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Dear Friends,

Term 2 has commenced really well with exciting learning activities happening in all year levels.

What a joy it is to be at St Andrews Christian College!

We have a shalom community (parents and staff) committed to providing an excellent Christ-centred education for our children. Everyday we are all learning and journeying together, building up our children to know their purpose in God's kingdom.

We are continually improving our learning and teaching programs and many facets of the College each year. Feedback from parents through interviews and surveys are important tools in guiding continual improvement. The results of last year's surveys are included in this newsletter.

We are very focussed on our Strategic Direction Plan for St Andrews, but what is more important is that together we are focused on Jesus in all we do. 'Excellence-in-Christ' is achieved by keeping our eyes on Him, travelling His path, in His love.

Just like a rowing team, together in sync, working hard towards the goal, but kept 'on track' by listening to the directions from the cox (coxswain). In a crew, the cox is responsible for

steering the boat, guiding and coordinating the power and rhythm of all the rowers. Although the rowers' backs are towards the finish line they keep their eyes on the coxswain, so they can remain on track.

May our College continue to grow in Christ and be His salt and light in the world.

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:1-2

Blessings to you all.

Catriona

Catriona Wansbrough

Principal

Vividus Parent Survey

Following is a PDF outlining results from last year's survey:

 [2015 Vividus Survey results for newsletter v2.pdf](#)



ENSEMBLE EXTRAVAGANZA

a night of musical delight

Tuesday 17th May

Notices

Ensemble Extravaganza

On 17 May St Andrews Christian College will be putting on its Term 2 music concert, the 'Ensemble Extravaganza'.



This will be a great opportunity for students to perform to a large audience and develop their ensemble playing

skills. Students are asked to arrive at 6:30pm to get into their groups and warm up with the concert starting at 6:45pm and running to 8:15pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Luke Batty

Music Director

College Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Innovation Centre Meeting Room on Thursday 26 May 2016. The official meeting notice is attached. This is an important meeting as part of the College's governance requirements.

There are two Company Director vacancies for nominations to the College Board of Directors due to the tenure of Mr Sab Ambrosino and Mr John O'Donnell concluding on 31 December 2016. Both Mr Ambrosino and Mr O'Donnell have indicated that they will be seeking renomination. Anyone who is interested in being nominated as a Company Director is required to complete a Nomination Form (copies are also available at the Office).

 Council-Nomin...

Nomination Forms need to be returned to the College Reception by Thursday 19 May 2016.

Darren Waterworth
Company Secretary

Did You Know?

We have many policies and procedures to protect the welfare and safety of our students. We are currently going through all these policies to make sure they are kept up to date, are relevant and comply with our laws.

Staff read, comply with and put into action these policies/procedures into the life of the College each year. Some of these policies/procedures are on our College website.

I would just like to draw your attention to our **ANTI-BULLYING POLICY**.

Staff work with all our students in the College to inform them about bullying – what it is and what to do if bullied, always reinforcing that St Andrews is a BULLY-FREE, “No put down zone” school.

Our College has a low incidence of bullying in relation to many schools, but we have to make sure as parents and teachers that our children need to report any actions that make them feel threatened, hurt or unsafe in any way.

Our Anti-Bullying Policy gives guidelines to teachers and parents to help support children if they are bullied or know of someone who is bullied. In the policy we also recommend for parents (see 13.2 in Policy) to use the fact sheets on the BULLY STOPPERS website: www.education.vic.gov.au/bullystoppers to help support their child.

You can find the Anti-Bullying Policy on our website www.standrews.vic.edu.au or [here](#).

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

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!

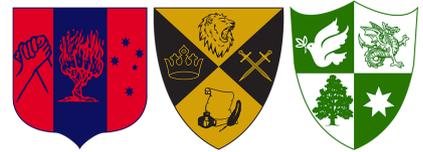
Please contact Mr Alison at the school to volunteer.

nalison@standrews.vic.edu.au

Nathan Alison

IT Coordinator

House Community Points



Barton 162

Deakin 209

Parkes 126



Calendar

Important Coming Events for Term 2 2016:

May

Week 4A

- Monday 2nd - Whole School Assembly 8:55am*
- Monday 2nd – Duke of Ed Wilson Prom Expedition
- Monday 2nd – Yr7 Immunisation
- Tuesday 3rd – Yr1 Lakewood Lake
- Wednesday 4th - Parent Prayer Meeting 8:45am*
- Wednesday 4th - CSEN Yr7/8 Sport
- Thursday 5th - CSEN VCE Rally Day
- Thursday 5th - PFA Mothers' Day Lunch 12:30pm*

- Thursday 5th - Prep Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea 2pm*
- Friday 6th - PFA Mothers' Day Stall
- Friday 6th-8th - Senior and Junior Vocal Ensemble - Mt Gambier

Week 5B

- Monday 9th - Whole School Assembly 8:55am*
- Tuesday 10th-12th - NAPLAN Yrs 3, 5, 7 and 9
- Wednesday 11th - Parent Prayer Meeting 8:45am*
- Wednesday 11th - Yr8 Science - GTAC
- Wednesday 11th - CSEN Yr9/10 Sports
- Thursday 12th - Yr2 Art Excursion - NGV Australia

- Thursday 12th - Yr4 Fleet History Box Incursion

Week 6A

- Monday 16th –Duke of Ed Award Ceremony - Whole School 8:55am*
- Tuesday 17th – ICAS Computer Test
- Wednesday 18th - Parent Prayer Meeting 8:45am*
- Wednesday 18th - CSEN Yr7/8 Sports
- Wednesday 18th - Vanuatu Team Meeting 5:30pm
- Friday 20th - Yr4-6 SSV Cross Country

* *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)

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

Staff Appreciation Morning Tea

PFA Meeting

The next PFA meeting will be held on Wednesday 3 August at 7:30pm in the school staffroom.

Shaun Beovich
PFA President

Staff Appreciation Morning Tea

A wonderful cool environment was created in the staff room as parents provided a scrumptious morning tea for staff. Thanks to Kathryn, Sharon, Fiona and the many other parents for blessing our staff in such a way.



Mothers' Day Lunch

You are invited to join us for Mothers' Day Yum Cha lunch on Thursday 5 May.

Time: 12:30 lunch time

Place: Dragon boat - KNOX Ozone

Cost: \$15-\$20 per person approx

RSVP: Please confirm your attendance by emailing pfa@standrews.vic.edu.au

We would love to have you there, looking forward to seeing you! Lunch should be

finished in time for Prep parents to be back at school for their afternoon tea.

Lesley Goh

PFA Secretary

Mothers' Day Stall

On Friday 6 May we will be holding a Mothers' Day gift stall in the Junior Art Room.

We will be offering all students a wide range of wonderful, high-quality gifts from retail stores, with prices ranging from \$3 to \$15.00.

The Prep to Year 6 students will visit the stall at times arranged with their classroom teachers. The Year 7 to 12 students can visit the stall during lunch-time.

Please make sure that students come to school with their money in an envelope with their name on it.

Colin Sires

Mothers' Day Stall

Coordinator

Movie Night at Knox Village

War Room

This year we are holding our annual Movie Night at Village Cinemas at Knox. The movie War Room will be shown exclusively for us.



Parents, staff and senior students are welcome to attend. Seats are limited so reserve your seat now!

Date: Wednesday 15 June

Time: 6:30pm

Cost: \$15 per ticket

Location: Village Cinemas - Knox Ozone.

Ann Hawthorne

PFA Treasurer

VPC Networking Meeting at St Andrews

The Victorian Parents Council will be holding their Term 2 networking meeting at St Andrews on Wednesday 8th June from 10am to 12 noon. This is a group of independent schools' Parent associations

who come together each term to discuss common issues facing our school communities. Parent associations from schools like Brighton Grammar, Camberwell Grammar, Genazzano, Scotch, Firbank, Xavier, Kilvington etc usually attend. There will be a guest speaker and then a time of discussion regarding one or two topics. Parents from St Andrews are welcome to attend.

More details to come.

Shaun Beovich

PFA President

Entertainment Books

Full of great value savings coupons and now available to purchase. Either purchase online at www.entbook.com.au/1868g79 or at the school office from Ms Hoenen. Only \$65 with \$13 from each sale going towards the PFA.

Sonia Sires

Entertainment

Book

Coordinator

School Banking

New School Banking rewards now available!

Exciting new Term 2 rewards with an Outback Savers theme are now available, while stocks last!



Mud Splat Handball
Outback Pat Bag Tag

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a silver Dollarmite token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their regular savings habits. There are 2 new items released each term so be sure to keep an eye out for them!

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and don't forget that Tuesday is School Banking day!

If your children are not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program information pack from the school office.

Karen Cheung

School Banking Coordinator

2nd Hand Uniform Shop

Open Wednesdays from 8:30am-9:30am in Rembrandts. If you can help on a Wednesday and want to gain Parent Participation Hours please see Liz.

Liz Romney

2nd Hand Uniform Shop Coordinator

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.

- Thursday 5 May - Mothers' Day Lunch
- Friday 6 May - Mothers' Day Stall
- Friday 27 May - Dim Sim Food Day

- Wednesday 8 June - VPC Networking Meeting
- Wednesday 15 June - Movie Night - The War Room at Village, Knox

Parent Participation Hours



This PDF contains a list of various activities you can do to gain parent hours.

More!

Don't forget Icy Pole Fridays and our Parent Library in the school office.



PFA Committee 2016

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



Junior School







Middle School

Year 6 Teacher

As some of you may be aware, one of our wonderful Year 6 teachers, Mrs Charlene Lee will be finishing up at the end of Term 2 to go on maternity leave for 12 months. Over the last few years, Charlene has made a significant contribution to the College as a classroom teacher, but also in the areas of media production and student leadership. As a college community, we are really excited about the season she is

about to embark on as a new parent.

Before Term 1 ended, the College began the process of finding Charlene's replacement, and I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Jenny Provis has been appointed to a 12 month position beginning Term 3, 2016. Jenny has a wealth of teaching experience, along with a great passion for God and young people. She has been a substitute teacher at St

Andrews for a number of years and has a solid understanding of the Year 6 classroom routines, structures and curriculum. I'm really excited to have her on the staff team!



Here are a few words from Jenny:

Teaching 25 energetic Year 6 students is not everyone's cup of tea. In fact some of my non-teacher friends shudder at the thought. However for myself I find the prospect both exciting and challenging. Exciting in that I really enjoy this particular bunch of kids and challenging in that I'm sure they will keep me "on my toes."

My name is Jenny Provis and I live with my husband Ken and our dog Bella in Kalorama. We love walking in the hills, bike riding, kayaking, gardening and I guess most activities in the great outdoors.

We have been enjoying the season of becoming grandparents in the last five years and we now have five adorable grandchildren. They range in age from 15 months to five years.

The reason I am so passionate about Christian Education is that as teachers we have the wonderful opportunity of teaching children within a Christ-centred environment. When we place Jesus at the centre of all we do we are not just teaching academics but

we are educating within a 'Christian world view' framework. Even after 30 years in Christian schools I get excited about what this really means.

Jenny, Charlene and Ben will be working together this term to ensure a smooth transition into Term 3.

Daniel Lee

Head of Middle School

St Andrews 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 part of 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.

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. A Duolingo Champions Club will in future be held in Room 17 every Monday during lunchtime. In order to join this club, students need to have completed at least 3000 XP on Duolingo. From time to time our top students will be featured in the newsletter.



This week the spotlight falls on Freesia Goh in Year 8. Freesia is working on the final skill level of the French Duolingo course. She has already completed several extended skill levels that are based on university level grammar. Once she has completed all the skills, Freesia can start working on turning all her skills to gold, in order to gain a Golden Owl, an award that becomes part of her Duolingo profile. Congratulations, Freesia!

Madame Cloete

French Teacher, Years 6 – 8

Middle School Student Leaders

Term 2 has kicked off with many things happening for our student leaders in Middle School. I am so proud to mention that our Middle School captains ran the entire ANZAC Commemoration Assembly on Monday 18 April – from MC-ing, to praying, to ushering and backstage/powerpoint. The assembly ran on time and it was very efficient – well done, captains!

Just last Friday, on 22 April, I also had the pleasure of taking 20 students to the Grip Leadership Conference. These students comprised of our current Middle School Captains as well as students who are aspiring to student leadership in the future.



The conference was held at Moonee Valley Racecourse and our students had many opportunities to mingle with hundreds of students from different schools. They sat in on sessions about leadership, and were empowered to make and be the change they wanted to see in St Andrews. Our students also participated in the conference games and our very own Travis Lam won the Collective Nouns game, earning himself a free “Influence” badge from the conference. Well done, Travis!

Charlene Lee

Middle School Teacher

Yr8 Middle Ages



The Year 8 students enjoyed a full-day incursion on Thursday 21 April, learning all about Life in the Middle Ages - Weapons and Armoury, Crime and Punishment, Education and Games, Fashion and Dress and the Role of Women.



Rajes Krishnan

Middle and Senior School Teacher



Senior School

Careers News

In this issue you will find more information about activities available to students:

- Why research careers?
- VCE and Careers EXPO 2016
- Connect with Deakin at Melbourne Knowledge Week
- 'Inside Monash' seminars
- News from the University of Melbourne, Deakin

- and La Trobe Universities
- New course at Box Hill Institute
- Lilydale Flying School Open Day
- Careers: Graphic Designer and Project Manager
- The International College of Hotel Management
- The University of Sydney, St Andrew's College Scholars Program

- Blue Mountains Hotel School

 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



Duke of Edinburgh

Caving/Kayaking Excursion

On 22 March, the Year 9 Duke of Ed class went on an excursion, white water kayaking and caving.



Our first activity was white water kayaking where we were able to experience kayaking and were given the opportunity to go down the rapids in some areas of the river. After we had completed our journey down

the river we played some games on our rafts - lining all the rafts in a row and running down them, where a few people fell into the water. We were blessed with clear skies which added to the amazing time we had kayaking.



The second activity was caving where we travelled to Britannica Creek to explore some caves. This activity

challenged many people and many of us battled fears of caving. We were split into two groups where we had to work in our teams to get our whole group through the caves.



Some areas were particularly difficult where there were very small gaps to go through or when there was water at our feet that we had to avoid. One of the challenges our group faced was going through the 'Ninja' passage, where we all had to go on our backs and crawl through a freezing cold river to climb out of the cave. Although there were many challenges we faced, our group helped each other complete the activities. Altogether it was an amazing day and certainly

an experience I will never forget.

Chloe Chandraraj
Year 9 Student



Extra Curricular Activities

Craft Club

Vanuatu 2016

The 2016 Vanuatu team are preparing for their trip at the end of June.



7 students, 3 past students and 3 staff members have enjoyed meeting together a few times already. We have been blessed

to share our testimonies, pray together and begin the preparations for our time away. We have decided on our 2016 theme and key verse (Ephesians 4:32) and already have some ideas of songs to sing and share with our friends in Vanuatu. We'll keep you updated and share more in future newsletters. We'd love you to be praying already for the work that God has prepared for us.

**Andrew and Sally Wade and
Sonia Sires**

Vanuatu Mission Team

Science Talent Search

An exciting extracurricular school activity run for students in Junior, Middle and Senior School is the Science Talent Search. This is an annual, science based competition open to all primary and secondary students in Victoria. Students have the chance to investigate a question of interest to them, focused on a pre-assigned topic, using a

range of different formats with certificates and money prizes up for grabs.

Philip Strack

Middle and Senior School

Teacher

Craft Club

On Friday lunchtime, students from Junior and Middle School are invited to exercise their creative gifts in the Prep S classroom!

The students from Years 3-8 are enjoying making cards for their family and friends,

sometimes using the ideas of others but mostly coming up with their own, unique creations.



The other students, mostly from Prep and Year 1 are loving the opportunity to draw and “make” using different textures and colours of paper. These students are also able to use a variety of “Craft punches” to add to their designs.

It’s wonderful to see the students helping each other as they are working and learning together in this way.

Sonia Sires

Junior School Teacher



Library

Middle and Senior Library taking shape

Library News

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

OPENING HOURS (From Term

2)

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

Premiers' Reading Challenge

Now that the Senior Library is open, students may borrow books for the PRC (Premiers' Reading Challenge) from our shelves. The titles on the challenge list have a green stripe on the spine. Students

are invited to view the list on Canvas. The full list is available at:

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

Click on

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

Premier's message opening the Challenge.

Students please note: The books in the Senior Library are

now shelved by genre, so check on your "Canvas" list to see where the titles can be found.

Please see the library staff or your English teachers if you have any questions.

Innovation Centre

At the start of Term Two, our new Senior Library opened for borrowing. We have arranged our shelves according to genre. Students can select from Science Fiction, Fantasy, School, Family, Humour, Animals, Adventure, Mystery, Crime, Historical and War.

The Library has been busy at lunchtimes with students coming to study, do Accelerated Reader tests, read and play quiet games.

We look forward to seeing more people visiting as the term progresses.

Accelerated Readers

Accelerated Readers have now begun for Years 4-6. In this program, students borrow from a selected range of titles, read the book and then complete a quiz on a computer or iPad.

This program is run in conjunction with the homeroom teachers. The Year 4 Accelerated Readers are kept separate from the rest of the library collection to enable students to get used to the program. In Year 5 and Year 6, the titles are to be found within the rest of the books. Students are encouraged to read both at school and at home. Parents are most welcome to speak with library staff about this program.

Lynne Marks

Library Coordinator



Community Notices

Newsletter 4

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.

Fitness First

Fitness First at Knox are offering St Andrews students a 20% discount on memberships.

 [Fitness First.pdf](#)

Wantirna Jetbacks

Wantirna Jetbacks Basketball Club are looking for Under 8 players. Check out their special offer.

 [WANTINRA JE...](#)

TEAR Australia

TEAR Australia (an Australian Christian Aid and Development Agency) and our support group is hosting a discussion about how we can respond to climate change in our daily lives.

 [2016 Claire Da...](#)