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# St Andrews Christian College Newsletter 2023

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# Principal

## Dear Friends

### **PAKISTAN**

The Open Theological Seminary in Lahore, Pakistan (5,000 students) has invited me to come and train principals from Christian Schools (which mainly have Muslim students) throughout Pakistan.

The focus of the training will be in effective teaching methods/best classroom practice and understanding of Christian Education.

Christians in Pakistan are treated as second class citizens and need encouragement! The purpose of my visit is to train educators, to encourage, to inspire, and to give them the knowledge and tools to impart to their own staff/schools.

It is hoped that the seminars will help all the participants to understand their faith and purpose in light of their roles as educators. The main purpose of course is to encourage my brothers and sisters in Christ to continually focus on Jesus; to know His love, grace, hope and joy – His strength and peace.

**MY PROGRAM:**

- 2 separate training courses held over 2 weeks
- Leadership Training Day (educators and church leaders)
- Trip to Murree Christian School in the north of Punjab to encourage staff and students at the school.
- Possible visits to other schools

*Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name;  
make known among the nations what he has done.*

*Sing to him, sing praise to him;  
tell of all his wonderful acts.*

*Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.*

*Look to the Lord and his strength;  
seek his face always.*

***Psalm 105:1-4***

I will be away from March 3rd for the rest of the term.

Tim Farmilo will be Acting Principal in my absence.

**PARKING at FOODSTAR**

We are continually working at ways to ease the parking congestion and traffic flow at the drop off and pick up times.

From March 1st, we are allowed to park in the FOODSTAR car park! Praise God!

We have made a significant financial arrangement with the Foodstar owner to allow our parents to utilise the FOODSTAR carpark, which includes cleaning up the area once per month.

Access to the car park is restricted to the following times: 8:15am to 9:00am and 3:00pm to 3.45pm on school days. We do not have permission to use the car park outside these hours.

For the safety of all road users we ask that you cross at the Burwood Hwy traffic lights or the High Street Road traffic lights. We are still requesting Knox Council to install a school crossing in Tyner Road and are awaiting their advice.



Blessings on your week!

***Catriona Wansbrough***

***Principal***



## Notices

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### Prayer Group

**New Day! Wednesdays at 8:45am**

This year the St Andrews Parent Prayer Group will be meeting every **Wednesday morning at 8:45am** in the meeting room next to the school office.

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

It is a great opportunity to join in fellowship with other parents.

For specific prayer requests, there is a prayer request box at the front reception desk for you to put your request in if you are unable to join us.

We are greatly blessed at St Andrews to have the opportunity to gather together for prayer. As Christians we are called to pray, and we

encourage parents to join us.  
Be reassured that you don't  
have to pray out loud if you are  
not comfortable in doing so.

***Suzy Song***

***Prayer Group Coordinator***

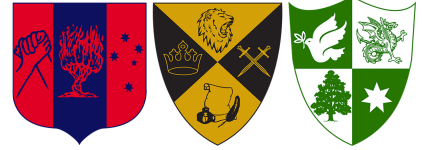
## Guitar Ensemble

A reminder for Guitar Students that Guitar Ensemble has commenced. The ensemble will rehearse on Thursdays at 12:45. Please bring your guitar and music along. Students who play guitar and are not enrolled in lessons at St Andrews are welcome to participate. For more information speak to Mr Mitchell before rehearsals.

***Kerry Mitchell***

***Guitar Teacher***

## House Community Points



**Barton 107**

**Deakin 153**

**Parkes 86**



# Dedication Service

Middle School House Captains

## Dedication Service

At the recent Dedication Service student leaders for 2016 were introduced and given their badges by the Hon. Nick Wakeling, MP.



Badges presented were for:

### House captains:

**Barton:** Jessica Ireson and Ben Lohning

**Deakin:** Ingrid Scheepers and Chris Finiotis

**Parkes:** Mark Stephens and Melanie Chin

**Performing Arts:** Tabitha Robinson

**Music:** Emma Moody

**Sports:** Olivia Rowland

### Middle school captains:

#### PARKES

**Captain:** Eunice Lim (Year 8S)

**Vice Captain:** Hessed She (Year 8S)



**Vice Captain:** Rachel Woon  
(Year 7C)

**Captain:** Isabella Rakers (Year  
8S)

**DEAKIN**

**Captain:** Katelyn Farmer (Year  
8K)

**BARTON**

**Vice Captain:** Aimee Crotty  
(Year 7B)



# Sport

Swimming Carnival

## Swimming Carnival

On Friday 26th February Years 5-12 students filed into the stands at Aquanation Ringwood for the highly anticipated Inter-House Swimming Carnival for 2016.



general fun with students competing in Freestyle, Backstroke and Breaststroke races as well as relays, a pass the towel event and the much anticipated Big Bomb Competition.

The stands were teeming with colour and hype for the day to come. The day was one of participation, competition and



Highlights of the day included the first ever VCE inflatable boat relay and Teachers vs. Students Big Bomb Competition.



Congratulations to Deakin for taking out the title for the

second year in a row, followed by Barton in second place and Parkes a close third. A massive thanks to Mr Mellody and Mrs Gaschk for organising the day and ensuring it ran smoothly and to all the teachers, parents, student leaders and students who helped out and participated on the day!

***Olivia Rowland***  
***Sports Captain***





# Calendar

## Important Coming Events for Term 1 2016:

### March

#### Week 6B

- Friday 4th – Open Day

#### Week 7A

- Monday 7th - Whole School Assembly  
8:55am\*
- Monday 7th - Junior School Healthy Body  
Healthy Mind Expo

- Monday 7th – Friday 11 – Year 7 Camp –  
Log Cabin Campsite, near Ballarat
- Tuesday 8th - Yr1 Special Person's  
Afternoon 2pm
- Wednesday 9th - Parent Prayer Meeting  
8:45am\*
- Wednesday 9th - Yr7/8 Sport
- Thursday 10th - CSSN VCE Rally Day
- Thursday 10th - Yr5 Art Excursion
- Thursday 10th - Preps bedtime Stories  
6:30pm\*
- Friday 11th - Yr5/6 Healthy Body Healthy  
Mind Expo
- Friday 11th - Yr1 Traffic School

#### Week 8B

- Monday 14th – Labour Day Holiday – NO School for students
- Tuesday 15th – Thursday 24th – Prep – Year 6 - Swimming Program
- Tuesday 15th - Yr9/10 Elective - Melbourne Zoo
- Wednesday 16th - Parent Prayer Meeting 8:45am\*
- Wednesday 16th - Yr9/10 Sport Finals
- Thursday 17th - Knox School Expo 5pm
- Friday 18th - CSSN Secondary Swimming
- Saturday 19th - Working Bee 9am-12pm\*
- Tuesday 22nd - Yr10 Smart Financial Literacy Program
- Wednesday 23rd - Parent Prayer Meeting 8:45am\*
- Wednesday 23rd - PFA Food Day - Hot Cross Buns
- Wednesday 23rd - Yr7/8 Sport Finals
- Thursday 24th - Easter Service 9am\*
- Thursday 24th – Prep – Year 6 Swimming Carnival\*
- Thursday 24th – Last Day of Term 1

*\* Parents welcome*

## Week 9A

- Monday 21st - Whole School Assembly 8:55am\*
- Monday 21st - Yr7 Lighthouse Excursion
- Monday 21st - Yr10 Geography Excursion
- Tuesday 22nd – Thursday 24th – VCE Camp
- Tuesday 22nd - Duke of Ed Caving/White Water Rafting

## **TERM DATES FOR 2016 (These dates are on our website)**

**Term 1:** Wed 28th Jan – Thurs 24th March (9 weeks)

**Term 2:** Tues 12th April – Fri 24th June (11 weeks)

**Term 3:** Monday 18th July – Friday 16th Sept (9 weeks)

**Term 4:** Mon 3rd Oct – Tues 6th Dec (10 weeks)



## New Staff

### Welcome to New Staff

St Andrews Christian College is blessed to welcome a number of new staff this year. This newsletter we feature Anna Baumgarth and Ted Waterman.

### Anna Baumgarth

#### Chaplain

Hi everyone, my name is Anna and I am a Chaplain for two main reasons, I love God and I love people.



I am married to Roy and between us we have 5 adult children aged between 26 and 31yrs. We have one beautiful grandson and three precious "adopted" grandchildren, two girls and a boy and we love being grandparents.

For relaxation, I enjoy time with family and friends, going to coffee shops, photography,

time with our two dogs and a good movie.

I'm looking forward to getting know you all!

### Ted Waterman

#### Grounds and Maintenance Manager

It is a privilege to be asked to be part of the St Andrews Christian College and I already feel like part of the family.





I have been married to Roma for 24 years and she is still my best friend. We have 2 children Angel (11) and Asa (4). Both our kids are hilarious and we enjoy them so much.

Roma and I have been involved in ministry since we were in youth group together in my father's church. FYI Roma's website <http://romawaterman.com/>

I do feel that God really did provide this working opportunity as I am enjoying it so much and the hours allow me to spend much more time at home with my family.

Passion:- Roma and I are Directors of Sounds of the Nations Oceania which is a not for profit ministry.

Sounds of the Nations Oceania is part of this arts and missions organisation, training thousands around the world to write and record praise and worship songs in their own culture, language, and ethnic sound. We continue ministering Nationally and globally, running an annual

prophetic arts conference and an online worship school to fulfill this mission.

<https://www.facebook.com/SoundsOfTheNationsOceania/>

Likes:- My Family, God, Footy, Collingwood Magpies, Cricket, Old Holden cars, Sport of all types, Renovating houses, Meat Pies, Thai food, Scottish food.

Dislikes:- Cauliflower, Carrots, Lite milk, Diet drinks, 99% fat free anything, Carlton Blues.

If your child is in Prep classes, you may have heard of my amazing flying ute and it's invisible wings. I may have exaggerated the truth just a little bit about that.



# Parents and Friends

PFA Family Picnic

## Family Picnic

An enjoyable afternoon was had by all last Saturday at the PFA Family Picnic. New and old families mingled, soaking in the glorious sunshine as we listened to the wonderful sounds of 'Tin Man' featuring previous staff member Sarah-Rose McIvor.

The free BBQ was a hit and so was the face painting and balloon sculpting. Thanks to Ian from Hobbyzone for putting on a display of remote controlled cars and planes. Student leaders led the kids in various ball games and Mr Wade officiated over the big hitting cricket match.



**A special thanks to all the parents who volunteered and made the afternoon so enjoyable.**

***Shaun Beovich***

***PFA President***

## Performing Arts Coordinator Required

The PFA are looking for a parent who could act as a liaison between the PFA and the Performing Arts section of the school. The parent would work closely with the Music and Drama departments and assist them with various fundraising and parent events. It is expected that the parent would be able to attend PFA meetings to give updates of activities. Please email [pfa@standrews.vic.edu.au](mailto:pfa@standrews.vic.edu.au) if you are interested.

***Shaun Beovich***

***PFA President***

## School Banking

### **Calling for volunteers – we need your help!**

It's been a very busy here at school banking with new accounts opened. We have had more than 50 accounts opened since the start of this term. Our students really enjoy participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and to keep this program running we need your help.

Firstly you can help by completing your deposit slip and stub in your bank book with your monies sent in. We cannot process the deposit if the information are missing.

The program is also in need of extra volunteers to facilitate the banking on a weekly basis. This only takes a small amount of your time one day a week and the Commonwealth Bank will provide support in how to run the program. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising. Your time volunteered will be counted as parent participation hours.

Currently, School Banking day is Tuesday.

If you are interested in volunteering for this great program, please see Karen at the staff room on Tuesday morning after school drop off or email PFA at [pfa@standrews.vic.edu.au](mailto:pfa@standrews.vic.edu.au)

***Karen Cheung***

***School Banking Coordinator***

## Icy Pole Fridays

### **Volunteers required for Term 2**

Any parents who'd like to join the roster for next term and gain some valuable parent participation hours, please contact Andrew Musgrove at [ajamesm09@gmail.com](mailto:ajamesm09@gmail.com)

A reminder to parents who are rostered on, to swap with someone else if you are unable to attend.

***Andrew Musgrove***

***Icy Pole Coordinator***



## 2nd Hand Uniform Shop

The 2nd Hand Uniform Shop is open every Wednesday morning from 8:30am-9:30am. The shop is located in Rembrandts and staffed by parent volunteers. If you can help for 2-3 weeks, please see Liz Romney at the shop or email PFA at [pfa@standrews.vic.edu.au](mailto:pfa@standrews.vic.edu.au)

***Liz Romney***

***2nd Hand Uniform Shop Coordinator***

## Parent Participation Hours

Families can participate by being involved in a variety of activities. During the year notices will be sent out requesting parent help at various events or activities, for example, helping at sports carnivals, covering library books, icy pole Fridays, 2nd Hand Uniform Shop, PFA events, classroom help or attending working bees.

Parents are required to record the hours they have completed in the Parent Hours Book which

is kept in the College Office. You will be charged a Parent Participation fee of \$250 at the commencement of each year and will be credited at the end of the term for any work done. You will be credited at a rate of \$25 per hour of work completed, up to a maximum of \$250 for the year. The time requirement for each family is ten hours per year.

## PFA Committee 2016

President: Shaun Beovich

Vice-President: Sally Wade

Secretary: Lesley Goh

Treasurer: Ann Hawthorne

email: [pfa@standrews.vic.edu.au](mailto:pfa@standrews.vic.edu.au)





## Junior School

Year 3s enjoying Explore Day

### Explore Day

This year in the Junior School we have introduced “Explore Day”, which happens once a term. The day is designed to allow the students to step outside what they usually do in class for the day and explore a topic of interest to them. Last Tuesday was the first Explore Day. Despite the heat the students had the most wonderful day full of new experiences and fun. Thank you to all the dedicated Junior School staff who planned the

day for their students. Below are the reflections on the day from the teachers in each year level.

**The Preps** explored Senses to complement our studies in Science!

We had fun making and tasting “Funny Fruit Faces” and enjoying watching and feeling the cool water as we explored water play in the Junior Yard at lunchtime and outside our classrooms in the afternoon.

We also smelt some of the plants in our gardens and some brave children tasted some of the mint from our herb garden. It was a wonderful day for us all.

**The Year 1s** enjoyed the start of the day with sporting activities and games, to build up team spirit and co-operation! We had a wonderful time cheering for our communities and working together in teams. We had sack races, egg and spoon races and playing with hoops and



bean bags. The games involved skills in co-ordination and certainly helped in developing their balancing skills, especially with the egg! After we returned to class, we focused on creative activities and thinking skills. We made our own ping pong bats and used a balloon as the ball. We had great fun! We also created our personalised hoops which we tried to throw into cones. We did really well! Finally, we did an activity called, Thinking Outside the Box. We gave each child the same basic picture and they were to create something out of it. We were amazed at their ability to think of many different fascinating creations! It was a great day of fun and learning!



**Our fabulous Year 2s** had a wonderful time exploring Australia. We learnt a new song, "Give me a Home Among the Gumtrees." We had

a lot of fun as we tried to learn all the actions that go along with it. We then explored Indigenous Australian Art by creating dot paintings of Australian animals. We also made Anzac cookies and learnt about how the wives of soldiers sent these delicious treats to the brave soldiers who fought in the war. We even got to meet a True Blue Aussie Koala called Blinky Bill, who taught us the importance of being honest with our friends. We gave thanks to God for our beautiful country that we get to share with each other and prayed for the leaders of our nation. It was a wonderful day enjoyed by all!



**Year 3** had a blast splashing about on such a hot day while we learnt all about water! The students really enjoyed learning about the water cycle and came to understand many important reasons why we need water.



We were able to take part in a number of scientific experiments and learn about the many amazing things water can do. The highlight of the day was sponging Mr Wade with very wet cold sponges. It was a great day!



**Year 4 Explore Day** was an interactive and fun day of learning. We started our day with a walk to Lakewood area and observed the tadpoles and other living creatures. We explored the bird life and looked for certain natural fauna and flora in the environment.



We walked back to school and made our own Explore books. We then made slime and play dough and wrote the recipes in our Explore book and compared the differences between the two different recipes and their looks, touch, smell, taste and uses. We wrote our highlights of the day and stuck in some evidence of what we found. The Explore books were then taken home together with some play dough and slime. It was so good to learn together in a different way.

***Yvonne Hughes***  
***Head of Junior School***

## Yr3 Scienceworks and IMAX

On Thursday the 18th of February, the Year 3 classes went on an excursion to Scienceworks and IMAX. The aim of the excursion was for students to learn about the Earth's axis and rotation so that they can understand how night and day and seasons occur.



They received a hands-on experience of what life is like in space and saw some brilliant cinematography of our planet.



The classes enjoyed visiting the Planetarium where they were able to watch two short presentations. They learned about the Earth's tilt and how it causes seasons. The students also got the opportunity to see what constellations and planets were in our night sky. In the afternoon the classes watched a 3D film about the Space-station.

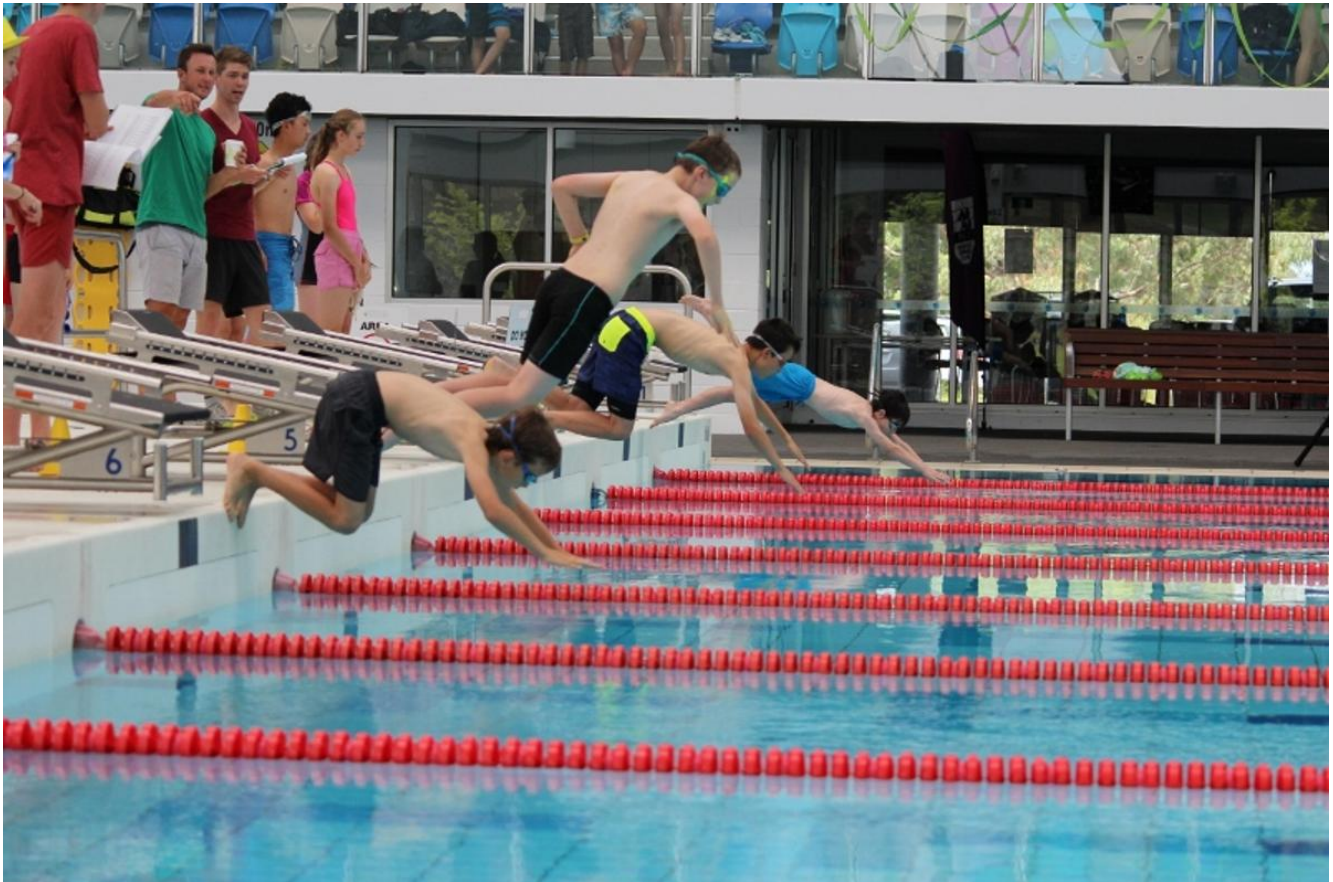
***Andrew Wade and Lauren Mehanni***  
***Year 3 Teachers***

## Yr4 Cranbourne Royal Botanical Gardens

Year 4 went on an Excursion to the Cranbourne Royal Botanical Gardens and explored the equipment used by Aboriginals and how this helped them to survive in their environment. We made paint from the ocre stone and painted our faces. We then tried some lemon myrtle tea and experienced different reactions.



We waded in the paver stream which was very cooling on a warm day. We were taken on a walk to observe and discuss the vegetation used by the Aboriginals and their uses. It was a constructive day and consolidated our learning of Aboriginal culture.



# Middle School

Middle School diving in at the Swimming Carnival

## YEAR 8 STUDENTS AT THE GEOSCIENCE CENTRE IN CANBERRA

The 100,000th visitor to Geoscience Australia's Education Centre in Canberra has been presented with a certificate to mark the occasion.



The student, Heses She, was a member of a party from St Andrews Christian College, Melbourne.

A brief ceremony included Heses adding a distinctive

black sand layer to the Education Centre's sediment column 'visitor book'. Chief Executive of Geoscience Australia, Chris Pigram presented the certificate and an Earth science book pack to the school — and a special memento to the milestone visitor.

"The students came away from their visits with an excellent introduction to geoscience,

while also having a lot of fun,"  
Dr Pigram said.

"We aim to charge the children with an enthusiasm to learn more about Earth science, and an understanding of how essential geology is to supporting our modern lifestyle."

He said that for more than 15 years, Geoscience Australia had recognised the great value of building a more scientifically

literate community by supporting Earth science education programs through the Education Centre.

"The centre focuses on encouraging an interest in and exposure to science learning in a very practical way. We now welcome nearly 10,000 students from across the country each year," Dr Pigram said.

"The sediment column 'visitor book' today boasts nearly 19 completed columns, representing approximately 26 metres of sediment layers, with a layer for every group that has visited."

Source: <http://www.psnews.com.au/aps/492/news/geoscience-milestone-set-in-sediment>

**Rajes Krishnan**  
**Middle School Teacher**





# Senior School

Year 9 at the Spirit of ANZAC Centenary Exhibition

## Yr9 Spirit of ANZAC Centenary Exhibition

On Friday 19th February, the Year 9 History class visited the Spirit of Anzac Centenary Exhibition at the Melbourne Convention Centre. The exhibition told a story about how Australian soldiers got involved in World War 1, and the consequences of that involvement.

It gave us information about Australia's soldiers, sailors, airmen and nurses, as well as the peacekeeping missions that Australia was involved in. What made this exhibition so extraordinary was the use of visuals including original photographs and artefacts which, along with audio and films, enhanced the information on display.



The exhibition used a variety of technologies to make it seem more life-like, allowing us to create a deeper understanding of the sacrifice that the

Australian men and women made back then, and are still making today.



The exhibition was an amazing experience that impacted everyone in different ways, particularly emotionally and spiritually. I'm sure that my entire class agrees...We will never Forget.

**Caylee Hendricks**  
**Year 9G**

## Careers News

In this issue:

- How to find out about tertiary courses and careers
- News from Monash University: Inside Monash Seminar Series, Monash Business degrees
- Deakin University: campuses, courses, the three semesters (trimesters)
- The University of Melbourne: Veterinary Science Open Day
- News from La Trobe University: Experience La Trobe - be a uni student for a day at La Trobe University (during the upcoming school holidays)
- VCE and CAREERS EXPO 2016
- Swinburne University News
- The Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA)
- Bachelor of Engineering (Architectural Engineering) at Victoria University
- Nursing and Midwifery Degree Courses: Universities, ATAR and VCE prerequisite requirements
- Work Experience in 3D animation and programming at AIE: Academy of Interactive Entertainment.



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**





# Library

Junior Library

## Library News

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

### Term 1 opening times

#### **Junior Library**

Open each day at recess and  
lunch for Years 5-12

#### **After school:**

Mondays – Fridays until  
3.45pm (Prep- Year 12)

#### **Middle/ Senior Library:**

Closed due to building works

#### **Email:**

library@standrews.vic.edu.au

## Your Local Library

### **Middle School and Senior School Students:**

While you wait for our Senior  
Library to re-open, why not see  
what is on offer at your local  
library. The closest one to  
school is Knox Library, which is  
on the lower level of Knox  
Shopping Centre.

If you belong to the library and  
have a library card, you may

even be able to download and  
read ebooks at home.

Check out what Knox library  
has to offer

[http://www.erl.vic.gov.au/main/  
page.php?m=152](http://www.erl.vic.gov.au/main/page.php?m=152)

Other Public libraries include:

Monash Public library-

<http://monlib.vic.gov.au/Home>

Whitehorse Manningham

library:

[http://www.wml.vic.gov.au/pag  
e/HomePage.aspx](http://www.wml.vic.gov.au/page/HomePage.aspx)



Another useful site is  
Melbourne City Library  
[http://www.melbourne.vic.gov.  
au/community/libraries/Pages  
/libraries.aspx](http://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/community/libraries/Pages/libraries.aspx)

(You can join this as a “virtual member” meaning you do not even need to go and collect a card, but can borrow ebooks and use their databases.)

These libraries are a great resource for completing

assignments, as they have databases which you can access using your library card.

## Senior Library - Progress Report

Our Senior Library is almost finished. The painting is done and we are looking forward to the delivery and installation of our new shelving. This is due to happen next week. Once the

shelving has been set up, library staff can begin unpacking the books for Middle and Senior students. We hope to have the library ready for borrowing in Term 2.

***Lynne Marks***

***Library Coordinator***



# Community Notices

## Newsletter 2

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.

## Saturday Junior Football

### Year 2-6 Boys and Girls

Come and join the only Saturday morning junior AFL footy competition in Melbourne. The EPSFL is a high quality football league which provides an opportunity for young people to play footy on Saturday, leaving Sunday free for

family, church or other activities.

 [EPSFL Flyer.pdf](#)

## Saturday Junior Hockey

Eastern Christian Hockey Organisation (ECHO) is looking for U8, U10, U12 and U14 hockey players.

 [ECHOJuniors\\_...](#)