll be accurate every day. The responsibility of parents is to inform the school when your child is absent and provide a reason for the absence. We have too many student absences currently without a note or reason for absence. I ask parents to please send a note to the class teacher on the day your child returns to school. Alternatively, parents can use the COMPASS app to provide a reason for the absence. I cannot stress enough the importance of this process. A letter will be sent home from teachers with dates of absences for parents to provide a reason. Please fill this in ASAP and return it to school. I thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Smartwatches, phones, and cameras at school

Only children who have submitted an iPhone or smartwatch permission note are allowed to bring their devices to school, and they must be surrendered to the class teacher during the school day. This policy only applies to children in Years 3-6. Children who are infants are not permitted to bring these devices to school. The policy regarding this is on our website: 'Mobile phone and smartwatch policy'. At no time are children allowed to take photos while at school. We all need to be mindful of the privacy of our families. No cameras are permitted at school. I thank you in advance for supporting this policy. iPhone or smartwatch permission notes are available from our school office.

Car Park

Please do not park in the staff car park either in the morning or afternoon. It is too dangerous for cars to reverse out of the car park during peak drop-off and pick-up times. All parents are asked to find a safe, legal place to park and walk into the school grounds to collect the children in the afternoon. Alternatively, please use the morning drop-off service. The process for this is as follows:

Enter the church driveway and join the row of cars that are lined up under the church pergola.

When it is safe to do so, ask your child to exit the car on the passenger or church side. Please do not ask children to exit on the road side of the church.

Cars are not permitted to overtake the car in front. Please wait patiently until it is safe to move forward in the queue.

We ask that all parents display patience and exit when it is your turn to do so safely. When exiting the grounds, only turn left. A traffic holdup occurs when parents try to turn right.

Please remember that parents should not leave their vehicle at any time.

Staff Outreach

Our staff regularly provides services to the community in many different ways. In the coming weeks, our staff will be making sandwiches for the St Vincent de Paul food van to provide a meal to some of our community members who are struggling to feed themselves. I wish to thank our staff for their generosity. Last week, the staff wrote Mother's Day cards and presented them to our local nursing home to distribute to the residents on Mother's Day. I am sure the residents were very pleased to be given a card on this special day.



Cancer Council - Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

On Tuesday, we hosted Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, a community event that raises vital funds to support the Cancer Council. Our staff's capacity for generosity knows no bounds. We raised a total of \$1218, which will make a big difference for those impacted by cancer. Great work, team!

Winter Uniform

All students should be in full winter uniform this week.

If you have any issues regarding your child's uniform, please send a note to your child's teacher.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal

At Our Sacred Heart Mass each year, we support the St. Vincent de Paul Society with donations of non-perishable food items for the Winter Appeal. It would be appreciated if each child or family sent one item to school from the list outlined on the flyer in this newsletter. Teachers will collect these items in the classrooms, and they will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We bring forward a sample of what we have gathered at our Sacred Heart Mass on June 7th.

Thank you for your kind support as we teach our children about loving others by living out one of the Corporal Acts of Mercy.



Come & Try: ALL ABILITIES NETBALL

All Abilities is a program for students from 7 years of age and older with physical, intellectual, and sensory disabilities. For those in our community who may be interested, please read the attached flyer.



School Sports Representative Uniform

We have purchased a set of sports t-shirts and singlets in varying sizes for students to wear while participating in representative sports events. We know our students will wear them proudly.



God Bless

Mrs Yvette McGowen
Principal

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea Celebration



FAITH IN ACTION

LIFTED LIVE JUNIOR EVENT

On the 14th of May, 15 members of the Faith in Action Team had the opportunity to attend the Lifted Live Junior Event, which was organised by the Youth Ministry team in the Parramatta Diocese. They joined other schools in prayer, worship, and various workshops to learn about the Holy Spirit and how they could be encouraged to be witnesses to their faith.

We are delighted to share the students reflections on the day.

Lily (5 Red):
I enjoyed the various opportunities the Lifted event provided, like meeting people from different schools and understanding more about our faith.

Sofia (6 Red): I liked how we were able to interact with other schools. I also liked how the people were able to share their knowledge about God. A quote I liked was, "Don't let other people overshadow you because you are young."



Aleks (6 Green):
I liked how it was kind of like the Gen Bryant concert. I liked how we were being taught some important lessons.

Tai (5 Red):
I learned about music and how it's like a language that translates what you want, like the Gospel.

Mumal (6 Green):
Today at Lifted, we learned all about God, and we also learned good tips about listening and talking to others. We learned that we shouldn't be afraid to speak up just because we are young.

Phoebe (6 Green):

Today's experience at Lifted Live Junior was great, and we loved our interactions with the leaders. The best part was when we took a minute of silence and imagined God with ourselves. I would love to go back!!

Evelyn (5 Red):

What I really loved about the Lifted experience was that we all just had the opportunity to come together as a family, like a community, to just sing together, laugh together, and just share the love of Jesus together. I loved all the workshops where we got to learn something new and practice being a good leader.

Clare (6 Blue): I liked the singing, dancing, and music that introduced the day of fun, continuing with Pentecost and verses in the Bible. I also appreciated the workshops and learning about many great teachings. We got to sing prayers, embrace silence, and learn how to respect others.

Ruby G(Year 6):

Lifted Live Junior was a one-of-a kind experience. I loved how they had different workshops and a lot of dancing. It was an uplifting and amazing experience.

Ethan (6 Blue):

I loved how fun and exciting the people made it there. They explained their learnings in a very happy and uplifting way.

Gaween (6 Green): Two things that I liked about today were all the prayer songs and interacting with one another.

Ruby F(Year 6): What I liked was being around people who knew and wanted to learn more about God. I also liked being near my classmates and school members.

Ivy (6 Green): My experience of Lifted Junior was really fun. We sang songs and got to learn about the Holy Spirit, the Church's birthday, the Bible and Pentecost.

Kush(5 Green): Today was very fun and exciting, and I liked how every school in the Parramatta Diocese attended the event. A thing I learned was that silence is very calming and interesting.

Veronica (6 Blue):

I enjoyed the activities about learning today. We learned about Pentecost and how the Holy Spirit is active in our lives, as well as how to be a good citizen, witness to our faith, and speak up even if we are young.

Mrs Park & Mrs Hyson

Faith In Action Leaders



ST VINCENT DE PAUL

WINTER APPEAL

Thank you for supporting the St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal. It would be appreciated if each child or each family sends one item to school from the list below. Teachers will collect these items in the classrooms and they will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

BREAKFAST CEREAL
RICE, PASTA, NOODLES
LONG LIFE MILK, TEABAGS, COFFEE, HOT CHOCOLATE
SOUP: TINNED OR PACKET
SAUCES: PASTA SAUCE, MEAL BASE JARS AND PACKETS
TINNED FISH/MEAT/VEGETABLES/FRUIT
TINNED BAKED BEANS/SPAGHETTI,
DRINKS: CORDIAL, FRUIT JUICE, POPPERS
BISCUITS: SWEET/SAVOURY



Other food items are also welcomed, as long as they are NON-PERISHABLE.
Please note that items containing chocolate, alcohol, or nuts cannot be accepted.



OTHER ITEMS WHICH ARE ALWAYS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE HOMELESS INCLUDE:
NEW SOCKS
SCARVES
SHAWLS
BEANIES
AND GLOVES



This term, Kindergarten is learning more about God's love for us in the Unit: What Choices Make Love Grow?

This unit focuses on two main Sacred Scriptures:

1. Mark 12:28-34 The First Commandment
2. Mark 10: 46–52 The Healing of Blind Bartimaeus

Both Scriptures provide the students with a pathway of discovery to help them build their knowledge and understanding of God's love for us and what it means to be a person of faith.

Driving Question: How can we be a positive influence to help make love grow?

Ignition activity, "A spot of love."

To launch the new learning for this inquiry unit, the students participated in a fun ignition task. The students listened to the story 'A Spot of Love', then responded to the question: What loving words or actions did you see in the story that helped love grow? Examples of loving words and actions from the story were recorded on a coloured spot and displayed in the classroom as individual love spots.



Mark 10:46-52 The Healing of Blind Bartimaeus

Bartimaeus asked Jesus to restore his sight. Jesus healed him and said, "Your faith has made you well." Bartimaeus is an important character, as his response to Jesus' healing is an example for us to follow. On being cured, Bartimaeus immediately followed Jesus.

The students have enjoyed learning the Scripture story about Blind Bartimaeus and have demonstrated a good understanding of the sequence of events that led to the blind man being healed by Jesus.



Student Of The Week

Term 2 Weeks 2 & 3



	TERM 2 WEEK 2	TERM 2 WEEK 3		TERM 2 WEEK 2	TERM 2 WEEK 3
KB	Leia Maharjan	Stella Chhina	3R	Madeleine Randle	Eva Pandya
KG	James Cornwall	Atarah Das	3Y	Ved Dave	Phoenix Raz
KR	Fateh Tiwana	Sana Pianca	4B	William Ford	Anjali Jegan
KY	Halia Ofahulu	Vincent Tuari	4G	Ryan Htun	Jacob Hanson
1B	Hannah McCarthy	Carmelo Chiarello	4R	Timothy Wilkinson	Annabelle Issa
1G	Mahkiera Dargin	Emily Sun	4Y	Hayden John	Prachi Rabadia
1R	Mahi Bhudia	Savannah Fuller	5B	Daniel Aridah	Ady Ding
1Y	Quinn Sunderland	Zoe Mendoza	5G	Elijah Abboud	Sean Fowler
2B	Issac Antoniou	Agansh Singh	5R	Lillyana Feltham	Ja'Bear Sione
2G	Audrey Reay	Harper Osborn	5Y	Ethan Rekham	Ben Wilson
2R	Isaac Bisada	Kayla Natan	6B	Jayden Kumar	Hristina Miletic
2Y	Iris Jaca	Reyaan Ranjish	6G	Phoebe Reyes	Lucas Crescenzo
3B	Naisha Prasad	Shreya Joshi	6R	Jana Deepak	Safal Bhandari
3G	Sanjana Davuluri	Riyan Suthar	CONGRATULATIONS		

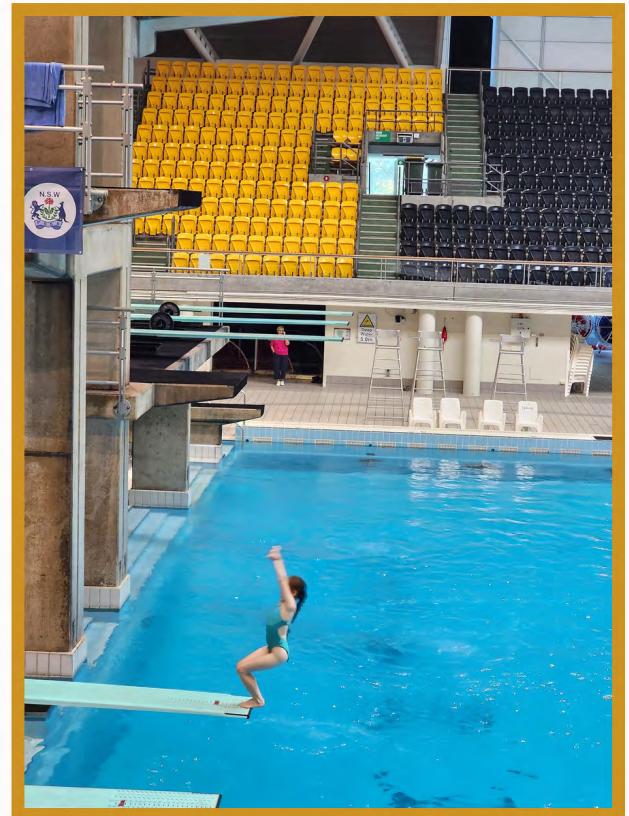


Community SPORTS NEWS



Lauren Griffiths (6 Green), who represented MacKillop at the NSW PSSA diving competition on Wednesday, May 15th.

Lauren placed 8th out of 10 in the girls 11-year-old springboard event, with a score of 93.55. She is continuing her training to represent her dive club, St. Andrews College, in the new dive season later this year.
Congratulations!



Term 2 Calendar 2024

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	29 Staff Development Day	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 King's Birthday Holiday	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 REPORTS GO HOME
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



COME & TRY

ALL ABILITIES NETBALL

All Abilities Netball is a program for people with physical, intellectual and sensory disabilities.

Learn new skills, create friendships and improve your fitness.

WHO: Females & Males - Adults & Children aged 7 years+

WHEN: Saturday 1st June 2024 (week 5)

TIME: 10:00am - 11:30am

WHERE: Jamison Park Netball Courts

MEETING PLACE: Court 41

COST: Free

RSVP BY
29 MAY 2024



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

