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# St Andrews Christian College Newsletter 2023

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# Principal

## Welcome

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been a fantastic commencement to the school year, with all our classes firing ahead in the excitement of learning; our students reigniting friendships; and for some, making new friends and learning what it is to be a student at St Andrews Christian College.

It was encouraging to see so many parents at our Junior and Middle School Information Nights last week.

I am overwhelmed with thankfulness for the beautiful community we have here at St Andrews Christian College. We believe that parents are responsible for the education of their child, but together as staff and parents and a community under the lordship of Christ we work together for His glory.

It is exciting being a Christ-centred school and it is a daily privilege and challenge in how we love the Lord and love each other in the context of education.

*“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them*

*on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates."*

Deuteronomy 6:5-9

### **Excellence in Christ**

Our theme for 2016 is "Excellence in Christ", with our biblical focus being based on Philippians 4:8:

*"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."*

As we begin to focus on this theme, I have been challenged by what is 'Excellence in Christ' and what it is to be an excellent school. In pondering this and stretching this question, I asked my husband, "what makes an excellent family and how can we be a family that is excellent in Christ?" - a good family dinner discussion for us all!

I desire to lead our College in excellence and for St Andrews to be a school that shines for Christ in everything we undertake. But all my desires and work and efforts will fall in a heap if I am not centred in Christ. I am daily thankful for His abundant grace in my weakness and failings and continually acknowledge I can do nothing on my own, but together with God we can do great things.

Frederick Robertson beautifully captures this thought with these words:

*"What the world calls virtue is a name and a dream without Christ. The foundation of all human excellence must be laid deep in the blood of the Redeemer's cross, and in the power of His resurrection."*

—Frederick William Robertson (English Clergyman born 1816)

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Enjoy this poem given to staff by Mrs Paige Cheung a few years ago.

Blessings on your year!

***Catriona Wansbrough***

***Principal***



## Notices

Preps begin a new day

### Outer Eastern Prayer Breakfast

#### **YOU ARE INVITED TO:**

#### **Outer Eastern Prayer Breakfast**

**7am Friday 26th February**

#### **Karralyka**

Our school has been involved in this community activity in the past few years.

One of our parents Ps Ghassan Thomas is the speaker for this special event.

Come join us and book a seat at one of our tables! Cost is \$50.00 per ticket

Phone Mrs Tamie Dekker on 8847 8300 or email [tdekker@standrews.vic.edu.au](mailto:tdekker@standrews.vic.edu.au) to book a seat by Thursday 18th February, 2016.

### Dedication Service

St Andrews Christian College  
DEDICATION SERVICE  
**Monday 22nd February**

**8:55am to 9:50am in Rembrandts.**

Come join the College community in dedicating the school year to the Lord.

### Prayer Day

We want to come before the Lord and spend some time together in prayer for the school year.

It is always a real blessing and encouragement to remind ourselves of the goodness of our Lord in our own lives and in the life of the College.

**We are having a PRAYER DAY on Thursday evening/Friday next week (18/19th February).**

All are invited! Times of prayer for this special day are:

**Thursday evening 7:00pm-8:00pm (Senior Building)**  
**Friday 8:45am – 9:30am and 2:45pm – 3:15pm (Staff Room)**

If you cannot make the prayer times, please put aside time to pray for St Andrews Christian College.

***Suzy Song***  
***Prayer Group Coordinator***

## Prayer Group

**New Day! Wednesdays at 8:45am**

This year the St Andrews Parent Prayer Group will be meeting every **Wednesday morning at 8:45am** in the meeting room next to the school office.

The St Andrews Prayer Group would like to welcome and invite all parents to come along and join in prayer, with other parents, for the needs of the St Andrews school community.

It is a great opportunity to join in fellowship with other

parents.

For specific prayer requests, there is a prayer request box at the front reception desk for you to put your request in if you are unable to join us.

We are greatly blessed at St Andrews to have the opportunity to gather together for prayer. As Christians we are called to pray, and we encourage parents to join us. Be reassured that you don't have to pray out loud if you are not comfortable in doing so.

***Suzy Song***  
***Prayer Group Coordinator***



# Calendar

## Important Coming Events for Term 1 2016:

### February

- Monday 15th – Cambodia Trip Information Night
- Monday 15th – Friday 19th – Year 8 Canberra Trip
- Wednesday 17th - PFA General Meeting@7:30pm
- Thursday 18th - St Andrews Prayer Day 7pm-8pm
- Friday 19th - St Andrews Prayer Day 8:45am-9:30am and 2:45pm-3:15pm
- Monday 22nd – Dedication Service @ 9:00am

- Friday 26th February - Outer Eastern Prayer Breakfast at Karralyka @ 7:00am. **Ps Ghassan Thomas is guest speaker.**
- Friday 26th – Year 5 – 12 St Andrews Christian College Swimming Carnival
- Saturday 27th - PFA Family Picnic@4:30pm-7:30pm

### March

- Friday 4th – Open Day
- Monday 7th – Friday 11 – Year 7 Camp – Log Cabin Campsite, near Ballarat
- Monday 14th – Labour Day Holiday – NO School for students
- Tuesday 15th – Thursday 24th – Prep – Year 6 - Swimming Program

- Tuesday 22nd – Thursday 24th – VCE Camp
- Thursday 24th – Prep – Year 6 Swimming Carnival
- Thursday 24th – Last Day of Term 1

**Term 1:** Wed 28th Jan – Thurs 24th March (9 weeks)

**Term 2:** Tues 12th April – Fri 24th June (11 weeks)

**Term 3:** Monday 18th July – Friday 16th Sept (9 weeks)

**Term 4:** Mon 3rd Oct – Tues 6th Dec (10 weeks)

**TERM DATES FOR 2016 (These dates are on our website)**



## New Staff

### Welcome to New Staff

St Andrews Christian College is blessed to welcome a number of new staff this year. This newsletter we feature Karen Kirk, Bernie McIvor and Ben Sheahan.

### Karen Kirk

**Middle and Senior School  
Teacher**



Being able to teach in St Andrews is indeed a great blessing! After just a week, I

have already experienced so much from a school that chooses to glorify God in everything they do. Going to school makes me excited to be able to be an impact to the people around me and I thank God daily for giving me the privilege to do so. I look forward to seeing more of the fingerprints of God in this school.

I am originally from Singapore, but have called Australia my home for the last ten years. My loving family that gives me so much joy, consists of my husband and 2-year-old son. I spend much of my time outside of school sharing life with my second family: the youth ministry in my local church. I also enjoy cooking, listening to music and catching up with my friends during my free time.

This year, the theme of the school "Excellence in Christ" really reflects my personal goal "To be a pleasing sacrifice for Our Lord Jesus". As I choose to put Him first, I pray 2016 will be a year set apart for Him.

## Bernie McIvor

### Learning Assistant to Junior School



Hey there to the community of St Andrews. My Name is Bernie McIvor and I am very excited to be part of the team here at the school. I have been married to my beautiful husband Michael for nearly 36 years and we have had the privilege of raising 4 lovely children, Luke, Sarah-Rose, Jeremy and Damon. Music has been a very big part of the McIvor Clan. Our music has created some very special family experiences.

I am currently half way through my Bachelor of Early Childhood and I find that being part of and supporting the different classrooms only enhances what I am learning. One of my favourite hobbies is gardening. This is one of my ways of relaxing, especially when creating my edible garden.

I have had such a warm welcome into the school everyday that I have been here so far. It is a great community of people. I am looking forward to getting to know more of you and to what God has in store for the Journey this year.

## Ben Sheahan

### Year 6 Teacher



It's great to be teaching at St Andrews! I'm really enjoying having a Year 6 class, and looking forward to all the fun in the year ahead.

I've been teaching in Kathmandu, Nepal, for the last two years, where I also went to primary school as a kid. When I wasn't teaching, I drank lots of coffee, went trekking around the highest mountains in the world, rode an elephant, survived an earthquake, and ate my bodyweight in dumplings. It was also a time



where God stretched me and taught me lots about his faithfulness.

But now I'm really enjoying being back in Australia, getting into the footy again (go Tigers), and being able to drive a car instead of having to ride a bike everywhere.

When I'm not teaching, I like running, gaming, reading, table tennis, movies, squash, and photography. I hope to see you around school soon!

## Chaplain

We thank Zoe Watson for her wonderful ministry as Chaplain at St Andrews Christian College for the last couple of years. She has sensitively and

compassionately grown this profile over the past few years with enormous effort and zeal. We are so thankful for all she has undertaken in this role – the seen and the unseen.

From the time Zoe indicated that she was wanting to move full-time into an administrative role, we have been praying for God's leading and appointment of another Chaplain for St Andrews.

The process of appointing a new Chaplain has been huge, with so many applications and a great number of excellent possible candidates. The process has involved a Board member, Rev. Brian Harvey, Tim Farmilo and myself.

I am so thankful to God and very excited to announce our new Chaplain – Mrs Anna Baumgarth.

Anna is suitably qualified and has experience as a Chaplain in public schools, a Chaplain for domestic violence and as a Critical Incident Chaplain for the Victorian Council of Churches Emergency Ministries.

Her numerous experiences in church ministry, schools (Christian and Government) are numerous, but what is more important is that Anna shines for God. Her passion for God, all people and particularly for children is evident.

***Catriona Wansbrough***  
***Principal***



## Parents and Friends

### PFA General Meeting

**Wednesday 17th February  
7:30pm**

All parents are invited to our first meeting for the year on Wednesday 17th February in the school staffroom starting at 7:30pm.

Our principal, Mrs Wansbrough, will be highlighting parts of the parent survey and some of the exciting initiatives for this year.

Come join us and find out more about what's happening in the school and share your ideas on

how we can make 2016 an excellent year.

**Shaun Beovich**  
**PFA President**

### Family Picnic

**Saturday 27th February  
4:30pm-7:30pm**

We are welcoming in the new school year with our annual Family Picnic to be held on the school grounds.



This year as we enjoy a free sausage sizzle, we'll be entertained by the smooth sounds of 'Tin Man' featuring Sarah-Rose McIvor (school office last year) on vocals.

A highlight of the afternoon will be a 20/20 cricket match between the 'big hitting' parents and the 'super

explosive' students organised by Mr Wade.

Hobbyzone are making a return visit and will be giving us an exciting show involving drone flying and more.

Face painting, icy poles and drinks will also be available to purchase.

It will be a fun afternoon. Hope to see you there.

**Shaun Beovich**

**PFA President**

## Performing Arts Coordinator Required

The PFA are looking for a parent who could act as a liaison between the PFA and the Performing Arts section of the school. The parent would work closely with the Music and Drama departments and assist them with various fundraising and parent events. It is expected that the parent would be able to attend PFA meetings to give updates of activities. Please email [pfa@standrews.vic.edu.au](mailto:pfa@standrews.vic.edu.au) if you are interested and able to come to our meeting next Wednesday 17th at 7:30pm.

**Shaun Beovich**

**PFA President**

## School Banking

**\$2000+ raised through School Banking!**



Thanks to the fantastic efforts of our students we have raised \$2,112.5 for our school through School Banking commissions last year. Our school receives \$5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

Saving regularly is an important habit to get into, whether you're saving a little or a lot. Keep up the great work and remember to bring in your School Banking deposit every Tuesday.

**Also we will be holding an Account Opening Day at our**

**school:**

**Time:** 8:40am - 10:00 am

**Date:** Tuesday 16 Feb 2016

**Location:** Multi-Purpose Hall Kitchenette area

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child please bring along your current driver's licence or another form of photographic identification.

Alternatively, you can open an account at your local branch. All you need to bring is your current identification as well as your child's birth certificate. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer and have NetBank, you can open an account online.

A copy of the 2016 School Banking program information pack is being sent home to every student. Please ask for one from the school office if haven't already got one.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program.

**Karen Cheung**

**School Banking Coordinator**

## Icy Pole Fridays

Every Friday students can purchase an icy pole from the kitchen, located next to the Multi-Purpose Hall. Parents and Senior School students supervise the selling of the treats.

A reminder to parents who are rostered on, to swap with someone else if you are unable to attend.

Any parents who'd like to join the roster for next term and gain some valuable parent participation hours, please contact Andrew Musgrove at [ajamesm09@gmail.com](mailto:ajamesm09@gmail.com)

**Andrew Musgrove**

**Icy Pole Coordinator**

## 2nd Hand Uniform Shop

The 2nd Hand Uniform Shop is open every Wednesday morning from 8:30am-9:30am. The shop is located in

Rembrandts and staffed by parent volunteers. If you can help for 2-3 weeks, please see Liz Romney at the shop or email PFA at [pfa@standrews.vic.edu.au](mailto:pfa@standrews.vic.edu.au)

**Liz Romney**

**2nd Hand Uniform Shop  
Coordinator**

## Parent Participation Hours

Families can participate by being involved in a variety of activities. During the year notices will be sent out requesting parent help at various events or activities, for example, helping at sports carnivals, covering library books, icy pole Fridays, 2nd Hand Uniform Shop, PFA events, classroom help or attending working bees.

Parents are required to record the hours they have completed in the Parent Hours Book which

is kept in the College Office.

You will be charged a Parent Participation fee of \$250 at the commencement of each year and will be credited at the end of the term for any work done. You will be credited at a rate of \$25 per hour of work completed, up to a maximum of \$250 for the year. The time requirement for each family is ten hours per year.

## PFA Committee 2016

President: Shaun Beovich

Vice-President: Sally Wade

Secretary: Lesley Goh

Treasurer: Ann Hawthorne

email:

[pfa@standrews.vic.edu.au](mailto:pfa@standrews.vic.edu.au)





## Junior School

### PMP Prep Fun



The start of a new school year is always such an exciting time. New uniforms, bright new pencil cases, lunch boxes brimming with yummy treats. The school comes alive when the students come back to start the school year. My

favourite time is yard duty, I try to get out in the yard with the students everyday and talk and spend time listening to their amazing stories.

Missing teeth are shown, holiday stories are excitedly recounted and new tricks on the monkey bars are demonstrated.

The students tell me about how they love their new teachers, who they are sitting next to in class, the class pets and I spend much of my time

explaining to the new Preps that my name is 'Hughes' not 'Huge'!

Every year I realise I belong to a blessed and amazing community. The families that call St Andrews home encourage their children to be all God has made them to be and we as a staff have the privilege to help discover and grow these gifts.

I am so excited about 2016, I know God has gone ahead of

us and prepared the way for our community. I look forward with great expectation to the amazing experiences and adventures we will have together.

Thank you all for making St Andrews such a special and blessed community.

Have the best year yet!

***Yvonne Hughes***  
***Head of Junior School***



# Middle School

Parkes

## Chess Champions

### CONGRATULATIONS - CHESS

girls winning the Australian National Championships.

Early in October 2015, the St Andrews Christian College Primary Girls' Chess Team played in the Victorian State Final. The girls were successful in winning this title – their second State Title in three years. This success meant that they qualified for participation in the National Final.



The National Final for the Primary Girls' Competition was held on the weekend of December 5th and 6th, 2015 at Melbourne High School. The team comprised:

- Emily Lin – Board 1
- Rachel Woon – Board 2
- Renee Fan – Board 3
- Shalese Teo – Board 4

- Kelly Ta – Reserve

The girls won 17.5 games out of a total of 20 games and ran out winners of the National Title.

We congratulate all the girls on a fantastic effort in becoming National Champions.

**Tim Farmilo**  
**Deputy Principal**

## UMC

Friday 5th February was the beginning of a new era. While the girls enjoyed the Vita Adam workshop, the Year 6, 7 and 8 boys battled their hearts out for the inaugural St Andrews Christian College UMC (Ultimate Manliness Championship) Cup.



Firstly, the boys divided into house communities and passionately displayed their loyalty to their tribes by using ancient tribal paint (zinc) and military-style outfits (coloured

streamers). Next, courageous young men accepted challenges such as devouring the Bear Grylls Big Breakky and enduring the Ultimate Push-Up Challenge. We roared. We chanted. We laughed. It was a day of passion, determination and teamwork, but more importantly, we learnt about what it actually means to be a godly man in today's society. As we opened God's word, we studied Psalm 1 and discovered that a godly man:

1. Chooses his close friends carefully (Psalm 1:1)
2. Delights in God more than anything else (Psalm 1:2)
3. Bears fruit and understands he is

created for good works (Psalm 1:3, Eph. 2:10)

Well done to the Parkes boys who won the UMC Cup!



Parkes

I would like to thank Ms Brown who birthed the idea and organised the event. I would also like to make a special mention to our fantastic Middle School Captains, Philip Ooi and Timothy Tie who managed the event.

***Daniel Lee***

***Head of Middle School***





## Senior School

### Senior School Buzz

The buzz around the Senior School building with a new group of Year 9s starting, Year 11s keen to make use of the VCE kitchen area and Year 12s and 10s eager to catch up with friends was wonderful on the first day back this year. We love having the students back to add life to a building that has felt quite empty over the break. Landscaping and grounds development around the Senior School building is matched by the continued development within our

students, a work in progress that will be wonderful when finished.

We reflect on the good results from the Year 12s in 2015 with all students who applied for a tertiary course receiving an offer for one and we pray that they will make a smooth transition into the next stage of their lives.

We are also eagerly looking forward to 2016, with 20 more Senior Students and two classes of Year 11s for the first time. We have a Year 12

student taking on a University Enrichment study for the first time and an increasing number of students gaining practical certificates through VETis. There are new elective subjects for Year 9 and 10 such as Dance, Celebrating Asia, Brain Training and Electrical Connections and more adding breadth to our curriculum.



The Snow Camp for all the Year 9s will be a great experience and I am looking forward to our first Mission Discovery Trip to Cambodia to show students the way the funds we raise here at school are put to work by Samaritans Purse, improving lives and spreading the gospel.

Our aim this year is to pursue Excellence in Christ. Growing in our relationship with Him and achieving our very best in every aspect of the life and opportunities he has given us.

There are so many good things to look forward to. Long may the buzz continue in the Senior School.

**Greg Crotty**  
**Head of Senior School**

## Careers News

Reading our monthly Career News is the best way to get information about Career Expos, tertiary and private institution Open Days, employment, courses and many other events that are available in Melbourne and Victoria. It assists students to make informed decisions about their plans for their future career and life beyond the school.

Items in the first two Career News include –

- How the Career Centre can assist students
- Group of Eight Universities
- The Hong Kong University of Science & Technology
- QS World Rankings
- Tax File Number Applications
- UMAT2016
- Work Experience placements
- Scholarships, University tours and expos

 Career News 5 ...

 Career News 1...

If you have a question about a topic featured in the Careers Newsletter, please contact Careers Coordinator Mrs Irena Yevlahova  
[iyevlahova@standrews.vic.edu.au](mailto:iyevlahova@standrews.vic.edu.au)

**Irena Yevlahova**  
**Careers Coordinator**



## Garden Club

### Gardening News



Garden club, for students from Year 3 up, meets on Tuesday at lunchtime. We have had a bumper crop of eggplants and

chillies as well as many other vegetables planted in our vegie garden boxes and are enjoying the beauty of the huge sunflowers we planted last year.



The students enjoy learning about all aspects of gardening from planting and harvest, to selling of the produce.

The money raised from sales goes towards more plants for the gardens and also we raise money for TEAR Australia by purchasing vegetable garden gift cards.

***Sally Darlison***

***Garden Club Coordinator***



# Library

Junior Library

## Library News

**Library Staff:** Lynne Marks,  
Joanne Edwards, Wai-Peng  
Heath

### Term 1 opening times

#### **Junior Library**

Open each day at recess and  
lunch for Years 5-12

#### **After school:**

Mondays – Fridays until  
3.45pm (Prep- Year 12)

#### **Middle/ Senior Library:**

Closed due to building works

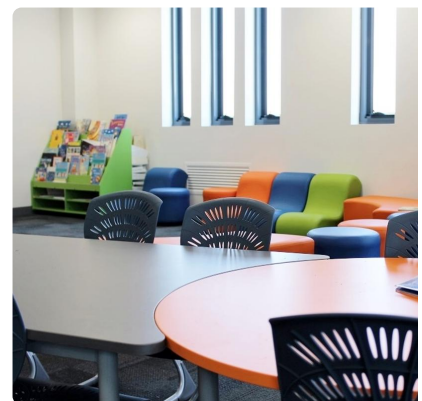
#### **Email:**

library@standrews.vic.edu.au

## New Junior Library Open

The new Junior Library is now open for business. It is situated on the top floor of the Senior Building. Students are enjoying the new furniture and spacious room. For this term, as the Innovation Centre is not yet complete, Middle and Senior students are able to read and

study in the Junior Library during Recess and Lunch.



Please feel free to visit us and have a look.

# Thank you

We would also like to pass on our heartfelt thanks to all parents who volunteered to cover the many textbooks that

were required at the start of this term. Due to your hard work, students were able to borrow these resources within the first two weeks of school.

**Lynne Marks**  
**Library Coordinator**



## Community Notices

### Newsletter 1

This section of our newsletter is to give our families information about programs being run by organizations outside of the school which may interest our school families.

These organisations are not endorsed by St Andrews Christian College.

### Asthma Foundation



The Asthma Foundation of Victoria Staff can come to your school or children's service and speak directly to Parents & Carers of children with asthma about:

- What is asthma?
- How to recognise asthma symptoms
- Asthma medications and how to take them
- What to do in an asthma emergency
- Asthma Action Plans

Please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 9336 7000 for more information about hosting an education session at your school or service.

(Where applicable we require a minimum of 5 attendees per session.)  
This notice is provided as part of the Asthma Child and Adolescent Program and supported by the Australian Government Department of Health.



### Knox City FC



#### Junior Players Wanted!

**Girls and Boys**  
**Under 7 – Under 15**

Come along and have great fun learning about and playing football. Become the next Soccerero or Matilda!

#### Open 2016 Training Times

<b>Under 7</b>	Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> February at 9.00-10.00am
<b>Under 8 – Under 11</b>	Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> February at 10.30 – 11.30am
<b>Under 12 – Under 15</b>	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February at 6.00pm – 7.00pm

**Where:** Egan Lee Reserve, Wallace Road, Knoxfield

**Queries:** Call Mark Tyrrell on 0413 353 819

Knox City Football Club is a great family and community club. Follow us on Facebook or on our website [knoxcityfc.com.au](http://knoxcityfc.com.au)

# Waverley Victory FC



**WAVERLEY VICTORY F.C.**

**WAVERLEY VICTORY FOOTBALL CLUB**

**Information Day @ Brandon Park Reserve**  
Sunday 7th February 2016 10am - 2pm  
659 Fairtree Gully Rd, Glen Waverley (Behind the fire station) EPTPOS available

**Plus Free Sausage Sizzle**

**Saturday morning - Small sided (5-8yrs)**  
Coerver

**SUNDAY (Girls and Boys teams):**  
U7-U11 MiniRoos, U12 - U16

Waverley Victory prides itself on being a community club where girls & boys & parents can participate in the great game of football enjoying a fun, friendly and safe environment. Waverley Victory offers a fantastic coaching & playing environment to develop our players. For further information check our [www.waverleyvictory.com.au](http://www.waverleyvictory.com.au) or follow the club news on Facebook & Twitter.

Or contact: Lisa Del Papa 0418 561 363 Darren Corbett 0433 258 461

Melbourne Victory AFC (AFL) (AFL) (AFL)