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Dear Parents,

We had a lovely College assembly on Monday where our Year 12 students prayed for and gave each of our Prep students their St Andrews Christian College badge – which declares Glory to God.



The assembly was a beautiful display of community and an example of how our older students model and care for our younger students.



Also at the assembly we had a parent as our guest speaker – Mr Sebastian Simon. Sebastian is a chef and he shared with us all how he lives his faith in the difficult world of being a chef and training others.

Sebastian also shared with us his special project for this year. That is, to do a random act of

kindness (RAOK) every day throughout 2017. He is using the gift of cooking that God has given him to spread kindness throughout Melbourne by cooking a meal for a different family every day of the year.

Sebastian shared that “spreading God’s marvellous grace through kindness, has brought so much joy in my life.”

I then challenged all of us here at St Andrews Christian College to do a RAOK every day. Imagine what we would be like as a community if all staff, students and parents undertake doing a RAOK every day? It would be a taste of heaven!

It is easy to be kind and generous to those who are nice to us, but to give in some way to a stranger or to someone who is difficult or mean to us is hard and nearly impossible. But with Jesus and in His strength, not ours, we can do it.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said: *“Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.”* (Luke 6:27-28)

Being kind to each other is a command for all of us to follow, and when it is too tough to be kind, especially when someone is mean to us – that is when we call on Jesus to help us and give us the love to pass on in whatever way it is required.

Have a wonderful BREAK and EASTER!

May we all spend time to reflect on all that Jesus has done for us and deeply know how much He loves us.

Abundant blessings,

Catriona Wansbrough
Principal



Notices

Open Day 2017

St Andrews Alumni

In our focus on growing community, our desire is to set up an ALUMNI group at St Andrews.

Dr Rebecca Lim is volunteering at the College to help set up this group and will be concentrating on putting together a list of past staff and students.

If you know of any past students/staff can you please let her know via our special

ALUMNI email

alumni@standrews.vic.edu.au

This will be such a blessing for all to get this group underway – thanks Rebecca!

Many blessings

Catriona Wansbrough

Principal

Annual General Meeting – Thursday 27th April 2017

An important part of the College's governance procedures is the Annual General Meeting. All members of the College Community are invited and encouraged to attend. The AGM will be held on Thursday 27th April 2017 and 7:30pm in the Innovation Centre Meeting Room. The AGM notice is attached.

At the meeting nominations are received for Board membership. There is currently one vacancy to be filled by nomination from the College Community. Any nominations need to be received by the College two weeks prior to the meeting. Nominations need to be received by 4:00pm on Thursday 13th April, 2017. Please refer to the [Board Procedure for Appointments](#) which outlines the nomination procedure and other information regarding board membership.

 [AGM Notice 20...](#)

 [Council Nomin...](#)

If any member of the College Community would like further information about serving on the College Board, please speak with a current member of the Board, Mrs Wansbrough or myself.

Darren Waterworth
Company Secretary/Business Manager

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

Learning and Teaching

Our College has made the list of Schools that have shown the greatest improvement in NAPLAN results. This is a great testament to the staff and students who have worked hard to bring about these results.

The new initiatives of the College that could be attributed to these results are the implementation of a Head of Learning and Teaching, initiating Heads of Faculty and building a more meaningful curriculum that is closely aligned to the Australian Curriculum. Whilst this is a great achievement, the long term benefits of these results will play a positive impact on the future enrolments of the College.

We will continue to grow in this area and build on the great things that have been implemented. Our future directions include strengthening our biblical understanding to bring a more explicit biblical worldview into the classroom.

Some members of the IT Committee have been investigating a range of programs that will help take the College forward in the area of technology and organisation. We currently are struggling with inadequate computer programs for Student Reporting and Curriculum organisation and timetabling. A

new timetabling program has been purchased which will help with the whole school timetable and student subject selection.

Merrick Brewer
Head of Learning and Teaching

Art - Easter Service

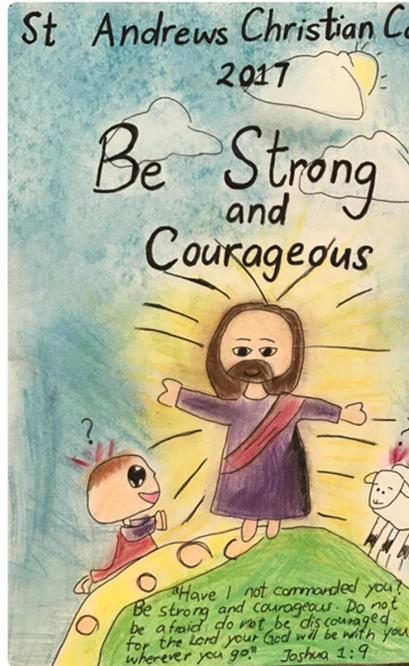
These paintings were created by students during the Easter service.



Tom Gibbs
Middle and Senior Art Teacher

Theme for 2017

Continuing on from the last newsletter, here is the second batch of entries from the poster competition for our 2017 theme, "Be Strong and Courageous".



Catriona Wansbrough
Principal

Open Day 2017



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.

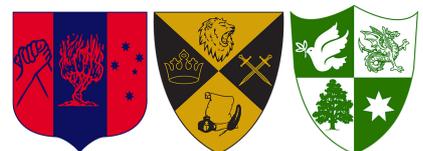
It is a great opportunity to join in fellowship with other parents.

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.

Suzu Song
Prayer Group Coordinator

Community House Points



Barton 924

Deakin 1135

Parkes 1025



Calendar

Important Coming Events for Term 1 2017:

April

Week 1B

- Tuesday 18th - OSHC Program
- Wednesday 19th - Term 2 Commences
- Wednesday 19th - Parent Prayer Meeting 8:45am*
- Wednesday 19th - CSEN Yr9/10 Sport
- Thursday 20th - CSEN Theatre Sports

Week 2A

- Monday 24th - Whole School Assembly 9am*
- Monday 24th -Yr10 Science Excursion - GTAC
- Tuesday 25th - ANZAC Day - no school

- Wednesday 26th - Parent Prayer Meeting 8:45am*
- Wednesday 26th - Yr5-10 Music Incursion
- Wednesday 26th - PFA Staff Appreciation Morning Tea
- Wednesday 26th - CSEN Yr7/8Sport
- Wednesday 26th - Interschool Debating - Tintern
- Thursday 27th - Yr4 Art Excursion
- Thursday 27th - St Andrews AGM and Board Meeting 7:30pm*
- Friday 28th - CSEN Regional Swimming Championship
- Saturday 29th - Family Portrait Day

May

Week 3B

Monday 1st - Whole School Assembly 9am*

Monday 1st - Whole School Photo Day

Tuesday 2nd -Parent/Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 3rd - Parent Prayer Meeting 8:45am*

Wednesday 3rd - CSEN Yr9/10 Sport

Thursday 4th - CSEN VCE Rally Day

Thursday 4th - PFA Mothers' Day Lunch*

Thursday 4th - PFA General Meeting 7:30pm*

Friday 5th - 8th - Mt Gambier Jazz Camp

Friday 5th - Duke of Ed Rafting/Caving

Friday 5th - PFA Mothers' Day Stall

Friday 5th - Yr1 Safety Education Program

** 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



Random Act of Kindness

Random Acts of Kindness

Sebastian is one of our parents, and he is a chef. He is doing a Random Acts of Kindness – RAOK Melbourne. He is doing a meal a day for someone who the Lord places on his heart or who has been suggested to him by someone.

DAY
2017

RAOK MELBOURNE
365 MEALS COOKED WITH KINDNESS

#RAOKMELBOURNE

THE KINDNESS PROJECT

HELLO FELLOW HUMAN, IN 2017, I HAVE DECIDED TO DO SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN ON MY MIND ALL OF 2016. I HOPE TO SHARE KINDNESS WITH ANOTHER PERSON AS A POSTURE OF MY FAITH. THIS IS MY EXPRESSION OF GIVING IN 2017. I WOULD LIKE TO DO THAT AS A RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS. 365 MEALS COOKED WITH A HEART OF THANKFULNESS AND GIVING. 1 MEAL EVERYDAY FOR SOMEONE WITHOUT EXPECTING ANYTHING IN RETURN FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR OF 2017. MY INTENTION IS TO SPUR YOU TO SHOW AN ACT OF KINDNESS TO SOMEONE, MAYBE EVEN RANDOM STRANGERS. BUT DO IT BECAUSE YOU MEAN IT. THIS IS WHAT OUR BROKEN WORLD NEEDS RIGHT NOW. AS A CHEF I HAVE BEEN BLEST WITH A GIFT. AND I WOULD LIKE YOU TO PARTAKE IN THIS. YOU ARE MY #RANDOMACTOFKINDNESS TODAY HAVE A GREAT DAY

CHEFSEBASTIAN_LSC RAOKMELBOURNE CHEFSEBASTIANLSC

food for thoug...

Testimony.pdf



Find out more about Sebastian and his mission:



Parents and Friends

Parent helpers at the Fun Run

Fun Run

With perfect weather and plenty of parent helpers the fun run this year was a great success! Even with having to walk a bit further to and from the lake, the Prep students were keen to participate and raced off at the start.



Students and teachers got into the spirit of the day and dressed in house colours. Well done to all who dressed up.

Some students and teachers were very keen and impressed in running multiple laps whilst others were happy for a nice stroll around the lake.

1,195 laps were completed, equating to 1,434km in distance covered. This is approximately the distance of a return trip to Canberra, which incidentally is where the Year 8s recently returned from.

Being our main fundraiser for the year, the aim was to raise

funds that would go to support the school in specific projects. A big thank you to all who contributed. Our total for this year is approaching \$12,000. Well done!

Prizes for those who raised the most will be presented at the start of next Term.

Thank you to a number of St Andrews families who have donated prizes and local businesses such as Rapt Beautifully, Haines Educational, Toyworld and Tunza Fun Xtreme .



Finally thanks to all the parent helpers who got behind this fun and healthy event.

Shaun Beovich
PFA President

Term 2 Events

- Staff Appreciation Morning Tea - Wednesday 26th April
- Portrait Fundraiser - Saturday 29th April
- Mothers' Day Lunch - Thursday 4th May
- PFA General Meeting - 7:30pm Thursday 4th May
- Mothers' Day Stall - Friday 5th May
- Movie Night
- Entertainment Books

Family Portrait Day

The PFA are holding a Family Portrait Day on Saturday 29th April. For a \$20 donation you'll receive a 10x13 inch colour portrait and keyring with portrait. Additional packages can be bought later.



Bookings are [online](#). Spaces will fill up fast, so book now. The afternoon session will only be available once all morning sessions are booked.

Sally Wade
PFA Vice-President

School Banking Information Session/Account Opening Day



Due to the ANZAC Day holiday, School Banking will resume in Week 3, Term 2 on Tuesday 2nd May 2017.

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 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

Liz Romney
2nd Hand Uniform Shop Coordinator

PFA Committee 2017

President: Shaun Beovich
Vice-President: Sally Wade
Secretary: Lesley Goh
Treasurer: Peter Wan
email:
pfa@standrews.vic.edu.au



Junior School

Junior Swimming

Junior School

It has been a wonderful Term One with many amazing opportunities for the students to experience the wonderful world God has provided for us. Over the last few weeks we have been swimming. The lessons have provided our students with great opportunities to improve their swimming skills. It has been amazing to see the improvement that 9

consecutive days of swimming provides for our students. On Friday, we had the carnival and this was a huge amount of fun. A big thank you to all the teachers who managed getting the students organised for swimming and an equally big thank you to all the parents who washed bathers and towels every night.



In the Junior School classrooms, we have been taking our students through the book *"The Lamb"* by John R. Cross. This book gives a

creation to redemption narrative of the gospel. It explains the central message of scripture and illustrates the true significance of the Lamb. I have had the privilege of reading a couple of chapters in different classrooms and the depth of understanding our students have about Christ is remarkable. It is truly the most rewarding undertaking to enlighten our children to wonder of Jesus and the redemption of mankind.

Have a wonderful holiday and may God reveal more of

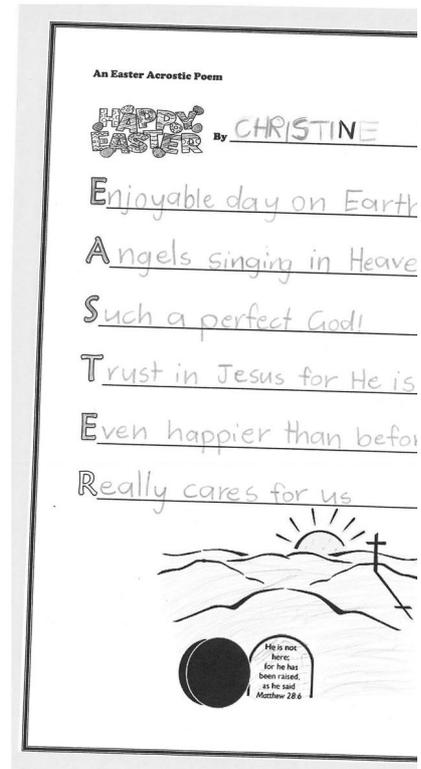
Himself to you this Easter.

Yvonne Hughes

Yvonne Hughes

Head of Junior School

Easter Thoughts with Year 2H



Judith Hendricks

Year 2 Teacher



Middle School

Year 8 Canberra Trip

Year 8 Canberra Camp

YEAR 8 EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO CANBERRA

27 February to 3 March 2017

The Year 8 students enjoyed a memorable and enriching week in Canberra. It was a fascinating time of learning, exploring and discovery at Questacon, Australian Institute of Sports, Deep Space Complex, the War Memorial, Parliament House, Dinosaur Park, Geoscience Centre, Royal Mint, National Museum and the National Gallery of Art. In addition, it was also a fabulous time of camaraderie and

recreation as students engaged in fitness, games, bowling and picnic lunches.



Rajes Krishnan
Year 8 Teacher

Middle School Duolingo Championship

Since early 2015, French students in Years 6 – 8 have been taking part in a Duolingo Championship. Students compete by completing skill levels on the Duolingo online language learning portal as their designated French homework. Year 6 students are expected to work on Duolingo twice a week, Year 7s three times a week, and Year 8s four times a week. From time to time, students also get the opportunity to do Duolingo during class time.

Some of our students have been making exceptional progress on Duolingo, working on their French skills most days of the week and even during holidays.

This week the spotlight falls on the players with the highest XP (experience points) total in each of the year levels. In Year 8, this position is held by Min

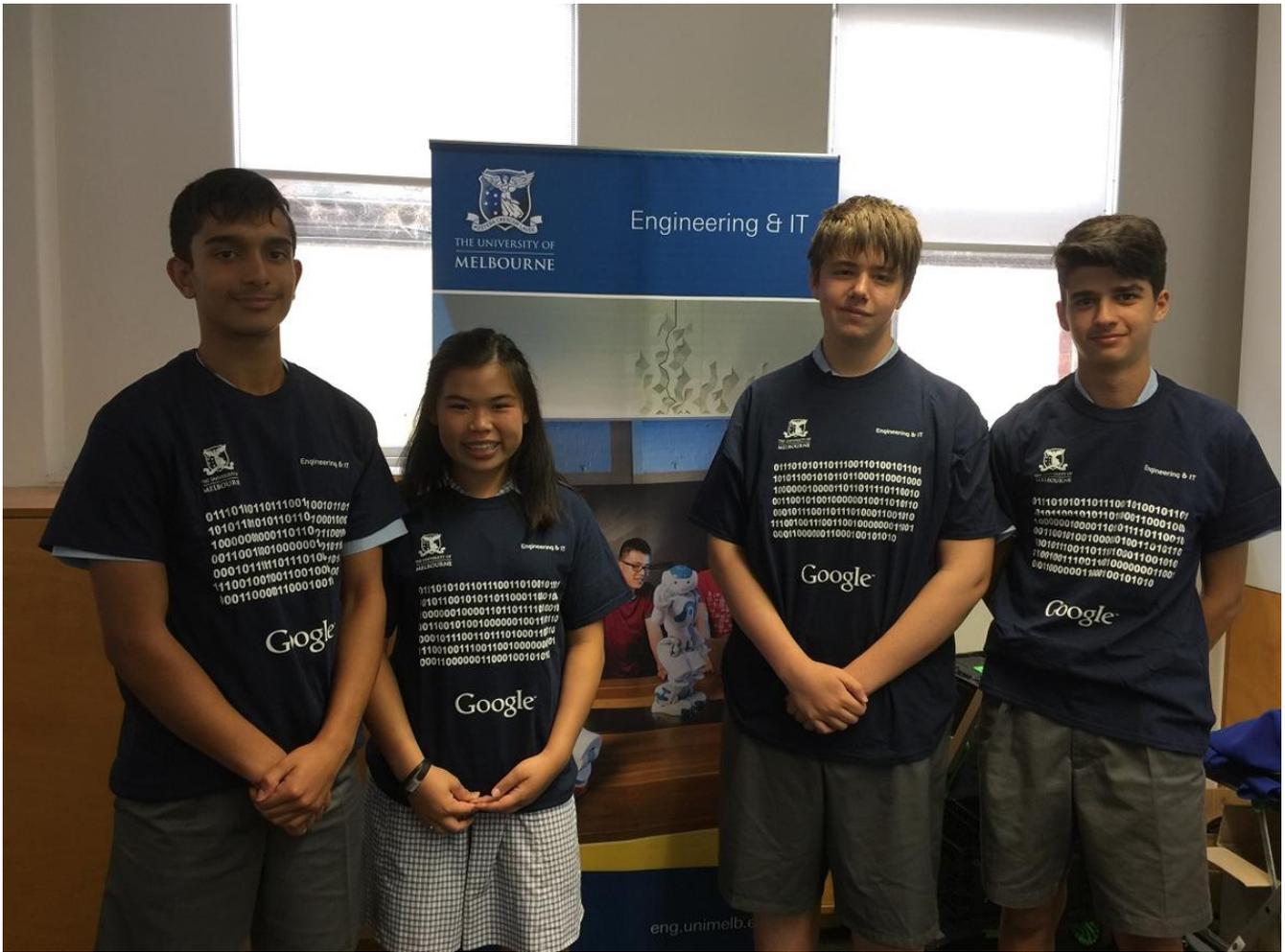
Hyun, with a total of 12 000 XP. Min is closely followed by Kristen Baker in second place and Samantha Ooi in third place. The leader in Year 7 is Roselyn Kho, with a total of 10 197 XP, second place goes to Chavella Tanubrata and third place to Sophia Tran. In Year 6, Jedid She leads with 8005 XP. He is followed by Lawrence

Hider in second place and Beatrice Andrew in third place.

Congratulations to these students! Please encourage all our students to do their best at Duolingo, as they can gain many helpful study and life skills along the way.

Madame Cloete

French Teacher, Years 6 – 8



Senior School

Code Masters Computer Programming Challenge

Senior School Debating

On Friday 17th March we held our first house colours day. This was the start of house events for the year and it began with a bang. The Senior School students and teachers took part in a debate that was not only entertaining but very challenging. The students were amazing and they spoke with intelligent arguments and passion. The team for Deakin,

Zac, Tabby and Bek were victorious beating Parkes in the final.



A big thank you to everyone who helped and set up on the

day.

Yvonne Hughes
Head of House

Year 9 Geography

As part of their study of Food Security, 9B students were lucky enough to sample some chilli roasted crickets!

Daniel Broadbridge
Senior School Teacher

Middle and Senior School Teacher

Careers News

On Monday, the 27th

March, *The Herald*

Sun published an interesting article highlighting “if young people were to thrive in hi-tech, global, competitive job market... we should prioritise communication skills, creativity, critical thinking and curiosity.”

In today’s careers newsletter I provide information about St Andrews Career Education Program and two exciting events for Term 2 in which the Year 10s will be involved.

On the day of our Parent/Teacher Interviews on the 2nd May, all Year 9 and 10 students are invited to the Skills Taster Program at Swinburne TAFE, Wantirna Campus.

Items in the Career News this week include -

- Veterinary Science and Hospital Open Day - University of Melbourne
- Snapshot of RMIT University
- Eastern College Australia
- What can I do with an Arts Degree?
- Arts Degrees on offer at Victorian Universities
- New Bachelor of Information Technology

Courses at Federation University

- Scholarships at Bond University



Careers News ...

Previous issues of the Careers News are here:



Careers News ...



Careers News ...

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



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

VPRC Update

Library staff have now updated the list of titles available for this year's VPRC. There are two hard copies in the Senior Library, as well as a list on Canvas.

The Premier has written a message for the VPRC which can be read here

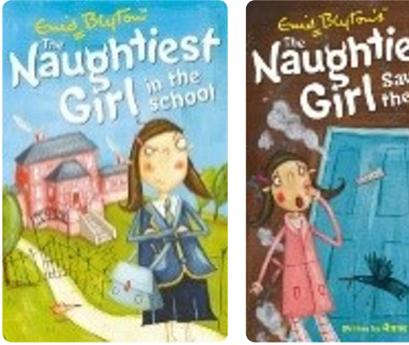
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/premiermessage.aspx>

All Middle and Senior School students are able to borrow over the Term 1 holidays.

Accelerated Readers

Most students are meeting their weekly reading goals. Year 4 students will resume next term. Year 5 and Year 6 students may continue to read their books over the term break if they wish.

Keep an eye out for some new additions to this area of the library.



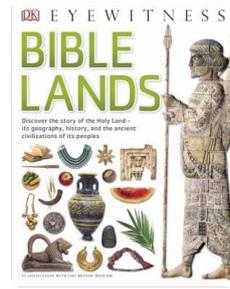
Lunchtime in the Senior Library

The Senior Library has been very busy at lunchtimes this term. Students have used the space to do homework or

private study, read, talk or play games. The games available include: cards, Pick-up Sticks, Chess, Checkers, Reversi, Japanese Chess and Connect Four.

What's new in the Library?

New titles are being added to our collection every month. If you have a suggestion or recommendation for a book that you would like us to add, please see one of the Library staff. We will look at the titles and consider your request. We welcome your ideas.



Thank you,
Library Staff



Community Notices

Newsletter 3

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.

Nunawading Basketball School Holiday Clinics

 [Camp Flyer.pdf](#)

Aqualink 2 for 1 Deal

Aqualink knows workouts are best done with a friend, that's why they are offering a 2 for 1 deal on the joining fee.....Hang out and get fit together!

 [Aqualink.pdf](#)

FTG Falcons Registration Day

Winter season registration day for any interested students wishing to join the Ferntree Gully Falcons Basketball Club.



APRIL 1ST, 9AM-4PM

PLAYERS WANTED FROM ALL AGE GROUPS TO JOIN OUR FAMILY CLUB
EARLY REGISTRATIONS CONTACT FIONA 0410 408 848 OR
SECRETARY@FTGFALCONS.COM.AU

FTGFALCONS.COM.AU