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Glory to God



ST ANDREWS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Besides the motto on the crest which states “Glory to God”, do you know the background to the creation of the College Crest?

The original founders of St Andrews Christian College wanted a school where children would ‘learn God’s

standards, feel God’s love and follow God’s way’.

The crest symbolises what the College stands for:

- Christian Ethos
- Need for a personal faith in Jesus Christ
- That all our endeavours should bring glory to God

The College badge is in the shape of a shield to represent the shield of faith. The badge depicts a white saltire (diagonal cross) on a blue background which is actually Scotland’s national flag and

indicates our connection with the Presbyterian Church which has its foundation in Scotland.

St Andrew was chosen as the patron saint of Scotland, in 832A.D and the white saltire on the Scottish flag represents the apostle’s crucifixion.

Andrew, the Apostle

According to the historian Eusebius, Andrew brought the gospel to Scythia (modern-day Ukraine, Southern Russia, Western and Northern Kazakhstan).

(Reference: Eusebius of Caesarea, Church History

(Book III - Chapter 1)

Andrew was the brother of Simon Peter and was a fisherman like his brother Peter. Before he met Jesus, Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist, however when John pointed to Jesus as the lamb of God, he realized that Jesus was greater and immediately left John, found his brother Peter and became a disciple of Jesus.

"The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?"

They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"

"Come," he replied, "and you will see."

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter)." John 1:35-42 (NIV)

Andrew and Peter continued to be fishermen until being called permanently by Jesus to be "fishers of men". It was Andrew who brought the boy with 5 barley loaves and 2 fishes to Jesus which Jesus miraculously multiplies into enough food to feed everyone (John 6:5-9).

It was Andrew who during the Passover Feast brought a group of Greeks to meet Jesus which prompted him to remark "and I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself" (John 12:32, RSV).

Andrew knew that Jesus came not only to save Israel but everyone on the earth.

(Reference: from Bible bios.com)

Andrew was known for his personal faith in Christ and how he brought others to know Jesus Christ.

That's what we desire for St Andrews Christian College! That individually and collectively we are a light that shines for Jesus, bringing people to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and bringing glory to God in everything that we do.

Please pray for St Andrews Christian College – that we are faithful to the original vision and mission of the College and that we continue to bring glory

to God in every facet of the school.

Catriona

In His Service,

Learn, share and explore the amazing stories of work being done through Christian schools... *if you dare*



Christian schools are contributing to the development of education in Australia through service learning. The Expo gives schools an opportunity to:

- Share how service is done in their school, in their

Service Learning Expo 2015

Melbourne - 17 November
10:00am – 4:15pm

Notices

Dare to Serve Expo

Dear Parents,

I would like to invite you to attend Australia's first Expo on Service Learning called DARE TO SERVE.

This Expo is sponsored by New Hope International and is being held at St Andrews Christian College in Wantirna South, Melbourne on Tuesday 17th November (10am – 4pm) 2015, and in Sydney at Pacific Hills Christian School.



The Expo will be a wonderful opportunity for people in Victoria to learn how service to God and others helps to shape their understanding of their purpose in God's kingdom. DARE TO SERVE will feature outstanding international speakers, stimulating workshops and

purposeful networking opportunities for schools, churches, mission organisations and individuals.

We serve, in response to our relationship with Jesus. An outpouring of our love for our Saviour leads to a life that wants to love others and serve in a way that brings glory to God.

The 'Dare to Serve' Learning Expo in Melbourne is supported by CSA (Christian Schools Australia) and CEN (Christian Education National) and will be attended

by many varied organisations/missions/churches, as well as **students, staff and leaders** from schools throughout Victoria.

Go to the DARE TO SERVE website, www.daretoserve.net.au for details on:

- The program and speakers
- Costs and registration - \$30.00 per participant (includes lunch)

Registrations Close - 9th November, 2015

I am looking forward to schools, missions and churches coming together to be inspired and encouraged through what people are doing in service. When we serve God, lives are changed and communities are transformed.

Catriona Wansbrough
Principal

STOP PRESS:

Dear Parents,

Presentation night for 2015 will be held on Tuesday 1st December – please note the change of day and date.

The student's diaries shows Monday 30th November for Presentation Night, however, as we are using a different venue (1330, Ferntree Gully Road, Scoresby) we had to change the date.

We apologise for any inconvenience this change may have caused.

Daniel Lee - Head of Middle School

Congratulations to Dan Lee who has been appointed Head of Middle School from January 2016.

We had a thorough process in finding the most suitable applicant to lead and grow our Middle School.

Three applicants were chosen to be interviewed by Ken Greenwood (CSA State Executive Officer), Andy

Callow (Principal of Belgrave Heights CS) and myself.

From the interviews, it was evident that Dan is a leader, committed to Christian Education and Middle Schooling and deeply loves St Andrews CC with a desire to serve and lead with a servant-heart attitude.

He will be a wonderful addition to our Executive Leadership Team and we all look forward to working with Dan in his new role.

Catriona Wansbrough
Principal

Working Bee

We would like to invite you to our next Working Bee to be held this Saturday 24th October 2015 from 9:00am – 12:00noon.

We plan to undertake the following tasks:

- Transplanting to beautify Staff Car park
- Remove clay soil and add new soil to Staff Car

- Park new garden
- Mulching
 - Weeding
 - Other general garden and grounds clean up
 - Spring cleaning of classrooms (windows, walls, de-cobwebbing, desks & chairs)

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/ Fork
- Wheelbarrow

- Window squeegee/ cleaning tools

Remy Landman

Grounds and Maintenance

Manager

Parent Prayer Meeting Friday 8:45am

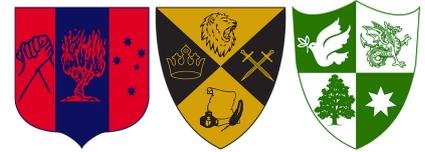
All parents are welcome to join us in prayer every Friday morning after school drop off. This is a wonderful opportunity to pray for the needs of the school community and to give thanks for all that God has done and how He continues to provide

for St Andrews Christian College. Join us in the meeting room next to the school office at 8:45am.

Suzy Song

Prayer Group Coordinator

House Community Points



Barton 304

Deakin 464

Parkes 387



Calendar

October

Saturday 24th – Working Bee at St Andrews

Week 4B

Monday 26th – Whole School Assembly 8:55am*

Tuesday 27th - Yr8 French Day

Wednesday 28th – VCE Exams Begin

Wednesday 28th – Yr7 Indian Cultural Excursion

Wednesday 28th – Yr8 Dandenong Ranges

Wednesday 28th – Yr9/10 Sports Rally Day

Wednesday 28th – Parent Cybersafety Presentation

Thursday 29th - PFA Staff Appreciation

Thursday 29th - PFA Fruit Salad Food Day

Friday 30th - Parent Prayer Meeting 8:45am*

Friday 30th - Yr3/4 Kanga Cricket

Friday 30th - Yr2 Stay Late

November

Week 5A

Monday 2nd – Tuesday 3rd November – Mid Semester Break – No School for Students

Wednesday 4th - Yr7/8 Sports Rally Day

Wednesday 4th - Prep 2016 Orientation

Wednesday 4th - Yr4 Melbourne Museum

Thursday 5th - Prayer Meeting 8:45am*

Friday 6th - St Andrews Prayer Day*

Week 6B

Monday 9th - Exams Begin - Yr7,8,10 and 11

Monday 9th – Whole School Assembly 8:55am*

Tuesday 10th - Yr1 Science Incursion

Tuesday 10th - PFA AGM 3pm*

Wednesday 11th – Remembrance Day

Wednesday 11th – Prep 2016 Orientation

Wednesday 11th – Yr3-6 Interschool Athletics

Thursday 12th - 2016 Student Orientation Day

Friday 13th - Parent Prayer
Meeting 8:45am*

Friday 13th - Yr5/6 Lacrosse
Day

Tuesday 17th November –
Dare to Serve Expo



Parents and Friends Association

PFA AGM - Tuesday 10th November 3pm

The PFA AGM is on Tuesday 10th November at 3pm in the school staffroom. We require 20 parents to be in attendance for the meeting to go ahead. It is a brief meeting which elects office bearers for next year (all from this year are standing again) and we are putting forward a change in the constitution to have 10 instead of 20 members as a quorum for AGM's and special meetings. Please make yourself available for this brief

but important meeting which will conclude by 3:15pm.

Shaun Beovich

PFA President

Staff Appreciation Morning Tea

Thursday 29th October, 2015

Help show your support and thanks for our excellent teachers and staff members by **supplying** a plate of delicious morning tea to the office

before 9am – Thursday 29th
October.

*Katherine Muggeridge and
Fiona Bligh*

School Banking

Rewards available this term

Galaxy Glider (The replacement reward for The Lunar Light Band which was withdrawn as a precautionary measure)



Outer Space Savers Money Box



The following image helps you to see what rewards are available this term.



Also please note, as it normally takes about 2 weeks for the rewards to arrive at school, the last day for reward redemption will be **17 November, 2015.**

*Karen Cheung
School Banking Coordinator*

Half Price Summer Uniform Sale - 2nd Hand Uniform Shop

Half price sale on all summer uniform items. This Wednesday 28th October in Rembrandts 8:30am-9:30am.

*Liz Romney
2nd Hand Uniform Shop Manager*

Who's Who In The PFA



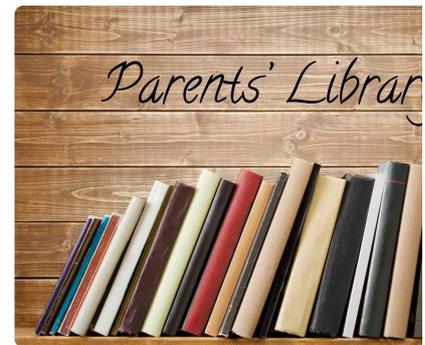
The PFA Team: (L to R) Ann Hawthorne - Treasurer, Lesley Goh - Secretary, Sally Wade - Vice-President, Shaun Beovich - President

PFA Treasurer - Ann Hawthorne

Hi my name is Ann and you will find me in Reception in the school office. I have worked at St Andrews for just over 3 1/2 years and enjoy being part of the community. I have three boys who are now married and one beautiful grandson who is eight months old. I have been impressed with the way St Andrews PFA's main focus is to provide a service to the school to bring the community together and carry out fundraising activities to help with improving the school grounds.

Ann Hawthorne

Don't Forget





Senior School

Year 11 Biology – Werribee Open Range Zoo

The final area of study for Year 11 Biology involves looking at the dynamics of ecosystems and considering all of the factors that affect them. This includes techniques employed for monitoring populations of animals which might be endangered or even critically endangered. Zoos play an important role in this. One such animal being bred at Werribee Open Range Zoo is the Eastern Barred Bandicoot.

Did you know that the Eastern Barred Bandicoot is actually now extinct in the wild. The only individuals

alive in the world are those being bred in zoos or specially designed predator free habitats.



While at Werribee, the Year 11 students participated in fieldwork activities which are used to monitor the grassland ecosystems of Western Victoria and learned about conservation measures in place which are designed to restore these ancient ecosystems so that new

populations of Eastern Barred Bandicoots can be reintroduced to the wild.

In addition to this, they learnt about the indigenous populations of the area and how they managed the area's ecosystems with fire. The students even got to try some authentic 'bush tucker'.

Natalie Farmer
VCE Biology Teacher

Year 10 Camp



Middle School

Yr5 Sovereign Hill Camp

On the 13th of October we went to Sovereign Hill for our school camp. Before we got there, we stopped at Kyrol Castle and watched a red knight use a sword and boar spear. His name was Sir Phillip and his horse was called Valiant. We also went into a maze and did some sword fighting and archery.

When we got to Sovereign Hill we were split into our cabin groups. We had a brief introduction session and then had dinner.

During camp we did many activities. There was gold panning (one person found 2 pieces), shopping for lollies, the Eureka story, a reenactment of the Eureka stockade, a candle making demonstration and a lolly

making demonstration. We also went to an old fashioned bowling alley.

I had lots of fun doing the activities and in my cabin playing UNO. I hope I will get to go to Sovereign Hill again.

Kayle Yr5



I thought the camp was totally awesome. There were hilarious plays and fun games. The camp was completely different to what I expected.

We got to watch and learn how to make candles. They used animal fat! I was disgusted when I heard that.

At night, the girls got the facial masks like promised. Instead of that, I went to the games night. Some boys though did get facials!

There was so much more that we did, but I will only mention these. I do think this camp was absolutely awesome!

Alice Yr5



At Kyril Castle we did sword fighting, archery and many other fun things. For archery you had to shoot the arrow on the bullseye. We all had three shots and I missed all of my shots. We then did sword fighting.

After sword fighting it was time to go to Sovereign Hill. We did many activities there. It was fun and I would like to go there again next year.

Reuel Yr5



Junior School

Operation Christmas Child - shoe boxes

The Preps have been very excitedly collecting items and filling shoe boxes with gifts for children in other countries who have never had a gift before.

A big thank you to all the staff, students and families who contributed to these shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. We were able to fill around 40 boxes.



It has been so encouraging to see the generosity of all who participated in this venture. I was touched by a class who took the time to pray for the child who would receive the gift they had prepared. Next year some of our secondary students will be able to deliver shoe boxes to children in Cambodia.

God bless you all.

*Gaye Jones and Sonia Sires
Prep Teachers*

Prep Beach Excursion



The Prep classes had a wonderful day at Rickett's Point Marine Sanctuary. God blessed us with a cool but fine day as we explored rock pools, built sandcastles, paddled in the water and

learnt more about His
amazing creation.

Gaye Jones and Sonia Sires

Prep Teachers



Duke of Edinburgh

Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award – New Zealand Expedition

When Mr Idrees approached me sometime last year, asking me if I would be interested to do the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award, my answer was decidedly 'no'. Yes, I enjoyed my time doing Duke of Ed Bronze, but the idea of traipsing around New Zealand with the entirety of my belongings on my back wasn't *exactly* what I had planned to do at the beginning of September. But then I found myself at Melbourne Airport on September 12th at 8pm and decided that maybe I

enjoyed Bronze Award a little more than I thought.

I'd heard that New Zealand was beautiful, but to experience it yourself is another thing altogether: there are mountains everywhere and the greenery stretches around you for kilometres. I remember when we camped in a place called Kaikoura and the first thing you saw when you woke up were the Southern Alps, truly amazing.



After roving around the place, buying our food (which is exceedingly more difficult than it seems) and preparing ourselves mentally, we were finally ready to trek the Abel Tasman National Park. We began our escapade in Marahau and travelled through Anchorage, Bark Bay, Onetahuti and then

Anchorage. At Anchorage, we all ran to catch the Water Taxi which came early (it was God's miracle that the Taxi was there for us when we arrived). Everyone was elated that we finished our hike. We were all challenged in our own ways and as a team, but we all knew that we would get through it if we relied on God.



We travelled to Kaikoura after our hike and there we mingled with the New Zealand locals at their Youth Group, which was an interesting experience for everyone. We also went swimming with the dolphins which was an incredible experience. We also went to look at the baby seals! But mostly, we were all excited to go skiing! The trip from

Kaikoura to Methven was a long one, but when we arrived at Barker's Lodge (which was a very nice place!) we were ready to hit the slopes. On the first day, we skied in the clouds, which wasn't as great as it sounds, seeing as we couldn't see more than three metres in front of us, but as the day progressed, the clouds thinned out slightly and we could see the mountains and how huge they were! After the first skiing lesson, all the skiers were easily able to go down the difficult runs and the snowboarders only on their bottoms for a little while before they could go down runs too. The last day, however, was the best. We were above the clouds and we had a clear view of the slopes! Goals were achieved, fun was had and a huge snowball fight topped off our great time at the snow! We were all sad to leave Mt Hutt, and even Barker's Lodge, but the time had come for us all to go home.

Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award is one of the best ways to challenge yourself. On this trip, not only did I learn a lot about teamwork and problem-solving, but I learnt a lot about myself and my own challenges and comfort zone. And what better way is there to experience God's wonderfully beautiful creation than to go to New Zealand?



If you're looking for challenges that will stretch you in every way possible, then I highly recommend taking part in Duke of Ed Silver Award. You will not regret it!

*Written by Ingrid Scheepers
(Year 11 student)*



Library News

Library

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

Junior Library

Open at lunchtime on
Mondays.

Middle/ Senior Library:

Open each day at recess and
lunch.

After school:

Mondays, Thursdays and
Fridays until 4pm.
Tuesdays and Wednesdays
until 3.45pm.

Email: library@standrews.vi
c.edu.au.

Competition

The Young Writers Award is a
competition for students
between the ages of 9 and 13
years. There are two
categories of award

- Children's picture book
award. (up to 250
words)
- Children's short story
award. (between 850
and 1000 words)

Closing date: 11th December

Fee: Free

For further details including
prizes, eligibility and entry
form go to

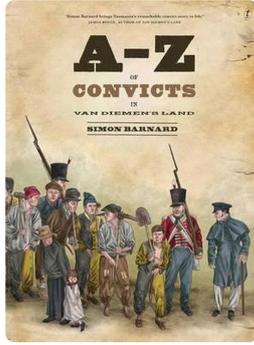
<http://www.youngwritersaward.com.au/>

NON FICTION

*A-Z of convicts in Van Diemen's
Land-* Simon Barnard **(5 up)**

Winner of the 2015 Eve
Pownall Award for
Information Books.

This tells of the lives of the
people sent to Tasmania for a
wide variety of crimes. The
illustrations are extremely
detailed and taken from
research into records of the
time.



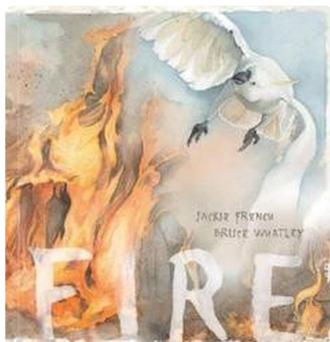
<https://www.kookaburra.com.au/a-z-of-convicts-in-van-diemen-s-land>

An extract from the book can be found at

<http://static.booktopia.com.au/pdf/9781922079343-1.pdf>

PICTURE STORY

Fire- Jackie French, Bruce Whately



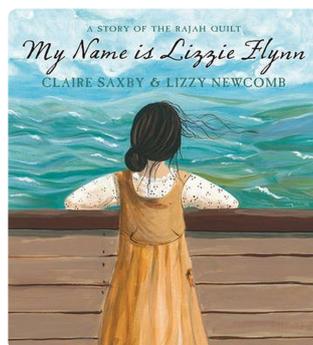
<http://www.angusrobertson.com.au/books/fire-jackie-french/p/9781742838175>

*One small spark brought fire
awake,
Winding like a small black
snake,
Fire flickered, fire crept,
Flames snickered, bushfire
leapt.*

Here is another shortlisted title for this year's Children's Book Council of Australia's Book Award. It is the story of a bushfire told from a cockatoo's point of view. The illustrations are memorable, with paint dots representing ash. It follows on from *Flood* which we also have in our collection.

FICTION

My Name is Lizzie Flynn: A Story of the Rajah quilt- Claire Saxby & Lizzy Newcomb



http://www.boomerangbooks.com.au/My-Name-is-Lizzie-Flynn/Claire-Saxby/book_9781922179913.htm

This is a story of the making of the Rajah Quilt, which is now housed in the National Library. It is told by Lizzie Flynn, who is being transported for stealing a shawl. Whilst on board the women are given a bag containing needles, thread and fabric. From this they make the Rajah Quilt. The history of this quilt is given at the end of the book.

The National Gallery of Australia has a short history of the quilt.

Did you know?

<http://nga.gov.au/rajahquilt/>

Emma by Jane Austen, was published 200 years ago. (25th December, 1815)

<http://janeaustensociety.nl/SusannahEmma.html>

Rudyard Kipling, the author of *The Jungle Book*, was born 150 years ago. (30th December, 1865).

[http://www.biography.com/people/rudyard-kipling-](http://www.biography.com/people/rudyard-kipling-9365581)

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The Return of the King, the final volume in the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy, was published 60 years ago. (20th October, 1955)

<http://www.tolkiensociety.org/author/timeline/>

Lynne Marks
Library Coordinator



Chess

Chess girls triumphant!

Congratulations to our Girls' Chess Team who have just won the State Primary Girls' Chess Final by half a point! This means they will now represent Victoria in the

National Final to be held early in December.

We congratulate the following girls and commend them for their efforts:

- Renee Fan
- Rachael Woon
- Emma Sim

- Emily Lin
- Shalese Teo
- Kelly Ta
- Roselyn Kho

Tim Farmilo
Deputy Principal



Sustainability

Year 7 Sustainability

This year the Year 7's have designed and put up a variety of sustainability posters all around the school. The posters were designed and made jointly by the entire year level and highlighted many different sustainability projects that are happening in the school. "Composting", "Recycling" and

"Biodiversity" were just a few of the inspiring and catchy titles of these posters. 7L focused mainly on composting, even adding more composting areas, while 7C worked on promoting a wide variety of other sustainability causes. The year 7's have also been writing about the sustainability efforts of other classes, from Prep all the way up to Year 12. There

have been many different projects worked on throughout the year, including air pollution and the monitoring of air pollution. This included researching by speaking to the teachers and classes, collecting photos and then submitting an article to the school newsletter.

Nathan Jones



Careers

Careers Newsletter

Attached is the latest Careers Newsletters. Senior students and parents are encouraged to

read the information and take note of events coming up.

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 Careers Newsl...

Irena Yevlahova

Careers Coordinator



Community Notices

Newsletter 10

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.

Cybersafety Presentation



Knox Hockey Club

