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Principal's Message

Greetings Friends!

It's been a really difficult year for many of us in so many ways.

Words can't express how I feel – except my outpouring of grief for our beautiful school.

Personally, I am also having a difficult time with sick family members. My grandchild (born 10 weeks ago in NSW) is currently in ICU in hospital in Newcastle and all I want to do is go up and help my family, and I can't because of COVID restrictions.

But – I *can* pray and God IS the head of my family and our school and He does have everything in control, even when it seems He doesn't.

Please keep the College community, and those who are suffering in prayer.

Darkness may seem overwhelming at the moment – but where there is darkness, there is a stronger force in play – Jesus.

For those who know Jesus, His light is also in us.

Jesus, when speaking to the people, proclaimed,

“I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.” John 8:12 (NLT)

May we all band together to make this light so much brighter in the darkness. It is His light we shine and it is His light that overcomes.

Keep trusting God St Andrews! This is His school and His arms are around us.

In Him,
Catriona Wansbrough
Principal



SACC News

BOOK WEEK DRESS UP FUN

Students across the Primary School enjoyed some fun dressing up last week as their favourite book characters to celebrate Book Week 2020.





PERSONALISED CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS



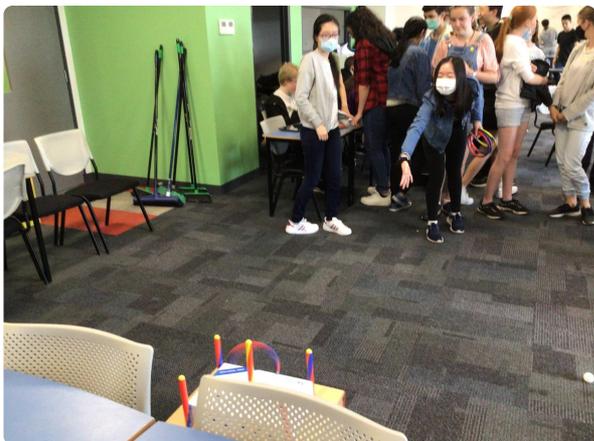


We are so glad to have you back at school!

To share our joy and happiness at their return to on campus learning, there were some grand decorations to welcome our Year 8 and 9s on 26 October.



On Friday 30th October, we had a pizza lunch party followed by 2 periods of fun games and competition.





Learning Support has seen many changes - working face-to-face with students, online



inform our planning as we look ahead to 2021.

If you have concerns about the impact of online learning on your child, or other concerns please feel free to contact your child's teacher and/or Learning Support:

Shirley Gillie - Head of Learning Support: sgillie@standrews.vic.edu.au

Wendy Punay - Learning Support Teacher - Primary: wpunay@standrews.vic.edu.au

Kerryn Terrington - Learning Support Teacher - Secondary: kterrington@standrews.vic.edu.au

Blessings,
Shirley Gillie

Head of Learning Support

WEEKLY ZOOM PRAYER MEETING -

Tuesdays 8:00 - 8:30pm

Dear St Andrews Community,

You are all welcome to join us as we pray for St Andrews Christian College and all our community – students/staff and families.



As you know the St Andrews Weekly Zoom Prayer Meeting is hosted on Tuesday Nights, now running for only half an hour, from 8:00pm – 8:30pm. Our next meeting will be held Tuesday 17th November. Together as a community we can express our thanks to God, as well as praying for our world,

College and each other.

In this way, we can continue connecting and caring for each other. No one should feel that they should pray aloud if they would prefer not to. Just pray in your heart as others lead us.

You may like to write your prayer points in the “chat” section of Zoom and during the evening we will be sure to pray for those things. Please mute yourself, unless you are speaking/praying so we are not battling with background noise during this time together.

We hope you can join our College Chaplain, Warwick Grant and myself for a time of prayer. We will conclude at 8:30pm, but feel free to leave earlier if you need to. Details to join the meetings are emailed to the College Community each week.

Blessings,

Mrs Catriona Wansbrough

Principal

EPIDEMIC THUNDERSTORM ASTHMA

- People who have asthma or hay fever can get severe asthma symptoms during grass pollen season when high amounts of grass pollen in the air combine with a certain type of thunderstorm.
- Epidemic thunderstorm asthma is when a large number of people develop asthma symptoms over a short period of time.
- Epidemic thunderstorm asthma events are uncommon and don't occur every year. In south-east Australia they can happen during grass pollen season from October through December. They are not the cause of seasonal increases in asthma symptoms seen every year.
- Thunderstorm asthma can affect those with asthma or hay fever – especially people who experience wheezing or coughing with their hay fever.

Protecting your child if they have asthma

If your child currently has asthma, make sure you have yearly reviews with your GP about their asthma to ensure that they have the right asthma medication, know how to use it properly and that your child has good control of their asthma.

It is also important that the student has an asthma action plan and that they see the GP to ensure that it includes advice for thunderstorm asthma. Ensure the student has a reliever medication like ventolin along with a spacer stored in sick bay.

Protecting your child if they have hay fever

If your child suffers from hay fever, understand that they are at an increased risk of asthma, including during an epidemic thunderstorm asthma event. If you think your child may have symptoms of asthma, for example if they wheeze, are short of breath or cough with their hay fever, then talk to the GP about determining whether it could be related to asthma.

If your child has hay fever only, see your GP or pharmacist about a hay fever treatment plan and what you can do to help protect yourself from the risk of thunderstorm asthma. This may include having an asthma reliever puffer appropriately available – these are available from pharmacies without a prescription.

If your child develops asthma symptoms, the four steps of asthma first aid will be followed and then your child will need to be reviewed by a GP.

A suggestion for all parents with a child that suffers from asthma or hay fever is to visit the Melbourne Pollen Count and Forecast website or download the app on your phone for alerts especially in the high risk months of October through to December.

Please remember if your child has symptoms of hay fever in the morning prior to the start of the school day, please give them an anti-histamine and/or allergy eye drops.

If your child is at risk of developing hay fever or asthma symptoms throughout the day, please provide the appropriate medications which can be stored in sick bay. The student's Operoo (formerly known as CareMonkey) Care Profile should be updated with any current medical information.

Any questions regarding asthma and hay fever treatment at school, please contact Mrs Cheryl Pajor at reception.

Cheryl Pajor

School Nurse & Student Services Administrator



Keep on Learning

FLUFFY PREP VISITORS

The Prep classes have had some adorable visitors this week. Both classes have had 6 week old baby bunnies (Kittens) in our room which have had many cuddles and brought joy to all.



“Snowy is a little cheeky and likes to lick me” – Chloe

“Bingo is silly running up and down the sea-saw” – Joshua

YEAR 6 ART

Our amazing Year 6 Artists have been working hard to develop their Plein Air skills outside!



What a beautiful day for observing the subtle complexities God's Creation and noticing the small and big things He has made. The focus here was positive and negative space, working without an eraser and looking, looking, looking at one thing for a set time. They did so well!

Mrs Marina Heading

Middle School Art Teacher

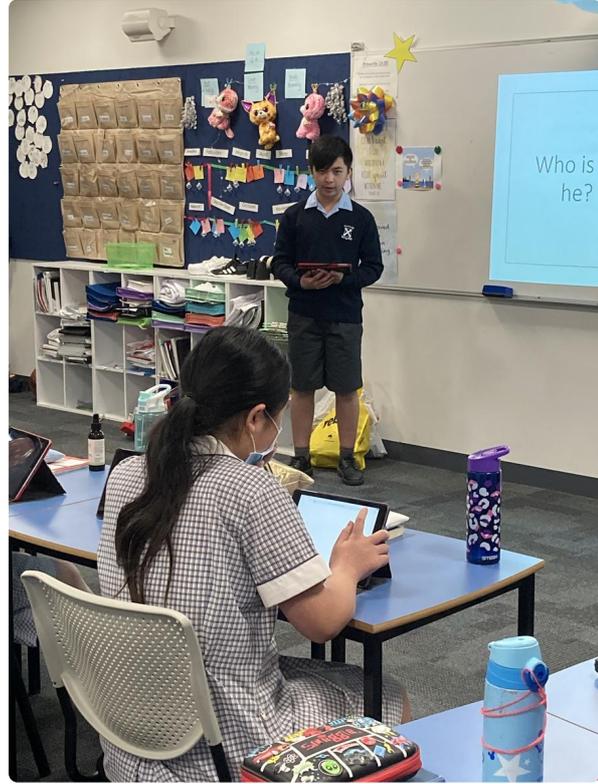
PRIMARY SCHOOL BUDDIES

Year 6C and Prep P buddies had a wonderful time this week getting to know each other, forming lasting friendships and having fun in the sun. The Year 6 buddies coached the Preps in activities including skipping, soccer, coytys and catching. We have loved our time together.



SPEECH TIME IN YEAR 7 HISTORY CLASS

Here are some Year 7 students bravely sharing wonderful presentations on the historical context, early life and achievements of a significant historical figure from ancient India, and how they were perceived by their contemporaries.



They did such a wonderful job! Well done Mrs Krishnan for preparing them so well!

Mrs Marina Heading

7H Teacher

AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE OLYMPIADS

The Australian Science Olympiads are a national enrichment program for secondary science students. They provide rewarding opportunities for students to extend themselves way beyond school science through challenging exams, stimulating extensions and enrichment programs and international competitions.

Earlier this year, Matthew Wu (7H) sat the Junior Science Olympiad Exam and achieved a distinction, which puts him in the top 50 students nationally for this exam.

Well done Matthew! We look forward to seeing where your love for science takes you.

Mrs Kerryn Terrington

Learning Assistance Teacher



YEAR 10 DRAMA PRODUCTION

On Thursday 12th November the Year 10 theatre class put on their production, "*It's not you, it's me*". There were some amazing performances by each of the participants. This is the only production during 2020 that has been able to be performed live. It was rewarding to be performing in front of a live audience.



Karen Elbourne

Year 10 Drama Teacher

YEAR 12 THEATRE STUDIES MONOLOGUE EXAM

On Friday November 6th, our Year 12 Theatre Studies class had their externally assessed Monologue Examinations. Each student had prepared an 8-minute interpretation of a set monologue, presenting these either as an actor or as a designer; and all from memory!

This was the culmination of months and months of work, much of which was completed from home and through zoom calls. The students sourced their own props, costumes, set pieces and soundtracks, producing some truly inspiring work. I am extremely proud of all they have achieved; their dedication, creative problem-solving, resilience and generosity.



We had a wonderful morning in the carpark of the exam venue – praying for each student before they went in, and celebrating with each when they were done. Now to prepare for the Written Exam!

Kathryn Brown

Theatre Studies Teacher

CAREERS EDUCATION

'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.' – **Jeremiah 29:11**

Year 8 ***Discover Me*** Program



Discover Me is an exciting new self-discovery and career development program for Year 8 students. The Program builds self-confidence, respect for others, engages and motivates students and ignites big dreams about their future. Year 8 *Discover Me* Program has been scheduled for Tuesday 24 November.

Year 10 *Engage & Empower* Careers Program

Year 10 *Engage & Empower* Careers Program was held 29 and 30 October and it was a wonderful opportunity for our



students to learn new skills and gain knowledge about careers. Students learned about **digital careers** and safe driving, how to write a resume, cover letter and prepare for a job interview, as well as basic investment principles, savings goals and budgeting.



Start Smart is an award-winning financial education program offered to Year 10 students to help them prepare for the future. The interactive and educational workshops are designed to motivate and

inspire students and give them the confidence and skills to make smart decisions about money. Start Smart workshops include - Investing, Enterprise, Earning, Saving and Spending.

RESUME, COVER LETTER & INTERVIEW TECHNIQUES

workshops are practical sessions facilitated by our partners from Box Hill Institute.



THE FUTURE OF WORK & STEER YOUR CAREER workshops introduce students to what it means to develop a career and how to make a successful transition out of secondary school.

RMIT VIRTUAL PRESENTATION includes an overview of RMIT campuses, university courses, pathways, scholarships and student life at RMIT.



The VicRoads **ROAD SMART** Program provides students with a fundamental understanding of the causes of road trauma and the importance of safe driving.

Year 12 *My Career Match Blast-Off* Program

Career planning is more than just making a decision about a job or a university degree. It's a process of determining where you are and where you want to be. Thinking about your life after school can be overwhelming and My Career Match 'Blast-Off' Program prepares our Year 12 students for their next step.



VCE VET *Certificate III in Christian Ministry and Theology*

- Be equipped for a life of mission
- Connect with like-minded students
- Have the Bible come alive for you



This faith-impacting one year VET course is a unique opportunity for our students in either Year 11 or Year 12. Christian Ministry & Theology classes are interactive and practical and will be held at St Andrews on Wednesday afternoons.

Why study Certificate III in Christian Ministry and Theology and make it part of your VCE?

Mission: You want to be challenged—to try some new things and be equipped for a life of mission.

Personal Growth: You don't want to let your culture define who you are and what you are on about—but to take personal growth and transformation seriously.

Bible: You are ready to dive in deep—to grapple with more complexity—to know Jesus more through the Scriptures.

Accreditation: Cert. III in Christian Ministry and theology with Gravitare is an accredited course through Eastern College Australia (RTO 22065).

This VET study can offer credit towards VCE studies and can be used as a 5th or 6th subject on your ATAR. Students include Certificate III in Christian Ministry and Theology as part of their VCE to grow in their faith and be equipped for ministry and mission.

It's not too late to register. Please see Mrs Yevlahova for more details.

[Certificate III in Christian Ministry and Theology](#)

Careers Conversations

All of us are created to serve. In my conversations with students I encourage them to focus on their strengths and remind them that there is no one exactly like them. It is very important that students understand that they are unique and that God made them special and created them for a purpose. All of us are called to serve God and God uses us for His glory and to bless others.



For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. – Ephesians 2:10

St Andrews Careers Newsletter

In this careers newsletter students discover the latest news from the leading universities as well explore careers resources.

 [St Andrews Careers Newsletter 13 November 2020.pdf](#)

Mrs Irena Yevlahova

Careers Coordinator



Keep on Connecting

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT LEADERS



What are these Year 7s doing? Well! These students are collaborating, communicating, listening, laughing and having an absolute ball with our fantastic Year 7 leaders.

With a simple phrase like, 'you are at a dinner party', students have quickly formed a *still photo* of a scene – theatre sport style! Theatre Sports is improvised drama that teaches teamwork, thinking on your feet and creative thinking. It is a great opportunity to get everyone involved, act and have fun!

Mrs Marina Heading

7H Homeroom Teacher

THE YEAR 2 STAY LATE

The Year 2s were very fortunate to be able to go ahead with their much anticipated 'Stay Late' on Friday the 6th of November.







We finished our afternoon with a sausage sizzle, thanks to Mr Farmilo and Mrs Hughes. The Year 2s even broke the record for the most sausages eaten at a Year 2 Stay Late! We had so much fun together.

Olivia Tay, Judy Hendricks and Tayla Moss

Year 2 Teachers

LUNCHTIME VOLLEYBALL FUN

It's fantastic to always see St Andrews Year 10 students connecting and enjoying some lunchtime fun as they can be found rocking the volleyball in the Multi Purpose Hall! Go for it Sophia!



Keep on Caring

YEAR 7H - MISSION SERVICE LEARNING PROJECT

Every Wednesday and Friday, 7H have been collecting the yellow recycling bins from the Junior School (P-4) classrooms and taking them to the big yellow bins.

This has been our Mission Service Learning project for 2020. Students have never grumbled (they have forgotten on occasion) and I am so proud of the way they have supported others!

Our challenge to you? The 'big message'? Are you looking around at ways of serving others, even if you have to pick up rubbish?

God Bless!

Mrs Marina Heading

7H Homeroom Teacher





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.

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