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Dear Parents and Friends,

Thank you everyone for a wonderful 2016!

It is really exciting to see how St Andrews Christian College is growing and improving each year. Not just the obvious growth (student numbers/improvements in curriculum and academic results/buildings and grounds etc) but the growth that is transforming lives and building community.

I love hearing the stories and testimonies of students and ex-students sharing what God is doing in their lives and the joy, peace and hope that brings to them.

May you too, know that hope, joy and peace as we come into the Christmas season.

Wishing you and your families the brilliance of His true light this Christmas.

*"I am the light of the world,
whoever follows me shall not walk in darkness,
but shall have the light of life."*

John 8:12 (NIV)

God bless,

Catriona

Junior Christmas Concert

Thanks to Yvonne Hughes and her beautiful staff for the magnificent concert last Friday night.

O what a glorious night!



Please pray for the team (away 10th – 21st December) as they travel and learn about aid development in an evangelistic way.

Presentation Night

All students (in full summer school uniform) are expected to attend Presentation Night next Monday evening at Belgrave Heights Convention Centre, Convention Avenue, Belgrave Heights at 7:30pm.

(<https://goo.gl/maps/ANFaT5TeBN72>)

This year we are holding it at Belgrave Heights Convention Centre so as to fit in all our students, parents and friends of the College.

Cambodia – Off we go!

We are offering a special 'schoolies' for our Year 12 students this year, to travel to Cambodia with Samaritan's Purse on a Discovery Trip.

The team will be:

Greg Crotty

Catriona and Paul Wansbrough

Wai Peng Heath

Ben Sheahan

Nicole Jones

Gabby Longden

Jessica Ireson

Ingrid Scheepers

David Anderson

Some of the activities in which we will be involved:

- Christmas Shoe box distribution
- Visit maternal, infant and child health project
- Food for Life project
- Visit Water for Families project. Construct and install or inspect Biosand filters
- Devotions and church with Samaritans Purse staff and schools
- Visit schools and see the "Better Teacher and We can Read" program

- Visit Safe Migration and Trafficking project on the border
- School outreach at a school needing construction
- Service project at Prasat Rang School or Church.

the Legislative Council is that the Bill would have been defeated.

We have been closely monitoring the legislation since that time and the Bill is currently now the first item of Government business on Tuesday 6 December.

Student Reports

Student reports and the College magazine will be sent home on the last day of school – Tuesday 6th December.

Please commit this matter to prayer until this is resolved and pray that those who have indicated support for Religious freedoms will stand firm.

Equal Opportunity Legislation Update

The Government's proposed amendments were discussed but not voted on earlier this month. We understand from responses by Members of

While indications are that the Bill will be defeated, this is never assured until the vote is taken. The defeat of this Bill would provide some breathing space in this area which would be well received by all religious bodies potentially affected by the Bill and its amendments.



Notices

Junior School Christmas Musical

PYV Summer Camp

Presbyterian Youth Victoria is busy at this time of year preparing for the annual PYV Summer Camp. This experience begins at Rawson Village in Gippsland on Tuesday Dec 27 and finishes on New Years Day - January 1 2017. This year we are very pleased to have Rev Jared Keath coming to speak from Exodus. This book is vitally important in the big story of the Bible and it will be good

for our youth to begin to see that made clearer.



Registrations for the camp are now open for anyone between 12-21 via the PYV website - www.pyv.org.au - and close on December 5. Don't wait until then.

Rev Brian Harvey

Youth Ministries Director

CareMonkey

You will have received communication about signing up for CareMonkey and submitting the medical information on your child/ren. This is a requirement for ALL families to complete so please get this submitted as soon as possible. The medical information you provide will ensure that the College has up-to-date records and will assist

greatly in the care and safety of your child/ren. This information will be vital as we head into next year when the CareMonkey app will be used for all excursions and camp permission forms.

Important reminder: If your child suffers from Asthma or Anaphylaxis, it is a Government requirement to provide an Action Plan signed by your family doctor. These Action Plans can be attached to the CareMonkey profiles simply by taking a photo of the Action Plan and adding it to the profile. If you have submitted your CareMonkey profile, but have not included an Action Plan signed by your doctor, please do so as soon as possible.

Tim Farmilo

Deputy Principal

Mission Cup - Coins for Change

We are collecting 'change' to help support our mission programs (Vanuatu/Cambodia/Pakistan) at St Andrews Christian College.



Keep the cup in an obvious place in your home or car, drop your loose coins into it and if the cup is full send it to school to be added to the collection. The cup will come back to you, so that you can start filling it up again.

We hope you enjoy collecting funds this way, and we are looking forward to seeing how these small coins will grow into

a mountain of help over the coming years.

Sally Wade

Vanuatu Mission Coordinator

New School App

The school has a new communication app.



The tiqbiz app works on a range of smartphones, tablets, laptops and desktops. It isn't limited to just the iPhone or iPad making it a great tool for everyone.

If you haven't already downloaded the app, we would encourage you to please do so in order that you can receive up-to-date information from the school.

Download the app from tiqbiz.com.au or from the App store or Google Playstore.

Tim Farmilo

Deputy Principal



Calendar

Important Coming Events for Term 4 2016:

December

Week 10B

- Monday 5th-Presentation Night 7pm*
- Tuesday 6th - Last Day of Term

*Parents welcome

Term 1 2017

February

Wednesday 1st - First Day of Term Yr1-12

Wednesday 1st - Welcome Morning Tea*

Thursday 2nd - Prep First Day of Term

Thursday 2nd - Prep Welcome Morning Tea*

Tuesday 7th - Junior School Information Night

Thursday 9th - Middle School Information Night

Term Dates

TERM DATES FOR 2016

Term 4: Mon 3rd Oct – Tues 6th Dec

TERM DATES FOR 2017

Term 1: Wed 1st Feb– Fri 31st March

Term 3: Monday 24th July – Friday 22nd Sept

Term 2: Wed 19th April – Fri 30th June

Term 4: Mon 9th Oct – Fri 8th Dec



Junior School

Junior athletics

A Prep View of Christmas



I celebrate Christmas by
Loving Jesus and praising Jesus.
I sometimes put up my
Christmastree. I give presents.

Junior School Christmas Musical





Junior Athletics

The Junior School enjoyed their Athletics day!



Year 4 Highlights

- Making pancakes in Term 1 was such fun. I really enjoyed shaking the mixture then pouring it into the pan. We decorated them with maple syrup, chocolate or butter. **Charlotte**
- Ace-Hi was great! It was awesome, even though it was my first camp! **Tony**
- We went to the Art Gallery and saw amazing artworks. One of them was made out of pencils and it was the shape of flower that was 3D! **Sarah**
- We read a class novel called "Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes". We actually made more than a thousand paper cranes. It was so much fun! **Isabel L**
- I enjoyed doing touch typing with my friends. We challenged and competed against each other. Touch typing is fun! **Isabel G**
- I like ARs because we get to read in our free time. The books in the library are really interesting. Sometimes I like reading so much that I read in bed when I'm not allowed to. **Ruby**
- I liked the Kung-fu excursion at the Chinese Museum. It was cool and we were instructed some cool kung-fu. We also got to see the instructor do some professional kung-fu. **Max**
- One of the highlights in Year 4 was the Antarctica cake. It helped us see what lived in Antarctica and what lived in the Arctic. It also showed us that Antarctica is land surrounded by sea and the Arctic is sea surrounded by land. **Daniel F**



Middle School

Yr8 Celebration Day

Congratulations Carla !

"Our heartiest congratulation to
Carla Dreyer of 8K... we are so
proud of you!



Christian College in the
Victorian All Schools
Championship where she won
the bronze medal for girls
under 14 in the 400m in a time
of 1:02.30 sec. Her third place
in the championship gained
her automatic inclusion to the
Victorian Junior Athletics Team,
which she will represent at the
Australian Junior Athletics
Championships in Canberra in
April 2017.

On 5 November 2016, Carla
represented St. Andrews

On 26 November 2016, Carla represented Box Hill Athletics Club in the Victorian Relay Championship where she competed in the girls under 16 4x400m relay team and they managed to win the bronze medal."

Rajes Krishnan

***Middle and Senior School
Teacher***

Year 8 and 9 Masterclasses

The Year 8 and 9 students participated in a number of Masterclasses.



Languages, Alphabets and Codes

Students in this masterclass looked at early Indo-European alphabets, and how alphabets

essentially started out as codes, conveying either secret, mystical or general information. They used these codes to decipher and encode information. Students learnt the Koine (New Testament) Greek alphabet and used that to translate some words from the Bible (from Greek into English) that enriched their English vocabulary.

Tantalising Book Trailers

This class introduced students to the world of book trailers. After watching some examples from publishers and amateurs, they were able to create their own, using a variety of resources.

Outwit, Outlast, Outplay

Enter the realm of games... Students enjoyed challenging themselves and others with a range of strategy games. They delved into and investigated the mechanics of population genetics in a simulation game and became the chief minion among their peers. Recall was tested with some memory games and their versatility and spontaneity was demonstrated in a series of improvisation games. Students had fun participating in a range

of activities that tested their skills in many areas – outwitting, outlasting and outplaying!

Wonders of the Weather

In Wonders of the Weather students learnt about how the weather works through a range of experiments and hands-on activities. They learnt how to draw and read a weather map and tried their hand at predicting the weather.

Around the World in a Day

In this course students learnt all about the culture of a country of their choice and enjoyed the fascinating aspects of this culture. They became ambassadors for their country and created a kiosk to promote it.

3D Model Yourself

Students learnt to use the powerful modelling software Blender to create a 3D model of themselves. Starting with a simple front and side photo, they moulded a cube into a complete low-polygon 3D mesh designed for use in a video game, then texture-painted it.

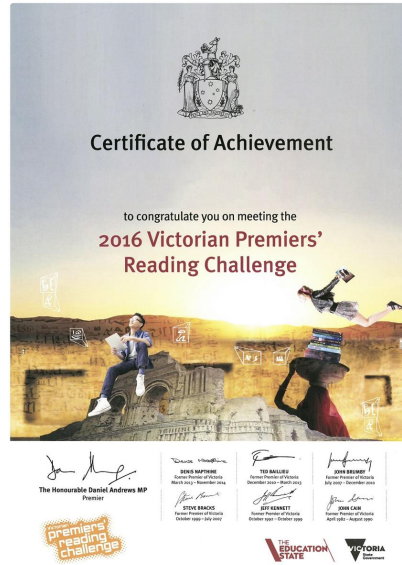
Daniel Broadbridge

Yr7-12 Maths Coordinator**Year 8 Celebration Day**

On 28 November, to celebrate the end of Middle School, the Year 8 students had a fun-filled day exploring God's creation. They engaged in a physical challenge and enjoyed the outdoors and each other's company. The students cycled 10 kms from school to Jells Park along the Knox Bike Track.



At the park they played games and tucked in to a satisfying sausage sizzle lunch, which was organised by our parent helpers, whose time and effort was very much appreciated.

Rajes Krishnan**Middle and Senior School Teacher****Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge**

Congratulations to all the 59 students in Year 7 and 8 who successfully completed the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge 2016 and received a Certificate of Achievement for their efforts.

Well Done, Everyone!

Rajes Krishnan**Middle and Senior School Teacher****Sport**

On Wednesday we head out to compete in the final interschool event for the year, the CSEN Primary Interschool Athletics. This event is the 3rd of the 3 major sports carnivals that CSEN run throughout the year, including swimming and cross country.

St Andrews Christian College placed 1st in both of these events earlier in the year, and if we are successful on Wednesday at athletics, we will be the proud holders of all three shields in the same year. This is particularly significant given we have never won one of these shields before - it's been a great year in sport!

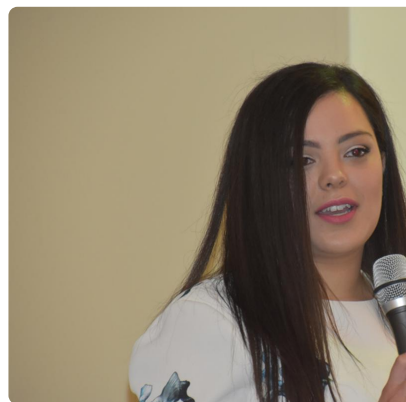
Steve Mellody**Head of PE and Sport**



Senior School

Cambodia Mission Team

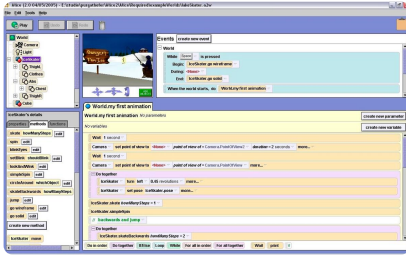
Year 12 Valedictory



Programming Challenge for Girls

Eight of our Year 9 girls recently participated in the 'Programming Challenge for Girls' at Melbourne University. They learned how to create video animations with the coding program 'Alice'. It involved drag-and-drop coding, but with many varied options for the movements of characters, objects, and the

viewing angle 'camera' itself. Every tiny movement in their animations was a result of their thinking, programming, and problem-solving.



The girls also heard from a young Google intern, on the exciting possibilities and opportunities in the tech field.

Their final task was to create a movie where four elephants performed tricks, involving some complex movements. Fiorella and Hadeel (Team "Bless") participated well, Nicole and Yun-Shing (Team "New York") placed third, and both Danica and Chloe (Team "Digital Cookies"), and Fiona and Cassandra (Team "Orange") won gold!

Well done, programmers!

Ben Sheahen

Middle School Teacher

Cambodia Discovery Mission Trip

With only a week to go until we leave, the team going to Cambodia would value your prayer.

Please pray for:

- Health of the team and in the lead up to the trip
- Sensitivity to how God is working and how God wants to use us on the trip
- Peace for the year 12's as their results are released whilst we are away
- Spiritual growth for the team
- Blessing on the Samaritans Purse staff in Cambodia as they spread the gospel and help the needy and develop their country.

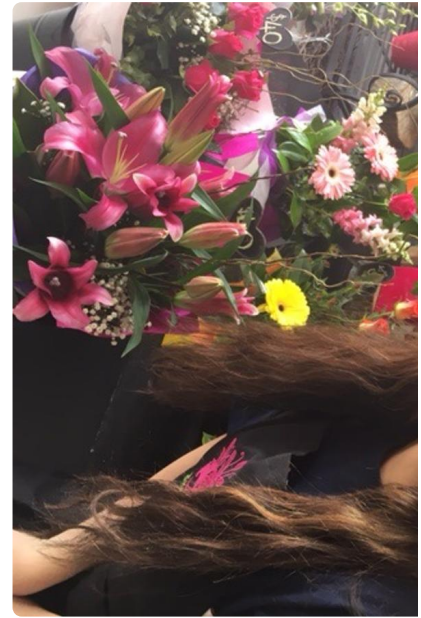
We will be away from the 10th to the 21st of December.

Greg Crotty

Head of Senior School

Year 10 Work Experience –2016

Last week, 21-25 November, our Year 10 students went out on work experience and we have received some glowing reports from their employers.



- Raaya Singh @Woolworths Ferntree Gully "Excellent worker with superb customer service skills. Keen to have her stay and accept our job offer."
- Virakboth Svay @Salvation Army Wantirna "Very proactive worker, would be happy to have him back."
- Caleb Wu @ Salvation Army Glen Waverley "Very helpful, great to have him here."

- Tim Anderson @Coles Knox “Excellent worker, organised, fast worker, listens, would take more students if they are all like him.”
- McKenzie Morris @Appleby Estate Agency “Good listener, efficient worker, shows initiative, complete all tasks.”
- Brendan Elliott @Coles Eltham “Punctual and hardworking, went over and above, more than happy to have him back.”
- Sunny Tang @Woolworths South Yarra “It has been a pleasure to work with Sunny. Thank you for your help and hard work.”
- Charisse Cheong @St Andrews library “Did everything she was asked with grace.”

Congratulations to all Year 10 students on their positive attitude, enthusiasm and the exceptional qualities they have demonstrated. The feedback and reports from employers were outstanding!

Work Experience Dates for 2017: 26-30 June & 27 November-1 December

Any parent who is able to provide our students with suitable work opportunities or placements, please contact Mrs. Irena Yevlahova iyevlahova@standrews.vic.edu.au

Irena Yevlahova
Careers Coordinator

Year 9 City Experience December 2016

Year 9 students finished the year with a wonderful three-day City Experience. They started off competing in a treasure hunt in small groups, covering ground from the MCG across to the Docklands.



The second day was focussed on learning about homelessness in Melbourne, involving a tour and classroom session with the Salvos in the morning, and collecting for the Salvos Christmas appeal in the

afternoon. The third day was spent taking photos and film of different aspects of Creation, Fall and Redemption in the city, which will be used to make a documentary at school. The City Experience was fabulous, fun and eye-opening for everyone.

Joanne de Meester
Yr9-10 Coordinator

Careers News

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all most sincerely for your continued support. I hope this resource is useful and of continued value.

Items in this edition of the Careers Newsletter include:

- 2016 VCAA Results
- Key VTAC Dates
- News from Monash University
- Monash University Special Entry and Access Scheme - Direct Application
- Important information for VCE International Students
- UMAT 2017
- Sae Qantm College Information Night

- VCE 2017 Summer Schools
- Access Education Summer School
- TSFX Summer School
- VCA & MCMs 2017 Intensive Summer Schools
- Bachelor of Science (Chiropractic) at CQUniversity (Melbourne)
- ANU Advisory Day – Melbourne
- Australian Jobs Publication

- Technical Trades in the Defence Force
- RACV Free2Go Program
- Useful Tips for Successful Interviews



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

Irena Yevlahova
Careers Coordinator

Sport Results

Year 9/10 Rally Day

Boys table tennis - 1st place

Kevin Wang and Ben Huang

Girls badminton - 1st place

Katherine Hiew and Danica Dreyer

Boys golf - 2nd place

Nathaniel Foo



Parents and Friends

Parent Choir@Junior School Christmas Musical

PFA Committee

Next year we have expanded the PFA Committee to include a General Committee. We welcome Darren Schlipalius, Reeby Jacob, Michael Yuan, Narelle Malpass and Michelle Ta. The aim of this group is to help support the PFA Executive as we plan and implement activities for the year. Parents are welcome to join this group anytime through the year. We do expect committee members to attend our PFA meetings (once a Term)

however most communication will be done via email/social chat within the group.

Shaun Beovich
PFA President

2nd Hand Uniform New Stock Required

Due to the recent clearance sale the 2nd hand Uniform Shop requires new stock. Please drop off any good quality and clean used uniforms to the school office.

Liz Romney

**2nd Hand Uniform Shop
Manager**

Parent Choir

Thanks to Eriana, Ronnie and Loeky for coordinating the Parents' Choir for this year's Junior School Christmas Musical. It was wonderful having the College community come together and kick off the evening this way.



Also thanks to the many parents who helped with the BBQ and serving of food and drinks.

Bunnings BBQ



We were blessed with wonderful weather and plenty of parent helpers at our recent

Bunnings BBQ. Thanks to all the parent and student helpers. We made an excellent profit of \$1227 for the day.

Shaun Beovich

PFA President

School Banking

Thanks to our regular parent helpers through the year and again to Karen Cheung for coordinating School Banking for the past few years. Juli Tu is taking over next year and we are still looking for a parent to help Juli in coordinating this.

Icy Pole Fridays

Thanks to our many parent helpers throughout the year. We look forward to continue to

provide this service to our students next year.

Andrew Musgrove

Icy Pole Friday Coordinator

Term 1 2017 PFA Events

- **Wed 1st Feb** - Welcome Morning Tea Yr1-12
- **Thurs 2nd Feb** - Prep Welcome Morning Tea
- **Sat 25th Feb** - Welcome Picnic

PFA Committee 2017

President: Shaun Beovich

Vice-President: Sally Wade

Secretary: Lesley Goh

Treasurer: Loeky Kwe

email:

pfa@standrews.vic.edu.au



Multi-culturalism

Multi-cultural Day

Multi-Cultural Day

A Multi-cultural COMMUNITY embodies a radiant and colourful kaleidoscope of vibrantly diverse facets of food, music, art, languages, dance, ethnic attire, new ideas, different perspectives, life experiences and personalities.

On Monday 24 October, St. Andrews celebrated Multi-Cultural Day. We are indeed so blessed to belong to a community that comprises of an incredibly rich and varied cultural heritage with staff members and students from approximately 30 different cultural backgrounds!

As part of the celebrations, a special assembly was organised and the school community embraced the day dressed in a fascinating range of colourful, ethnic outfits reflecting our various cultural backgrounds.

Rajes Krishnan

Multi-cultural Coordinator





Duke of Edinburgh

Alpine National Park Expedition

Duke of Ed – Alpine National Park Expedition

Last week the Duke of Edinburgh students went on their final expedition of the year. They had the most diverse Duke of Ed experience ever - 38 degrees on Monday and then Wednesday evening we were all thrilled to witness at least 4 hours of snow showers and our tents were all covered in snow.



Weather did bring its challenges but we were well resourced and all students faced them with courage. It was amazing to experience so much fresh snow just a week before summer begins!!



The weather was great over the last two days of the camp. We did bike riding in Bright and abseiling at Mt Buffalo to wrap up the Duke of Ed year.

safe on all Duke of Ed adventures, much appreciated.

Mr Daniel Idrees
Duke of Edinburgh
Coordinator

Thanks heaps for all your prayers this year for us to be



Library

Library News

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

OPENING HOURS

Junior Library

Lunchtime Monday

Middle/ Senior Library:

Monday to Friday: Recess and Lunch

After school:

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

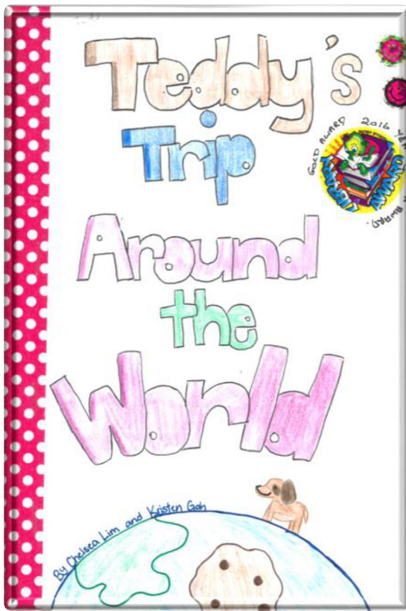
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library@standrews.vic.edu.au

And the winners are...

The Year 6 students have voted for the Picture Book of the Year and the results are in.

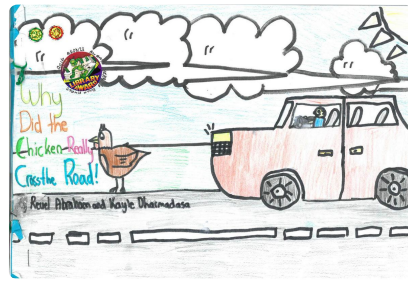
Gold Award: "Teddy's trip around the world"



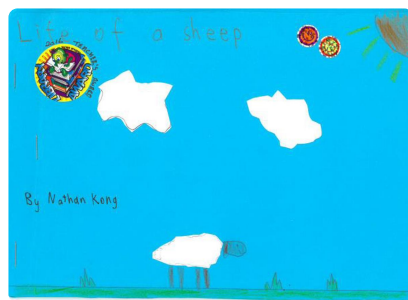
Silver Award: "The Boy who wouldn't eat his vegetables."



Bronze Award: Why did the chicken really cross the road?"



Teachers were also invited to vote and the Teachers' Award went to "Life of a sheep" by Nathan Kong.

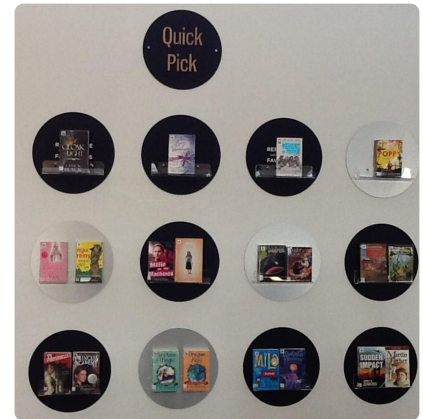


Congratulations to the award winners. It was wonderful to hear the discussion that these awards generated.

What's new in the Senior Library?

Recently, a new feature was added to the Senior Library. A "Hero Book Wall" has been added near the Board room. New titles will be displayed

here and borrowers are asked to replace borrowed items with a favourite. We are very grateful to Mr. Ted Waterman for putting it up.



Thank you

We would like to extend our gratitude to everyone who has helped to shelve, cover or sort books for the library this year.

Lynne Marks
Library Coordinator



Community Notices

Newsletter 12

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.

Soccer - FC Barcelona

I have some exciting news for young Soccer players and lovers of the game at St Andrews Christian College!

The FC Barcelona is coming to town and very close to you! BCN Sports, the partner of FC Barcelona and the Escola (the club's Youth Academy) would like to extend an invitation to St Andrews Christian College students to join us for our Melbourne FCB Escola Training Camp, which will be in your neighbourhood come January!

The camp will run from Monday 23rd - Friday 27th January at Knox Park (in association with Knox Churches FC) and invites boys and girls, ages 6 - 16, from all levels of ability to join us.. All

sessions are taught by FC Barcelona Escola coaches, coming to us directly from FC Barcelona and following the methodology of the club. It is a world class football training program and a chance for Australian youths to get first hand experience with FC Barcelona.

Importantly, the training is based on more than football, so players learn to successfully face up to sporting and personal challenges they may have in the future. We achieve this by using training to transmit the values that underpin FC

Barcelona: respect, ambition, effort, teamwork and humility. With the aim of shaping not only better football players, but better people too!

Our last Melbourne camp was held in July which had over 300 players participate. The feedback was excellent, especially when it came to enjoyment levels, the values learnt and skills developed. This is also a fantastic opportunity for St Andrews Christian College students to be active during the holidays.

The camp runs for five-days and includes a full Nike FCB Escola Uniform, all for

\$545. Every participant goes into the draw to win a Barcelona shirt, signed by many of the first team players, including Messi, Neymar and Suarez.

As a special offer for St Andrews Christian College students we would be happy to offer them \$50 off their registration. To get this special offer they just need to email info@bcnsportsanz.com, with "St Andrews Christian College" as the subject heading and our team will sort out their registration. For more information, I've included a link below, and attached a flyer. We are more than happy for you to add this

to a newsletter, website or email out to families. <https://fcbarcelonacampsanz.com/en/football-programs/summer-camps-in-melbourne>

If you would like any more information, please do not hesitate to email or call me.

Best regards,
Leanne

Leanne Tiffen
BCN Sports ANZ Pty Ltd
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Tamie Dekker
PA to the Principal