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# St Andrews Christian College Newsletter 2023

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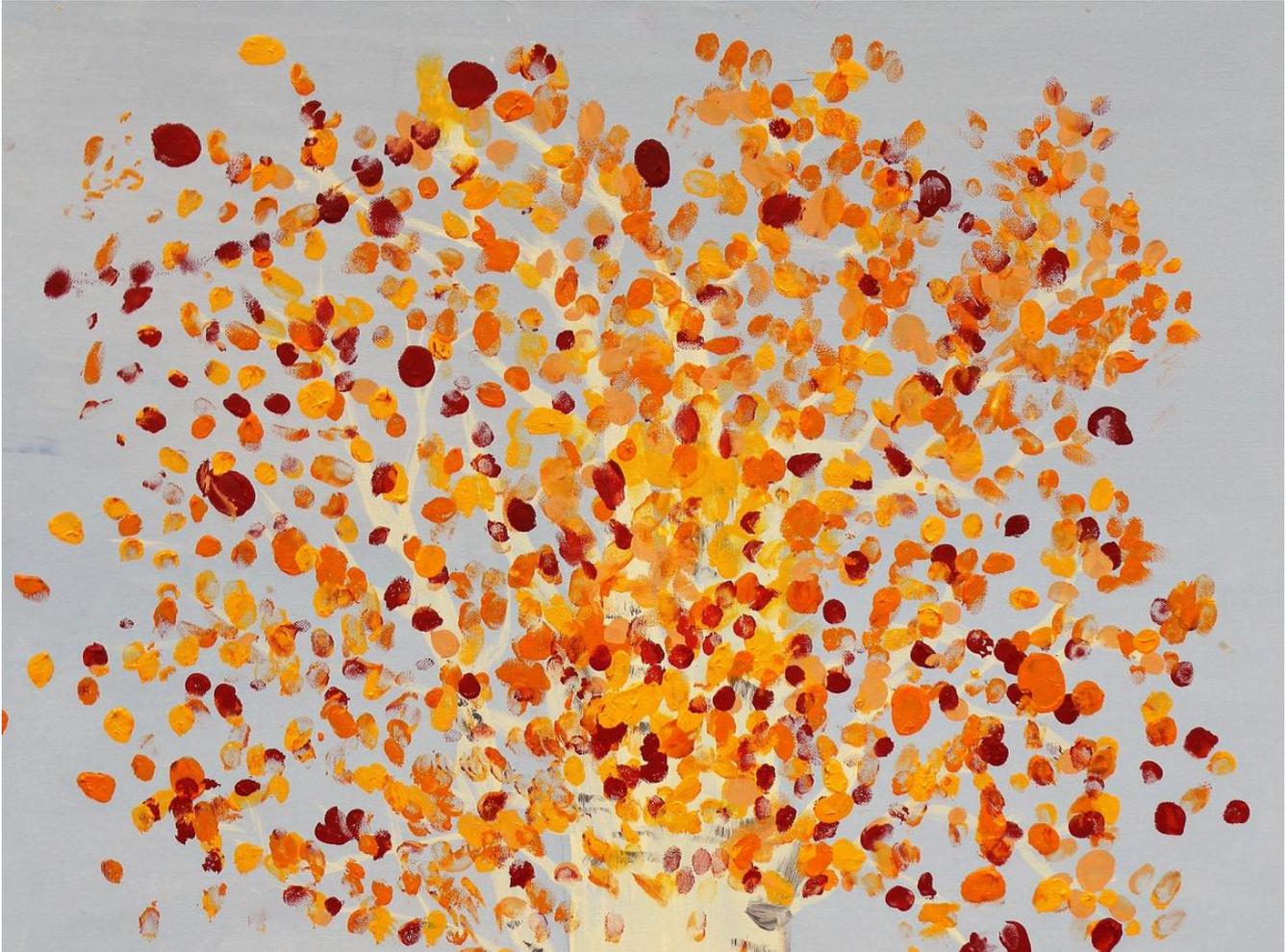
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## Deputy Principal

Over the course of this year, I have had many opportunities to reflect on our verse for this year, Micah 6:8: *And what does the Lord require of you but to act justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.*

The most recent of these occasions was at our staff devotions last week when Mrs Jones led our devotion time and read a children's story book entitled 'A Knight in the Forest'. Although this was a children's story, the message was very clear that we need to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God.

Micah 6:8 presents a job description for the Christian life. We are to be people who act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.

God says for us to act justly. To act justly means being fair to everyone; using the same rules for everyone. The emphasis is not on justice but on "doing justice." Justice is something we do.

We are then told to love mercy. While the first command to act justly is referring to our own actions, this second expectation refers to how we

are to treat others. To love mercy implies we need to be steadfast, to be reliable and to be faithful to our obligations in life. We are to treat others in a way that is more compassionate and forgiving.

The third thing we are told to do is to walk humbly with our God. The word "humble" means remembering that we are not God and we are no better than anyone else.

God calls us to be servants and to walk humbly refers to action that is modest and careful and doing what Jesus would want us to do. We need to remember that without Him, we can do nothing.

So we need to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly. These first three commands are fairly obvious. However, in my reading this year I found there is a fourth command that may actually go a little unnoticed. The fourth expectation we are

given is to walk with God. Although that appears a simple thing to do, it is likely the most difficult. It is also the most important.

Without a close and personal relationship with God, none of the above is even possible for us to accomplish. In John 15:5, Jesus said, *"...you can do nothing without Me."*

My prayer for each of us is to be fully committed to a daily walk with God. This will not only help us succeed in achieving this fourth expectation of having a close relationship with God, it will also make the first three – to act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly – come that much more naturally.

Blessings to you all.

***Tim Farmilo***

***Deputy Principal***



## News

Cambodia Mission Trip Fundraiser

### TEXT BOOK HIRE CHANGES

#### **Text Book Hire changing to Purchase Your Own Texts in 2019**

In the past, St Andrews Christian College has had a Text Book Hire System where the College has purchased all texts for students from Year 7 - 10 and a levy was charged to your account for the use of these texts. Over much discussion, St Andrews Christian College have decided that it is time to move away from this system.

We wish to inform you that all students from Years 7-12 starting next year (2019), will be asked to purchase their own Text Books. Please note that

in light of this, the text book hire levy will be removed from your school fees. Please do not be alarmed with this information as for the most part, second hand books will be available for purchase through the College at a much reduced rate.

More information about this change, together with a list of available second hand Texts and your 2019 Booklist will be distributed to each family shortly.

Any further enquiries regarding these changes can be sent to Mrs Ottosson in the office [atdottosson@standrews.vic.edu.au](mailto:atdottosson@standrews.vic.edu.au)

## BLESSINGS TO ALL OUR YEAR 12 STUDENTS

As I am returning from a wonderful mission trip in Romania I'd like to acknowledge our Year 12 students as they finish their thirteen years of schooling this week. We pray that they will be equipped to cope in this changing world. That they can critically evaluate what truth really is and not seek to conform to the world, but celebrate who they are and who they are becoming in Christ.



All the best, Year 12 students! Know you are more than your VCE marks and know that in God, you can do immeasurably more than you could ever imagine.



*“Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us...” Ephesians 3:20 (NIV)*

***Catriona Wansbrough***

***Principal***

## BUNNINGS BBQ AND CAKE STALL FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all the parents and students who cooked baked items for the Mission Trip Fundraiser cake stall.

Despite the rainy morning, sausage sales were steady and most of the baking was gone by the end of the day.

Thank you also to the following people for volunteering on the stalls on Saturday;

Andrew, Hannah & Lydia

Maureen & Amy

Mardi

Melanie & Josef

John & Tom

John & Clare

Natalie & Caitlyn

Celica, Natasha & Adrian

We were able to raise a total of over \$1600 which will assist students on the Cambodia Mission Trip to learn more about how aid and development can be done in a sustainable and Biblical way.

Many thanks

**Trish Collis**



## SOCCKER COURSES FOR PARENTS

Any parents wanting to register for the Level 4 referee course 9am – 3pm or the soccer coaching course on December 5 2-5pm please e-mail Mr Farmer at [afarmer@standrews.vic.edu.au](mailto:afarmer@standrews.vic.edu.au)

**Andrew Farmer**

**PE Teacher**



# Calendar

## IMPORTANT COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 4 2018:

### LOOKING AHEAD – Term 4

- Tuesday 30th October – Junior School Grandparents' & Special Persons' Afternoon
- Wednesday 31st October – Wednesday 21st November – VCE Exams
- Friday 2nd November – Junior School Athletics Carnival
- **Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th November – Mid semester break & Melbourne Cup Public Holiday – No School for Staff and Students**
- Wednesday 7th November - PFA AGM 7:30pm
- Thursday 8th November – 2019 Solomon Islands Mission Trip Information Night
- Monday 19th – Thursday 22nd November – Year 7 – 11 Exams
- **Friday 23rd November – Report Writing day – No School for Students (OHSC program on offer)**
- Friday 23rd November – VCE Valedictory Dinner
- Monday 26th – Friday 30th November – 2019 Senior School Headstart Program
- Monday 26th - Friday 30th November – Year 7 & 8 Future Focus Program
- Thursday 29th November – 2019 Transition & New Student Orientation day (Yrs 1 – 7)
- Friday 30th November – Junior School Christmas Concert
- Monday 3rd – Friday 7th December – 2019 Senior School Headstart Program
- Monday 3rd – Friday 7th December – Year 7 & 8 Future Focus Program
- **Monday 10th December – Presentation Night**
- **Tuesday 11th December – Last Day of Term 4**

## TERM DATES

### TERM DATES FOR 2018

#### Term 4

Monday 8th October – Tuesday 11th December

### TERM DATES FOR 2019

#### Term 1

Friday 1st February – Friday 5th April

*\*Preps start on Monday 4th February*

#### Term 2

Wednesday 24th April – Friday 28th June

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

#### Term 3

Thursday 18th July – Friday 20th September

#### Term 4

Monday 7th October – Tuesday 10th December



## Parents and Friends

### PFA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All Parents are invited to attend the upcoming Annual General Meeting of the PFA on Wednesday 7th November at 7.30pm. A notice and nomination form have been emailed out to families and is also attached to this Newsletter.

 [2018 AGM Invite Nomination.pdf](#)

We understand that we all lead busy lives, however, if you are community minded and interested in helping others then we encourage you to get involved with the PFA, either by nominating for a position, coordinating an event, volunteering to help or simply attending a PFA meeting.

Nomination forms are required to be returned to the PFA; signed by the Nominee and two members, by Wednesday 31st October.

We encourage all Parents to become actively involved in both the PFA Executive and activities.

### ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

The 2018/19 Entertainment Books are now available for purchase from the school office. The books are crammed with great value and a portion of each sale goes to the PFA. You can also purchase a [digital membership here](#)

## SCHOOL BANKING

School banking takes place on each Tuesday of the School Term.

We are looking for parent volunteers for Term 4 2018 who can commit to assisting on Tuesdays.

Please contact Juli Tu via  
[pfa@standrews.vic.edu.au](mailto:pfa@standrews.vic.edu.au)

## 2ND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Please note that the Uniform Shop will officially reopen on Wednesday 7th of November in our new location just next to the Multi-Purpose Hall and student drop off area.

The Uniform Shop will open from 8:30am - 9:30am each Wednesday during the Term from the 7th of November. We look forward to welcoming you at our new location as you grab a bargain.

## ICY POLE FRIDAY

Every Friday lunchtime.

***Andrew O'Brien***

***PFA President***

## PARENT PARTICIPATION HOURS

To support various school events and activities during the year we strongly encourage families to volunteer their time.

Notices will be sent out for activities you can help with, such as school carnivals, covering library books, ice pole Fridays, 2nd Hand Uniform Shop, PFA events, classroom help and 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 semester 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.

## TERM 4 PFA EVENTS

- School Banking – every Tuesday
- Uniform Shop – every Wednesday from 7th November
- Icy Pole Friday – every Friday
- Mangoes Fundraiser
- Entertainment Books Fundraiser
- PFA AGM - Wednesday 7th November at 7.30pm

## 2018 PFA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President:	Andrew O'Brien
Vice President:	Sally Wade
Secretary:	Lesley Goh
Treasurer:	Jean Lee
Assistant Treasurer:	Eric Chen
Email:	<a href="mailto:pfa@standrews.vic.edu.au">pfa@standrews.vic.edu.au</a>



# Senior School

## Year 10 Community Picnic

### Year 10 Community Picnic

The other day I was talking with some Year 10 girls, and they told me that they were planning a 'picnic'. I smiled, and said, 'sounds great'. I assumed this meant a few of the girls would gather outside and eat their lunches together—which wasn't altogether different from what they did most days.



Fast forwards 24 hours. I'd had a rough day—sometimes the emails pile up, meetings run long,

and conversations can be hard. I'm sure everyone has those days. I was walking, quickly, to get to my desk, hoping to get some marking done for my Year 12 class. I glanced over to where the Year 10 girls normally sit. And, there they were. Sitting. Talking. I stopped and walked over. What greeted me was more than a picnic. It was a feast! It was clear my small expectations were no match for the planning of the Year 10 girls. It hit me like a ton of bricks. Amongst the busyness of my day I was reminded to stop and share a moment with our students. It was the reminder I needed.

In the interviews, tours and conversations I have with current, past and prospective families one of the things I truly believe is special about St Andrews is the community. The Year 10 'picnic feast' was a great reminder about the importance of community for our students. In the bible,

community is a common topic. The bible exposes the importance of having a community for sharing burdens (Galatians 6:2), encouraging one another (Romans 12:3-13), and praying for one another (James 5:16). As our students are growing and learning together, in a supportive community they will be better able to handle the inevitable challenges of school, being teenagers and growing up!

Something simple like a 'picnic' may be something small, but the implications and indications of the greater community at work in our school is encouraging to me—and I trust to you as well. Please continue to lift our students in prayer as they grow together.

***John Presant***

***Head of Senior School***

## CAREERS NEWS

Please find below the latest careers newsletters.

Just a reminder to our Yr 12 students and parents about Change of Preference week 14-19

December. During this week Yr 12 students will be finalising their VTAC (universities and TAFEs) applications.

The last careers newsletter item is 'CHANGE OF PREFERENCE DATES & CONTACTS' - information about expos, workshops, hotlines and pathways counselling sessions. Also, please remember to mark on your calendars:

**19th of December noon – Change of Preferences close.**

More information at

<http://www.vtac.edu.au/dates.html>

and <http://www.vtac.edu.au/courses-inst/institutions/inst-cop.html>

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 Careers Newsletter No 14 12 Oc...

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***



# Middle School

Year 5/6 Boys Health Excursion

## 1000 STEPS CONQUERED!

Year 5/6 Boys Health Excursion



**Ben Sheahan**

**Year 6 Teacher**

## ECO CHALLENGE

Over three days towards the end of Term 3, a group of Year 7 and 8 students were invited to take part in the UNEP-DHI Eco Challenge, run by Curtin University in Western Australia.

The challenge involves playing an online game on water sustainability which runs worldwide and includes secondary and tertiary participants. Students are only allowed to play the game on three pre-assigned days. The Challenge runs from April to the end of November.



At this stage, the leaderboard is topped both in Australia and globally by our own Joshua O'Donnell (Year 7). He is followed closely by Matthew Baker

(Year 7) and Cyrus Ting (Year 7).

As the competition runs until the end of November, the leaderboard might still change, but we are hoping for Joshua to keep that top position. Well done, Josh – we are all behind you!

**Christa Cloete**

**Year 7/8 Coordinator**

## MY LIFE IN ONE WORD

In the Year 7 English class, students who complete their work efficiently before the rest of the class are given extension projects to work on. One challenge that was put to them, was to decide on a word that describes their life, and then write an essay explaining why they chose that specific word. Below is an example of a well-written extension essay. Enjoy reading about the word “bumpy”!

*The word that describes my life is “bumpy” because of these three reasons: My life goes up and down, “life is like a road; it has bumps, cracks and obstacles, but in the end it gets you somewhere” and “the bumps in life make up who you are.”*

**#1 The word that describes my life is “bumpy” because my life goes up and down. For example: my life was going all fine when one night my dad got a phone call saying that my grandpa had to be airlifted to hospital and later on became a quadriplegic. The definition for “bumpy” is “involving sudden jolts and jerks”. That experience was like I was jerked out of happiness and plunged into sorrow. But then I was jerked right back out of sorrow back into happiness when my grandparents came to live with me and my family, and we were able to take care of him.**

**#2 The word that describes my life is “bumpy” because “life is like a road; it has bumps, cracks and obstacles, but in the end it gets you somewhere.” This quote describes everyone’s life. The bumps, cracks and obstacles are the hardships you go through; anxiety, depression,**

*anger, sadness, broken-heartedness, loneliness.*

*But just like the quote says, in the end the road gets you somewhere, possibly somewhere good.*

**#3 The word that describes my life is “bumpy” because “the bumps in life make up who you are.”** *This quote means that all the hardships you go through, everything you struggle with, builds up who you are in the end. The hardships help you learn for next time so you don't make that same mistake, help you understand things, and make YOU a stronger person.*

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**By Kate Courtis**

**Christa Cloete**

**Year 7/8 Coordinator**



# Junior School

Year 3 Camp

## YEAR 3 CAMP

Here are some of our brave Year 3 students on camp.





# Art

Middle School Art

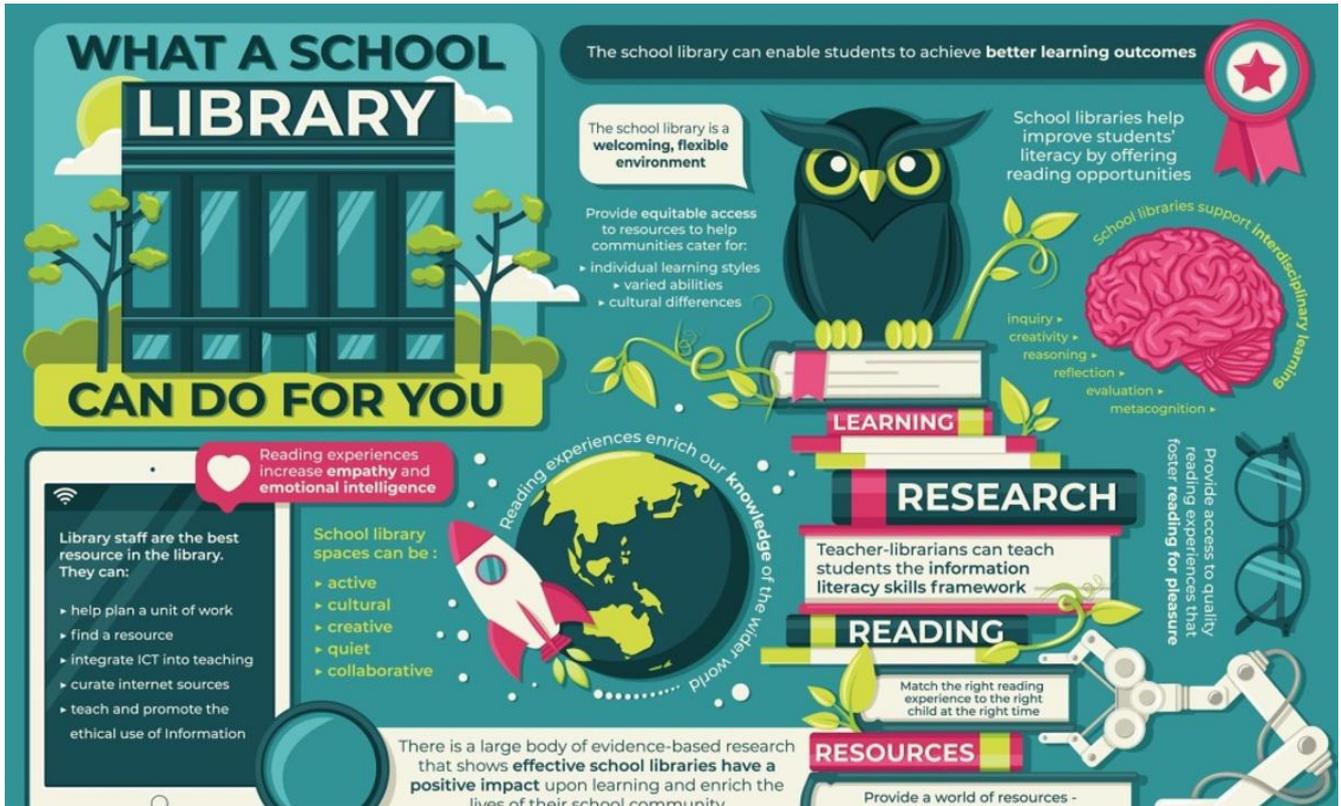
## MIDDLE YEARS ART

Keep a look out for the Year 7 exhibition of their MoMA Masterpieces - completed and ready for display. Year 8 Legacy Mural ceramic tiles are in the kiln and Year 6 have begun sewing their Character Trait Characters - based on the Fruit of the Holy Spirit - to be given to their Prep Buddy at the end of the year. God bless these wonderful students and Mrs Ottosson for her expert sewing help! What a dedicated team we have at St Andrews.

***Marina Heading***

***Year 6-8 Art Teacher***





# Library

## LIBRARY NEWS

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

### Junior Library

Lunchtime Monday

### Middle/ Senior Library:

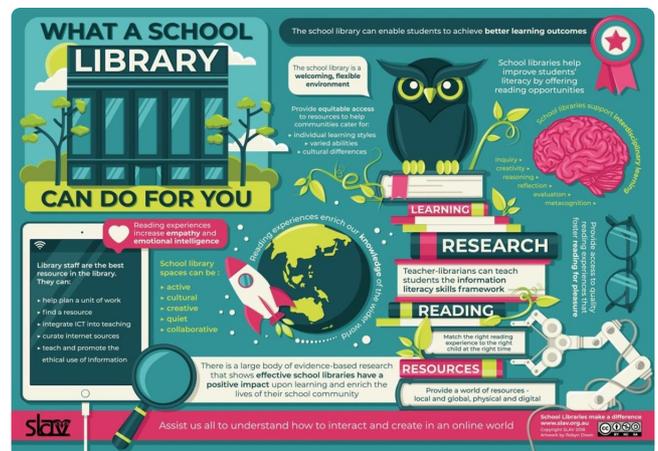
#### During School:

Monday to Friday: Recess and Lunch

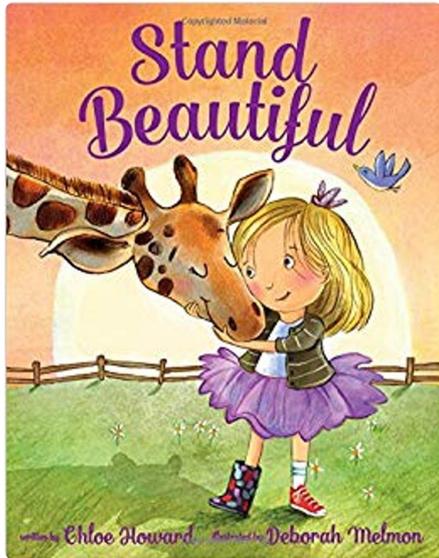
#### After School:

Most days until 4pm.

**Email:** [library@standrews.vic.edu.au](mailto:library@standrews.vic.edu.au)



## WHAT'S NEW IN THE JUNIOR LIBRARY?

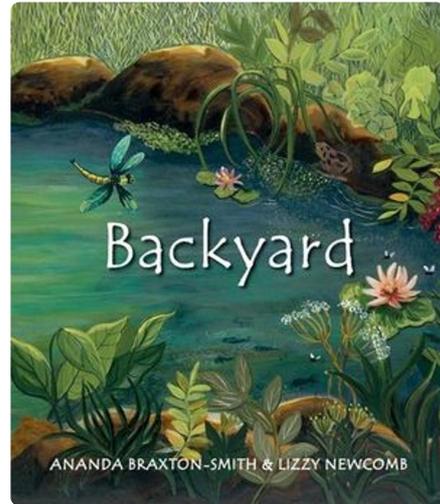


**Stand Beautiful**, is a fun **Picture book** based on Psalm 139:14 *“How You made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise You for that. What You have done is wonderful.”*

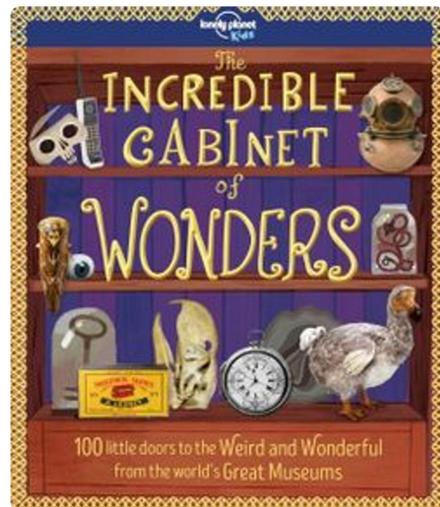
Written by teen TedX speaker and CURE.org ambassador Chloe Howard, this book encourages readers to embrace their own uniqueness and celebrate the differences in others.



**The Extra Special Baby: The Story of the Christmas Promise** is a beautifully illustrated Christmas **Picture book**, full of warmth, which focusses on Jesus.



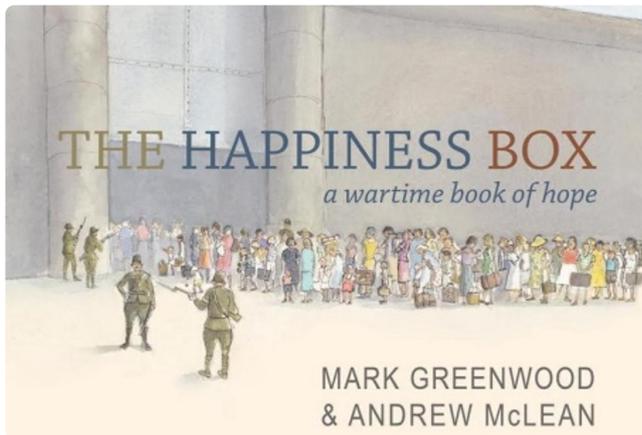
In **Backyard**, Australian author Ananda Braxton-Smith and fine artist Lizzy Newcomb team up to present a lush, lyrical **Picture book** about all the life that Australian children can find in a suburban backyard.



**The Incredible Cabinet of Wonders – 100 little doors to the Weird and Wonderful from the World's Great Museums** is a **Non Fiction** Lonely Planet Kids book.

It's time to peek inside the world's most famous museums. 12 collectors, from toy makers and monster hunters to sailors and archaeologists, have created their own themed cabinets and filled them with their favourite things. Children

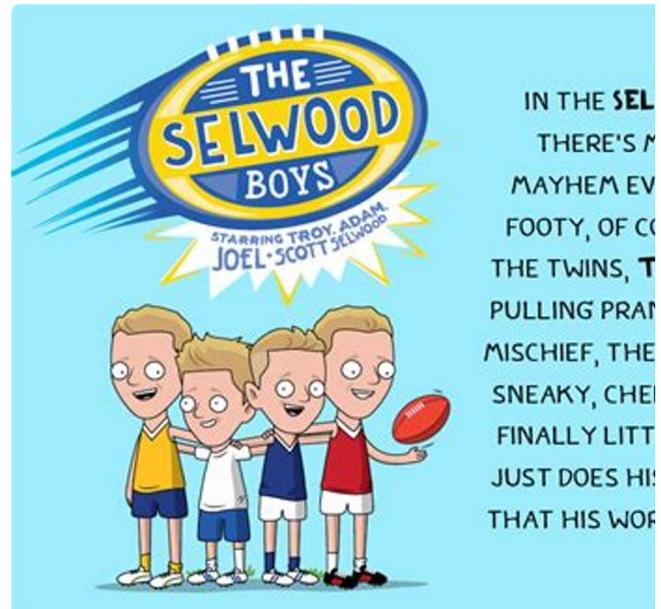
can lift the flaps to discover 100 extraordinary objects from the past and present then read fascinating stories behind each one.



***The Happiness Box*** is a remarkable new **Picture book**, about a remarkable old book. The Happiness Box was created in December 1942 by Australian prisoners of war as a Christmas present for children interned in Changi Prison in Singapore.

The book was written to chase away fear and give hope, but was then buried in order to protect it from being destroyed by the Japanese army. After the war, the book was dug up and declared a National Treasure. It now sits displayed in the State Library of New South Wales for all to see.

*The Happiness Box*, written by Mark Greenwood and Andrew McLean is the story of The Happiness Box. Greenwood's simple yet descriptive text, together with McLean's sketch-like illustrations makes a perfect partnership to tell this true tale with dignity and honour. kids-bookreview.com



We now have all four titles of ***The Selwood Boys*** Series in our **Junior Fiction** section of the library. Four future AFL stars under one roof? Yes! Meet the Selwood boys.

## DO YOU STILL HAVE A FEW PARENT HOURS TO COMPLETE?

Over the next 3 weeks or so, the library is expecting new books to arrive that we would love to add to our library collection before the end of this year. If you have a few Parent Hours left for this year, please contact us.

We are looking for people to do book covering either at home or school.

We supply the contact & directions. Books can be picked up from and delivered back to the school office. Please email Wai Peng Heath in the library at [library@standrews.vic.edu.au](mailto:library@standrews.vic.edu.au). or feel free to come and visit us!

## A NEW HAPPY SMILING FACE

We have a new library staff member for this term. Fiona Dobrzynski is working in the Library and teaching French while Lynne Marks is on leave. Thank you "Mrs D"!

**Thank you**  
***Library Staff***



## Sport

Badminton at Rally Day

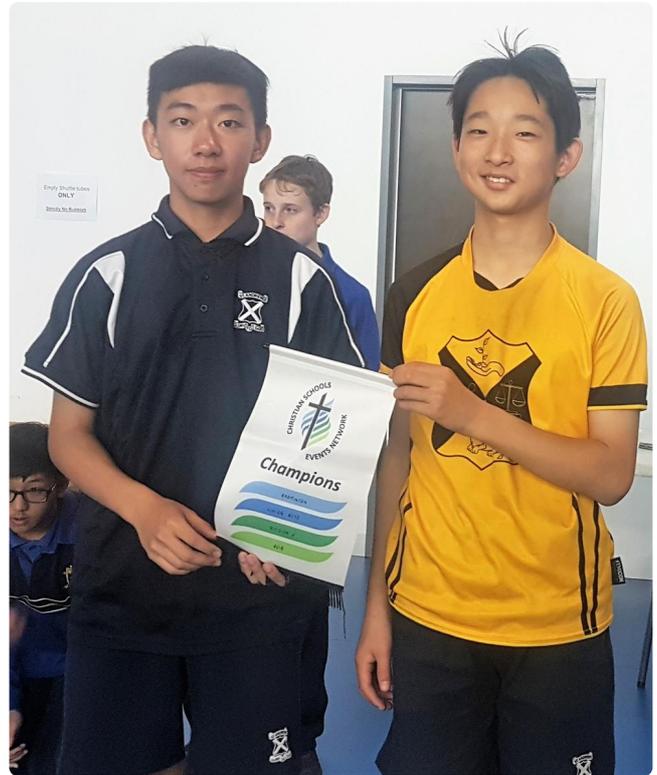
### CSEN YEAR 7 AND YEAR 8 RALLY DAY

Division 3 - 1st  
(Vicky and Anne)

A successful day for St Andrews this week:

#### **Badminton girls:**

Division 1 - 1st  
(Chavella and Andrea)



**Badminton boys:**

Division 2 - 1st

(Andrew Chen and Ray)

**Table Tennis:**

Boys division 1 - 1st (Caleb and Lawrence)

Girls division 2 - 1st (Cathie and Mikaeyla)

**Golf:**

Steph Diamatis won overall girl of the day!

***The Sports Department***



## **SOCCKER COURSES FOR PARENTS**

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***Andrew Farmer***  
***PE Teacher***



## Community Notices

### Newsletter 10

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.

### Girls Only Football Clinic

### 5 Week Girls Only Clinic

A FREE event run by girls for girls,  
from 6:30pm - 7:30pm

**REGISTER NOW**  
knoxcity.myclubshop.com.au

\*Food & drinks provided for those registered.

**DATES**  
**October:**  
17th, 24th & 31st

**November:**  
7th & 14th

**ADDRESS**  
Egan Lee Reserve  
63 Wallace Road  
Knoxfield VIC 3180

Contact Sarah Morgan  
M: 0435 765 677  
E: sarahjm1@hotmail.com




## Values Behind The Politics Forum

 Crossway updated - PDF.pdf

## Football Skills Session



The poster features a yellow background with a grey diagonal stripe. At the top left is a white Nike swoosh. At the top right is the Boronia Soccer Club logo, which includes a circular emblem with 'BORONIA SOCCER CLUB' and 'EST. 1974' on a banner below it. The main text is centered and reads: 'Summer Skills Sessions', 'Inviting all Junior players aged 5-12', 'Free of Charge', 'Existing players - Bring a friend', 'Commencing Wednesday 7th Nov', '6pm HV Jones Reserve', and 'For more information contact Kevin 0432 792 782'. Below the text are two black silhouettes of children playing soccer. At the bottom, the website 'www.boroniasoccerclub.com' is listed. A small 'iStock' logo is visible in the bottom right corner of the poster.

# Summer Skills Sessions

Inviting all Junior players  
aged 5-12

Free of Charge  
Existing players - Bring a friend  
Commencing Wednesday 7th Nov  
6pm HV Jones Reserve

For more information contact  
Kevin 0432 792 782  
[www.boroniasoccerclub.com](http://www.boroniasoccerclub.com)