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Principal

Pakistan

Thank you to family and to St Andrews in releasing me to come and train people in Pakistan. Thank you for your support and continuing prayers. I cannot do this work in my own strength, only in God and through His power can I accomplish His will and be effective. Together, we are building Christian education throughout the world - this is His kingdom work.

I have just finished the first course of training at the Open Theological Seminary in Lahore (there is another full training course next week) and have spent today with the beautiful team at OTS evaluating the past week whilst also preparing for tomorrow's workshops on LEADERSHIP.

Tomorrow I will be training (through a translator) 70 pastors and ministry workers. On Sunday, we will be travelling a couple of hours to a church where Kaiser Julius will be

preaching and then I will be meeting with the principal of the seminary/school.

This past week:
What an amazing time of learning and sharing together! It was a blessing to be able to encourage men and women who as Christians are highly discriminated against and treated as 2nd class citizens.

The participants in the course were from Christian schools/institutions- some from schools with mostly

Muslim students and Muslim teachers and a few were from schools that are in districts of extreme poverty.

Most teachers are very poorly paid and have difficulty to survive on the paltry amount they are given.

I expected to teach mostly principals, but we had a variety of people - ministry workers, administrators, a youth director, a teacher trainer from Scotland (Anglican/Presbyterian/Lutheran/Methodist schools), teachers of all ages of children and a couple of principals.

Unfortunately, most principals would not attend such a training course if teachers were also in attendance.

How wonderful it is to come and encourage these teachers that they have such a valuable ministry and calling - they are called to a life transforming work, where every day they can model and influence children for Christ and be salt and light in a desperate world.

Participants shared at the end of the course some special things they have learnt this past week and one lady was so emotional claiming that the

week has changed her life in so many ways.



Precious comments shared by the participants at the evaluation of the course include:

- *we don't have to say anything about Christ if we have Muslim students - just model Christ to our students
- * we want to show the world we are not 'unclean people' - we are special and made in God's image and want to live the gospel each day
- * we should see each child as made in the image of God despite their religion - all are equal and important, whether Muslim or Christian *walking closely with Jesus is the most important thing to do as a teacher *equal care and love to ALL students
- * everyone is unique, has different intelligences and learning style preferences and we should teach to cater for every child *think biblically

when teaching and to create a whole education not just academic

* not to focus on just marks but on their character and to grow faith in students

* I want to be a pastor/teacher
*I have learnt to forgive and not keep things in my heart

* I need to admit my mistakes
* there is so much inequality in Pakistan, especially in the

education system - we need to get our children to think more, to close the gap and make changes in our society

* we can bring hope to any situation

* we need to concentrate and build on our strengths not focus on our weaknesses

* it is important to enjoy our lessons

* above all, love!

* the power of the gospel and the power of relationships in teaching

* we must set goals in our teaching

* alone we are nothing but together we are a shalom learning community

* as a principal I spend a lot of time worrying. I have learnt to stop worrying and start living and to focus on Christ.

* need to analyse ourselves and our teaching

* to live is Christ, to die is gain - therefore we need to prepare our students that God is everything

* I learnt how to be a better teacher

* I have learnt to think of ways to use textbooks creatively and to think of various ways to cater for different learning styles

One interesting point we discussed that impacted the majority of the class, was the idea of forgiveness. We did an exercise together to outline all the important characteristics of being a Christian teacher. I said all these characteristics are important - but out of the 20 qualities pick 3 which you think are very important. Being a forgiving teacher for them was deemed one of the most important qualities for a Christian teacher.

We had a special graduation ceremony at the end of the course - where speeches were made, certificates given, photos taken and presents given. This formal part of the

week is very important for Pakistanis.

People keep asking me to be on Facebook with them - I can truthfully say "I am not on Facebook!" They ask for my email - and want help in so many ways - like how to start a school in a slum area. It is difficult but I tell them them I do not have the time to help, that my ministry is my school.

I too am learning.

I am learning much about the Pakistani culture and the servant hearts of those I am working with.

Despite my missing family, the tiredness, my aches and pains, the stomach cramps (a lot of different food/curries, which you eat with your hand), the noise and busyness of life in Lahore and the Muslim call to prayer at all hours (including 5 am), learning new customs, wearing different clothes (which I love), adjusting to different bathrooms and being constantly aware and vigilant in an environment that needs tight security (security

cameras/guards) and involves many restrictions so as not to alert the interest of Muslim neighbours I am really leaning on God's promises each moment and experiencing that His grace is sufficient.

"But my grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will boast all the gladly about my weaknesses so that Christ's power may rest on me" 2

Corinthians 12:9

My hosts Rahila and Qaiser Julius are the most beautiful and gracious hosts and are looking after me so wonderfully. Their passion and ministry for the people of Pakistan is such a witness to us all. I am blessed to know them and to have a small role in their ministry for a couple of weeks. Appreciate all your prayers - especially for good health, good sleep, protection and effective ministry.

Blessings to you all.

Catriona



Deputy Principal

Deputy Principal Mr Tim Farmilo at Open Day

Caring Community

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of Term 1! It has been a short term, but a lot has been packed into a short space of time.

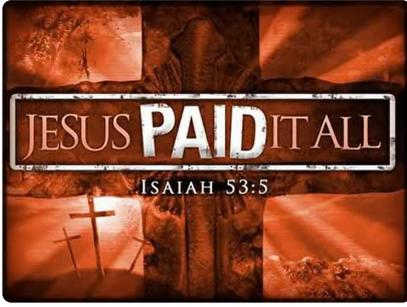
One of the things I have been reminded of during the term is that we belong to a very caring community where parents are willing to help in a variety of ways. This has been highlighted recently by the number of parents who turned up to our working bee last

weekend. Around 50 parents attended – probably the biggest number we have ever received at a working bee. It was great to have parents from all sections of the school involved in helping to maintain and improve our facilities. The other way this caring attitude has been evident to me has been the overwhelming response to the call for items to be donated to assist the island home of Cara Beovich in Fiji which was devastated in the recent cyclone. Each morning over the past week, it has

almost been impossible to get into the office due to the piles of items which have been donated. I'm sure your gifts will be much appreciated by those who have lost everything. Thank you for the generosity and care you have shown in this way.

Both these examples are just a small picture of the ways in which we belong to a caring community. There are many others that I could cite which have happened over the term. It makes me proud to be a part

of this College and all it stands for.



As we approach this holiday time, I am reminded that it is not just a school break. The first part of the holiday takes in

the special time of Easter when, amid the commercialism of this event, we are reminded of the real reason we celebrate Easter – the death and resurrection of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Romans 5:8 says: *But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

As you enjoy time with your family over this Easter time, my

prayer is that you would find some time to think on Him and remember the sacrifice that was made for each of us. May your holiday time be restful and safe and we look forward to seeing all of you back for the start of Term 2 on Tuesday April 12.

Many blessings,

Tim Farmilo

Deputy Principal



Notices

Open Day 2016

Holiday Care 11th April

Holiday care is available for Monday 11th April, the day before school begins for Term 2.

If care is needed for their child/ren an email can be sent to oshc@standrews.vic.edu.au advising their details with/without the enrolment form.

If you don't have the registration form, one will need

to be completed prior to the day.

Sally Wade
OSHC Coordinator

Video Camera Help

Do you have experience with a video camera?

Could you help out with an official video recording of our 2016 school musical, *Beauty and the Beast*?

If you have your own equipment, even better!

Please contact Mr Alison at the school to volunteer.

nalison@standrews.vic.edu.au

Nathan Alison
IT Coordinator

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

Fiji Cyclone Thanks

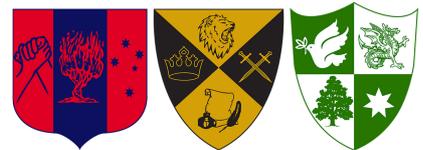
We have been overwhelmed by the generous support we've received from staff and families of St Andrews. My island home is just a small speck in the ocean and so to receive the huge number of donations is such a blessing. Growing up, in the far east of Fiji away from the tourist areas, we didn't think that others, particularly from Australia, would care for us in this way. I'm so thankful that in this time of need the St Andrews community have been thinking/praying for my island home.



In the village tents have been supplied and they've decided to start rebuilding themselves as Government and NZ Navy support will not reach them soon. We will be sending the container of goods to Fiji straight after Easter. Again God bless you all. Thank you.

Cara Beovich

House Community Points



Barton 127

Deakin 170

Parkes 105



Calendar

Important Coming Events for Term 2 2016:

April

Week 1B

- Monday 11th – Holiday Care Program
- Tuesday 12th – 1st Day Term 2 for Students
- Wednesday 13th - Parent Prayer Meeting 8:45am*

Week 2A

- Monday 18th - Anzac Day Service - Whole School Assembly 8:55am*

- Tuesday 19th - Parent Teacher Interviews 1:30pm-8pm*
- Wednesday 20th - Parent Prayer Meeting 8:45am*
- Wednesday 20th - Yr6 Public Speaking Incursion
- Wednesday 20th - CSSN Yr7/8 Sport
- Wednesday 20th - Vanuatu Team Meeting 5:30pm
- Thursday 21st - Yr5 Art Excursion
- Friday 22nd - Prayer Day
- Friday 22nd - GRIP Student Leaders Conference

Week 3B

- Monday 25th – ANZAC Day Holiday – NO School for students

- Tuesday 26th – School Photos - Whole School
- Tuesday 26th - PFA General Meeting 7:30pm*
- Wednesday 16th - Parent Prayer Meeting 8:45am*
- Wednesday 27th - CSSN Yr9/10 Sports
- Wednesday 27th - Parent Teacher Interviews 4pm-6pm*

** Parents welcome*

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)



Sport

Swimming Champions 2016

Year 7-12 CSSN Interschool Swimming Carnival

Last Friday, 17 students from years 7-12 represented St Andrews at the CSSN Interschool swimming competition at Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. Students competed in a range of individual and relay races, and managed to finish the day in 1st place for our division!

That's 1st place for both Primary and Secondary swimming in consecutive days,

a huge achievement! A major key to our success on the day was our ability to fill all races, meaning several students needed to swim in races outside of their strongest stroke. Despite this, they competed admirably and their contribution to our overall result was vital.



Special mention to Caleb Loy (Yr 12) for winning the Under 21 open boys age bracket, dominating most of his races. This is the second year running that Caleb has received the award. Nicholas Wu (Yr 8) also swam remarkably well on the day,

winning all his races and beating his personal best (PB) times in the 50m breaststroke and 50m freestyle.

St Andrews sports captain, Olivia Rowland (Yr 11), was invited up to receive the shield that will be proudly displayed in our trophy cabinet at school for the next 12 months!

Year 3-6 CSSN Interschool Swimming Carnival

Last Thursday, selected students from Years 3-6 competed in our first ever entry to the primary CSSN Interschool Swimming Competition. We competed in division B on the day. Everyone was excited, and we all could not wait to swim!

We had events such as 50m freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly, 100m freestyle, 4x50m freestyle relays and 4x50m medley relays. Everyone swam their best, and we placed high in all of the races. There were amazing performances throughout the day, and quite a few highlights!



One of the highlights came from Samantha Loke (Yr5). When she was about to dive, her goggles snapped and she had to swim without it. Despite not swimming with her

goggles, she still won her race! Jessica Huang (Yr4) also swam an amazing race, easily winning her 100m freestyle race! The U12 girls 4x50m freestyle relay team swam their best and won that event in an exciting finish.

After all of the races, it was time for the overall scores. We had scores updated throughout the day, but we were still anxious to know which school won. We were all so excited when it was announced that St Andrews was the division champion! We were also champions for U10 Girls, U11 Boys, U11 Girls and U12 Girls. We all felt that our hard work had paid off and in the end, everyone had a great time.

Andrea Chai 6S



Parents and Friends

PFA Meeting

The next PFA meeting will be held on Tuesday 26th April at 7:30pm in the school staffroom.

Term 2 PFA Events

Term 2 will be a busy one for PFA with a number of events planned including a parents Movie Night in June.

- Tuesday 26th April - PFA General Meeting 7:30pm
- Wednesday 27th April - Staff Appreciation Morning Tea
- Thursday 5th May - Mothers' Day Lunch
- Friday 6th May - Mothers' Day Stall
- Tuesday 14th or Wednesday 15th June- Movie Night - The War Room at Knox or Boronia - tbc

Parent Helpers

Thanks to parents who have helped out throughout the Term with Icy Pole Fridays, School Banking, PMP and other parent help activities.



A big turn out of parents at the recent Working Bee was also appreciated. Your continued support is a blessing.

The PFA Committee

Parent Participation Hours

 Parent Participation Hours 2016...

PFA Committee 2016

President: Shaun Beovich

Vice-President: Sally Wade

Secretary: Lesley Goh

Treasurer: Ann Hawthorne

email: pfa@standrews.vic.edu.au





Junior School

Yr2 Sustainability@Healesville Sanctuary

Yr2 Sustainability

This term in Sustainability the Year 2 students have been studying endangered and extinct animals of Australia. As part of this study our excursion to Healesville gave the Year 2 students the opportunity to get up close and personal with some of these animals. They enjoyed watching a birds of prey show where wild Wedged Tailed Eagles even visited the Sanctuary.



The students enjoyed working in small groups discovering interesting facts about some of the endangered animals looked

after at the Sanctuary and were also able to ask the Rangers important questions about how we can help these animals.



After our visit the Year 2 students wrote letters as if they were an endangered animal to ask people to help them not to become extinct Feel free to come into the Year 2 classes and read these letters.

Mrs Chantel Rodger
Sustainability Teacher



Middle School

Middle School Leaders

YEAR 8 CANBERRA



Rajes Krishnan
Middle School Teacher

Alan Tudge visits the Year 6s

Alan Tudge paid the Year 6s a visit today and they had an unending number of questions that ranged from: who is your favourite prime minister to what's your view on Donald Trump, then to do you think marijuana should be legalised and your views on gay marriage, what is your most intense debate in parliament etc



Mr Tudge was lovely and the students were still following him out the door!

Charlene Lee
Yr6 Teacher

Middle School Student Leadership

This year, I have the privilege of mentoring all our student leaders in Middle School. Our school captains had the opportunity to go to National

Young Leaders Day again this year, which is an annual conference of 4000 students from different schools who get together to learn about leadership from different leaders in different industries. This year the Middle School has also expanded the leadership team to include 6 newly elected house community captains. These leaders have been put in charge of running our Middle School assemblies – this includes running the sound desk, to MC-ing the assembly and to running House Competitions.



I would like to take this time to congratulate our wonderful House Captains who have done a phenomenal job in building up greater House Community spirit in the Middle School! They have put great thought into the preparation for all the activities. Next term I look forward to seeing them grow in leading the Middle School students in

devotions and planning for the next big event that all Middle School students should be looking out for...

Charlene Lee
Middle School Teacher

Restaurant Review



On Friday 18 March, the 9/10 Journalism Elective students dined at a restaurant in Knox City to appreciate the features of writing a restaurant review. They discussed the elements of ambience, service and food, as they tucked into a scrumptious spread of rice, green curry, stir fried chicken with cashews and prawn crackers. The comments from our budding journalists were:

AMBIENCE: comfortable and pleasant

SERVICE: waiter was very courteous and helpful

FOOD:: flavoursome but not as spicy as expected.

RATING :



Senior School

Yr12 Physics@Luna Park

Yr12 Physics Excursion to Luna Park

Understanding centripetal force, impulse, momentum, gravitational acceleration and Newtonian forces can be difficult at times and so experiencing these concepts in action can help.



The Physics students contemplated each topic as they rode the rides at Luna Park and focussed on analysing their motion for Area of Study 1 in Unit 3. They also

enjoyed themselves and a good time was had by all.

**Timothy Anderson and
McKenzie Morris Yr10**

9B English Excursion to Melbourne City

On Tuesday, our class travelled to inner Melbourne to experience the city. We attended multiple tours and bought our own lunch, but the main reason that we were going was to see The Australian Ballet rehearse on-stage. This related to our studies of the book *Mao's Last Dancer*, because the story is an autobiography depicting a boy becoming a Chinese ballet dancer. My favourite part of the excursion was actually just the sheer city experience; that we were able to experience using public transport with our friends, buying our own food and feeling the exhilarating vibes of the busy city life. The most interesting attraction, in my opinion, was the State Library... but that's probably just because I'm a borderline bookworm.

Katherine Bolwell 9B



Greg Crotty
Physics Teacher

VCE Study Camp



Yr10 Geography Excursion

On the 21st of March, the Year 10s went on a field trip to Sorrento and learnt about the current issues and numerous management strategies that are in place to protect the coast.



It was good to be able to walk along the beaches and see some of the processes we'd learned about in class.



The excursion to the city was organized perfectly well. The entire trip there was smooth and we arrived at Flinders Station safely. I had never used a Myki card or caught a train in all my days in Australia, so the trip to and from the city was exciting for me. During the short tour around Federation Square with the tour guide, I absorbed many facts and learned some interesting things. The main event of the day was the Arts Centre. It was also my first time inside such a grand place and the theatre was even more spectacular. All the gold and red seemed so fancy. 'Behind the Scenes' described the average life of a ballet dancer in training and how the instructor taught his students. This fitted in well with the text we are studying- 'Mao's Last Dancer'. The last destination was at the State Library Victoria where we were

taken on a tour around the library. The guide told us about underground archives, microfilm, chess rooms... and we saw most of these things. The library was giant! I feel so privileged to have experienced all of this in just one day. This excursion to the city was the most eye-opening I have ever been to! Thank you

Mrs.Yevlahova!

Anastasia Tie 9B

The city excursion to see the life of a ballet dancer was so exciting. Walking around the city, eating and buying food, learning new things we haven't known and experiencing new things like planning our journey to the city on our own. The ballet dances were so graceful and full of energy. Watching the ballet made me understand more about the text we are studying "Mao's Last Dancer". The city excursion was one of the best excursions I have been on!

Yejin Kwon 9B

On Tuesday I met with an enthusiastic group of Year 9 students at Boronia train station. They were all organized and on time to catch the train which would take

them to the city. All went according to plan with the whole class meeting up with Mrs Yevlahova at Flinders Street station.

On a short tour we learned some interesting facts about Federation Square's architecture and building.

Also, the mid-afternoon tour of the State Library revealed the current services available as well as some interesting history related to this impressive building.

However, the highlight of the day for me (and some others) was watching "Behind the Scenes" ballet class/rehearsal for the professional dancers of The Australian Ballet. It was great to see what they do on a day to day basis and how hard they work whilst still looking elegant and beautiful. Well done Year 9 B on being organised, mature and doing a fine job representing St Andrews Christian College.

Jennifer Audet (parent)

Yr10 Clean Up Australia



Careers News

In this issue you will find more information about activities available during the school holidays:

- La Trobe 'Experience La Trobe' Melbourne campus (Bundoora) 31 March,
- RMIT: Experience Surveying RMIT on the 7th of April
- RMIT: Studying Science (biology, biotechnology, chemistry, environmental science, food science, nanotechnology and physics) on the 30th of March

- Zoos Victoria School Holiday Programs
- WILLIAM ANGLISS INSTITUTE: Tourism, Travel and Events activities day - 31 March
- and other interesting information.

On Friday 1st of April from 1.00-3.30pm at Youth Information Centre, Knox Ozone (2 Capital City Boulevard, Wantirna South) there will be a free workshop for young people who live, study or have a connection to Knox. Topics @workshop include: Resume writing, Interview Skills, How to prepare for your first day at work, What legally you have to disclose to an employer. Bookings are essential. For further information contact Knox School Services tel. 9298 8000 or email: youth@knox.vic.gov.au.

Attention Year 10 students who are interested in mathematics and science! 'Hands On Engineering', a day-long program with interesting hands-on activities is offered by

The Melbourne of Melbourne on the 1st of April.

Email: schoolsengagement-engit@unimelb.edu.au.

More information: <http://www.eng.unimelb.edu.au/engage/schools/hands-on-engineering>

A reminder to all Year 11 students! Monash University Year 11 Inspiration Day is on Thursday 7th April, 9:15am – 2:45pm @ Caulfield campus This interactive day will provide information about choosing a university and a course, how to succeed in year 12 and higher study, and tours and information about the Monash campus.

<http://www.monash.edu/year11-day/>.



If you have a question about a topic featured in the Careers Newsletter, please contact Careers Coordinator Mrs Irena Yevlahova iyevlahova@standrews.vic.edu.au

Irena Yevlahova
Careers Coordinator



Duke of Edinburgh

Stand Up Paddling

Duke of Ed Excursion - Sailing and Stand Up Paddle Boarding

On Thursday the 3rd of March, the Year 9 Duke of Ed class went on our first excursion. We got to go sailing and stand up paddle boarding at

Sandringham Yacht Club.

Sailing was awesome. None of us had ever really done it before. It was really peaceful being able to feel the wind in

your face and see the beautiful water all around you. It definitely beats being in a classroom. We each got to take turns steering and doing the sails. At some points the boat was almost vertical on its side. It was scary but lots of fun.



Stand up paddle boarding was a challenge but in the end I think we all enjoyed it. It's quite easy to get your balance but staying balanced is a completely different matter. I

think I fell off about 6 or 7 times because I bumped into someone or we had two people on one board. At the end of the day we had a debrief on the beach. In Duke of Ed this year, Mr Idrees has given us ten class values that we want to develop and live out.

Compassion, Humility, Integrity, Patience, Courage, Hunger to learn and grow, Obedience, Perseverance, Gratitude, and Responsibility. Even in our excursion we could already see these values being put into practice. I think that as a class, we know that living

with these values is going to give us a successful year, friends that are as close as family and an experience that we will never forget.

Michaela Swank
Year 9 Student



Library

Middle and Senior Library taking shape

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

Our Shelves Have Arrived

Last week the new shelving for the Senior Innovation Centre arrived and was installed. Since then library staff and



Some enthusiastic readers have already been to have a look and borrowed books. We will be open from Term 2 for recess and lunch for Middle and Senior School (Years 5-12).

Still to come: Signage and furniture for our new space.

read fifteen books. At least ten of the titles need to be from the list provided.

This list can be found at

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/events/prc/78prcbooklist.pdf>

More information is available at

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/default.aspx>

The books from this list that are in our collection will be made available to students from early Term 2.

Lynne Marks

Library Coordinator



Community Notices

Newsletter 3

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.

Junior Sport Programs @ The Ring

 The Rings JNR ...