



St Andrew's Primary School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear St Andrew's Community,

Meet and Greet

This week many of our families took up the offer to meet with their child's teacher. These opportunities for information sharing between home and school are an integral part of building a solid foundation for learning. I wish to sincerely thank the teachers for the many evenings they spent away from their families. The staff at St. Andrew's are very dedicated to the students in their care and to ensuring that they can provide the best learning opportunities.

Zone Swimming

Once again our swimming squad was spectacular. The students performed their personal best and represented our school with pride and sportsmanship. I wish to thank the many parents who attended and cheered the team in the many events. My sincere thanks to Mr. Paynter and Mr. Bawden for supporting the team on the day. The Diocesan Swimming Carnival will take place on **Tuesday, March 12th.**

Athletics Carnival- Friday, March 22nd

This year we will be joining the Infants and Primary Athletics Carnival and hosting our first St. Andrew's Athletics Carnival event. Information will be sent home this week for families. The venue, Blacktown Sports Park, is now complete following renovations over recent years. This is going to be an exciting event as we join together as a whole school community to cheer on the sporting talents of our students.



From the office team
Important Updates

Data Collection Sheet

Thank you to those families who have completed and returned the Data Collection Sheet. These sheets were sent home with the eldest child of each family. They are used to update the information we have about your child/ren in the school administration office.

Before returning the note, please check that you have completed the following:

Name/s: First name and class of all students attending in 2024.

Home address/Contact details: Cross out any information that is incorrect and provide the updated details.

After school travel arrangements: This section must be completed each year. Tick the arrangements that apply for your child/ren. If you would like an adult other than the child's parent to collect your child during dismissal time, please provide his/her contact details.

Parent signature: Sign and date the form.

Please return the completed form to school with your eldest child.

Thank you for your continued support.

Catholic Schools Week

This is a very special week for all Catholic schools in NSW. It is a time for prayer, Eucharistic celebrations, and an opportunity to showcase the great learning and community building that are unique to Catholic faith traditions. I wish to thank the many families who joined us for this event today. It was so special to see the families sitting together and sharing a meal. Special thanks to Mrs. Whiticker for facilitating the Eucharistic celebration. We are a family community that is built on the gospel teachings of our Lord, and together we can all guide our children to be the best version of themselves. This is what it means to be part of a Catholic community.

Open Days

During Catholic Schools Week, we will be hosting an open day for new families interested in enrolling their child for 2025.

If you know of any family considering enrolling their child into St Andrew's Primary School for 2025, please share our Open Days with them. Parents/carers may register their interest by contacting the front office to book a date and time.

Dates and Times

Thursday March 7th 10:00–10:30am

Thursday March 21st 10:00–10:30am

Cross Country

Our school cross country event will be held next **Friday, March 8th**, on the oval as well as the school grounds. Mr. Paynter will facilitate the day with the assistance of the school sports leaders.

Results from the cross country event will be used to select the team (6 children from each age group and gender). These qualifying students will represent the school at the Diocesan Carnival at Eastern Creek in Week 2 of Term 2. The 1st and 2nd qualifying students in each age group will also be considered for the 1500 metre race for the Zone Athletics Carnival later in the year (August).

Students will be required to run the whole course and are strongly encouraged to wear adequate sun protection (sunscreen and school hat) and have a plentiful supply of water for hydration.

Parents, please note that this event is not compulsory but is open to any child who wishes to try out. Only students who are participating in the cross country event are permitted to wear their sports uniform on this day.

Kindergarten BBQ: Celebrating a term of learning and friendship

Every year, we invite our Kindergarten families to an end-of-term BBQ. This is an opportunity for families to connect and to share experiences of their child's first term at school. Live entertainment will be provided by our very talented Kindergarten students.

Save the date: Friday the 5th April 5-7pm

JOIN
US



Mufti Day - Tuesday, March 26th, 2024

To assist with our Caritas fundraising, we are inviting the students to wear mufti clothes on the 26th of March. Please donate through the school QKR app. Go to the fundraising section on the app and select Caritas Australia. The donations will then be transferred to our Caritas school fundraising page.

A reminder that casual mufti clothes need to be suitable for children to play in and also participate in sports activities if it is their sports day. Sensible, closed shoes must be worn by all students on this day.

Together, we can make a difference to help future generations! Thank you in advance for giving generously.

School Fees

Statements have been posted on 13/02/24 and the due date for Instalment 1 is 13/03/2024. Please contact Reshma Kerai on 02 8869 6700 if you have not yet received your statement in the post.



HERE'S WHY WE ARE FUNDRAISING FOR PROJECT COMPASSION

Our school is raising funds to help support Project Compassion, Caritas Australia's annual fundraising campaign.

Project Compassion brings together supporters from across Australia to address the challenges of poverty today and drive lasting change for a better tomorrow.

Join us to help support remote and vulnerable communities across Asia, Africa, the Pacific, and Australia. Your generosity today can help communities access clean water, food security, skills training, health and sanitation, and disaster risk reduction training.

Together with your support, we can create lasting change today, and for all future generations.

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WE HAVE RAISED \$10.00 SO FAR! HELP US DO MORE THIS YEAR.

Use this link or scan the QR Code below to donate.

<https://schools.projectcompassion.org.au/o/st-andrews-primary-school-marayong>

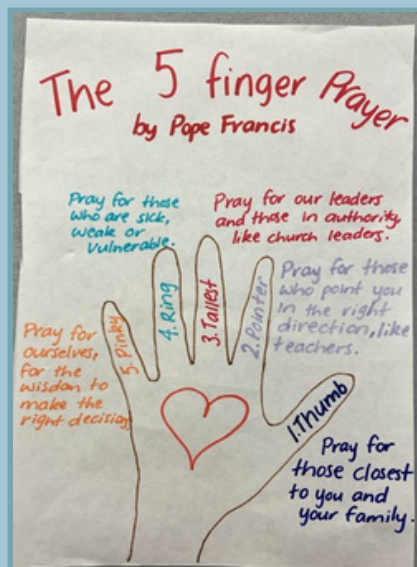




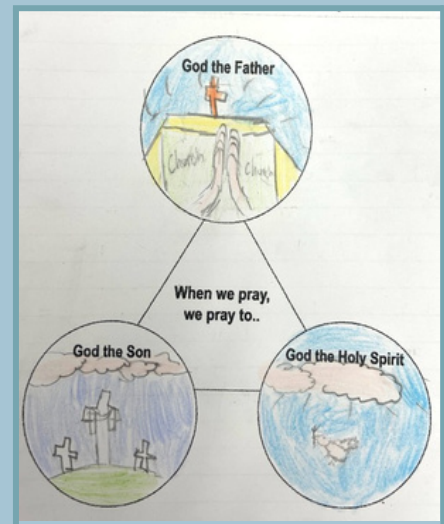
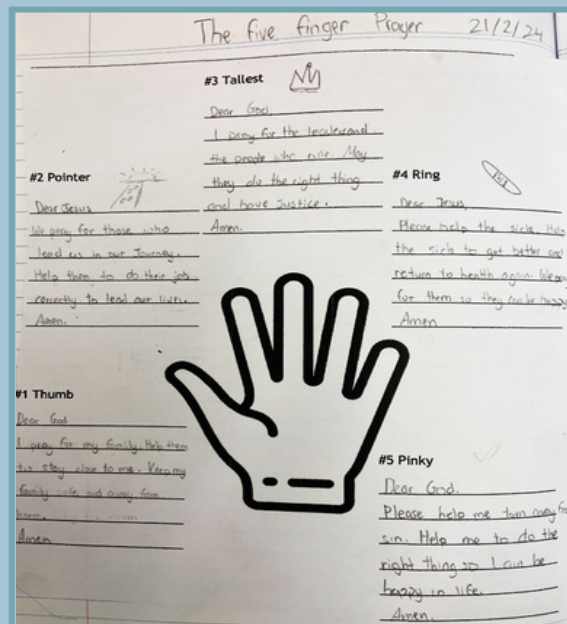
FAITH PAGE YEAR 4

HOW DOES PRAYER BRING US CLOSER TO GOD?

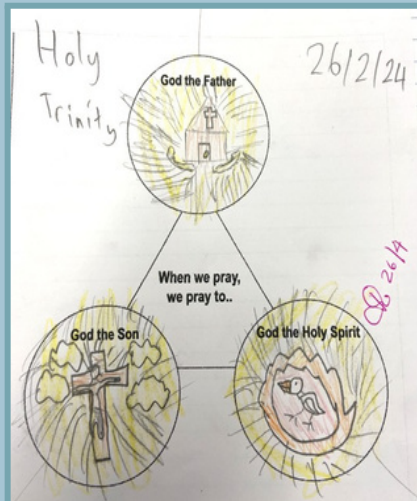
In Year 4 this term, we have been learning about the significance of prayer. We began our unit by unpacking the different skills that create successful communication and the ways we can communicate with one another. This led us to explore prayer and to recognise that Jesus taught us how to pray when he walked our earth all those years ago. It remains a very special practice that is an integral part of our faith. We discussed the ways in which we could use prayer to communicate with God and that there are many, many ways to pray!



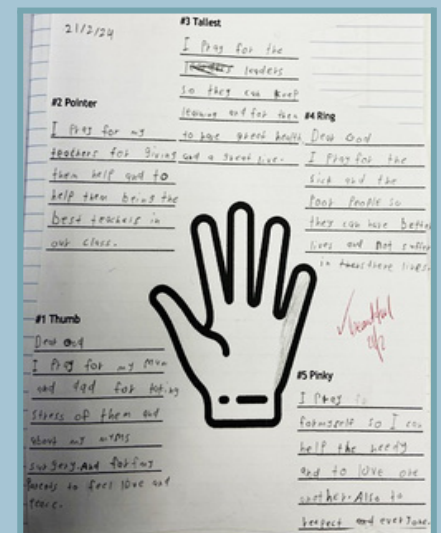
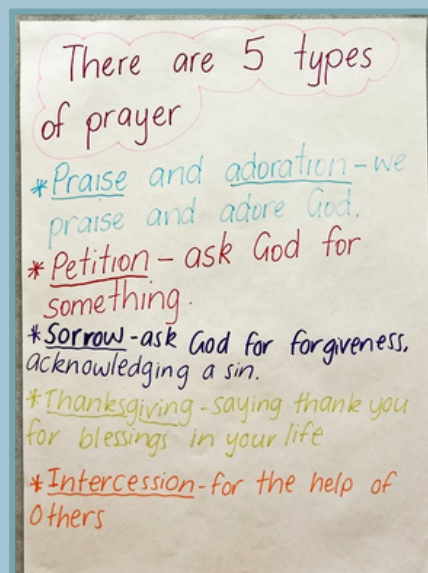
We explored the 5 Finger Prayer by Pope Francis and spent some time writing our own thoughtful prayers for the important people in our lives.



As we continue to explore prayer, we begin to understand that practicing prayer leads to developing and strengthening our relationship with God. We identified that when we pray, we pray to the Holy Trinity, that is, God the Father, Jesus His Son, and the Holy Spirit.



As we continued to research prayer, we discovered just how important prayer is to many people and that there are many types of prayer. The students had the opportunity to look at examples of different prayers, including prayers of intercession, praise, petition, sorrow and thanksgiving, then attempt to create their own!



BREAKING NEWS



Year 5 Daily Telegraph Interview

During this term, Year 5 has been participating in an online program that promotes healthy lifestyles through being active, eating well, looking after our mental health, and caring for our environment. The program has included interactive virtual classrooms hosted by experts in each topic, encouraging the development of healthy habits and lifestyle choices.

As part of this program run by AIA Healthiest Schools, students in Year 5 were invited to share their experiences and learning with The Daily Telegraph. A journalist and photographer visited our school and interviewed the students about healthy food choices. It was a great experience for the students to talk about their learning and feel like celebrities!

Keep an eye out for the article due to be published in The Daily Telegraph soon!



Student Of The Week

Term 1 Weeks 4 & 5



	WEEK 4	WEEK 5		WEEK 4	WEEK 5
KB	Marlee Antoniou	Esther Su	3R	Nathania Dsilva	Catalina ArenasSausa
KG	Name Withheld	Name Withheld	3Y	Name Withheld	Lucy Legge
KR	Kismat Badwal	Aanya Jonchhe	4B	Bhani Aggarwal	Nathan Gasendo
KY	Edward Sitoy	Xavier Leonard	4G	Lucas Jangoshian	Rose Thomas Kurian
1B	Ethan Haisman	Violetta Leleimalefaga	4R	Dominic Efsthathiou	Agampreet Dhaliwal
1G	Georgia Bulgeries	Chloe Lee	4Y	Isabella (Bella) D'Angelo	Wade Filipino
1R	Alison Zaharia	Eden Sprada	5B	Krishnan Menon	Ella Unal
1Y	Savya Jaganiya	Name Withheld	5G	Taylor Bigeni	Krishna Vaidya
2B	Valentina Femia	Name Withheld	5R	Hithishi Dangamuwa	Flynn Sullivan
2G	Akira Kondeya	Benjamin Ko	5Y	Taylah Rylewski	Isabelle Farag
2R	Lucas Torres	Hearty Verma	6B	Harrison Bensley	Sydney Tannous
2Y	Divansh Chand	Isaac Iglesia	6G	Christopher Aridah	Renae Montecillo
3B	Cruz Schwalger	Imogen Turner	6R	Katherine Jing	Madelina Mawut
3G	Thaddeus Andres	Myra Sohal	CONGRATULATIONS		



SPORTS NEWS



Zone Swimming Update

On Wednesday, 11 students from St. Andrew's represented the school at the Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival. The students performed extremely well, with many achieving their personal best. As always, their behaviour was exemplary.



School Representatives

William Ford
Riley Ankrett
Rhys Straub
Benjamin Wilson
Michael Giffney
Brianna D'Silva
Alana Nguyen
Cleo Summerton
Elaina Kirkham
Aarika Yashik
Ruby Gater



A special mention must be made of William Ford who competed in six races, achieved first place in all events and received the Junior Boys Championship Award. The following children also qualified to represent the zone at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival on the March 12th at Blacktown Olympic Pool. We wish them all well.



Zone Team

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Benjamin Wilson
Michael Giffney
Brianna D'Silva
Alana Nguyen
Elaina Kirkham
Aarika Yashik
Ruby Gater



Term 1 Calendar 2024

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	29	30	31	1st Feb Year 1-6 Return 1/2 day Kinder	2 1/2 day Kinder
2	5	6	7	8	9 9.15am Opening School Mass
3	12 6pm P&F AGM Library	13	14 11.45am Ash Wednesday Mass	15	16 2pm Whole School Assembly
4	19 Year 1 & 2 Parent Info	20 Year 3 & 4 Parent Info night	21 Year 5 & 6 Parent Info night	22	23
5	night 26	27	28 Zone Swimming Carnival	29	1st March
6	4 Meet & Greet	5 Meet & Greet	6 11.45am Catholic School Week Mass, Open Class, Picnic Lunch Meet & Greet	7 10-10.30am Open day (2025 Parents Only) Meet & Greet	8 Cross Country 2pm Whole School Assembly Meet & Greet
7	11	12 Diocesan Swimming Carnival	13	14	15
8	18	19	20	21 10-10.30am Open day (2025 Parents Only)	22 School Athletics Carnival
9	25	26	27	28 Holy Thursday Stations of the Cross 10am Infants 11.45 Primary 2 pm Whole School Assembly	29 GOOD FRIDAY NO SCHOOL
10	1st April EASTER MONDAY NO SCHOOL	2 Students Return 8.50am Easter Liturgy	3	4	5
11	8	9 Infants Disco	10 Stage 2 Disco	11 Stage 3 Disco	12 Last Day of Term 1

LENTEN PRAYER COMMUNITY ADVENT PRAYER GROUP

Pope Francis has asked that 2024 be marked as Year of Prayer.

We are inviting ALL (parents, grandparents, carers, and staff members) to join us in prayer during Lent.

As we journey together through Lent, we are encouraged to pray and reflect on the Gospel as a St Andrew's School Community.
We look forward to praying with you each week.



When : *Thursdays during Lent*

February 15

February 22

February 29

March 7

March 14

March 21

March 28

Where : In the School Library

Time : 8:30 am - 8:50 am
(20 minutes)

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






FAMILY FESTIVAL





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sports. The sports we perform are really important but our primary focus is creating
a sports dreamland where children are not only safe but motiv8ted by our team of energetic
coaches to get in and have a go. Sportsmanship, building resilience, forming new friendships and learning about
teamwork is all part of the Motiv8sports experience.

Over the course of our event children will receive a free jersey and be placed in age appropriate groups of 18-22.
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Mon 15th - Tues 16th April

PONDS HIGH SCHOOL
Wed 17th - Thurs 18th APRIL

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