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Dear Friends,

Welcome again to the new year!

Although students have only been back for a couple of weeks, much has already been accomplished.

We especially welcome all new families and staff, and together pray that your time at St Andrews Christian College will be a wonderful blessing.

New Staff

- Adele Appleby - *PE (VCE PE)*
- Jennifer Booth - *Learning Support*
- Jacqui Chan - *Learning Support*
- Susan de Kretser - *Marketing (returning from maternity leave)*
- Fiona Dobrzynski - *English*
- Lynne Kimber - *Music (Temporary Replacement)*
- Eunice Ko - *Maths / Science*
- Nikki Miao - *Middle School Chinese*

- Ruth Miller - *Learning Support*
- Tayla Moss - *Year 2M*
- Natalie Nheu - *Year 6N*
- Michelle Perera - *Music Admin*
- Rachel Press - *Senior School Admin*
- Michael Swanborough - *Head of Learning and Teaching*

Novel Coronavirus

The Novel Coronavirus has been really disruptive for many families, and we still have families who are not able to leave China. Please know our prayers are with you all in this difficult time. Staff have been connecting with families who have been in quarantine and we so look forward to having you all back with us in the coming days.

We all have various circumstances, tragedies and difficult times in our life. I believe that God uses these times to draw us closer to Him, to become more like Him and to grow together in Him. It is our choice whether we allow difficult times to make us 'better' or 'bitter' people.

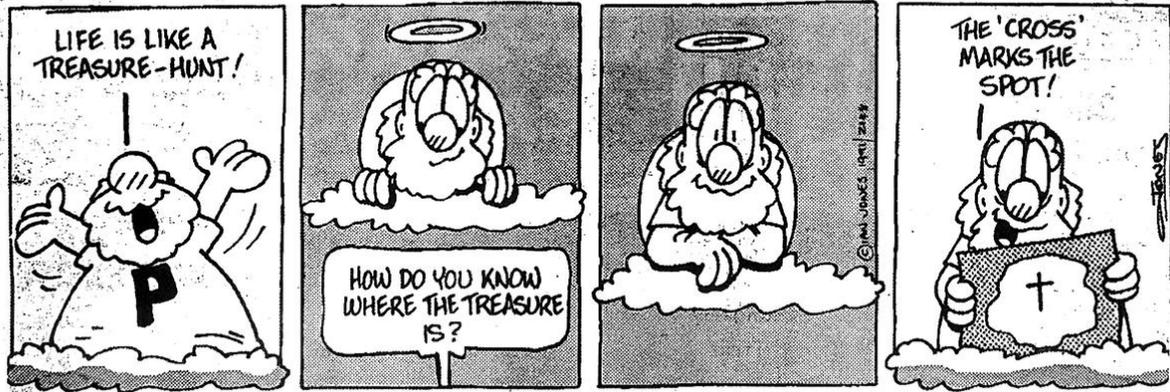
2020 Theme

I love our theme for 2020: Treasure that lasts!

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:19 - 21

Good exam marks, a great job, fun holidays, good health and fitness, buying a house, financial stability are all good things to aim for in life. But all these things are temporary and can be taken away from us at any moment. Life can change in an instant. The only thing that never changes is God. He will never leave or forsake us. The treasure He gives us is eternal.

PEARLY GATES



What is most important to you? What is your treasure?

When our heart is centred on Christ and we want to glorify Him in everything we do, that centres our plans and goals and enables us to live in freedom and without fear of what may happen in life.

"For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

To Him be the glory forever! Amen." Romans 11:36

Every blessing,

Catriona Wansbrough

Principal



News

Middle and Senior School Student Leaders

STUDENT LEADERSHIP INCURSION

Chelsea Christelow and Mardi Easton ran an induction day with the Middle and Senior School Leaders. They played get to know you games, studied some examples of leadership in the Bible, thought about values and strengths, set some goals and headed over to Knox for an Amazing Race activity. The winners of the Amazing Race were Tilly, Eunice and Amber.



Mardi Easton

Senior School Teacher

BAIRNSDALE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL VISIT – Mission Service Learning Trip

After a long summer of drought and fires, the community at Bairnsdale Christian Community School needed some relief, encouragement and support. The school has no

chaplain/counsellor and staff (with virtually no holiday) are coping with students who have come back to school traumatized in some way from all the fires. A team from St Andrews Christian College travelled to BCCS to extend the hand of friendship and do something practical for the school.



Bairnsdale CCS is a small primary school of 53 students plus a kindergarten of 3 and 4 year olds. Our focus was to encourage (through talks, devotions and by just listening when needed), pray with them and run some exciting activities (ART, MUSIC and SPORT) for the students to allow some relief for staff. The team

consisted of 9 amazing students from Year 11 and 4 staff.

Sally Darlison led students in the ART activity where together they designed and painted a long shed (their current Art Room). The results were OUTSTANDING!

Stephen Leslie led music activities and a song writing workshop which culminated in a song they composed about the fires, their emotions and the hope we have in Jesus. It was a FANTASTIC song!

Andrew Farmer led students in games and soccer activities, which was so enjoyed by all who participated. They had a ball!

Catriona Wansbrough ran devotions and workshops for the staff whilst the rest of our team kept the students busy.

Harry Rowland from Year 11 gave a wonderful devotion to the whole school community on Tuesday.



I am so proud of all our students from St Andrews who gave up a couple of days to go and share, play with, guide and befriend the students at BCCS, assist our teachers in all the activities, and really be MAD (Make a Difference) and impact the community at BCCS.

Our team were all flexible, well prepared and always willing to share resources, skills, friendship and a listening ear. I thank our staff – they are incredible and Stephen's wife, Wendy who also volunteered her time to help and be MAD!

Please continue to pray for this special little school and community as they continue to be a light for all in Bairnsdale.

Catriona Wansbrough

Principal

FIRST WORKING BEE FOR 2020

We would like to invite you to our 1st Working Bee for 2020, to be held on Saturday 29th February @ 9:00am – 12:00 noon.

Our Working Bee will be a great time for you to get involved and take pride in our fabulous College and we invite you and your children to help with this important school community event. If you can only come for an hour, that would be will be a great help.

The Working Bee creates a greater ownership of the College and encourages students to care of the gardens and facilities we are creating.

We are working on creating a clean and tidy school with gardens and plants that are indigenous to this area and we plan to undertake the following tasks:

- General Garden maintenance including weeding, clearing leaves, some planting, etc
- Replenishing the garden beds with mulch
- Replenishing the playground areas with soft play mulch
- Rubbish collection
- Cobwebs eviction
- Cleaning of the drinking troughs



If you have any of the following tools you can bring, that would assist as we only have a limited supply:

- Hand shovel
- Gloves - Spade - Shovel - etc
- Wheelbarrow

Attendance at the Working Bee is also a way to 'work off' your Parent Participation Hours. If you find yourself available and able to come, please inform me by email at twaterman@standrews.vic.edu.au so that we can adequately prepare the tasks and morning tea.

Ted Waterman

Grounds and Maintenance Manager

BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP CLASS

AT ST ANDREWS!

"Each week thousands of groups meet in more than 70 countries for chapter-by-chapter Bible Study. Hundreds of thousands of members around the world, studying God's Word together. Verse by verse, we approach the Bible as God's Truth, to be studied, savoured and lived out. We believe God's Word speaks across cultures to every one of our



400,000+ members around the world. Whether new to the Bible or a seasoned reader, we explore Scripture together."

- Information taken from Bible Study Fellowship (bsfinternational.org)

We host a BSF class (satellite group) for Women (18+ years) at St Andrews! We meet on Tuesday evenings 7:00-8:30pm, during the school term, in the Senior School Library. If you are interested in joining the class or would like some more information, please come along or send an email to doreenchee33@gmail.com

Sonia Sires

BSF class member, Templestowe - Evening Women

WELCOME TO THE SACC COMMUNITY

- NEW STAFF

As we begin the 2020 school year at St Andrews we extend a warm welcome to all new staff as well as new students. If you see these new faces around the College be sure extend a happy hello. We look forward to seeing God unfold their gifts and talents within our College community.

Michael Swanborough - *Head of Learning and Teaching and Maths Teacher*

Hi, my name is Michael Swanborough and I am excited to be joining St Andrews Christian College in the role of Head of Learning and Teaching and Mathematics teacher. I have been teaching in Christian schools for over 30 years and have had a number of senior leadership roles during this time. I have a passion to work with staff to provide excellent learning opportunities for all students so that they can be all that God has created them to be. Outside of school, I love being involved in physical activity and particularly enjoy playing golf and running. Last year I completed my first half-marathon and am looking to complete another one (maybe two...) this year.



Tayla Moss - *Year 2 Teacher*

Hi I'm Tayla Moss and I have the pleasure of teaching Year 2 at St Andrews Christian College this year. I graduated from ACU last year where I studied a Bachelor of Education in Early



Childhood and Primary. This my first year teaching and I am really looking forward to beginning my career as an educator. I love to cook, spend time with family and friends, and of course love anything chocolate! I am really looking forward to the year ahead and working in the St Andrews community.

***Nikki Miao -
Middle School***

Chinese Teacher

Hello, my name is Nikki Miao and I am a caring teacher who graduated a Bachelor of Pharmaceutical Science at University of South Australia and a Graduate Diploma of Teaching in Secondary at University of Adelaide. I am now involved in women's fellowship and leading young adults' group in Holy Trinity Doncaster (Mandarin Congregation). I used to teach in Bacchus Marsh College for two years as a Chinese teacher and tutored Science subjects back in Adelaide. In my spare time, I love being outdoors, spending time with friends (& feeding them), watching movies and documentaries. I am so excited to be teaching at St Andrews this year and to work in God's plan, to use the gifts He gave, to serve others as He said, to influence the lives of next generation for His glory!



Natalie Nheu - Year 6 Teacher

Hi there! My name is Natalie Nheu and I am so excited to be teaching at St Andrews this year. I've recently completed a double degree (Bachelor of Education (Hons) and Bachelor of Music) at Monash University and am so grateful that God has given me this opportunity to teach a wonderful group of Year 6 students. When I have a spare moment, I love to be crafty! I love to make jewellery (especially funky earrings), paint pottery, embroider and attempt sewing. I also love being in nature, being with animals, playing social netball, making music, travelling with my best friend, and spending time with my Heavenly Father. It's been an incredible start to the term and cannot wait to see God work in this school!

Fiona Dobrzynski - Senior School Teacher - Year 10 & 11



I'm a mother of 5 and grandmother of 2. In December



this year, it'll be 30 years of marriage. I love travel, reading, music, making digital photobooks and...when I get time...crocheting. My favourite novel is 'Jane Eyre' by Charlotte

Bronte. This year, I am teaching Year 10 and Year 11 English classes but I've been here as a CRT (emergency teacher) since 2015. It was Miss Elliott (Grade 3 teacher here) who told me to come and try working at St Andrews as she was sure I'd like it. When she's right, she's right. I love it!



Rachel Press - Senior School Admin

My name is Rachel Press, I have been working in reception/admin and more recently recruitment for the past 6 or 7 years. I love to be organised and methodical about my work and therefore I find a career in administration really suits me. Some of my hobbies include dancing, singing, reading and socialising with my friends. I am so grateful to be working for St Andrews in a Christian environment and the welcoming, warm and caring staff.

Eunice Ko - Maths and Science Teacher

God has been a huge part of my uni life and it was a time where I came to know God and the Gospel in depth and take Jesus as my Lord and Saviour. Since then, I had been involved in uni ministry where I got to know students who had yet to know God and built a relationship with them. It equipped me with the skills to let the Gospel shine in various contexts and through it, I grew in understanding of the overflowing love God has for everyone that is created in His image.

My passion in sharing the gospel has brought me to St Andrews where I can talk about the wonderful news brought by the blood of Jesus, the great message of being called children of

God. And I thank God for it. In my free time I also enjoy hiking and reading. I especially love going on road trips during the holidays to appreciate God's wonderful creation. I look forward to see what God has in store for the school this coming year.



PRAYER EVENING

Greetings to all! Another school year has commenced, and we want to come before the Lord and spend some time together in prayer for the school. 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 EVENING on
2nd March 2020 at 7:30 – 8:30pm
in the Meeting Room - Innovation Centre.

All are invited to this time of prayer. If you cannot make the prayer time, please put aside time to pray for St Andrews Christian College.

WEEKLY PRAYER GROUP

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

Meetings are held once a week at the following time: ***Wednesdays 8:45am (after school drop off)***

Prayer is held in the Meeting room, next to the Reception area and all are welcome. It is a great opportunity to join in fellowship with other parents.

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 do not have to pray out loud if you are not comfortable in doing so.

“And prayon all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints”

- Ephesians 6:18 NIV.

“If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

- 2 Chronicles 7:14 ESV.

“If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose”.

- Philippians 2:1, 2 NIV.

Any further queries can be directed to Suzy Song at the School Office.

Suzy Song

The St Andrews Prayer Group

VEHICLE TRAFFIC AROUND THE COLLEGE

It is very busy around the College and the surrounding streets during the morning drop off and afternoon pick up. Please be patient and drive safely at all times around the College campus.



For safety reasons, pedestrians should not walk through the staff and administration car parks.

To ease congestion, some parents have arranged to pick up senior school students at Knox Shopping Centre. This is an option you may want to consider, but we would only recommend this for senior students.

Please be aware that Knox Council regularly observes car parking around the College. If a vehicle is incorrectly parked, they will photograph the vehicle's registration plate and issue a

fine and post it to the car owner.

We also ask that if you are parking in the nearby streets to be considerate to neighbours ensuring that driveways are not blocked, or used to drop off students.

Avonwood Close – This is a narrow 'court' and the residents have asked that the parents only park on one side of the street. At times cars have parked on both sides of the street, makes it impossible for resident to enter or exit their properties.

Your cooperation and understanding will be appreciated.

Darren Waterworth

Business Manager

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC)

Below are the dates of extra holiday programs that OSHC will be running to assist parents. This year is the first year that the OSHC will be offering a Monday – Friday holiday program for the first week of each School Holidays, and in December there is an 8 day program on offer.

<i>Student Free Day Care</i>	<i>School Holiday Program - Week Days Only</i>
Thursday 27th February	Monday 30th March - Friday 3rd April
Tuesday 14th April	Monday 29th June - Friday 3rd July
Friday 5th June	Monday 13th - Wednesday 15th July
Tuesday 4th August	Monday 21st - Thursday 24th September (*)
Friday 20th November	Wednesday 9th - 18th December
	<i>(*) AFL Grand Final Holiday is Friday 25th September, 2020</i>

We hope this will be helpful.

Sally Wade

OSHC Coordinator



College Calendar

IMPORTANT COMING EVENTS

FOR TERM 1, 2020

- **Monday 2nd March** – Captains and Whole School Photos
- **Friday 6th March** – Open Day @ St Andrews Christian College
- **Monday 9th March** – Labour Day – College Closed - No school for staff or students
- **Monday 10th March** – Preps start full week at school
- **Thursday 12th March** – Year 7 Immunisation
- **Monday 16th March** – Friday 20th March – Prep – Year 6 Swimming program (Week 1)
- **Monday 16th** – Friday 20th March – Year 9 City Experience
- **Wednesday 18th** – Friday 20th March – VCE Camp
- **Wednesday 18th** – Friday 20th March – Year 10 Careers Program
- **Monday 23rd** – Thursday 26th March - Prep – Year 6 Swimming program (Week 2)
- **Friday 27th March** – Prep – Year 6 Swimming Carnival
- **Friday 27th March** – Last day of term 1

TERM DATES

Term 1

Thursday 30th January – Friday 27th March

Term 2

Wednesday 15th April – Friday 26th June

*Note: Term 3 holidays are 2.5 weeks and not 3 weeks as in previous years

Term 3

Thursday 16th July – Friday 18th September

Term 4

Monday 5th October – Tuesday 8th December



Parents & Friends

WELCOME BACK

Dear Parents

On behalf of the Parents and Friends Association (“PFA”) I would like to welcome you back to 2020 school year and we look forward to providing a range of activities for families to become involved in throughout the year in support of the College.

All Parents who pay the \$5 PFA levy as part of the school fees are members of the PFA.

Meetings are held at least once a term and an AGM is held in Term 4.

Throughout the year the PFA run community, service and fundraising events. In recent years the PFA have helped fund the Junior School toilets, the Media and Film program, landscaping around the new Senior School building, Family Picnics and various Food Days each term.

Bush Dance & Family Picnic 29th February 2020

Please note that the St Andrews Bush Dance & Picnic will be held on Saturday 29th of February from 4:00pm – 7:30pm. Come along with your own chairs or picnic rugs and enjoy some fun and good old fashioned Aussie culture. We will be running a BBQ where you can buy food and drinks while catching up with old friends and making some new friends.

Parent Meeting Thursday 12th March

All Parents are invited to a General Meeting of the PFA on Thursday 12th of March at 7.30pmin the Staffroom.

Volunteering

Parents are reminded that if you are volunteering at school, you'll need a current Working With Children Check. These can be done [online](#) and then submitted at a post office at no cost.

The school also requires parents who volunteer or go on excursions to read and sign a Child Safety Code of Conduct form, which is available from the school office.

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.

Keep an eye out for notices in the Week at A Glance for activities and events being held each Term.

School Banking

School Banking will take place on each Tuesday of the School Term.

2nd Hand Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is located just next to the Multi-Purpose Hall and student drop off area.

The Uniform Shop will open Tuesday's & Wednesday's 2:30-3:30pm and Thursday's 8:30-9:30am during the Term.

Icy Pole Friday

Icy Pole Friday will take place every Friday lunchtime.

2020 PFA Executive Committee

President: Andrew O'Brien

Vice President: Sally Wade

Secretary: Thomas Chong

Treasurer: Eric Chen

Email: pfa@standrews.vic.edu.au

Andrew O'Brien

PFA President

BUSH DANCE & FAMILY PICNIC

ST ANDREWS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

FREE FAMILY EVENT

Bush Dance & PICNIC

Saturday 29th February 4.00 - 7.30pm

Bush Dance led by: Shenanigans Band
Location: St Andrews College grounds

BYO rug, chairs, picnic or you can purchase BBQ items - sausages, mini hamburgers & drinks
"Come & participate in a fantastic Aussie activity"

Don't miss it!

2020's first PFA event

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SAVE THE DATE

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Art

Year 7 student at work on the pottery wheel

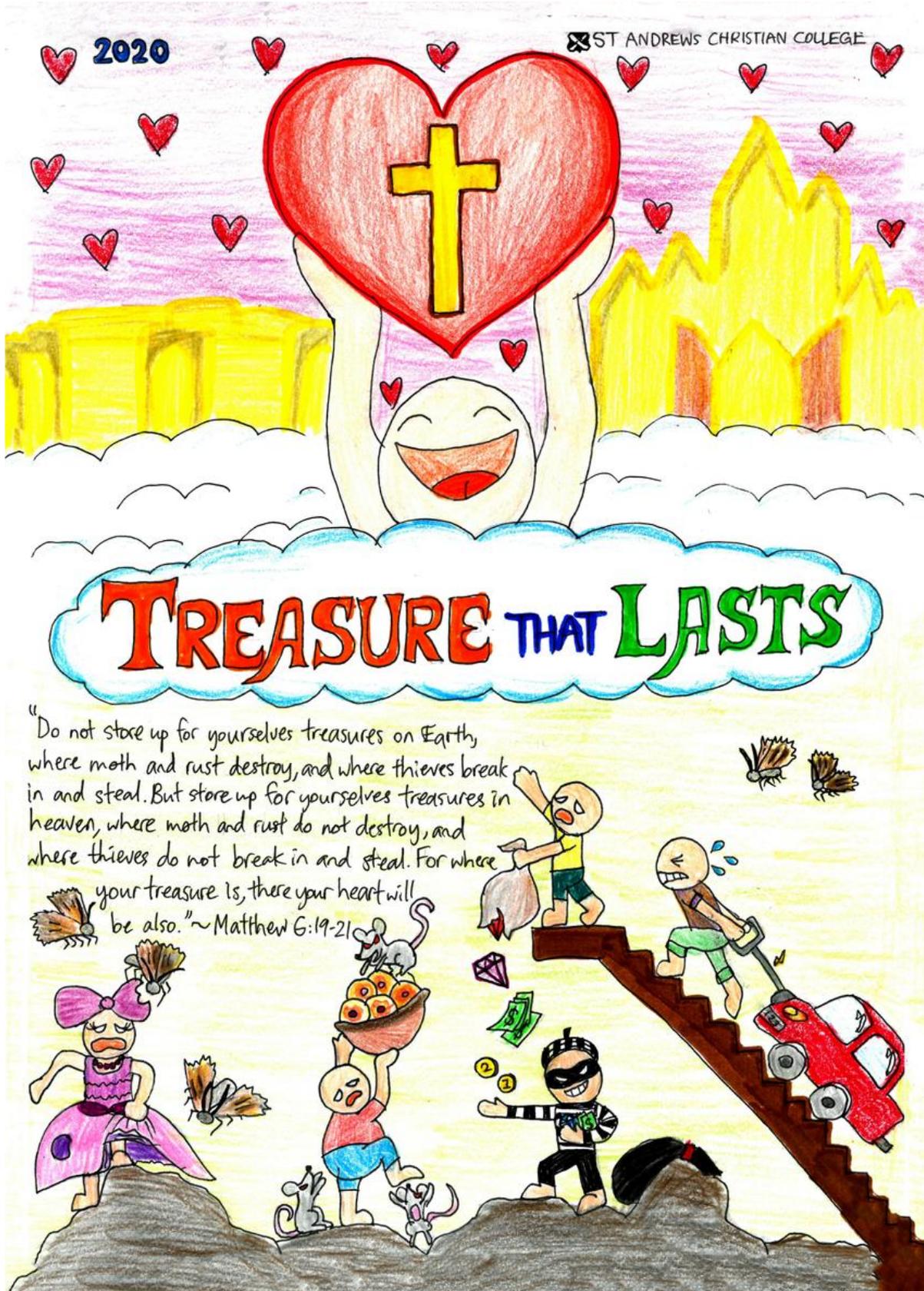
2020 SCHOOL THEME POSTER COMPETITION

'TREASURE THAT LASTS'

Thank you to all the students who contributed to our 2020 school theme art competition 'Treasure that lasts'. It was wonderful to see so many entries from across the College.

The care, thoughtfulness, time and effort to produce these poster artwork entires was clearly evident by the high standard of work received.

We are thrilled to congratulate Summy Yee of 8C for the winning artwork - well done Summy!



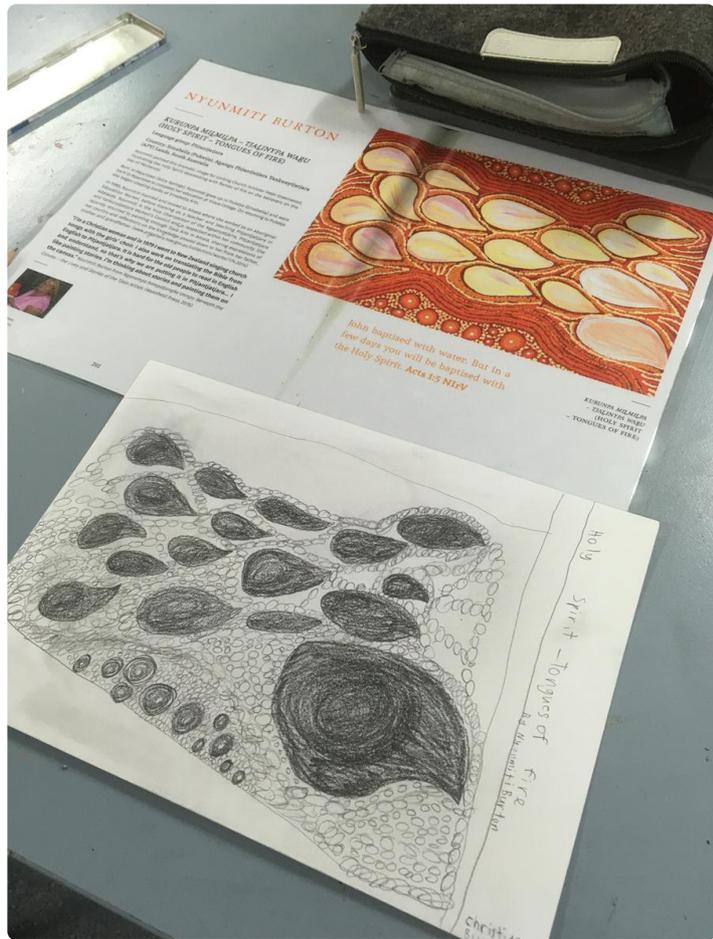
Treasure that Lasts - Summy Yee 8C

MIDDLE SCHOOL ART

Preparations have begun for Year 8 investigations into Christian Indigenous artworks from across Australia.

These artworks feature Biblical stories. Students are uncovering the treasure of the text, interpreting and appropriating the image onto a new artwork. Stay tuned!!

Below are a few photos some fun as the Pottery Wheel is being used by Year 7 Boys.

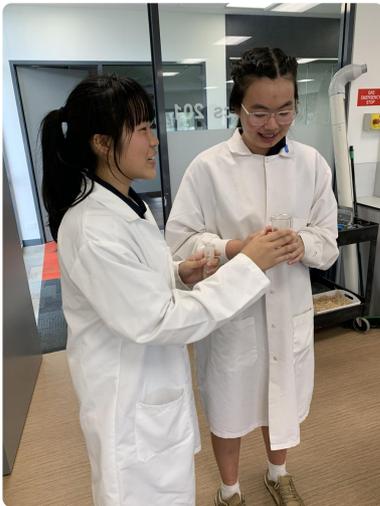




Senior School

Year 10 Science

EXTRACTING DNA



The Year 10 science classes are studying genetics and as part of their studies they extracted DNA from split peas! It took careful attention to the instructions and delicate handling of the materials, and they got some great results.

Miss Mardi Easton

Senior School Teacher

YEAR 10, 11 & 12 BOYS CHILL & CHAT

Year 10, 11 & 12 boys are welcome to join in our first Chill and Chat session for 2020 which will commence at 1:15pm to 1:45pm Friday 28th Feb and continue every Friday lunch time until the end of Term 1.

There will be free Pizza and Pringles for boys who would like to come along and nut out the aims of the group for this year. So if you

want to come and chill, chat and pray with me and other guys, I will see you on Friday at 1:15pm.



Mr Farmer

INSPIRATIONAL CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND SELF-DISCOVERY AT ST ANDREWS



Careers conversations occur every day at St Andrews – whether it be a quick chat in passing, a drop-in session in the Careers office at recess or lunch, an email or a formal appointment.

Career exploration starts with self-discovery and creating a positive self-image. We use some excellent resources and quizzes to help our students discover their strengths and establish their career pathway.

Our students complete My Career Match Program that matches a student's personality style and personal strengths to careers they would love. Understanding who you are and what you are good at, not only motivates and encourages each child, but also brings a whole new level of excitement about their future career choices.

UPCOMING CAREERS EVENTS

18-20 March – Year 10 'Engage & Empower' Careers Program

VicRoads Road Smart Program is a new beginner driver education program that helps prepare students for a lifetime of safe driving. It includes an interactive in-classroom session and an excursion to Metropolitan Traffic Education Centre (METEC) for a practical driving experience.

Start Smart Financial Literacy Program is designed specifically to assist students in developing their financial knowledge - Smart Choices, Earning, Saving, Spending, Investing and Enterprise.

Resume & Interview Skills - workshops led by Box Hill Institute Skills & Jobs Centre.

30 April – Year 11 & 12 VCE and Careers Expo

The VCE and Careers Expo is Australia's biggest careers and education event. The seminar program features presentations on the VCE subjects, internship, gap year, career and study advice. There will be more than 140 exhibitors with VCE resources, tertiary course and career information.

10 June – Year 10 William Angliss Institute

St Andrews is partnering with William Angliss Institute to offer our Yr. 10 students an opportunity to learn valuable skills in patisserie and coffee making. Students will also have a guided tour of William Angliss to explore the facilities and services that William Angliss offers to aspiring chefs.

22-26 June – Year 10 Work Experience Program

Work Experience can help students:

- find out about themselves: interests, talents and work values
- experience a world of work: different workplaces and industries
- develop a range of skills: communication, perseverance, initiative and teamwork.



St Andrews Careers Newsletter is an excellent careers resource for our students and parents. It includes up-to-date career and pathways news and information about scholarships, courses, programs, university lectures and open days.

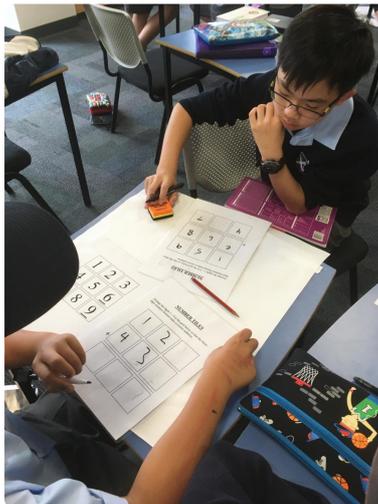
Mrs Irena Yevlahova
Careers Coordinator



Middle School

Teamwork at The Summit Camp

YEAR 7 MATHS

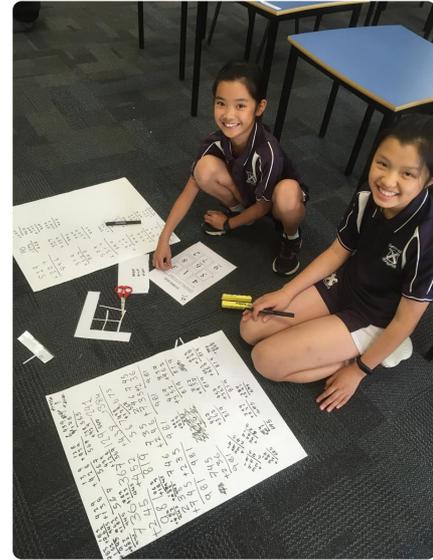


Astounding thinking, collaboration and strategising in Maths today!

Our two Year 7 classes combined for an epic open-ended challenge today. At the the Middle School Information Night some of their parents were also given the same challenge!

Marina Heading

Year 7 Teacher



YEAR 7 CAMP - THE SUMMIT



Year 7 Camp - The Summit



Wow! The Summit Camp was Awesome!

It was where St Andrews Year 7 students faced a myriad of personal challenges: like finding their socks, staying overnight away from home, abseiling from a 17m tower and walking along a high wire. And then together they overcame group challenges: playing 'all in', performing duty group tasks, running with linked hands in the 'Monster Challenge' through mud and enthusiastically cheering on their teams when versing the teachers on Game Night. I think both students and teachers are still recovering!

We are so blessed to work with inspiring students and look forward to seeing the fruit of their courage and camp experiences along with the developing of their faith this year.

Marina Heading

Year 7 Teacher

THE SUMMIT CAMP - HIGHLIGHTS



Year 7 camp was like no other, we got pushed out of our comfort zone doing things other people will only dream of - from sleeping in big tents to running through mud! It was also an experience to see God's beautiful nature all around us.

– *Kiana*

Camp was a very enjoyable experience. We got to participate in many activities that we had never done before. Overall camp was a good way to get to know more people.

– *Joash*

Camp was so exciting! We got to do really fun outdoor activities such as rock climbing, abseiling, high wire and more. We got really muddy in the best mud course ever!

– *Ethan*

The camp was amazing: we worked in groups and created new friendships. We learned to work as a team and faced some of our worst fears. The activities were thrilling and really fun.

– *Eugene*

Camp was really fun. All of the activities were super fun. The food was delicious and fresh.

– *Joshua B*

Camp was fun! I liked doing the mud course twice, though it got very smelly! The food was great.

– *Azriel*

Camp was so much fun because of the mud course and other activities. I really enjoyed the abseiling!

– *Ben*

Summit camp was AMAZING! The food was yummy, and it was fun sleeping in a tent. I will remember the flying fox forever.

- *Stephanie G*

I learned to face my fears and push myself. Some activities were scary at first, but when I finished, I had no regrets. Having fun with my friends is always a big part of most camps.

- *Agnes*



Junior School

2020 Prep P Class





The new Preps have had a lovely 1st week, learning all about how school works. We have made many new friends and learnt the sentence "God is Love." We also got to have our 1st Year 6 buddy time which we all loved. We have loved our 1st week at St. Andrews Christian College.

Mrs Shellene Pillifeant

Prep Teacher

THE FIRST WEEK IN PREP S

The Preps have had an amazing start to their schooling at St Andrews Christian College! In our first week, we learnt new sounds, words and sentences and loved learning how to read, write (and sing 😊) that "God is love". We celebrated the birthdays of 2 of our classmates. It was fun to sing "happy birthday" with our new friends and enjoy party bag treats to take home.



Another highlight was having the staff pray for us, in our classrooms on Thursday morning and on Friday, we met our Year 6 Buddies. Our buddies were fantastic! The Preps and Yr 6 students enjoyed getting to know each other and working together. The time went so quickly. The Prep students are already looking forward to the next "Buddies" time.



Mrs Sonia Sires

Prep Teacher



Performing Arts

Daisy Pulls It Off - Rehearsal

MUSIC CAPTAIN'S REPORT

As 2020 begins the Music Program at St Andrews Christian College is back up and running for what looks to be another wonderful year. With rehearsals for the various ensembles starting up over the previous few weeks, I have enjoyed seeing fellow students eager to get back into it.

On the horizon for our program are a few events which we are busy preparing for. First up is the College Open Day on Friday March 6th, where prospecting parents will be able to hear various groups in an open rehearsal type setting throughout the morning. For a number of our Vocal Ensembles as well as our incredible Jazz Band, the final few weeks of this term hold key rehearsals as we prepare to head to Mount Gambier to perform at the Generations in Jazz festival in early May.



In particular I have been really encouraged to see the enthusiasm of the younger students especially in the Vocal Project as they prepare for their first trip to Generations. Pair this with the handful of older students who have been attending their rehearsals intermittently to help them learn their music, and what results is quite a special experience that sees students form bonds across the year levels.

Overall this has been such a promising start to this year and I can't wait to see what we will achieve!

Amber Swank

Music Captain

DAISY PULLS IT OFF



Daisy Pulls It Off! - Rehearsals

I am so excited to be able to invite you all to this year's VCE Theatre Studies Unit 3 production of *Daisy Pulls It Off!* This is an energetic comedy set in a 1920s boarding school. There's laughter, mystery, a touch of romance, and even a hockey game!

It features the magnificent students of the Year 12 Theatre Studies class, who are not only acting in the play, but are responsible for the set, props, sound, lighting, costumes and makeup. This performance forms part of a SAC, but is also sure to be a whole lot of fun!

There will be three shows in the last week of term:

Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th March,
all commencing at 7:00pm in the Drama Space.

Adult tickets cost just \$10. It's a very family-friendly show, so bring yours kids! Student tickets are a bargain at \$5. Bookings are now open via the link here <https://www.trybooking.com/BINTD>. Last year we sold out, so get in quick to avoid disappointment.



Students in the class are: Tiffany Adam, Lachlan Ahearn, Katelyn Farmer, Emilie Hughes, Chloe Iskandar, Geraldine Li, Amy Muggeridge, Isabella Rakers, Becky Schenker, Karin Siahay, Tim Snooks, Amber Swank and Jolie Wong.

We would love to have you along to support our wonderful students. Hope to see you there.

Kathryn Brown

Theatre Studies Teacher



Sport

St Andrews CC Year 9/10 Cricket Team

CRICKET ON HOME TURF!

On Wednesday 5th February St Andrews Christian College welcomed the opportunity to host our first official CSEN 'HOME' Cricket match at Walker Reserve. This is a BIG step for sport at the College, that we can now HOST nearly all our sporting matches either at Walker Reserve or Egan Lea Reserve and is a BIG answer to our prayers!

In past years we have been rostered nearly all away games due to the former lack of available facilities. As we continue to grow as a College and further the sport programs offered, it is a blessing to create for our students the opportunity to have a HOME ground and foster the sense of mate ship and team players we love to have represent St Andrews in sport.





To kick off the season it was a delight to host Belgrave Heights Christian School to play our 9/10 cricket team. Though the game was a close one, it was a loss for St Andrews boys, however it wasn't lost that we could at least we could play at HOME – Thank you God!

ST ANDREWS NETBALL CLUB

It's a new year for St Andrews Netball Club, our 5th Year to be exact and we are very excited to have 8 teams and over 70 girls playing netball from across Years 3-11. It is a pleasure to be able to provide players with not only a fitness opportunity but a fantastic environment for them to connect with their friends outside the classroom and to make new friends across different year levels, to socialise and to compete healthily.



Last Saturday was the first game of the season. Many girls are getting to play together in new teams for the first time. Our amazing coaches are getting to see their players on the court, performing their hearts out. And it's also such a joy to watch the parents supporting on the sidelines. Needless to say we are very excited about the year of netball that stands in front of us.

We would also like to officially welcome Penelope Knight onto our board and as our Head Coach. Penelope comes to us with a wealth of netball knowledge and experience and is very excited after being with us for 6 months now to help us develop the skill set of our coaches and therefore our players. She has already given one of many coaches workshops that she will conduct this year and is very much looking forward to supporting our coaches.

I would also like to introduce you to our board members; feel free to chat to any of them when you see them around supervising training or picking kids up from school. They would love to share more about our netball program with you.



We would also like to thank our sponsors Andatech for their ongoing support.



Please contact Lauren at netball@standrews.vic.edu.au if you have any further questions.

Lauren Gaschk

St Andrews Netball Club

President/Secretary

SSV SWIMMING FUN

Friday 21st Feb - Year 4-6 Swimming Carnival:



ST ANDREWS SOCCER CLUB

Soccer Club is back up and running, kicking off for 2020 on Thursday 13th February.



The St Andrews Soccer Club meets on Thursday afternoons from 3:30 - 4:30pm and is for selected Year 2, 3 and 4 students and we are already at capacity for this term with fantastic enthusiasm from all involved.

CSEN SPORT RESULTS

WEDNESDAY 12th FEBRUARY

Year 7/8 Volleyball:



St Andrews played their volleyball matches at home this week with some great support from the MPH stands. Division 1 = SACC 1 | BELG 2, Division 3 = SACC 2 | WAVE 1.

WEDNESDAY 19th FEBRUARY

Year 9/10 Cricket:



Year 9/10 Cricket team defeated Maranatha this afternoon by 25 runs.

Tennis:

Tennis was cancelled due to Melbourne's decision for a late summer downpour.

Volleyball:

Volleyball B lost (0-3) however had an opportunity for a great coaching session with Mrs Appleby in the gym.

Softball:

Girls Softball had a fantastic result defeating Chairo 16-1.



Library

LIBRARY NEWS

Library Staff: Lynne Marks, Anita Little, Wai Peng Heath

Email: library@standrews.vic.edu.au.

OPENING HOURS

Middle/Senior Library:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays: Open from 8.15am (for students in Years 4-12 only).

Monday to Friday: Recess and Lunch

After school: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays until 4pm.

Wednesdays until 3.45pm.

Junior Library:

Students may borrow books after school if they bring a book bag and return the books they have finished reading. Please see staff in the Senior Library for access and loans.

CALLING ALL ILLUSTRATORS

Wombat Books is running their annual illustration challenge for this year. They are looking for original illustrations by Australian school-aged children (5-18)

<http://wombatbooks.com.au/index.php/competitions/2020-illustration-challenge>

Entries close: 30th November, 2020

Fee: The purchase of a previous challenge book.

HISTORICAL MILESTONES

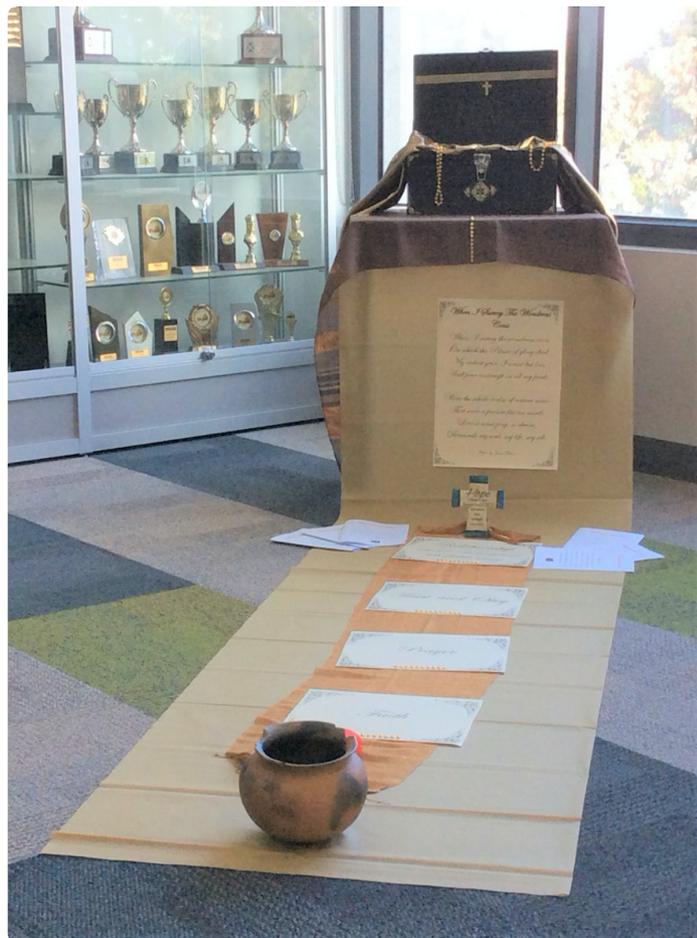
This year, on the 27th January, was the 200th anniversary of the discovery of Antarctica. Read more about this fascinating place <https://www.britannica.com/place/Antarctica/History>

Sir John Tenniel, the illustrator of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland was born on February 28, 1820. You can read more about him <https://www.illustrationhistory.org/artists/sir-john-tenniel>

Recently, engraved blocks used to print the rare first edition of this book were found in a garage in England <https://bit.ly/2P27yT7>

IN OUR LIBRARY THIS WEEK

The Senior Library has hosted a number of displays over the last three weeks. We started with a display about our theme for the year- treasure that lasts (Matthew 6:19-21). Visitors were invited to and read about what the Bible says concerning treasure that lasts.





Community Notices

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

These organisations are not endorsed by St Andrews Christian College.

The Last Supper

Belgrave Heights Christian School
Restaurant

Saturday 14
March 2020
6pm

\$40/person
Includes a 3
course meal



Reservations
Ph. Mark
0437 592 411

- a table is set with the traditional Jewish Passover items, including symbolic foods which are explained throughout the banquet by a Christian Jew
- sit down to a 3 course meal which includes tasting the symbolic foods and actively participate in the typical Passover Feast just like Jewish homes do every year
- book a table for you and your friends
- duration: 2.5 hours

A presentation by Celebrate Messiah Australia
Sponsored by Belgrave Heights Presbyterian Church

RINGWOOD Saints BASEBALL
Established 1988

Want to play a fun, active sport in a safe environment?
PLAY BASEBALL THIS WINTER!

Boys & Girls Welcome T-Ball Rookie Ball Under 13 Under 15 Under 17

JUNIOR 'COME & TRY' AND REGISTRATION DAYS

Saturday 14th March (2pm-3:30pm) and
Friday 20th March (5pm-6:30pm)

Followed by a Free Sausage Sizzle & Soft Drink

Ringwood Saints Baseball Club
Proclamation Park, Sylvia Grove, Ringwood

For more information please email Junior Coordinator,
Leonie Branson at: ringwoodsaintsjuniors@gmail.com
or visit www.ringwoodsaints.com.au

KNOX CITY FC

Junior Players Wanted - Boys & Girls

BOYS AND GIRLS WANT TO PLAY SOCCER IN 2020?

Knox City Soccer Club are are a “quality” community Club and great supporters of St Andrews Christian College. Currently they are looking for boys and girls who are interested in playing soccer. Details are available on their website <http://www.knoxcityfc.com.au> or parents and students can talk to Mr Farmer in PE Department if interested.

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your city

Parent Workshop

Knox City Council

Gaming and Young People

Learn about the impact video games have on your young person and how to best manage gaming in the family home
Guest Speaker- Steven Dupon from the Institute of Games

Thursday 26 March 2020
7 - 8.30pm
Knox City Council Civic Centre, Room 4
Free Event

Parents and young people welcome!

Bookings are essential
To register, complete the online booking form at <https://knx.vic.gov.au>

For more information, contact Michelle Pascoe,
Knox Youth Services on 9298 8311 or michelle.pascoe@knox.vic.gov.au



- 92 % of young people are playing video games, yet we don't fully understand the impact they have;
- This workshop will focus on practical strategies that can be used to keep video games fun, safe and healthy;
- Why video games are so captivating and how they fit into today's youth culture;
- Whether playing violent video games leads to increased aggression in real life;
- Cyber-safety tips that will keep young people safe from harm whilst playing video games; and
- Opportunities and benefits associated with gaming



2020 JUNIOR PLAYER REGISTRATION NOW OPEN [Updated]

Knox City Football Club | News | by Mark Tyrrell

Welcome to Football for 2020. It is time to register! Like last year, we're using playfootball.com.au. If you get stuck, FFA has a helpdesk staffed long hours on 02 8880 7983. They are friendly – please ask for help if you need it.

If you are re-registering, the process is more streamlined. Parents – just a reminder that the idea is to use an account in your own name, then to register your child as “Another Person”.

Note:

- If you paid a \$200 deposit last Spring, check that this has been credited before typing credit card details. Your code is: 2020u08u11-AWSED.
- Online payment is required when you register.
- No-one playing under-11 or below needs to upload a photo.
- Please register and pay by 28th February. Our uniform supplier needs firm numbers by this date.

For new parents/players, please start here:
<https://registration.playfootball.com.au/common/pages/reg/welcomeregplus.aspx?entityid=7842&id=75871>

Just remember that the idea is to create a “parent” account in your own name, then register children as “other people”.

Fees. Just prior to Christmas 2019, Football Victoria announced they were increasing their player registration fees. The club fees advertised last September have been adjusted as a result.

Online payment is now required at the time of registration.

The season kicks-off the weekend after Easter (~18th April). Good luck to all players – hope you enjoy your season with Knox City FC.



BORONIA HAWKS
FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

Your local family club
One Club - Offering Auskick through to Senior Mens & Womens Football

NEW in 2020
U10 & U14 Girls sides

Secure your place today

Now taking registrations to join us for the 2020 Season

Skilled coaching staff
Boys & Girls sides
Senior mentors
Specialist training sessions
Family environment

Junior boys & girls sides
U8 - U17

AUSKICK - BORONIA
Friday nights under lights at Tormore Reserve, starting April 17th.
Register now at aflauskick.com.au

Enquiries: Stacey (club registrar) 0488 336 519
Email: boroniajnr@efnl.org.au
www.boroniahawks.com.au

We are a GoodSports club
goodSPORTS

All our Junior training sessions & game are alcohol free events



EASTERN RAPTORS RUGBY LEAGUE

Eastern Raptors Rugby League Club

REGO & COME AND TRY

BOYS & GIRLS | AGES FROM 4* - 18 YRS

FEBRUARY : STARTS : COLCHESTER RESERVE
TUESDAY **18TH** **5PM** :
CNR COLCHESTER RD & BERESFORD DR
BORONIA

for more information email: secretary@easternraptors.com.au
www.easternraptors.com.au