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# Principal

## Welcome

Dear Parents and Friends,

Society says 'get'. Jesus says 'give'.

When we give and serve with a heart of wanting to give glory to God, lives are transformed.

*“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”*

Romans 12:2 (NIV)

Acts of service not only bless those who receive, but especially those that give. It changes lives and communities.

When we step out in areas beyond our conceived capabilities to serve God, He equips and enables us beyond our imagination. It is in this realm that we really discover the gifts and talents God has given us and learn to know His will for our lives.

Service and mission is a mindset contrary to society, but essential for a Christian school. For it is in Christian service, stepping out of the known into the unknown in God’s love and grace where students grow more like Christ. They also gain resilience; learn flexibility; discover their creativity; practise their values and faith; grow

strong and courageous; understand global issues; learn to work in collaboration with others who are different; gain critical thinking skills and become innovative problem solvers.

This type of learning not only prepares our children for a dynamically changing world, but for eternity.

God has abundantly blessed us and in response to His command, we are to love and serve others.

*“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.”*

1 Peter 4:10-11 (NIV)

When our students go on mission, they grow in amazing ways. I encourage our staff, parents, families and EVERY student to step out of their comfort zone and go on a life-changing mission trip.

### **Mission Opportunities for 2017**

- **Vanuatu – Tata Presbyterian School** - July school holidays. See Andrew and Sally Wade ASAP. For Year 9 – 12 students and families.
- **Cambodia with Samaritans Purse** - December (return before Christmas). See

*Greg Crotty ASAP. For Year 10 – 12 students and parents.*

Possibility for 2018 – details to come.

- **Romania – Global Christian Schools Conference.** Students – Year 10, 11 and 12. Servicing with other Christian students from around the world in needy communities in Romania.

### **Policies and Procedures**

Did you know you can access our newsletter and find out many of our policies and procedures on our website? [www.standrews.vic.edu.au](http://www.standrews.vic.edu.au)

These policies and procedures help you to know the expectations/behaviours we have at St Andrews Christian College.

Please especially note our **Child Safety Policy** which is pertinent to everyone in the College community as it is everyone’s responsibility to look out for the safety of our children.

Please also note our **Bullying Policy**. Home class teachers will be going over the expectations for all our students in the next couple of weeks. Parents, please contact your child’s teacher ASAP if you have any concerns about your child being bullied.

Please also note on our website, the **Grievance Policy** – for anyone in our community that has a concern and feels we have not dealt fairly with that particular issue.

There are so many wonderful things happening at St Andrews, but I would like to know if there are issues in our school you feel we haven't handled well, such as bullying issues, so we can face and deal with these problems.

### **Vividus Survey 2016**

Thank you to all our parents who took part in the Satisfaction Survey last year. We take the results seriously and discuss these in depth with Vividus staff and at our executive and board meetings. We continually desire to improve and be a College that provides an excellent Christian education for all our students and families.

To access the results of the survey, click on the following attachment:

 [College Satisfaction Survey 201...](#)

### **Goals for 2017**

As a result of evaluating our goals for 2016 in line with our Strategic Directions Plan (2014 – 2018) for the College and in analysing the results of the Vividus 2016 Surveys, the ELT have developed the goals for this year.

### ***Christ Centred College:***

- Continuing staff training in Christian Education and teaching from a biblical worldview
- Providing greater opportunities to develop students' gifts and biblical understanding
- Guiding students through our Values and Student Leadership Programs

### ***Development of Whole Child:***

- Continue to build Performing and Creative Arts Programs and opportunities across the College
- Building and strengthening the Well-Being Program
- Growing the Leadership and Mentoring Program
- Work towards introducing Visual Arts into VCE
- Enhance sporting options across the College
- Continue to look at ways of building Drama opportunities in Junior School
- Develop study skills and stress management programs for students
- Enhance clubs and mentor programs

### ***Academic Excellence:***

- Consistently reviewing and analysing data (PAT/VCE/NAPLAN) to improve results
- Continuing to grow and strengthen Faculties across the College
- Build on our VCE results
- Enhance the Gifted and Talented Opportunities and Extension Programs

### ***Innovation:***

- Develop a Digital Technologies Strategic Plan for the College
- Enhance Problem Solving and Critical Thinking Programs and Curriculum

## Integration

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**Staff Development:**

- Strategically direct Professional Development to achieve staff personal goals and College goals
- Staff trained to analyse student assessment data and measure development

**Building Community:**

- Introduce more Community House Activities
- Build an Alumni database
- Continue to build communication channels throughout the College
- Review ancillary cost structures throughout the College
- Continue to review and enhance major transition points - from Years 6 to 7 and 8 to

- Raise recognition of success and regularly celebrate achievements of milestones
- Improve marketing opportunities across the College
- Introduce a Marketing Manager
- Appoint a Chaplain and raise the profile across the College

**Infrastructure Development:**

- Update ICT infrastructure in line with our Digital Technologies Strategic Plan
- Relocate Junior School Toilet Block and Middle School Locker Bay

Many blessings for the year,

**Catriona Wansbrough**

**Principal**



## Notices

### 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.

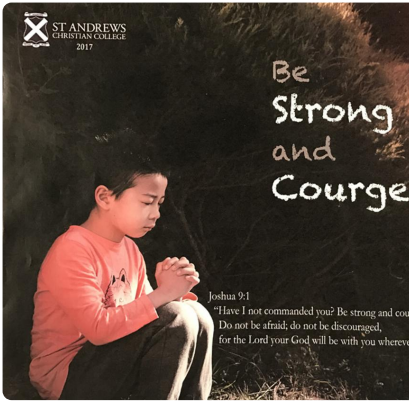
We hope you enjoy collecting funds this way, and we are looking forward to seeing how these small coins will grow into a mountain of help over the coming years.

**Sally Wade**

**Vanuatu Mission Coordinator**

### Theme for 2017

Over the next 2 newsletters we'll showcase some of the entries from the poster competition for our 2017 theme, "Be Strong and Courageous". Thank you to all who submitted excellent entries. Here are the first batch of entries.



***Catriona Wansbrough***

***Principal***

## Prayer Group

**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.

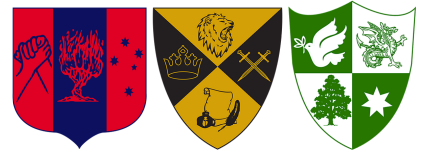
We are greatly blessed at St Andrews to have the opportunity to gather together

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***

## Community House Points



**Barton 824**

**Deakin 935**

**Parkes 875**



# Calendar

## Important Coming Events for Term 1 2017:

### March

#### Week 7A

- Monday 13th - Labour Day Holiday - no school
- Tuesday 14th - Preps Start Full Week
- Tuesday 14th-30th - Prep-Yr6 Swimming Program
- Tuesday 14th - Cambodia Trip Information Session 4pm\*
- Wednesday 15th - CSEN Yr7/8 Sport
- Wednesday 15th - Parent Prayer Meeting 8:45am\*
- Wednesday 15th - Interschool Debating - Tintern
- Friday 17th - Senior School House Debating and Fundraiser

#### Week 8B

- Monday 20th - Whole School Assembly 9am\*
- Monday 20th - CSEN Primary Chess
- Tuesday 21st - CSEN Secondary Chess
- Wednesday 22nd - Parent Prayer Meeting 8:45am\*
- Wednesday 22nd - 24th VCE Camp
- Wednesday 22nd - CSEN Primary Swimming Carnival
- Wednesday 22nd - CSEN Yr9/10 Sport
- Thursday 23rd - CSEN Secondary Swimming Carnival
- Thursday 23rd - PFA Food Day
- Friday 24th - Prep-Yr6 Swimming Carnival\*

#### Week 9A

- Monday 27th - Prep Welcome Assembly 9am\*



Monday 27th-31st - Duke of Ed Expedition

Tuesday 28th - PFA School Fun Run 11am\*

Tuesday 28th - Prep Bedtime Stories

Wednesday 29th - Parent Prayer Meeting 8:45am\*

Wednesday 29th - CSEN Yr7/8 Sport

Wednesday 29th - Yr10 Geography Excursion

Thursday 30th - Yr1 Special Person Afternoon

Thursday 30th - Yr2 Art Excursion

Thursday 30th - Yr8 Medieval Day

Thursday 30th - Yr10 Start Smart Program

Friday 31st - Last Day Term - Casual Dress Day -  
Gold Coin Donation

Friday 31st - Easter Service 9am\*

## April

Wednesday 19th April - 1st Day Term 2

*\* Parents welcome*

## Term Dates

### TERM DATES FOR 2017

**Term 1:** Wed 1st Feb– Fri 31st March

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

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

**Term 4:** Mon 9th Oct – Fri 8th Dec



## Parents and Friends

### Fun Run



All students will have received their sponsorship form for the PFA Fun Run. Students are encouraged to raise funds for the run (a total amount, not per lap). Our aim this year is to

raise \$15,000 which will go towards important school projects. **Forms and money are due back Monday 27th March.** You may wish to give a donation instead of fundraising.

The PFA Fun Run is the major fundraiser for the year. **The Fun Run is on Tuesday 28th March** during school time at Lakewood Lake Reserve. Students can either run or walk around the lake for a total of 30 minutes. House points will be

given for each lap and prizes will be awarded to those who raise the most funds in each school section and are creatively (but safely) dressed in the best house colours. Thank you to a number of St Andrews families who have donated prizes and local businesses such as Rapt Beautifully, Haines Educational and Tunza Fun Xtreme .



After the event a sausage sizzle will be available for lunch at school. More details on this will follow.

Parent volunteers will be called for shortly. We encourage all families to get behind this fun and healthy event.

**Shaun Beovich**  
**PFA President**

### Class Reps

The PFA are re-introducing parent class reps for the Junior School. The class rep can be a point of contact for PFA events happening within the school, for welcoming new families to the school and they will aim to hold a get together each term. The class reps for 2017 are:

**YEAR LEVEL and CLASS REP NAME**

- PS Lingling Yu
- PJ Connie Guo
- 1A To be confirmed

- 1D Cindy Salim
- 1D Lily Wei
- 2H Narelle Malpass
- 2H Cara Beovich
- 2N Liz Romney
- 3M Penelope Connolly (from Term 2)
- 3M Li Wah Ng
- 3W Liz Romney
- 4C Juli Tu

**Sally Wade**  
**Class Rep Coordinator**

### Family Picnic



A wonderful afternoon was had by all as the school community came together for a BBQ and to kick start the year. Younger kids were kept busy on the jumping castle and games run by Middle School students. Students also helped with face painting, which was very popular. A few parents up-skilled themselves by balloon

sculpting, with some interesting objects made!



Music was provided by Senior School students, our parent prayer group and St Andrews families. Thank you to all the parents and students who volunteered and helped make the afternoon a success!

**Shaun Beovich**  
**PFA President**

### Food Day - Hot Cross Buns

The next food day, where you can order hot cross buns, will be Thursday 23rd March. Order forms went home this week.

**Sally Wade**  
**PFA Vice President**

## New Treasurer

At our recent PFA meeting we were able to appoint Peter Wan as our Treasurer. Thank you Peter for stepping into this vital role.

**Shaun Beovich**

**PFA President**

## Volunteering

Parents are reminded that if you are volunteering at school you'll need a current Working With Children Check. These can be done online and then submitted at a post office at no cost.

The school also requires parents who volunteer or go on excursions to read and sign a Child Safety Code of Conduct form, which is available from the school office.

**Shaun Beovich**

**PFA President**

## School Banking Information Session/Account Opening Day



St Andrews Christian College PFA is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their "Youthsaver" account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:

- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case

- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives \$5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

School Banking day is Tuesday. Each week you need to hand your book in to your teacher.

The next School Banking Information Session at school is:

**Time:** 8:20am and morning assembly

**Date:** Monday 15th May 2017

**Location:** near Prep classes on the pathway before assembly

Please join us and find out more about the School Banking program and how your child can get involved. A School Banking representative will be available at the Information Session to show you how you can do this. In order to verify yourself and your child, you will

need your driver's licence and your child's birth certificate, but if you don't have these with you on the day, you can complete verification online at home.

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child you can visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

***Juli Tu***

***School Banking Coordinator***

## Icy Pole Fridays

Every Friday students can purchase an icy pole from the kitchen, located next to the Multi-Purpose Hall. Parents and Senior School students supervise the selling of the treats.

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

to the call for helpers last week. We now have enough parent volunteers on the roster.

***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 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.

## PFA Committee 2017

President: Shaun Beovich

Vice-President: Sally Wade

Secretary: Lesley Goh

Treasurer: Peter Wan

email:

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



## Junior School

### Prep Bedtime Story Night

Every year the Prep teachers host an evening event for the Prep families called "Bedtime Story Night". This is a night designed to encourage bedtime reading and generally to have fun. This year it was on Tuesday 7th March.



All the Prep students and their parents arrived after dinner with their pyjamas on, their favourite books and stuffed toys tucked under their arms. Some of the highlights were

seeing the Prep teachers in their pyjamas, drinking Milo and eating marshmallows.



This year the Preps sang some songs to entertain the parents and visited the library where

Mrs Marks had specially opened the Junior Library for our night time visit. I would like to thank Mrs Sires and Mrs

Jones for the amazing job they did organising and running this night. It was a celebration of stories and family.

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



## Middle School

### Stories of Impact

*When I came to St Andrews I was scared because I don't make friends easily, and I was nervous about whether people would like me. It made me worried because I might be lonely with no friends. My teacher introduced me to a friend to show me around and she said she knows how I feel because she changed schools three times. That made me feel better. Thanks to Mr Sheahan and my friend, I now feel very settled and less worried and I*

*am totally LOVING my school now.*

***Ben Sheahan***  
***Middle School Teacher***

### Escape...with books

On 24th February, Mr Nick Wakeling, the State Member for Ferntree Gully, shared about his love for reading with the Year 8 students.

His favourite childhood book was *'The Lion, The Witch And The Wardrobe'* from the Chronicles of Narnia by C.S.

Lewis because it transported him to a fantasy world and into a totally different and exciting experience. He discussed the importance of reading and how books can change people's lives as we learn from the various situations and characters in books.

The highlight of Mr Wakeling's school visit was to congratulate and present ISABEL KONG of 8S with a certificate and voucher for being the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge 2016 top

school reader.

Isabel was selected for having read an impressive number of books over a short period of time. Well done, Isabel!



Mr Wakeling was particularly pleased to note that the Victorian Premiers' Challenge was part of the Year 7 and 8 English Reading Program. He encouraged the students to continue to cultivate and nurture a passion for books and be enriched by the numerous benefits that reading offers.

**Natasha Rowling and Aimee Crotty**

**Year 8 Students**

## Theatre Sports

On Tuesday the 21st of February a select number of Year 7-12 students went on a theatre sports excursion. We visited a very nice theatre and spent a whole day learning about and practising theatre sports, in preparation for the CSEN inter-school Theatre Sports competition in Term 2. We worked with 2 other schools (Hillcrest and Belgrave) doing some really entertaining improvisation games. The instructor was funny and the whole day was a very rewarding and fun experience. We strongly recommend any students who are into drama and/or theatre sports to come

along in future years for a fun day of learning and games.



**Holly Bligh**

**Year 9 Student**

## Art



Year 6 - 10 students enjoying art at lunchtimes.

**Tom Gibbs**

**Middle and Senior Art Teacher**





# Senior School

## Year 10Y Clean Up Australia

Clean Up Australia is a not-for-profit environmental conservation organisation founded by Ian Kiernan in 1989. It has evolved to become the largest community-based environmental event in the country and is held annually on the first weekend of March. The success of the event has relied on a unique and simple idea – that individual Australians can make a difference and contribute to improving the Australian

environment by working together as a community.

***‘Our mission is to inspire and empower communities, businesses and youth to clean up, fix up and conserve our environment.’***



On the 3rd of March, St Andrews 10Y class joined

hundreds of thousands of volunteers and participated in the ‘Clean Up Australia Day’. Students cleaned the school grounds, Tyner Rd and Food Star carpark. They did an awesome job and collected more than 10 big bags of rubbish.

The most significant change was a great sense of community among the students. They were inspired, empowered and realised their environmental responsibility, the importance of community participation and that everyone can make a difference.

10Y is registered with 'Clean Up Australia' and all students will be awarded Volunteer certificates.

Our 'Clean Up' Site:

<http://www.cleanupaustaliada.y.org.au/St+Andrews>.

Great job 10Y, we are all very proud of you!

The students enjoyed being out in the sunshine and doing their part for the environment.

**Irena Yevlahova**

**Year 10 Home Room Teacher**

### How did Clean Up Australia start?

It is hard to believe that this campaign began as the inspiration of one man, Australian builder and solo yachtsman, Ian Kiernan.

Ian Kiernan was a builder for 35 years before he sailed around the world and became concerned at the amount of rubbish clogging up the world's oceans.

On his return, in 1989, Ian organised a community event to clean up Sydney Harbour.

The event received an enormous public response with more than 40,000 Sydneysiders donating their time and energy to clean up the harbour.

The 1990 Clean Up Australia Day event was launched by the then Prime Minister, Bob Hawke and 300,000 volunteers took part and that involvement has steadily increased ever since.

After gaining the support of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Clean Up the World was launched in 1993.



The appeal of Clean Up the World (more than 35 million people from 120 countries annually take part) has demonstrated that this simple Australian idea has universal appeal and the health of the environment is of concern to people and communities worldwide.

Clean Up the World demonstrates that people across the planet are willing to do something to help protect and care for their environment. Since 1992, school communities across Australia have demonstrated their support for caring for the environment through participating in Schools and Clean Up Day.

## Careers News

In this issue (24th February) of the St Andrews Careers newsletter, we start with a 'Snapshot of Deakin University'. At the recent career practitioners conference, delegates were informed that the university now has 54,000 students, 25% of whom are 'cloud' (online) students. Deakin has gained excellent survey ratings, such as having the most satisfied students for 7 years in a row for Victorian universities, rated in the top three Australian universities for graduate employment, and having the best Exercise and Nutrition Science School.

Other items in the St Andrews Careers News include,

- 'Inside Monash' Seminar Series 2017
  - Monash 'Medicine, Nursing And Health Sciences' through virtual reality
  - Monash International Student Experience Day - includes a Masterclass in English as an Additional Language (EAL)
  - Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT) Website
  - Industry Trends In The Commerce Field
  - Airshow 2017 at Avalon Airport Geelong
  - GAP and/or Exchange Programs
- Melbourne School of Theology
  - AFX Student Exchange
  - AIFS Au Pair, Volunteer & Exchange Program
  - Cultural Care Au Pair
  - Lattitude Global Volunteering
  - Projects Abroad
  - Southern Cross Cultural Exchange (SCCE)
  - Student Exchange Australia
  - Volunteer Abroad with WEP

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The next issue of the careers newsletter (3rd March) begins with 'Careers Development @ St Andrews'.

On the 16th of March five Year 9 students will participate in the junior division of The University of Melbourne Code Masters competition. The students will be challenged to solve 8 computer programming problems in 2.5 hours. It is great to see our new Senior School students explore their interests and passions and we hope the participation in Code Masters Computer Programming Challenge will be both, inspiring and educational. Computer science, software and mobile application areas have grown and are "undisputed jobs of the future".

Other items in the St Andrews Careers News include,

- News from the University of Melbourne

- 'Make it Possible with Melbourne' Series

- A Day at Melbourne Veterinary Science and Hospital Open Day

- Forensic Medicine Career Information Afternoon

- Industry Insight into Travel & Tourism at William Angliss
- ADF GAP Year
- Snapshot of Swinburne University
- Architecture, Construction & Surveying Courses in Victoria
- Swinburne University Early Leaders Program (Year 11 students)

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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**



# Cambodia Discovery Trip

## 2016 Cambodia Discovery Trip Report

Imagine not knowing where your next meal will come from and being so hungry that you will do almost anything for food. Or imagine being trapped in a never-ending cycle of debt so that you have to leave your family for 2 or 3 years and work as an illegal immigrant, vulnerable to exploitation, just to service the debt. One of the best aspects of our trip to Cambodia was seeing God's love in action in preventing

these situations through the work of Samaritan's Purse.



Our first mission Discovery Trip to Cambodia with Samaritan's Purse safely returned just before Christmas. We were special guests at the opening of a Community Birthing

Centre and were able to visit 10 projects that help rural Cambodians improve their lives such as, Maternal Infant and Child Health (MIACH), Food For Life (FFL) and Village Savings Groups. We saw some educational projects, ran games and activities at schools and participated in the distribution of Christmas in a Shoe Box gifts at a church and a school. We met many wonderful Cambodian Christians who work on these projects, sharing the love of Christ and expanding His

kingdom as they help these communities in practical ways.



We were able to help build some water filters and we ran activities for the grade ones and twos at one of the schools we visited. St Andrews Christian College will be

continuing to raise money for a school at Prasat Rang throughout this year.



Thank you to those who prayed for us and particularly to the PFA who donated money which we used to buy the parachute and sports

equipment. This was then donated to the school we visited.

Anyone interested in being a part of a 2017 trip in December this year should contact Greg Crotty, [gcrotty@standrews.vic.edu.au](mailto:gcrotty@standrews.vic.edu.au) and come to the information session on Tuesday 14th March at 4:00 in the meeting room off the school library.

**Greg Crotty**  
**Cambodia Trip Coordinator**



# Library

Library

## Library News

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

### 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.

### Email:

library@standrews.vic.edu.au

## Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge

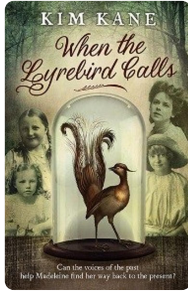
Congratulations to Isabel Kong  
of 8S, who read the highest  
number of books in 2016.  
Mr Nick Wakeling presented  
her with her prize at a special  
assembly on the 24th February.

**2017 booklist now available  
online**

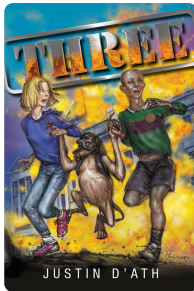
The entire booklist for this  
year's VPRC can be found at:  
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/events/prc/2017year78booklistpdf.pdf>

We are in the process of  
updating our booklist. Once  
this has been done, the list will  
be available in the Senior  
Library and on Canvas.

## New Titles Include:



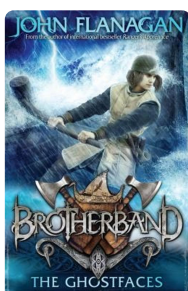
*When the Lyrebird calls* by Kim Kane  
(Year 7 up Family)



*Three* by Justin D'Ath  
(Year 7 up Adventure)



*When Friendship followed me home* By Paul Griffin  
(Year 7 up Family)



*The Ghostfaces* by John Flanagan  
(Year 5 up Fantasy)

## Year 6 Accelerated Readers

Students in Year 6 who performed particularly well in their STAR reading tests are offered the opportunity to choose from the “orange dot “ collection (Year 7 up) for ARs and/ or library books. However, before they can do so, parents need to give permission. If your Year 6 child has come home and said that he/she has been told about this and you are happy for your child to do so, please put a note in his/her diary allowing him/ her to do so. You may be specific (i.e only ARs/ certain authors/ titles) or give general permission. If you would like to know more about this before allowing your son/daughter to read from this collection, please feel free to email or speak to Mrs Edwards or Mrs Marks.

The Year 6s are excited about this. They will have further opportunities to reach this level later in the year.

## Care of Books

We ask that all students from Prep to Year 6 bring a library bag with them when borrowing books. This helps to protect the books from food and drink spills. If they forget to bring their library bag to class, students will be unable to borrow. However, if they come after school any day with a bag, the Junior Library is open for borrowing from 3.20- 3.45pm. Please see the staff in the Senior Library for access.

Any bag is acceptable, as long as it is big enough to hold the title being borrowed. This can include plastic shopping bags, material bags or the blue library bags available from school.

If a library book is damaged, rather than just putting it in the returns trolley, please let the library staff know. Sometimes we can prevent further damage or even loss of the book if we get to it soon enough.

Thank you,  
Library Staff



## Sport

### St Andrews Netball Club

WOW! What a fantastic start the St Andrews Netball Club has had this year. On Saturday 25th February each of our 4 teams played their first round of netball for the season. All teams were excited and nervous for their first match. Coaches had been busy in the weeks leading up to the game teaching players the skills, techniques and rules of netball.

The U11 Mockingbirds were very energetic for their first

game and looking very cute in their new uniforms. We had very supportive parents spectating and cheering for every goal scored in the 4-1 win.



The U13 Swifts also had a fabulous start to the season with a whopping 20-2 win. They showed great poise and technique as they moved the ball around the court and looked like a team who had been playing together for years.





The U15 Diamonds went down 13-8 in their first game with the score 8-7 at 3 quarter time. With no subs they showed great stamina, just running out of legs in the last quarter.



Last year's grand final runners up, the U15 Stars have moved up a section after their amazing first season in the competition in 2016. Last year they only lost 1 game all season giving them a fast track entry into the grand final. With advancing up a section the girls faced some new challenges going down to an 8-15 defeat. It is an exciting time for the girls as they focus on their skills, improve their

technique and enhance their game play strategies.



Also this term Mrs Hughes and Mr Mellody with the help of 2 senior netballers, Emilie Hughes and Katelyn Farmer, have started running a Yr2-3 netball program 'Net2Ball' on Monday afternoons. The girls are learning the basic skills of netball including the types of passes used and the court positions. It is a fun and engaging addition to our Netball Club.



I would like to acknowledge and thank all our coaches and umpires who are doing an amazing job, along with many other students/parents assisting in various ways.

**Coaches:**

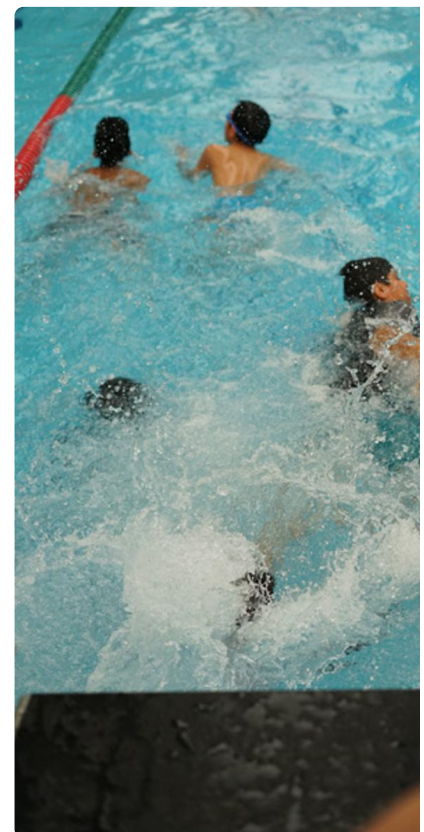
- U11 Mockingbirds: Talar Hagopian and Yun-Shing Hsieh
- U13 Swifts: Chloe Chandraraj and Audrey Ang
- U15 Diamonds: Jess Ireson and Miss Hill
- U15 Stars: Mrs Gaschk

**Umpires:**

- Talar Hagopian, Yun-Shing Hsieh and Chloe Chandraraj

***Lauren Gaschk***  
***Middle and Senior School***  
***Teacher***

**Swimming Carnival**





# Student Leadership

## Student Leadership

The student leadership team have had a big start to the year. Already our leaders have been serving our community and attending leadership conferences developing their skills for the year ahead.



Senior and Middle school student leaders were inducted and prayed for by the entire school community. After the ceremony, the student leaders were honoured to be joined by Mr Nick Wakeling MP who spoke to them about the honours and challenges of leadership, and how to be a strong leader with a servant heart.

***Tabitha Robinson- College Vice-Captain***

**STACC Leadership Day**

## Dedication Service

The St Andrew's Christian College Dedication Service held on Monday 13th February was our annual event of dedicating the school year to God and placing Him as our focus. At the service all our



On Tuesday 14th February the Senior and Middle College Captains went to the city for a day of Leadership Training and general team bonding. We split into five teams (Deakin Captains together, school captains together, etc) and engaged in an Amazing Race around Melbourne. Running (well some teams) all over the city, hopping on and off trams, we visited The State Library, Crown Plaza, The Melbourne Star, The Old Melbourne Gaol and many more places where we were required to complete 'road block' challenges as a team before we could continue. Throughout the various challenges we learnt to work as a team, utilising each other's strengths to the benefit of the team. The whole day of racing came down to a sprint finish to the Federation Bells for second and third with the Vice Captains coming out on top. A huge thanks to Mrs Gaschk for

organising the whole day and all the teachers and parent helpers who came along and made the day possible.

***Olivia Rowland- College Vice-Captain***

### **GRIP Leadership Conference**



On Thursday 23rd March, the Senior College captains attended the GRIP Leadership conference at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre. GRIP - which stands for Generosity, Responsibility, Integrity and People - is an organisation which trains and develops student leaders through seminars and programs. We all looked forward to learning more about ourselves as leaders and how we could use our strengths better.

The conference was split up into a few different sessions

which addressed topics like gaining peer support, running better assemblies, taking responsibility as a leader and thinking outside the box. We were able to have some really productive discussions about new ideas we could implement and were encouraged with the potential we had to make a difference. All the Senior Captains are excited to put what we have learnt to good use.

***Ingrid Song- College Captain***

### **Outer Eastern Prayer Breakfast**



The Outer Eastern Prayer Breakfast held at the Karralyka Centre on February 24th was a wonderful experience for all St Andrews Christian College Middle College Captains, Senior college captains and Vice- captains. Not only did we participate in a big combined prayer with our city, its churches, businesses, civil

leaders and leaders from other schools, but we all had a spectacular breakfast and an inspirational guest speaker, Malinda Tankard Reist. Mrs Reist spoke about a very real yet confronting topic on sexualization of women and

girls, challenging Christians to support Mrs Reist's campaign in stopping this crisis affecting multiple generations and sharing the amazing success stories that have followed since the launch of her campaign. Overall, the Prayer Breakfast

was an amazing event that we were honoured and privileged to be a part of.

***Yang Chao- College Captain***

***Lauren Gaschk***

***Student Leadership***

***Coordinator***



## Duke of Edinburgh

### Duke of Ed – Sailing and Stand-up Paddle Boarding Excursion

On Tuesday 7th March, the Duke of Ed team went to Sandringham Yacht Club to learn how to do stand-up paddle boarding and how to

and steering the boat. We also learnt what the different signs in the ocean meant and which ones to avoid. We sailed for about an hour and then we did a loop and returned to the marina. After we got back we had our lunch break and went

My favourite part was stand-up paddle boarding because afterwards we got to have a race and even though I came last, it was a lot of fun. On the way back to school we did a devotion and prayed together and I thought that it was really

sail. We went by bus and when we arrived at the yacht club one of the instructors showed us how to put up the sail of a sail boat. Once the sail was up we used the wind to help us get moving as we steered the boat towards the ocean. Each of us got to practise changing tack, controlling the main sail

paddle boarding.



awesome that we could be able to talk to God so openly as a group.

***Amy Muggeridge***

***Year 9 student***



## Community Notices

### Newsletter 2

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.

### Eastern Lions Auskick Centre

Registrations now open. Clinics on Friday nights and Saturday mornings. Contact Andrew on 0400 134 766 to register and for more details.

## Eduard Klassen

Eduard Klassen is a world renowned Paraguayan folk harpist. He'll be performing and giving his testimony at:


Wattle Park Chapel, Box Hill South

7pm Friday 24th March

and

The King's Way Christian Fellowship, Wantirna

10am Sunday 26th March



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