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Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are already in May!

Next week all our students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be sitting the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) tests.

NAPLAN only tests areas of literacy and numeracy; and is a narrow assessment of educational progress and does not encapsulate all that education needs to be for our children and our future generation.

Of course, we all want excellent results for our children and for the College – but real growth whether our children are low or high academic performers, needs to be seen in how they have improved on their own results.

Your child's 'effort' and their 'improvement' are more solid indicators of their future success than just reviewing their raw score and comparing this mark with their peers.

If your child's marks/efforts are improving, congratulate them and ask them "what has helped your results to improve?" If their results are not improving, ask your child and their teacher, "what do they need to do to help improve their results?" and together put these strategies into place to assist your child's learning.

Always encourage effort over results and let your child know that you love them because they are your child, not because of how they perform in their school results.

Improvement at St Andrews Christian College

St Andrews is recognised nationally as a high performing school in NAPLAN, but it was an email from ACARA (Australian Curriculum and Reporting Assessment) in March that was really encouraging to receive.

This email congratulated St Andrews on our NAPLAN results from last year, as we were identified as a high gain school that demonstrated substantial NAPLAN improvement in both reading and numeracy.

This is exciting, because it is about real growth and improvement.

Devotions for all our community at St Andrews

Everyday before school commences, staff gather together for devotions. This is a beautiful time where staff share what God is doing in their life; share Bible truths; encourage each other in our spiritual journeys and pray for each other and the College.

One morning each week we also visit a different classroom where we pray for all the students in that classroom.

Twice a term we are calling our community (parents and students) to join us so we can worship and pray together for the College.

Please join us for our first **Community Devotions Time** together on **Wednesday 10th May at 8:15am** (till 8:30am) in the Meeting Room, next to the Library, upstairs in the Innovation Centre.

Prayer was a priority in Jesus' life and it needs to be a priority in the life of St Andrews. Jesus didn't pray because He had to pray, He wanted to pray so He could be united with and empowered by the Father.

Let's pray together for each other, our children and for the College. *"Pray without ceasing."* (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

***HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY to
all our Mums on Sunday 14th May.
May you be truly blessed not just on Sunday
but in the privileged role of being a Mum.
Be Blessed!***

***Catriona Wansbrough
Principal***



Notices

Macbeth

Drama News

CAKE HERE WITH SHAKESPEARE

The Senior Drama League is proud to present 'Cake Here With Shakespeare' – an evening of dessert, coffee and magnificent Shakespearean performances! Commencing at 7pm on Saturday May 27th. This is an event not to be missed! Come witness our talented students performing scenes

from *Romeo and Juliet*, *Macbeth*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and more!

Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults, and are available at trybooking.com/PVIX



CSSN THEATRE SPORTS

Congratulations to our Year 7-9 and 10-12 Theatre Sports teams, both of which made it

through the heats to the Grand Final, to be held here at St Andrews on May 23rd. Good luck, and happy improvising!



Karen Elbourne and Kathryn Brown
Drama Teachers

CSA - Position Available

OFFICE MANAGER
VIC/TAS STATE OFFICE,
BELGRAVE HEIGHTS
2 DAYS PER WEEK, days
negotiable.

Starting date: 17 July 2017



Christian Schools Australia is a national movement of independent faith-based schools with State Offices to support member schools, particularly in networking, communication, and events management.

The Victoria/Tasmania State office supports and serves 28 member school campuses.

The Office Manager provides administrative support, including events management, for the State Executive Officer.

Selection Criteria:

- *It is an inherent requirement of the role that the Office Manager is a practicing Christian, in regular church attendance, able to articulate and support the distinctive Christian nature of CSA member schools.*
- *Experience in an administrative or P.A. role in a Christian school setting is desirable.*
- *Excellent Communication skills*
- *Proficient computer skills – Microsoft Office 365 software.*
- *Flexible attitude*
- *Experience in small office context.*
- *Experience in event management.*

For a Position description and application form, please

contact Ken Greenwood, Vic/Tas Executive Officer on kgreenwood@csa.edu.au

Applications close 4 pm, Thursday 18 May.

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

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

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. *(Please note that on Wednesday 10th May there will be no prayer meeting due to the Community Devotion at 8:15am)*

The St Andrews Prayer Group would like to welcome and invite all parents to come along and join in prayer, with other parents for the needs of the St Andrews school community.

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

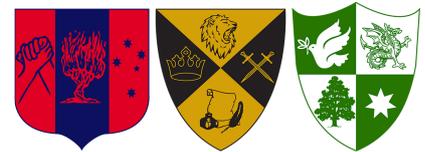
For specific prayer requests, there is a prayer request box at the front reception desk for you to put your request in if you are unable to join us.

We are greatly blessed at St Andrews to have the opportunity to gather together for prayer. As Christians we are called to pray, and we encourage parents to join us. Be reassured that you don't have to pray out loud if you are not comfortable in doing so.

Suzy Song

Prayer Group Coordinator

Community House Points



Barton 924

Deakin 1135

Parkes 1025



Calendar

Important Coming Events for Term 2 2017:

May

Week 4A

- Monday 8th - Whole School Assembly 9am*
- Tuesday 9th - 12th Yr10 Camp
- Tuesday 9th - 11th Naplan for Yr3, 5, 7 and 9
- Wednesday 10th - Community Devotion 8:15am*
- Wednesday 10th - CSEN Yr7/8 Sport
- Thursday 11th - PFA Mothers' Day Lunch*
- Friday 12th - CSA Melbourne Youth Prayer Breakfast
- Friday 12th - PFA Mothers' Day Stall
- Sunday 14th - 19th NCSS Championships - Sydney

Week 5B

- Monday 15th - Whole School Assembly 9am*
- Monday 15th - 19th Yr7 Camp
- Tuesday 16th - Yr9/10 Drama MTC Tour
- Wednesday 17th - Parent Prayer Meeting 8:45am*
- Wednesday 17th - Yr2 Mount De Lancey
- Wednesday 17th - Women in Leadership - Senior Student Event
- Thursday 18th - Yr5 Art Excursion

Week 6A

- Monday 22nd - Whole School Assembly 9am*
- Monday 22nd - Interschool Debating 7pm at Tintern
- Tuesday 23rd - ICAS Digital Technologies Exam

Tuesday 23rd - Ensemble Concert 6:30pm*

Wednesday 24th - Parent Prayer Meeting 8:45am* ** Parents welcome*

Wednesday 24th - PFA Staff Appreciation

Morning Tea

Wednesday 24th - CSEN Yr7/8 Sport

Thursday 25th - Yr11/12 Psychology Excursion

Thursday 25th - Middle School House Event

Thursday 27th - Drama Show - *Cake Here With Shakespeare* - 7pm*

Term Dates

TERM DATES FOR 2017

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

Term 2 Events

- Mothers' Day Lunch - Thursday 11th May
- Mothers' Day Stall - Friday 12th May
- Staff Appreciation Morning Tea - Wednesday 24th May

Entertainment Books



The 2017/18 Entertainment Books are now available from

the school office for purchase (see Ms Hoenen). Only \$70 and crammed with great value. A portion of each sale goes to the PFA. You can alternatively purchase a [digital membership here](#).

Sonia Sires

**Entertainment
Coordinator**

Book

available at the Information Session.

quality gifts from retail stores, with prices ranging from \$1 to \$15.00.

School Banking Information Session/Account Information Session



School Banking will commence next Tuesday 9th May.

**The next School Banking
Information Session at school
is:**

Time: 8:30am and morning assembly

Date: Monday 15th May 2017

Location: 8:30am Near Prep classes on the pathway before assembly and at the school assembly in Rembrandts.

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

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**

Mothers' Day Lunch

Next Thursday 11th May the PFA are holding a special lunch for all mothers at Yori Korean Restaurant just opposite the school on the outer corner of Knox Ozone. The lunch is at 12:30pm. Please email pfa@standrews.vic.edu.au if you are able to attend. Husbands and children are welcome.

**Lesley Goh
PFA Secretary**

Mothers' Day Stall

On Friday 12th May the PFA will be holding a Mothers' Day gift stall in the Junior Art Room. We will be offering students a wide range of wonderful, high

Students from Prep- Year 6 will visit the stall at times arranged with their classroom teachers. Students from Years 7-12 can visit the stall during the lunch time.

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

Some gifts available are:

- Recipe books
- Coffee mugs
- Microwave items
- Bath goods
- Candles
- Stationery items
- And lots, lots more for Mum

**Colin Sires
Mothers' Day 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

Yr2 Healesville Sanctuary Excursion

Yr4 Cape Woolamai Walk

On Saturday 22nd April the Year 4s went on a walk around Cape Woolamai, Phillip Island. The walk was 8.5 kilometers long.



We learnt about Matthew Flinders and George Bass and their arrival in Australia.

When we all arrived at the beach everyone was excited

about the walk. The beach had waves crashing to the shore and there was a giant granite stone. The cliffs and hills were steep.

18 happy walkers started on our journey. We walked and Mrs van Heerden asked some questions about where the First Fleet landed and what they did. We walked and walked for ages till we got to a beacon and had lunch. We walked for about 4 hours. It was a great day.

Sam Bird and Eugene Tu
Year 4 Students

Yr2 Healesville Sanctuary

On Friday 28th April, the Year 2 students went on an excursion to Healesville Sanctuary. In Term 1 the students looked at endangered and extinct animals of Australia in Sustainability. The excursion enabled the students to get up close to the endangered animals and understand the important part we can play in fighting extinction.



Some of the highlights were feeding the parrots, wallabies and endangered Helmeted Honey Eater. The students had the opportunity to ask many of the rangers on hand, questions about the animals and the impact we have on the environment. Students gained a further understanding of the important part we play in looking after the beautiful creation God has given us.

Chantel Rodger
Sustainability Teacher

Yr1 Special Person Afternoon

In the last week of Term 1, the Year 1s enjoyed Special Person Afternoon with our grandparents, aunts, uncles, and special friends. We showed off our singing talents by singing some Bible verses and then we did craft activities. Our grandparents helped us with the tricky bits. To end the afternoon, we listened to some

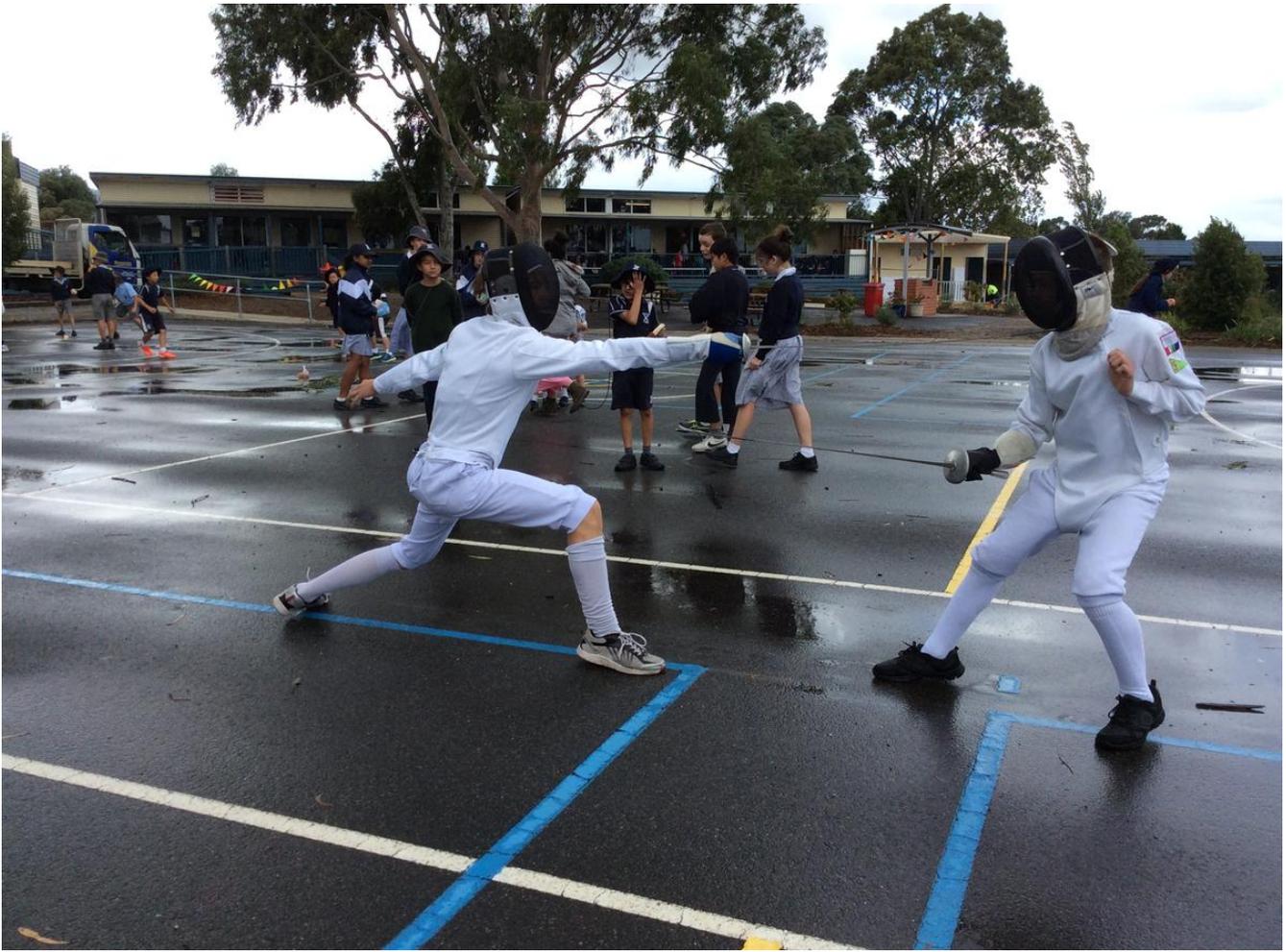
of our guests as they did Show and Tell. They told us about things that are really old and showed us awesome things. We saw a really old handmade teddy, an old cassette player, a very old mobile phone and spinning top and many other exciting things. What a fantastic afternoon!

Declan: It was great! I liked making the dragonfly peg best of all.

Noah: It was exciting and having my aunt here was really nice.

Cynthia: It was a fun afternoon. I enjoyed listening about the old spinning top.

Josephine Das and Anthea Albertus
Year 1 Teachers



Middle School

Medieval Day

Stories of Impact

At St Andrews, our staff are passionate about educating to impact young lives for Christ. I love hearing stories about how God is actively at work here at the College and I'd like to share with you a story of two of our Year 5 students:

I must admit that until now, I didn't know how great God was. But ever since we started singing worship songs in class,

I've started to get closer to Him. Back when I was seven I would only learn Bible verses because I had to. I didn't use to pay attention to them. As I look back at the things I missed out on, I feel guilty and foolish. Nowadays though, I make sure I pay close attention to my Bible verses, and I try extra hard to concentrate on Jesus when I'm singing.

- Caleb

I felt like I had a strong relationship with God. But after a while I felt like I started to part from God. It felt to me that there was something more important to me than God. It was like I didn't know Jesus so I couldn't get to God and be with Him. Then I got help and came back to God. Then it came to me again and I got separated from God. After that for many months, sorrow, and I still hadn't known the true love and power of God. I didn't even

know how great He was. That made me really sad because it was years after not knowing God when I realised how great He is. Then I realised what and how much I was missing out on.

- Justin

What an incredible story of God's grace! Let's give God all the glory for the incredible work that He is doing in the lives of the young people at St Andrews Christian College!

Ben Sheahan

Middle School Teacher

Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge



The VICTORIAN PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE is a compulsory reading program for all Year 7 and 8 students and forms part of the English Curriculum at St Andrews Christian College. Although the program has only been officially launched in April (please see Premier's speech below), our Year 7 and 8 students have been working on

the program since March and are progressing well.

The program aims to:

- develop a love for reading and improve their literacy skills, with the support of teachers, classmates and parents
- promote a reading habit and culture in school and at home
- Students are required to read a total of 15 books spanning a variety of genres and authors, and complete activities based on those books.
- Students are strongly encouraged to read books from the SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKLIST ([VPRC sch lib booklist 2017-1.docx](#)) as these books have been selected by the Library Department for suitable content and language, as far as possible. If students wish to read a book from the State List, they may do so, with parental consent.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following **STAR READERS** for completing the required

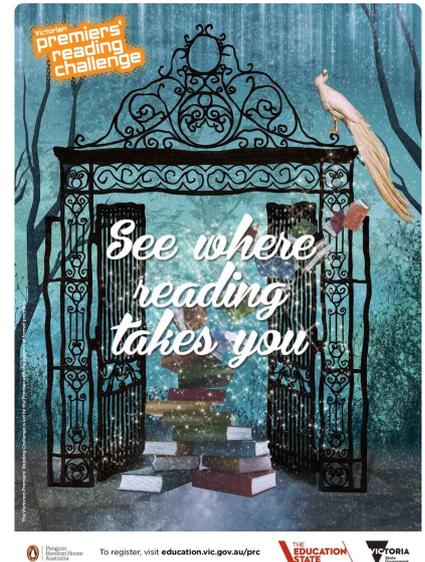
number of books and activities up to this point in the program:

KAYLE DARMADHASA (7C)

ROSELYN KOH (7C)

BRENDAN LAM (8K)

NOAH THOMSON (8K)



MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

Welcome to the 2017 Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge



Together with former Premiers John Cain, Jeff Kennett, Steve Bracks, John Brumby, Ted Baillieu and Denis Napthine, I would like to declare the 13th annual Premiers' Reading Challenge open, and wish this year's participants the best of

luck in their reading adventures.

Underpinned by a strong literacy focus, the Government's Education State agenda ensures that all Victorian children and young people have the chance to succeed in learning and in life, regardless of background or circumstance.

We know that reading plays a critical role in literacy development and future educational success, which is why we have set ambitious targets to have more students reaching the highest levels of achievement in reading. The Challenge will help us reach this goal.

For 12 years, the Challenge has engaged and inspired children and families to discover the joys of reading a book together. Four years ago, the Challenge expanded to include young children from birth to five, in recognition of the strong evidence that shows reading to young children promotes brain development and language learning. The success of the Challenge continues, with more than 230,000 children

and students joining the Challenge last year.

A child's love of books is born through exposure to reading and literature. Whether riding a broomstick with Harry Potter, hiding deep in the Australian bush with Hush, or roaring a terrible roar at the Wild Things rumpus, reading can transport children to different lands, expand their knowledge, build their vocabulary and broaden their horizons.

I wish all children and students undertaking the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge in 2017 a fun, enjoyable and fulfilling experience, and look forward to hearing of the discoveries and achievements of those who accept this year's Challenge.

***The Hon Daniel Andrews MP
Premier of Victoria***

Humanities Day

On Thursday 30th March, the students at St Andrews experienced a taste of Medieval life, presented by the Humanities Department, to complement the History unit "Medieval Europe".

The day began with the Year 8 students involved in an interactive incursion with a presenter from Medieval Education. They had great fun experiencing armour, weaponry and methods of punishment.



At lunchtime, the whole school was involved in a number of activities. Students wore period outfits, as they had a taste of gruel and played medieval games like bob apple. There was also a demonstration of fencing and a display of medieval village models and posters made by the Year 8 students.

Humanities Coordinator

Samantha Ooi (8K)

Roselyn Koh (7C)

Kayle Dharmadasa (7C)

Chavella Tanubrata (7C)



A highlight was the best-dressed competition. Thank you to everyone who enthusiastically participated in the event and congratulations to the winners of the dress-up competition.

Sharon Seed

Middle School Duolingo Championship

During Year 6, 7 and 8, students have the opportunity to be part of the Middle School Duolingo Championship. Quite a few of our students have already achieved the sought-after Golden Owl as reward for their focussed efforts on Duolingo.

The current owners of Golden Owls are:



Congratulations to these students! May we soon see many more Golden Owls!

À bientôt!

Madame Cloete

French teacher, Year 6 - 8



Senior School

Yr10 Leaders of Change

St Andrews Careers Education Program

The New Mindset: Helping young people to navigate work now and in the future.

Ecclesiastes 7:11-12 (NIV)

11 Wisdom, like an inheritance, is a good thing and benefits those who see the sun. 12 Wisdom is a shelter as money is a shelter, but the advantage of knowledge is this: Wisdom preserves those who have it.

As technology and globalisation increasingly transform the way we live and work, there is an urgent need to shift our mindset in how we approach careers education. Many jobs will disappear; however, if we equip our students with transferable skills, they will be able to navigate the complex world of work.

Research and workforce data analysis provide us with insights into the patterns of skills that our young people will

require to cope with complex and uncertain working lives. The current demand for digital skills is already up 212%. Equally, critical skills are up 158% and creativity and presentation skills are up 65%.

In this context, St Andrews careers development program responds to these demands by ensuring that students build their future work-related skills and explore their talents and strengths. This is achievable through their engagement in

activities and programs in and outside the classroom.



Start Smart

On the 30th of March our Year 10 students participated in the financial education workshops: 'Smart Earning', 'Smart Saving', 'Smart Spending' and 'Smart Investing' delivered by a Start Smart facilitator. The program is designed to engage students and empower them to make confident financial choices and draws on leading research and best practices in financial literacy from around the world. <http://startsmart.com.au/>

Leaders of Change

Our Year 10 students are involved in Moral Fairground's 'Leaders of Change' school program and Pollinate Energy is our Social Enterprise Partner.

The program gives our students an opportunity to be free thinkers and use their

innovative ideas to come up with a solution for Pollinate Energy.

The program also teaches students about Fair Trade movement and an ethical trade. Students will be marked on the completion of their course work and marks will be awarded for effort, organisation, persistence and creativity.



Pollinate Energy

On Thursday 27th of April, Luke Barbagallo, Pollinate Energy Program Officer and two representatives from Moral Fairground, Susanna Bevillaqua, Director, and Celeste Simpliciano, Project Manager, visited St Andrews to meet with our Year 10 students and present a challenge to solve a real-life Pollinate Energy scenario. Students formed teams and will present their ideas and responses to the challenge at the Student Fair Trade Conference on the 14th of August.

Pollinate Energy is a social business based in Australia and India. We bring life-changing products to people who need them most: the millions living in poverty in India's urban slums. Can you imagine a life without energy? For many people all over the world, it's their reality. Here at Pollinate Energy, we aim to improve the lives of India's urban poor by giving them access to sustainable products that make their lives better. We're passionate about empowering local Indian entrepreneurs to be a positive force for change in India's urban poor communities. It's our mission to make social business mainstream by raising awareness about the communities we work with, and supporting the next generation of social entrepreneurs.

Moral Fairground

Our mission is to educate, encourage and inspire young people about social entrepreneurship, so that in the future they will make ethically responsible consumption choices to positively impact our world.

I always see it as a privilege to do what I do, educating young people about the world of work. In 'Work Studies' classes students build a portfolio of skills and capabilities and learn through experience, immersion and engagement. This helps them to embrace the new work mindset and confidence needed for their future.

Irena Yevlahova

Year 10 'Work Studies'

teacher and Careers

Coordinator

Careers News

The VCE and Careers Expo will be on until Sunday 7th May at Caulfield Racecourse.

Admission: \$10 or \$25 for families. If you are planning to attend, I still have 15 complimentary tickets to give away to St Andrews students and their parents.

Please find attached our St Andrews careers newsletter for

this week. It includes,

- Dates to Diarise in Term 2
- VCE and Careers Expo 2017
- Melbourne School of Theology Open Day - Tuesday 9 May
- Bachelor of Biomedicine to Master of Physiotherapy at La Trobe University
- Health Course Information Sessions at Deakin University
- Bachelor of Science (Adv.) and Doctor of Dental Medicine at the University of Sydney
- Where will the Jobs be in 2020?
- Law at the University of Swinburne
- Animation & Gaming Courses offered in Victoria
- What is STEM? 'The 7 Most Important STEM Skills We Should Be Teaching Our Kids'

The last item informs about the essential skills our students need to learn to adapt to the rapidly changing world. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) experts share what they think will be most important for 21st-century learning and careers. Many experts also believe that STEM graduates will have the highest employment rates and higher start salaries.

 [Careers News ...](#)

Previous issues of the Careers News are here:

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

Irena Yevlahova
Careers Coordinator



New Staff

Welcome to New Staff

St Andrews Christian College is blessed to welcome a number of new staff this year. This newsletter we feature Warwick Grant and Susan de Krester.



Warwick Grant

Chaplain

It's been great to join the staff team at St Andrews recently. I began a few weeks into Term 1 and have been enjoying getting to know staff and students and I look forward to serving the school community.

I grew up as an only child, raised by loving parents in suburban Melbourne and have been part of a church my whole life. However it wasn't until I was about 21 that I understood that God loved me so much that he sent his Son Jesus, who willingly died on the cross to take the punishment for my sins, and then rose to new life assuring me that God forgives me and that I will be with him forever. I thought that this was the best news ever! I accepted it for myself and wanted to tell others so became involved in youth ministry in the Anglican

church. In 2004 I was ordained as an Anglican minister and for 12 years was part of the chaplaincy team at Ivanhoe Grammar School.

As well as working at St Andrews I am also part of the ministry team at our church (Holy Trinity Anglican in Doncaster) in a part-time capacity. It was there that I met my wonderful wife Olive. We have two boys aged 11 and 15. I enjoy all sorts of music, I'm a very "rusty" piano player, but my main hobby is astronomy (NB NOT astrology!). I have seen some wonderful examples of God's handiwork through my telescope (the rings of Saturn, for example) and would love to give members of the school community the opportunity to see these things too! I'll do my best to meet you sometime, but if you want to introduce yourself to me first, that's fine too!

Warwick Grant
Chaplain

Susan de Kretser

Marketing and Communications Coordinator



Hello everyone I'm Susan de Kretser and just last week I started here as the new Marketing and Communications Coordinator working Wednesdays and Thursdays. The warmth of welcome and friendliness I've received already from the St Andrews community has me excited to see where God can lead me in this new role. I am extremely thankful to God for answered prayers and that He has brought me here following my recent year off work on maternity leave.

I have been connected to the Knox Community for as long as I can remember. I was raised alongside my two brothers by my Mum and Dad right here in

Wantirna. Following High School I studied Primary Teaching at Deakin University before making a career change to Graphic Design. I enjoyed exercising my love for creativity, communication and ongoing love of learning new things, as a Senior Designer, for a number of years in a fast paced Collingwood design studio.

I've been blessed with a Christian upbringing and family environment that has always encouraged me to develop and grow in my relationship with Jesus. This month I'll be celebrating my 6th year of marriage to my wonderful husband Keith, who I met through my One Hope church family back in 2005. We're now both members of One Hope Community Church (in Scoresby) where I like to use my gifts working within the Children's Ministry.

In 2014 Keith and I had a great time travelling. It was an amazing time getting to see the wonders of God's creation across such different landscapes... from seeing Niagara Falls frozen in Winter to the grand magnificence of

Machu Picchu in Peru to the lush tropical green mountains adorning the coastline of Rio De Janiero. Last year Keith and I became new parents to our son Charlie, a smiley joy-emitting boy who has recently

turned one and learned to walk (keeping us busy and fit). I am loving the path God has created for me this year, being a back to work mum, and am glad to be sharing it with you

here at St Andrews Christian College.

Susan de Krester
Marketing and
Communications Coordinator



Duke of Edinburgh

Wilsons Prom

Duke of Ed – Wilsons Promontory Camp

Duke of Ed camp was an experience and a half! Of course the camp was fun and exciting because that stuff is expected from camps but this

our “Duke of Ed family” we all accomplished the goals we had been striving for.



favourite activity personally was the night hike at the end of the day partly because we didn't have to carry our heavy packs that we had to for the day hikes, but mainly because we could bask in God's glory just by looking up at the

camp brought so many elements that you don't expect to come from "average" school camps. This camp was very challenging at times but with this came an accomplished feeling that I wouldn't trade for anything. The hiking was especially difficult but with the help of my peers or as we say



Other activities included kayaking, surfing and cooking all our own breakfasts, lunches and dinner, which to be perfectly honest with you was quite challenging in itself. My

beautiful starry night. This camp has brought many stronger relationships with God, laughter and close friendships. It was definitely worth the sore backs and shoulders the next day!

Becky Schenker

Year 9 Student



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

Read Aloud in May

In May each year, Scholastic holds a reading challenge for families. The focus for this year is reading aloud. To participate, students download a calendar, read aloud to another family member each day and put their name on the calendar. At the end of May, parents/ guardians sign the calendar as proof and

then they can go online and enter into the draw.

All details on competition entry and terms and conditions can be found at <http://readmoreinmay.scholastic.com.au/>

You may also wish to read a report on the benefits of reading aloud to family members at <http://scholastic.com.au/readinreport>

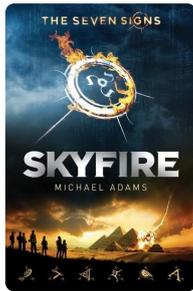
The report looks at the independent reading attitudes

and behaviours of Australian students aged between 6 and 17 years and their parents, as well as those of parents of children between the ages of 0 and 5 years.

VPRC update

The Library has purchased two new titles that are on the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge. Both are in the Senior Library for borrowing by Year 7 and up.

Skyfire by Michael Adams



Genre: Adventure

A child of books by Oliver Jeffers and Sam Winston



Genre: Fantasy

Students in Year 7 and 8 are advised to check on Canvas for previews and book trailers for new titles.

YABBA news

Young Australians Best Book Awards Council (YABBA) has put out its shortlist for 2017. Students from Australian schools are invited to read the titles from this list and vote for their preferred author. The titles are divided into four categories- Picture Story Books, Younger readers, Older Readers and Years 7-9. The Library has the following shortlisted titles available.

Further information can be found at <http://yabba.org.au/>

Picture Story books

Circle -Jennie

Baker

Pig the Winner -Aaron

Blabey

Fire - Jackie French; Bruce

Whatley

Mr. Huff - Anna Walker

Younger Readers

Alice Miranda in China

- Jacqueline Harvey

EJ Spy School: Puppy Alert! -

Susannah McFarlane; Dyani

Stagg

Billie B Brown: The Bad

butterfly - Sally Rippen; Aki

Fukuoka

Ella and Olivia: The Christmas

surprise - Yvette Poshoglian;

Danielle McDonald

Older Readers (Upper

Primary, Lower Secondary)

Our Australian Girl: Nellie's

quest - Penny Matthews; Lucia

Masciullo

Our Australian Girl: Rose in

bloom - Sherryl Clark; Lucia

Masciullo

The 78 Storey Treehouse -

Andy Griffiths; Terry Denton

The Impossible quest: Escape

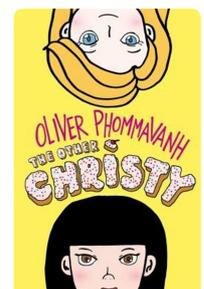
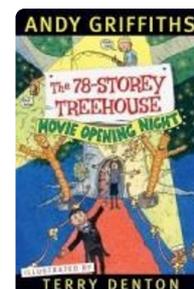
from Wolfhaven Castle - Kate

Forsyth

The Other Christy - Oliver

Phommavanh

Grimsdon - Deborah Abela



Years 7-9

Pennies for Hitler - Jackie

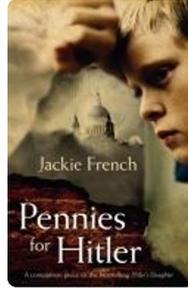
French

Through my eyes: Naveed -

John Heffernan; Lynette White

Thank you,
Library Staff

***Voting closes on the 20th
October 2017.***



Community Notices

Newsletter 4

Christian College.

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

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