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THANK YOU FOR AN AMAZING YEAR!

Dear Friends,

Thank you to all staff, students and parents for an amazing year! It's hard to believe that we are at the end of another year and that 2020 is just around the corner.

Are you prepared for Christmas?

In the busyness of the month, most people are probably not prepared in the way of decorations, shopping, wrapping presents, preparing menus, organising holiday arrangements/packing, etc.

But, I wonder if we are prepared spiritually and have the right attitude in the build up to Christmas?

My church pastor gave a wonderful message this week on the important attitudes (displayed by Joseph) we need in preparing for Christmas (Matthew 1:18-25).

1. Accept God's Way

In the Christmas story we don't hear much about Joseph, but he played an integral part and teaches us all how to live through simple faith, obedience and trust. Imagine being in his position. He was pledged to be married to Mary, but as far as he knew Mary had been unfaithful to him and broke a strong bond that existed between them.

According to law, Mary should have been stoned to death, but Joseph didn't want that so he quietly planned to divorce her.

Matthew 1:20-21 then explains what happened next:

But after he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save people from their sins."

Joseph teaches us to accept God's way – whatever that may be. Joseph didn't know all the details but he was a man of genuine faith, who trusted God, was obedient and faithful in fulfilling God's plan in God's way.

Christmas happened in the way it did, because Joseph trusted God!

2. Look Out For Others

Joseph didn't have a starring role in the nativity, but his role was very important. He had been assigned to take care of Mary and baby Jesus.

3. A Time to Give

Christmas happened, because Joseph put his own concerns aside and was prepared to give. He didn't know that after Jesus was born he would have to flee and take Jesus and the family to Egypt, away from his home and support. God had a plan and Joseph followed it faithfully.

As we come into the Christmas season, may we come close to God and accept His way in our lives.

May we all care for each other and give of ourselves because God himself gave us Jesus.

May we all know the true meaning of Christmas each day as we live in Him.

Enjoy your holiday, have a special Christmas with your loved ones and please come back safely after the break.

Abundant blessings,
Catriona Wansbrough

Farewell Staff

We thank the following staff who have all given so much to their students and the College and pray blessing over their next ventures:

- Chantel Rodger
- Kylie O'Donnell
- Merrick Brewer
- Helen Metcalfe
- Lauren Gaschk – Maternity leave
- Dan Ferguson – Study Leave



News

St ANDREWS 2019 PRESENTATION EVENING

- A NIGHT FOR CELEBRATION



It was a warm but memorable December night as the St Andrews family met together to celebrate a wonderfully successful 2019 and recognise the achievements of students, teachers and the valuable contributions made by many of the College community.

Principal Catriona Wansbrough's key note message was a thought provoking presentation on a 'Christ-centred' education; its positive impact on students and its importance to the future success of St Andrews. Her message also drew a wonderful analogy between a sumptuous, richly infused chocolate cake and our own lives. She highlighted how each of us need to be equally infused with truth of God's Word, not only to have a fulfilled life, but to also be effective within the community at large by demonstrating the love and message of Jesus Christ.

The audience was also entertained by a number of wonderful musical performances and saw a host of awards given to students from all year levels for their academic achievements, community service, performing and visual arts, sports, Duke of Endinburgh activities and more. Overall, it was a joyful and successful night.



Special mention needs to be given to a number of honourable guests who gave of their time to present students with awards and join in the College's celebrations. Thank you to **Mr Nick Wakeling**, MP Member for Ferntree Gully, Shadow Minister for Ageing, Child Protection, Industrial Relations & Workplace Safety, the **Honourable Alan Tudge**, MP Federal Member

for Aston, Minister for Cities, Urban Infrastructure & Population, **Senator Raff Ciccone** Federal Labor Senator for Victoria and **Professor Allan Harman** Foundation Board Member.

ALUMNI 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY DINNER

SO GOOD TO CATCH UP WITH OLD FRIENDS



Thanks to the energy and efforts of past students Ben Spanos, Lauren Mehanni and Lilly Suraj, St Andrews was able to hold its first 10 year Alumni reunion with over 25 delighted past students and teachers in attendance.

It was a wonderful evening of hugs, laughter and reminiscing. And as could be expected, there were plenty of hilarious stories about past classmates and teachers. A special bonus on the night was the attendance of past Principal Bob Speck and his wife Valmae. Current Principal Catriona Wansbrough thanked them both for attending and for the wonderful contribution they have made to the ongoing success of the College.



2009 graduate Lauren Mehanni and now mother of two said;

"We were so richly blessed to be students at this beautiful school, where Christ was always central to everything that we were taught. I truly love St Andrews and thank God for the way He has used the school to shape my walk with the Lord. The reunion event was a lovely opportunity to reminisce with students and staff and also see how God has worked over the past 10 years. Thank you to the wonderful staff who partnered with us in organising this event. And thank you to the school for hosting us."

St Andrews is invested in its Alumni program and will be undertaking a number of exciting developments in the coming year to assist past students to stay connected with the St Andrews family for Alumni news, updates and pastoral support.

Stay tuned for more exciting Alumni news coming in 2020!



CONGRATULATION TO OUR YEAR 5 STUDENTS

FOR A FANTASTIC NAPLAN RESULT

VIC - NAPLAN Results Five-Year Average

School	Suburb	Y5 Average
Presbyterian Ladies' College	Burwood	2,991
St Andrews Christian College	Wantirna South	2,867
Haileybury College	Keysborough	2,864
Erasmus Primary School	Hawthorn	2,863
Huntingtower School	Mount Waverley	2,854
Serpell Primary School	Templestowe	2,852
Camberwell Girls Grammar School	Canterbury	2,851
Beverley Hills Primary School	Doncaster East	2,844
Ballarat Clarendon College	Ballarat	2,839
Fintona Girls' School	Balwyn	2,832

Joshua Deng, fourth from the left

Congratulation to all of our Year 5 students and their teachers for achieving such an outstanding NAPLAN result for Victoria, ranking second below PLC and outperforming many other prestigious Colleges.

NAPLAN performances are calculated over a five year assessment period and are tallied for each year level. These latest outstanding results are a testament to the hard work and dedication of our Year 5 St Andrews students and staff. Well done and congratulations to everyone involved.



A FOND FAREWELL TO LIZ ROMNEY



After 30 years of faithful and tireless service in our second hand uniform shop, Liz Romney says it's time to hang up her final uniform and move on to the new horizons God has prepared for her. Liz began her voluntary service back in the early 80s when St Andrews first started in Surrey Hills. *"It was a tiny school back then" said Liz "and I've seen it grow unbelievably. God has truly blessed this College and it will be sad to leave, but I have a multitude of wonderful memories to take with me."*

In recognition of her loyal and dedicated service the College PFA organised a 'Farewell Liz & Family Feast Day' to honour Liz and to wish her well in this new chapter of her life.

**God bless you Liz and thank you for your selfless and faithful service over the years.
You are much loved and will be greatly missed - from your St Andrews Family**



CHRISTMAS - GOD'S MESSAGE OF LOVE



Everything we know about the original Christmas (you know – the one about Jesus being born) comes from the Bible.

I wonder which Christmas story is most familiar to you. Is it God announcing to Mary that she would be the mother of Jesus? Is it the angel's announcement to the shepherds of the birth of Jesus? Or perhaps it's the journey of the wise men to find him.

In the final assembly, our Christmas Assembly, held at our college on the last day of the year, I chose not to speak to the students about any of these familiar Christmas stories, wonderful though they are! Instead, I retold one of Jesus' parables – the Parable of the Lost Sheep. It is found in Luke 15:1 – 7. You may be familiar with it. It is the one where the shepherd who has one hundred sheep loses one and leaves the ninety-nine to search for it. He is full of joy when he finds his lost sheep and he invites his neighbours and friends to rejoice with him. Jesus concludes in verse 7; *"I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent"*.

The shepherd in the parable represents God. It is wonderful to see then that God searches for people – just as the shepherd searched for his lost sheep. Jesus is saying that God feels similar overwhelming joy when someone comes back to him and is "found" by him.

You see, without a relationship with God, found only through Jesus Christ, God regards us as lost. This is not what I think – this is what God tells us in the Bible. And here's the thing – God is searching for us. Not because he wants to punish us, but because he longs for us to

come back to him. He wants us to enjoy the Eternal Life, love and forgiveness that he wants to pour on us.

So could it be that God is lovingly pursuing you? Is God searching for you and beckoning you to enjoy his love even more? Perhaps he's doing that through the people you love, or through nature or even through difficult times.

If God, as Jesus describes, cares about us like a good shepherd cares about his sheep, that is a wonderful truth. Christmas and the recollection of Jesus' birth is God's obvious expression of seeking out people – of God pursuing us with a wonderful invitation to once again be caught up in his love and embrace. No wonder the angel in the Bible's Christmas story said that he had Good News for all the people! He also said, "Don't be afraid."

Ultimately, God sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sins on the cross and to rise again to Life. Christmas is God taking on human flesh, being born as a vulnerable little baby, who grew up to become Jesus the Saviour, and pursuing humanity – including you & me. He died on a cross for our forgiveness and rose again and is inviting us to enjoy his love forever.

Augustine was a church leader in North Africa in the 4th & 5th century and he said, "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you."

Over the holidays, as we have a bit more time than we normally do during the term, I hope you have time to consider if God is gently pursuing you in the same way that the shepherd in Jesus' parable sought out his sheep, and inviting you not to simply acknowledge him from a distance, but inviting you to really engage with him and to immerse yourself in his love - forever. **And it can be FOREVER.**

But like all invitations, you have to accept it! Why continue to be lost when you can allow God to "find" you? Fall into his loving arms this Christmas. There just isn't a better Christmas present!

Rev Warwick Grant - College Chaplain



Parents & Friends

ST ANDREWS PARENTS & FRIENDS

Entertainment Books

The 2019/20 Entertainment Books digital edition is now available for purchase using the following link - [digital membership here](#).

A portion of each sale goes to the PFA.

School Banking

In 2020, School Banking will take place on each Tuesday of the School Term.

2nd Hand Uniform Shop

We are also looking for people willing to volunteer their time to assist in the running of the Uniform Shop in 2020. If you have some free time and you are willing to learn how the Uniform Shop operates then please send your contact details to pfa@standrews.vic.edu.au

The Uniform Shop is located just next to the Multi-Purpose Hall and student drop off area.

Icy Pole Friday

We are currently looking for volunteers for 2020 to assist with Icy Pole Friday; please email Andrew Musgrove at pfa@standrews.vic.edu.au if you are able to assist.

Volunteering

Parents are reminded that if you are volunteering at school, you will need a current Working With Children Check. These can be obtained [online](#) and then submitted at a post office at no cost.

The college also requires parents who volunteer or attend excursions to read and sign a Child Safety Code of Conduct form, which is available from reception.

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 located at Reception. 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 completed. 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.

Keep an eye out for notices in the Week at A Glance for activities and events being held each Term.

2019 PFA Executive Committee

President: Andrew O'Brien
Vice President: Sally Wade
Secretary: Lesley Goh
Treasurer: Eric Chen
Email: pfa@standrews.vic.edu.au

Andrew O'Brien

PFA President



Calendar

IMPORTANT COMING EVENTS - Term 1 2020

- **Thursday 30th January** - Year 1 - Year 12 Commence School (Week 1A)
- **Friday 31st January** - Prep Commence School
- **Monday 3rd - Tuesday 5th February** - Year 7 Camp
- **Monday 10th - Friday 14th February** - Year 10 Camp
- **Thursday 13th February** - Junior School Information Night @ 7pm
- **Wednesday 26th February** - Year 5-6 Interhouse Swimming Carnival
- **Thursday 27th February** - Parent/Teacher Interviews - *No School for Students*
- **Monday 2nd March** - Whole School Photo Day
- **Friday 6th March** - Open Day
- **Monday 9th March** - Labour Day Public Holiday - *No School for Staff or Students*
- **Monday 16th - Friday 27th March** - 2020 Prep - Year 6 Swimming Program
- **Friday 27th March** - Last Day of Term 1

TERM DATES FOR 2020

Term 1

Thursday 30th January – Friday 27th March

*Note: Preps commence on Friday 31st January

Term 2

Wednesday 15th April – Friday 26th June

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

Term 3

Thursday 16th July – Friday 18th September

Term 4

Monday 5th October – Tuesday 8th December



Senior School

CONGRATULATION CHLOE - DUX OF COLLEGE

AND TO OUR ALL OF OUR 2019 VCE STUDENTS

The VCE results for 2019 are in and there were some exciting individual achievements and overall results to celebrate.

Firstly, St Andrews DUX of 2019 is **Chloe Chandaraj** (*opposite*).

Chloe achieved a superb ATAR score of 99.3

Congratulations Chloe!

In addition, two other students received perfect study scores of 50:

Holly Bligh — Legal Studies

Lachlan Ahearn — VCE/VET Engineering Studies

Congratulations Holly and Lachlan!

And finally, congratulations also goes to all of our VCE cohort who have had a tremendously successful year and achieved outstanding ATAR scores. Well done everyone - you have made St Andrews proud.



CAN SENIORS SOLVE THE MURDER MYSTERY?

The Senior Library hosted a crowd of budding detectives, all waiting for their assignment to solve a crime and follow in the footsteps of Sherlock Holmes or Hercule Poirot.

The detectives had to survey the crime scene, collect and analyse clues, interview suspects and determine the culprit.

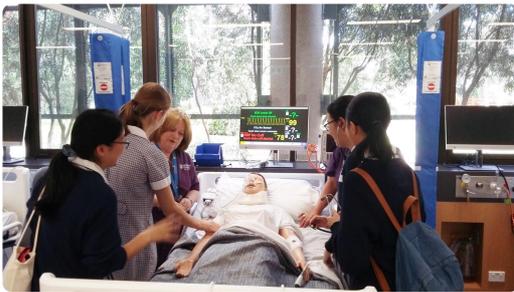
And finally all was revealed!

It was fantastic time of fun and intrigue for everyone involved and a perfect opportunity for all to de-stress after a long and arduous year.





ST ANDREWS CAREERS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



MONASH UNIVERSITY STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Visiting a university
campus is an



important step in deciding where students would continue their education after high school and also an opportunity to get a feel for the university culture.

St Andrews Senior School students visited Monash University twice this year; in Term 2 - Monash Clayton Campus guided tour and faculty presentations for Year 11 and 12 students and in Term 4 - Monash Peninsula Student Experience Day for Year 10 and 11 students.

The Monash University Peninsula Campus Student Experience Day was included in our Senior School Headstart Program and offered a range of insightful and interactive activities:

- a session from a leading educational psychologist on managing stress, building resilience and staying motivated in the VCE
- faculty workshops: Education – ‘The future of digital learning’, Business – ‘What will our future leaders 'look' like?’ and Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences – ‘The

'Mask Ed' program where students checked vital signs, performed CPR and gave simulated injections and a tour of Monash paramedic facilities

- a presentation about Monash University courses, scholarships, entry schemes and student life
- Monash Peninsula Campus guided tour.

On Thursday 28th November, our Year 10s and 11 students went on a day long excursion to Monash University in Frankston. This was a great opportunity to see what is offered at University. When we arrived we went to the gym and completed some challenging puzzles. Next we heard an interesting and engaging talk from a psychologist about stress in young people. After this we split up into three elective groups: medicine, business and teaching, to explore what these areas could become in the future. Finally we had a person from the University to answer all of our burning career questions. *"The day was an exciting experience of university!"* - Callum Andrew Year 10 student.

As the end of the school year is approaching, I take time to review and reflect on the many activities and programs we have offered to our students in 2019 and plan for a new year.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Traditionally it is a very exciting time in Year 10 study, during which students meet new people, explore possible careers options and develop work readiness skills. A placement with an employer is designed to provide an insight into an industry and the world of work. Plus, this is a great way for students to build their resume and start a list of future referees. St Andrews work experience takes place during the last week of Term 2. The dates for 2020 are Saturday 20th - Friday 26th June.

ENGAGE & EMPOWER YEAR 10 CAREERS PROGRAM

The goal of the program is to encourage students to be passionate about their future. In partnership with Commonwealth Bank's award-winning 'Start Smart' financial literacy educational program. Students are offered an insight on how to be smart in earning, saving, spending, investing and enterprise. 'Resume writing' and 'Interview skills' workshops are led by Box Hill Institute Skills & Jobs Centre, and ATO presenters teach our students about tax and super. A morning VicRoads theory session 'Road Smart' and an afternoon practical component at METEC help prepare our beginner drivers for a lifetime of safe driving. Students also complete an online career diagnostic quiz and create their career action plan. In 2020 the Engage and Empower Year 10 Careers Program will run from Wednesday 18th - Friday 20th March.

BARISTA COURSE

In 2020 we are partnering with William Angliss Institute to offer our Year 10 students an opportunity to learn valuable skills in hospitality and coffee making held on Wednesday 10th June.

It is an honour and privilege to be a part of our students' career exploration journey and support them as they anticipate their tomorrows and move towards the future of work or further study. All of the activities we offer enable students to learn more about themselves and their interests, aptitudes, values and strengths and get inspired about their future study.

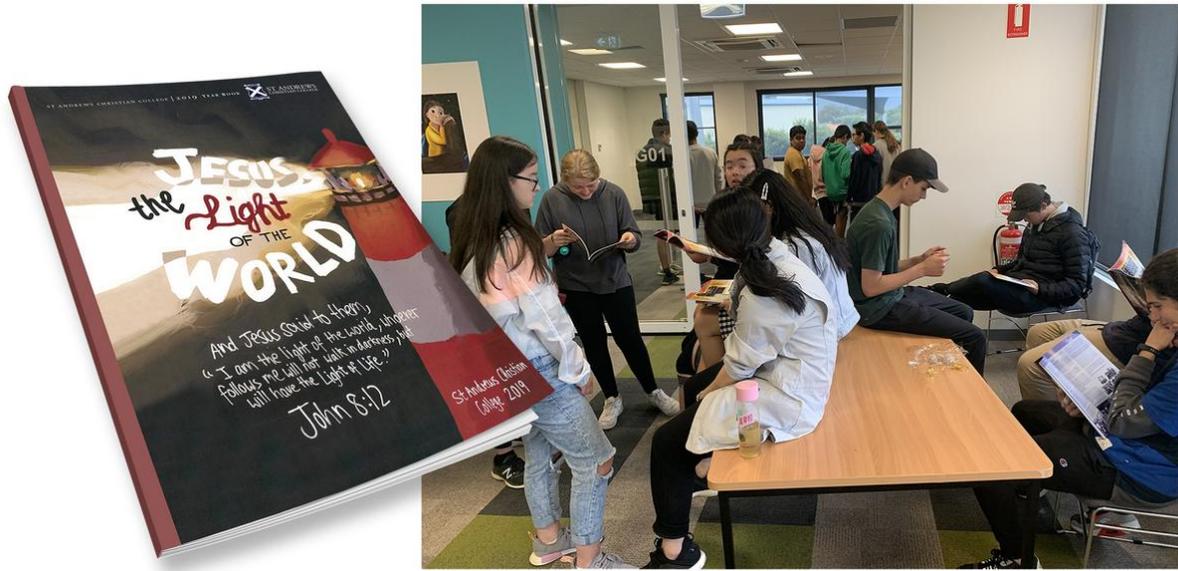
Careers Coordinator Irena Yevlahova

THE WELLBEING TEAM EMBRACE CHRISTMAS



The Student Wellbeing Team have embraced the Christmas spirit indeed. The Senior School looks rather festive adorned with tinsel of various colours, and a number of students went into a pre-Christmas baking frenzy, making enough chocolate truffles to provide morning tea for many students and staff around the school.

THE 2019 COLLEGE YEAR BOOK A SUCCESS



It seems students could not get their hands on the new 2019 College Year Book quick enough, to see what their friends had to say and what other year levels did throughout the year. By all accounts, students love the new look 2019 issue and are already thinking about their contributions for next year's 2020 issue.

MORNING TEA REGENCY STYLE

Next year our Year 12 students will be studying Jane Austin's much loved novel 'Pride and Prejudice' about love, social class and etiquette during the English Regency period as part of their course.

To mark the event, the coming Year 12 students celebrated with a morning tea-



Austin style. Needless to say, amidst the fun and delicious food, consummate social graces were enacted by all.

Unfortunately, Mr Darcy was unable to attend.



Middle School

FUTURE FOCUS 2019



Future Focus 2019 was launched at the 1000 steps in the Dandenong Ranges on 29th November.

The day began with all Year 7 and 8 students enthusiastically ascending the 1000 steps. On reaching the summit, we were warmly greeted by our student leaders, handing out lollies as

we soaked in the magnificent view of the Ranges.

About an hour later as we descended, exhausted and famished, we were pleasantly welcomed by the aroma of sizzling sausages and a delicious BBQ meal prepared by the PFA. There was ample food and drinks to go around, and we had so much fun hanging out and chatting with our friends, as we satiated our hunger and quenched our thirst.

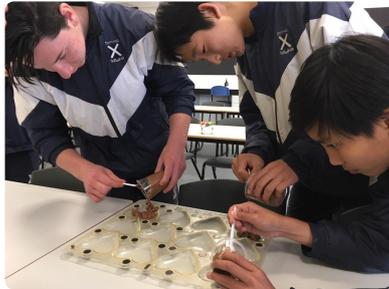


It was a wonderful start to the Future Focus program! In the following weeks Year 7 & 8 students were engaged in a variety of enriching and exhilarating electives ranging from Robotman to Chocolate Making, in addition to a number of fun-filled excursions with thrilling activities such as kayaking, riding the gravity wave, racing in drift cars and rock climbing – not to mention the exciting sports electives, future coaching and career counselling!

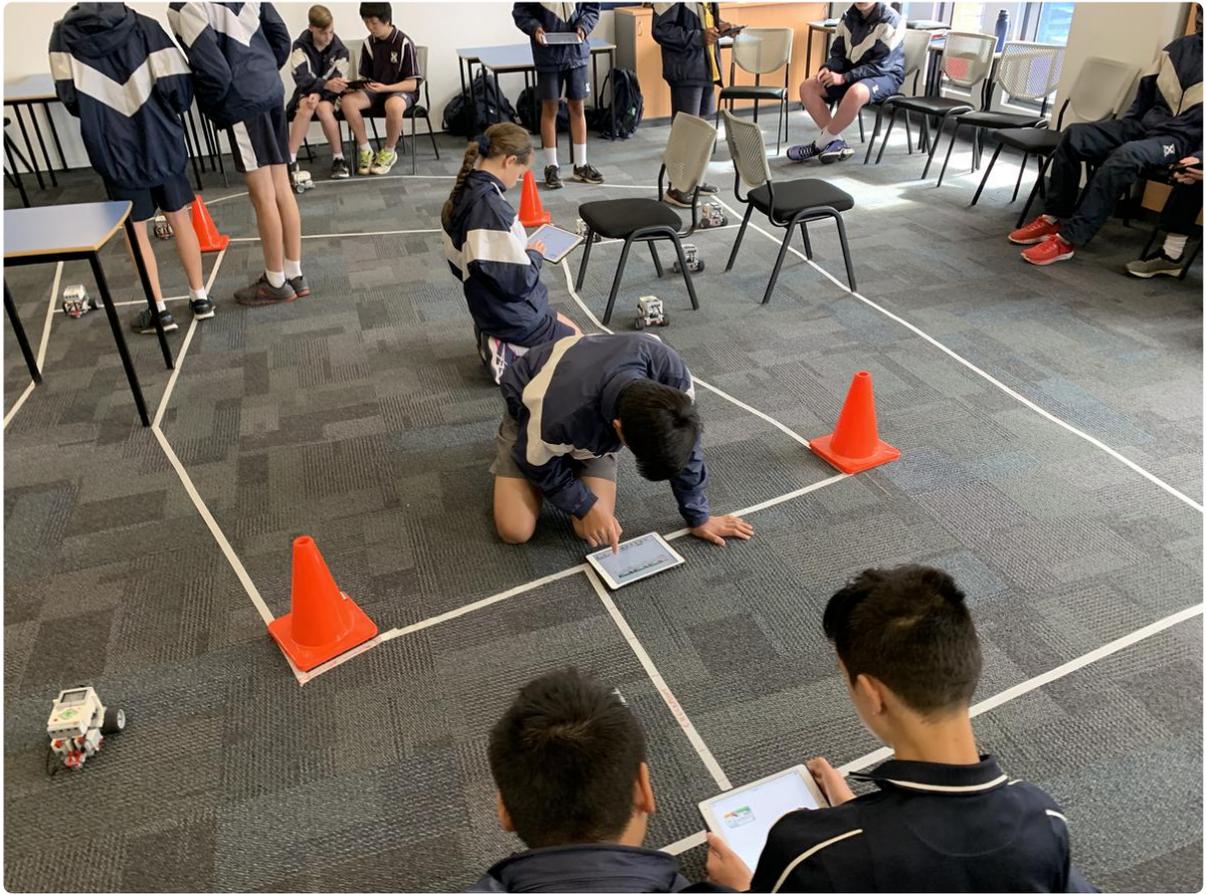
This was an enriching and fun week, and the Year 7 and 8 students want to thank the school for this amazing privilege.

by Lauren Carline, Melanie Youl & Jessica Masciantonio - 8C

FUTURE FOCUS - CHOCOLATE MAKING



FUTURE FOCUS - ROBOTICS

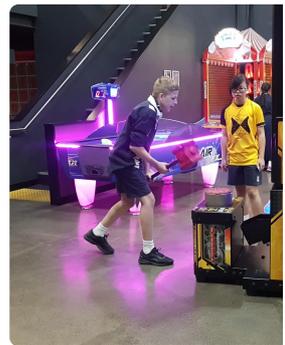


FUTURE FOCUS - PUBLIC SPEAKING



FUTURE FOCUS - YEAR 7 FUN ACTIVITIES







Junior School

YEAR 4 PUFFING BILLY GRADUATION

It was an exciting day for the Year 4 students as they headed off to Puffing Billy in the Dandenong Ranges to celebrate their Graduation. It was a rather cool day, however as soon as Puffing Billy started to chug and whistle along its tracks all thoughts of the cold weather were quickly forgotten.

Well done Year 4 students for a great year.





PREPS RECEIVE THEIR BIBLES



Preps students were pleasantly surprised recently when Principal Wansbrough popped in to say hello and personally hand them each a Bible. They can now read for themselves the wonderful stories of Jesus, and learn more about the loving God who created us all.



JUNIOR SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT



On Friday 29th November the Junior School put on an amazing show - 'Miracle at the Christmas Cafe'. The venue was full with standing room only, as our amazing students played instruments, sang and acted their hearts out to celebrate the Birth of Jesus. Our Multi-Purpose Hall was transformed into a Christmas Cafe for the students to perform their concert. Junior School families in attendance also brought a gift for less fortunate families in lieu of a ticket.

Box Hill Salvation Army were blown away by our generosity and sent the College a very warm and appreciative letter to thank us for our toy donations.

Well done everyone it was a fantastic night!



Yvonne Hughes - Head of Junior School



YEAR 2 HANDS ON SCIENCE



The Year 2 students enjoyed a Hands On Science incursion recently where they had the opportunity to experiment with different materials to discover how things float, sink and move. They enjoyed looking at and discussing how God is the ultimate designer who we can learn from and create amazing modes of transport based on his designs.

Mrs Chantel Rodger - Year 2 Teacher

PREP STUDENTS SING CAROLS FOR ARCARE

On Tuesday 3rd December, the Prep students donned their tinsel hats and walked to ARCARE. The students had a ton of fun singing some of their favourite songs from the year, including some from our recent Junior School concert. We finished off with a few traditional Christmas carols including Silent night and Away in a Manger, which the residents enjoyed singing along to. Before we left students blessed the residents with handmade Christmas cards full of special messages. It was a wonderful experience for all.



PREP EXCURSION TO RICKETT'S POINT



The Prep students enjoyed a beautiful day at the beach on Wednesday 27th November. It was interesting to walk along the beach and hunt for things that God made and compare them with things people had made. We didn't see many crabs in the rockpools, but we enjoyed the interesting shells, seaweed and the sea birds. We enjoyed handling and talking about some amazing sea artefacts, including a giant crab claw.

We loved eating our morning tea and lunch on the beach, but our favourite activity of the day was paddling in the cool water. Some children also built wonderful sand castles, using the lovely shells and "treasures" that they found on the sand. It was a fitting conclusion to our unit about the sea and sea animals that God has made.



We are thankful to Mrs Jones, Mrs Hughes, Mr Grant, Mrs Swank and Miss O'Donnell who joined us for the day!

Sonia Sires and Shellene Pillifeant - Prep Teachers



Arts

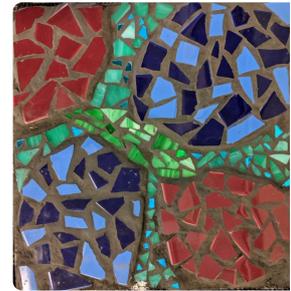
PRESENTATION NIGHT REHEARSALS

Congratulations to all the teachers and students for their energy and effort in ensuring our College Presentation Night ran as smoothly as possible and was thoroughly entertaining. After many hours of practice and fine tuning, students were able to confidently step on stage and deliver some of the finest performances the College has ever seen. Well done everyone, it was an amazing night!





YEAR 5 STUDENTS LOVE THEIR MOSAIC ART



Year 5 students ended their year in Art by completing their mosaics.

Many came to the Art Room for several lunchtimes in order to complete their work completed in time.

The students designed a mosaic based on a leaf shape, then selected a colour combination, cut all of the tiles, glued them on and used grout to complete the task. A messy, but satisfying task!



2020 COLLEGE POSTER COMPETITION



THEME for 2020:

'TREASURE THAT LASTS'

Bible Verse:

Matthew 6:19-21

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

What is your Heavenly Treasure?

Please reflect on the College verse for 2020, create an A4 artwork (portrait orientation) and then enter it by the end of Week 2, Term 1 to Mrs Tamie Dekker. The best entry will be announced at the Dedication Service on Monday 17th February. The winning entry will be displayed throughout the College for the year.

Happy Creating,

Marina Heading - Head of Creative Arts

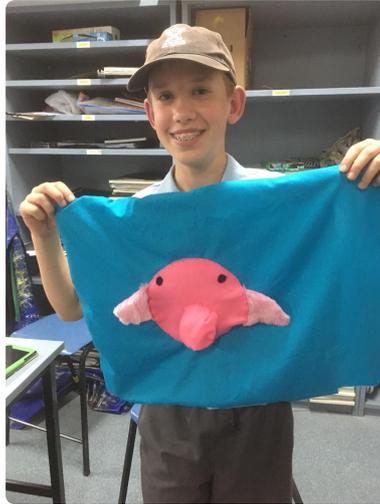
PASSION PROJECTS TO THE END

It has been a busy end of year for Middle School Artists with Transition Day, Future Focus and Presentation Night Rehearsals. However the students of St Andrews Christian College have stayed strong right to the end of the year.

I am so impressed by the way students are showing consideration of others and modelling 'Faithfulness', 'Devotion to Growth' and 'Servant Hearts'!



Keep Creating,
Marina Heading - Head of Creative Arts



Sport





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Award
for his 11
years of
service
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system, towards developing opportunities for students in School Sports programs. We are all proud of you Mr Farmer and congratulate you on your SSV award.

Blessings

Catriona Wansbrough - Principal

WOW! WHAT A YEAR

FOR ST ANDREWS NETBALL



What a fantastic end to the year St Andrews Netball Club has had!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2019 U/13 PREMIERS THE THUNDERBIRDS!

A thrilling game with a last quarter comeback to win the premiership. Well done on every player for their premiership efforts. We also had 2 teams finish in the semi-finals; the U/13 Mockingbirds and U/15 Vipers. Once again, they had a fantastic season, displaying so much improvement in their teamwork and skills.

On Monday 2nd December we celebrated the wonderful year of netball at our club presentation evening. We saw so many girls awarded for their outstanding efforts across both the Winter and Spring season.



These awards included our Best and Fairest, Runners Up Best and Fairest and the Coaches award.



We also were able to award our 2019 outstanding coaches award to Chloe

Chandraraj and Audrey Ang who have volunteered tirelessly as coaches for the club for the past 3 years, serving every week at trainings and games, as well as playing and umpiring across that time as well. These girls still managed to show fantastic effort whilst completing their VCE and being school captains. We are so thankful for these beautiful women and their dedication and love for our netball club.



Congratulations also goes to our Rising Coach Award winner Caitlyn Smith who has increased in leaps and bounds in her coaching this year, and is always seeking ways to improve and upskill.



Thank you to all the parents of our netballers who came to our presentation evening to celebrate and support their daughters. As a club we appreciate your support, as we know your daughter's do as well.

The St Andrews Netball Club board are looking forward to the Netball 2020 year and celebrating our 5th Anniversary of netball, recognising all the growth our little club has seen.

Have a blessed Christmas,

Lauren Gaschk - St Andrews Netball Club President
netball@standrews.vic.edu.au



Library

LIBRARY NEWS

Library Staff: Lynne Marks, Anita Little, Wai Peng Heath

Email: library@standrews.vic.edu.au.

2020 OPENING HOURS

Middle/Senior Library:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays: Open from 8.15am

Monday to Friday: Recess and Lunch

After school:

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays until 4pm.

Wednesdays until 3.45pm.

Junior Library:

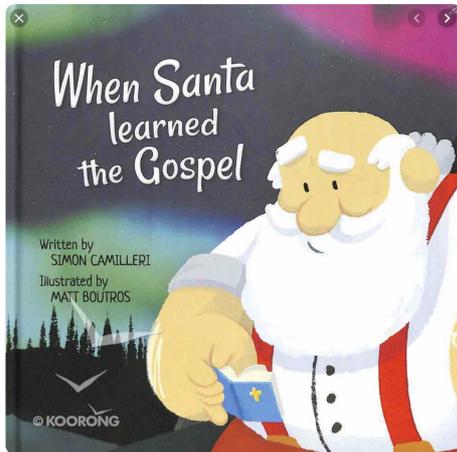
Students may borrow books after school if they bring a book bag and return the books they have finished reading. Please see staff in the Senior Library for access and loans.

A Heartfelt thanks to our Volunteers

The Library staff would like to say a very big “thank you” to everyone who has helped us this year. Thank you for coming to the library and shelving the books. Thank you for taking books home to cover. Thank you for helping with any of the other tasks that keep the library running smoothly. We appreciate all that you do and are grateful for your willingness to help.

The Library staff wish you a Merry Christmas and God's richest blessings for the New Year!

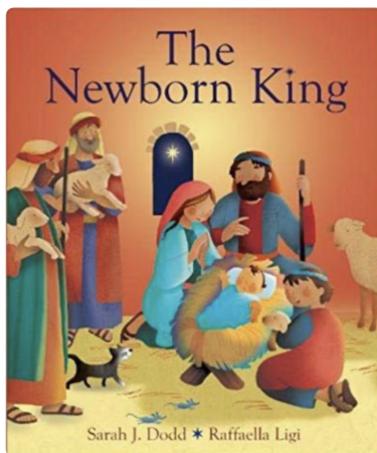
New in the Junior library



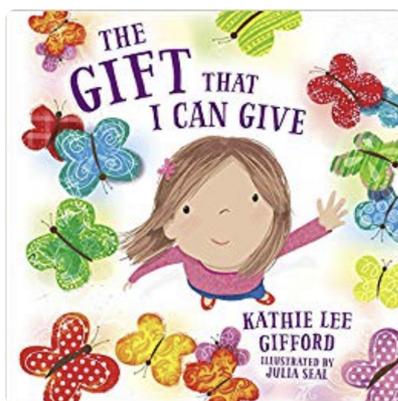
This is a Santa story with a difference. The appealing picture story follows Santa's journey as he learns about Jesus' message of grace.

There is an animated reading of the story on YouTube <https://www.santagospel.com/index.php/the-story/>

The website also has gospel sharing resources <https://www.santagospel.com/>



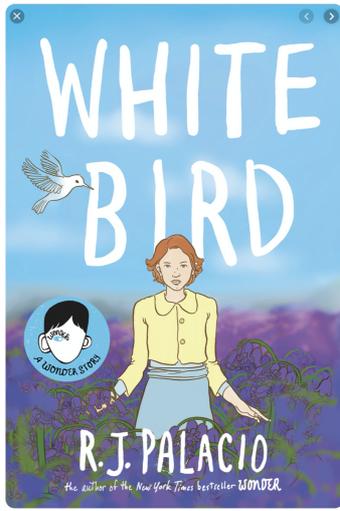
Share the gladness of Mary, the joy of the shepherds and the journey of the wise men in this colourful retelling of the Christmas story by Sarah Dodd



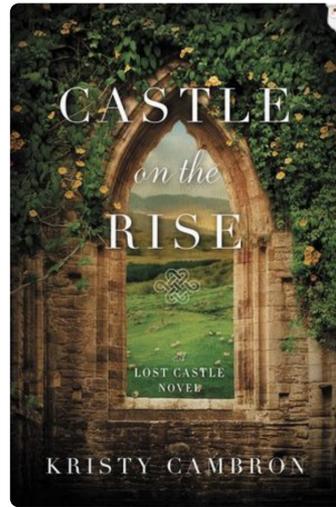
This rhyming story invites children to discover the gift that is God's love. It encourages children to show love to others in unique ways, demonstrating that the smallest act of kindness can be a beautiful gift. You can listen to Kathie Lee Gifford talk about her book by clicking the link below. <https://www.today.com/video/kathie-lee-gifford-on-her-children-s-book-the-gift-that-i-can-give-1350886979883>

In the Senior Library

R. J. Palacio, author of "Wonder" has written a graphic novel about the grandmother of Julian, one of the characters in "Wonder" and her experiences in World War II as a Jew in occupied



France. (Year 5 and up - War)



An interesting novel, linking the stories of three women, set across three time periods - The Irish rebellion of 1798, the Easter Uprising of 1916 and Modern Day Ireland - They risk everything for life and love. (Year 9 and up - Historical)

Following in the steps of Poirot

The Senior Library hosted a crowd of budding detectives, all waiting for their assignment to solve a crime.



Community

SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS



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SUSTAINABLE TECH AGES: 10+

SYDNEY _____ 8-10 JAN 2020
 BRISBANE _____ 13-14 JAN 2020
 MELBOURNE _____ 15-17 JAN 2020

BOOK NOW

The poster features a dark blue background with various icons representing sustainability and technology: a wind turbine, gears, a tree, a person with a signal tower, and a solar panel. The text is in white and orange, with a prominent orange 'BOOK NOW' button.

Time is officially ticking to secure your child's spot for Coder Academy's School Holiday Workshops in January!

Ignite your child's passion for all things STEM as they explore, tinker, and create tech to solve some of the world's most pressing issues around sustainability.

Dates: 15th - 17th January 2020

Time: 9am - 4pm, daily

Ages: 10 and up

Location: Belong HQ, Level 8, 717 Bourke St, Docklands, VIC 3008

Special Discount: Book two days, get 15% off.
 Book three days, get 25% off! Discount automatically applies at checkout.

BOOK NOW

Choose from the following workshops:



Wednesday, 15th January

Sustainable Web Design

There are a range of different things we can do to ensure web application design is as sustainable and accessible as possible. Learn how to design simple websites using HTML, CSS, and a bit of Javascript.

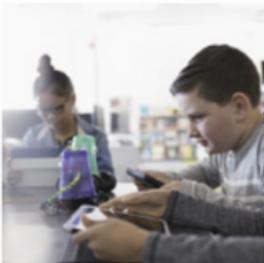
[***Book Now >***](#)



Thursday, 16th January

Drive Sustainability via Gamification

Use the industry-standard game development platform, Unity, to create a game that promotes and gamifies sustainability. Then, take your skills to the next level by bringing the game into Augmented Reality (AR). [***Book Now >***](#)



Friday, 17th January

Create a Natural Disaster Detection System

Create your own natural disaster detection system using hardware like Microbit and Adafruit Circuit Playground to build a system that detects earthquakes, storms, fires/extreme heat, and floods.

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from 10am**

Celebrate the launch of
SUMMER
AT KNOX LEISUREWORKS
FAMILY FUN DAY!

Pop into Knox Leisureworks to enjoy a huge range of exciting activities, including:

- Free entry to all aquatic areas, including the launch of our outdoor pools
- Family petting zoo
- Live music
- Facepainting & glitter tattoos
- Free jumping castle adventures
- Free 80m waterslide rides and giant pool inflatable fun
- A visit from the Paddlepop Lion
- Membership & swimming lessons summer specials
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