



St Andrew's Primary School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

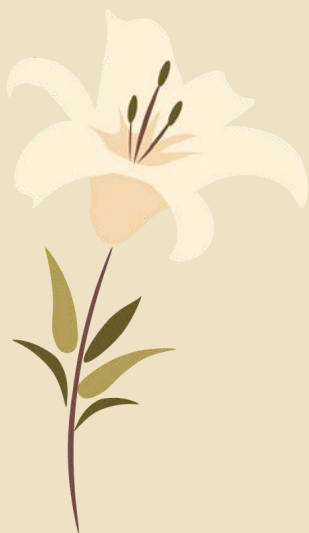
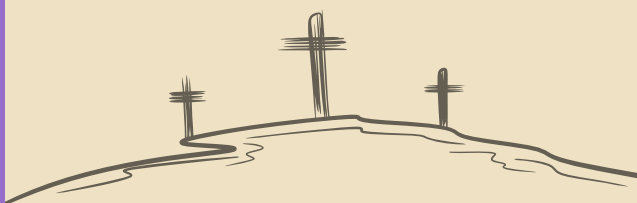
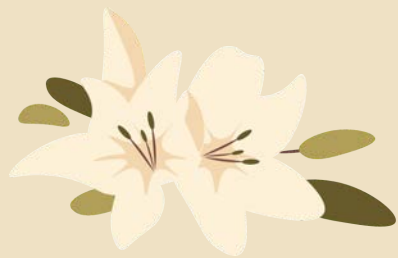
Dear St Andrew's Community,

This week we walked with Jesus to the cross on Good Friday and rejoiced three days later with His Resurrection on Sunday. This is a very significant time in the Church's liturgical calendar. It is the time when the ultimate sacrifice of love is made for all of humanity. However our community chooses to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us send our blessings to each and every family.

On Holy Thursday, the school gathered in the church to reflect on the Stations of the Cross. This was a very solemn time as we connected with Jesus as he journeyed to the cross. I wish to thank the many children who have volunteered their time after school to rehearse the events. The children also reenacted the stations of the cross on Good Friday in the church for the wider St. Andrew's community.

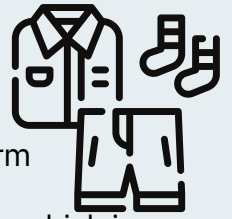
On Tuesday, we gathered as a faith community to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ Jesus. I wish to thank Mrs. Whiticker for coordinating both significant prayer experiences.





From the office team

Lost Property



There is a growing collection of unclaimed items in Lost Property, ranging from uniform items to lunch boxes, drink bottles and stationery.

If your child has misplaced an item, please direct them to our Lost Property collection which is located under the COLA to the side of the Administration building. Parents/caregivers are also encouraged to search there for any misplaced items. Please enter the COLA via the side gates at morning drop off or afternoon dismissal times to access Lost Property.

Items that are not labelled with a student's name and are still in Lost Property by the end of term will be donated.

Gold coin donation for Caritas

My sincere thanks to all of our community for your generosity. Our community raised \$1,031 to go to the many communities globally that are suffering immense hardship. Every dollar we give provides a family with the basics of food and water.

Back to normal Friday morning assembly

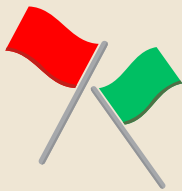
As a result of our whole school athletics carnival and the Good Friday holiday, we have had to change the day of our scheduled morning assembly in recent weeks. **This Friday, April 5th will see a return to our normal Friday morning assembly.**

Athletics Carnival

My sincere thanks to Mr. Paynter, Mrs. Ross and the staff for what turned out to be an absolutely wonderful inaugural whole school athletics carnival.

Our carnival was made even better by the many parents who assisted on the day. I wish to thank you again for your generosity of time and the great spirit that was shared by all and directed to the students. The students did us all proud for the great sportsmanship on display as they competed in the many events. Please refer to photos of the day in this newsletter.

I wish to congratulate the winning house for 2024, Lawson. The final results were very close. Congratulations to all.



1st	Lawson	381 points
2nd	Macquarie	374 points
3rd	Sturt	324 points
4th	Cook	320 points



Enrollments for 2025

Parents intending on enrolling their child in kindergarten in 2025 are asked to lodge their application as soon as possible. First-round offers will be sent to families at the end of this term. You may collect your application from the front office or online from our school website. Please note that original documentation must be brought in with your application when it is being lodged at the school administration office.

Open Day

We were overwhelmed with the number of families who came to view our site over the past three weeks. The feedback we received was very positive, and since then, many families have lodged their applications.

Most of our grades are already at full capacity, with only a few grades with minimal places still available. If you know of any friends or neighbours who would like to enrol their children at our school, please ask them to lodge their application as soon as possible.

Easter raffle winners

Thank you to all of our community members who supported the school by purchasing tickets in our Easter raffle which was drawn on Wednesday, March 27th. I wish to thank the P and F committee for organising this fundraising event.

It is with great joy that I share with you the names of the winners.



EASTER RAFFLE WINNERS

1 - Sopia

9 - Jude

2 - Sanaa

10 - Helen

3 - Jessica

11 - Mike

4 - Liam

12 - Rebecca

5 - Ami

13 - Lisa

6 - Emma

14 - Matthew

7 - Marlene

15 - Charlotte


8 - Jarred

16 - Tanisha

Congratulations to our winners.

The total raised was \$ 2605.00.

Thank you for all your support.



Kindergarten BBQ and parent social - CHANGE OF DATE NOTICE!

This Friday evening we were due to have our Kindergarten BBQ. Unfortunately, due to the forecast of heavy rain and thunderstorms on Thursday and Friday we are postponing the BBQ. The Kindergarten BBQ will now be on Tuesday 9th April between 5pm and 7pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to connect and to share experiences of their child's first term at school. We hope everyone is able to join us to celebrate a term of learning and friendship.

I know that our beautiful children have been rehearsing each week to surprise our families with great entertainment. We are all looking forward to seeing you there.

Disco Fundraiser Event

A big thanks to our P and F committee for organising the party bags for the children.

The disco theme is Easter fun. Children may wear an Easter hat or ears or dress in Easter-themed clothing.



The disco days are as follows:

Infants (Kindergarten Year 1 and Year 2) Tuesday, April 9th

Stage 2 (Year 3 and Year 4) Wednesday, April 10th

Stage 3 (Year 5 and Year 6) Thursday, April 11th

MindQuest

Glenwood HS - Cnr Forman Ave & Glenwood Park Dr

On Saturday, June 15th and Sunday, June 16th 2024, the 98th NSW Talent Enrichment Weekend *MindQuest* will be held for primary students from Years 1-6 at Glenwood HS. These include gifted and high potential students, gifted underachievers and students with average ability with a special interest. Students will have an opportunity to participate in over 35 exciting, fast paced courses in the 2 day program. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, drama, lego robotics, art and much more. Many of these highly successful courses have been run in the past and students' evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience. The cost of the weekend is \$240 (including GST).

For a brochure contact the school front office or call Shelagh Poray 02 9748 1084

Closing date: Friday, May 17th 2024.



IMPORTANT DATES

Last day of term 1 - Friday, April 12th.

Staff Development day - Monday, April 29th. This is a pupil free day.

First day of Term 2 for students - Tuesday, April 30th.

For the first two weeks of Term 2, given the unpredictability of the weather, students may choose to wear their summer uniform if parents deem the weather is still warm. Please note, students need to be in FULL summer uniform or FULL winter uniform and not a combination of both. **From Monday May 13th, all students must wear their full winter uniform, including school ties.**



Dear Parents and Carers,
THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for jumping on board with us for Project Compassion this year and supporting our Project Compassion Mufti Day. We are so grateful for your support and hope you enjoyed getting actively involved in the campaign this year. We would love to see you involved as a Project Compassion parent again next year!

We're absolutely thrilled to announce that, thanks to your incredible support, St. Andrew's primary school has raised \$1787, showcasing the incredible impact of our compassion and collective effort. This includes the coin donations that have come through to the class Project Compassion boxes, which St. Andrew's Parish will donate on our behalf.

Your generosity as a Project Compassion parent/carer has created tangible change this year, and we are so grateful for your support!

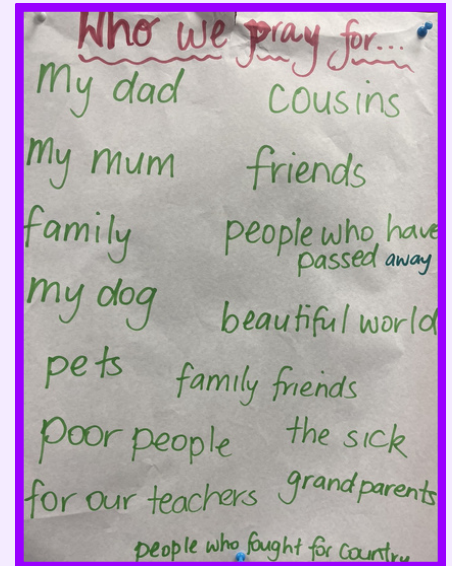
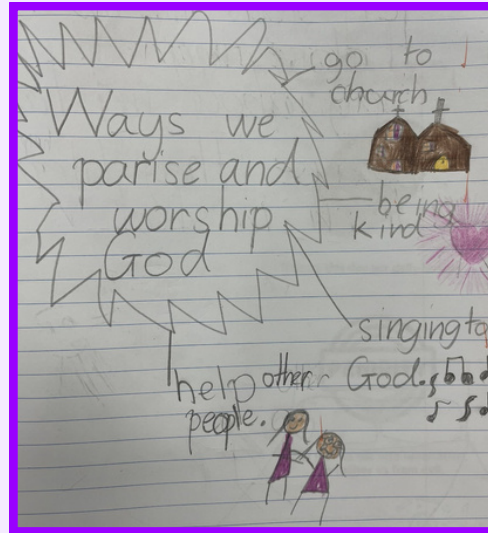
A heartfelt shoutout to every parent/carer who poured their passion into this meaningful cause. Be sure to keep an eye on our Facebook page and newsletters for updates, stories, and future initiatives. We would love to count on your support again next year.

Your involvement as parents/carers is the key: together, we can be the change we want to see. Thank you again for being a champion for change in our world. We hope to see you on board again next year!



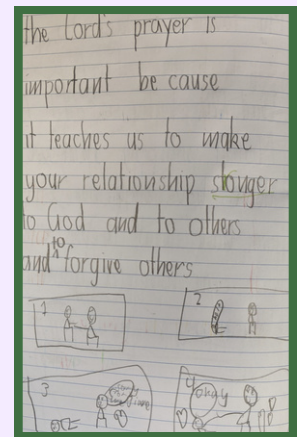
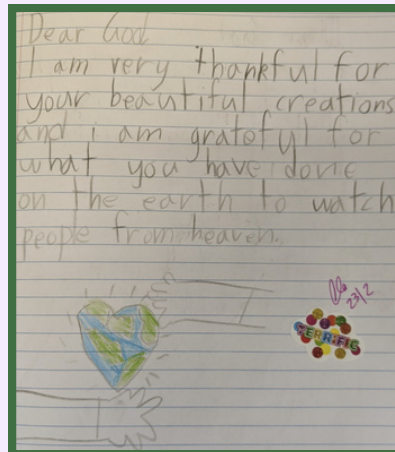
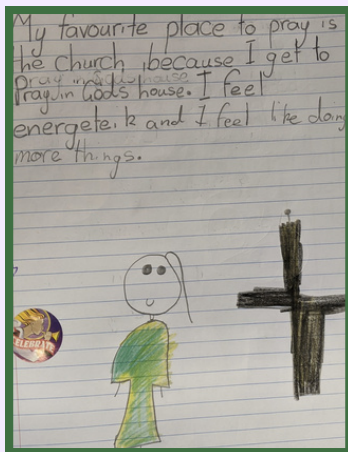
YEAR 2 FAITH PAGE

Driving question: **How and why do we develop our relationship with God through prayer?**

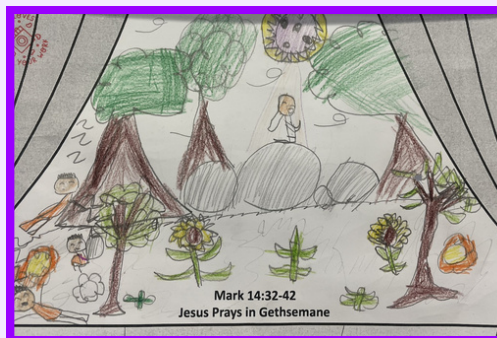
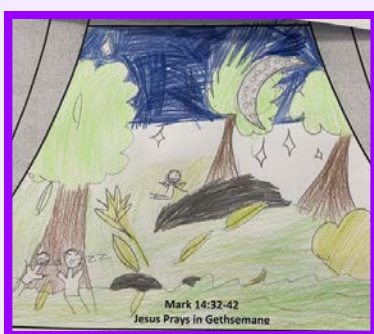


In Year 2, students have been learning about how we can build our relationship with God through prayer.

Prayer is speaking and listening to what God has to say.



Students focused on the Scripture Passage: Mark 14:32-42
Jesus prays in Gethsemane.



Student Of The Week

Term 1 Weeks 8 & 9



	WEEK 8	WEEK 9		WEEK 8	WEEK 9
KB	Jiyaan Thakkar	Cooper Nattrass	3R	Princess Mae Jalimao	Sarah Santos
KG	Rida Kiruthubeer	Cody Attard	3Y	Sophia Dutong	Roman Themistou
KR	Mason Anese	Aarush Ashokan	4B	Ava Axiak	Omana Patel
KY	Name Withheld	Harseerat Saini	4G	Giovana Hilmi	Sophia Pollifrone
1B	Aaron Arndell	Ayan Patel	4R	Vladrhamiel (Rham) Cortes	Ava Zirilli
1G	Mahkiera Dargin	Xavier Ridgway	4Y	Jacqueline Jing	Sameer Thapar
1R	Jesse Chacon	Natalia Irvine	5B	Emma Zhang	Sarah Garcia
1Y	Aarya Prasad	Jaxon Finianos	5G	Natalie Hanna	Sandra Nakhla
2B	Aayan Dahal	Zawadi Callaghan-Odindo	5R	Keon Serna	Richard Chou
2G	Francis Calaquian	Mia Mansfield	5Y	Aashi Hedpara	Ethan Panol
2R	Tegan Loats	Bella Chhina	6B	Name Withheld	Ethan Mercolisa
2Y	Zach Turner	Layla Anderiesz	6G	Gaweem Kouta	Mumal Shrestha
3B	Desmond Li	Gabriel Vittori	6R	Roy Patel	Cianna Bezzina
3G	Seth Caluag	Mary ElBoustani	CONGRATULATIONS		

HIGHLIGHTS





Community NEWS



Congratulations to **Arya (Year 4 Red)**, on her recent achievement. On Sunday, March 24th, Arya participated in a spelling bee competition hosted by "Kids Enrichment Project."

Arya successfully advanced through multiple rounds of the competition. In the final stage, Arya correctly spelled the word "mortgage," securing her title of a winner.



We are immensely proud of her accomplishment and wanted to share this joyous news with the school community.



TERM 2 2024 CALENDAR

	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 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 Term2

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





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