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Our Creative God

Over the recent holiday period, I had the enormous privilege to accompany my wife as she led a mission/service trip from her school to Tanzania. The primary purpose of our visit was to spend time with students from The School of St Jude. My wife's school has supported The School of St Jude for a number of years and the 14 students who accompanied us on the trip had been raising funds to support the school over the past 12 months.

I had never been to Tanzania before, and although my wife had shared the experiences from her last trip to Tanzania, I still wasn't sure what to expect in a country that I knew was one of the poorest in the world.

However, despite the poverty that was obvious, there was also a happiness that pervaded us wherever we went. I had the opportunity to visit

the home of one of the students. Getting there was an experience in itself as there had been a lot of rain the previous night and I was concerned that our van wouldn't get through the deep ruts and water in the road. The home consisted of one room in a rented building and it was obvious their possessions were very meager. It was a privilege to be able to take a box of essential items and provisions to this family as a way of assisting their daily existence.

The thing that struck me as we spent time with this family and shared their hospitality, was how happy they seemed. They didn't have much in the way of material possessions, but they exuded a happiness often absent in our western society. Their faith in God also shone through as something which was very important to them and it obviously played a central role in their lives and their positive outlook on life.

Despite the poverty, Tanzania is also rich in beauty. I was reminded of Psalm 104:24 which says: "How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures." The opportunity to go on Safari was an experience I will always remember. To see the beauty of God's creation in the National Parks and to be up close to animals in their natural habitat with no fences or cages to restrict their activities was a sight to behold.

Psalm 19:1 also came to mind as I watched the most magnificent sunrise over the Ngorongoro Crater: "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands." Only God could create such amazing beauty.

We serve a creative God – Creator of the world – and we can be led closer to him through seeing

the beautiful things he has made. Nature is one of God's beautiful creations. Through nature, God is able to teach us, speak to us and provide for us.

But as rich as the experience of visiting Tanzania was for me, we don't have to visit another country to experience God's love and His creation. God's beauty and His creation is all around us.

Sometimes amid the busyness of our daily lives we just need to stop; to take in God's creation around us; to give thanks for all He has provided for us; and to reach out to those less fortunate than us.

Abundant blessings to you all.

Tim Farmilo

Deputy Principal



News

Easter Service

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing occurs on the 15th, 16th, and 17th of May and includes all students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9. There have been a lot of news stories in the media related to the whole topic of NAPLAN and it is important that we carefully consider the facts from the opinions. As a College, all our students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to complete each test. We do not recommend

that any child is withdrawn and, for students who are absent, make-up tests are offered for those who return by Friday, 18th. Tests are conducted in the areas of Numeracy, Reading, Writing and Language Conventions. It is important to remember that the NAPLAN results form one part of a range of assessments tools that we use to gain an accurate picture of your child's progress.

If you would like to know more about how to best support your child, you can find further resources at: <https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support/preparing-for-naplan>

Merrick Brewer
Head of Learning and Teaching

Easter Art

Raelyn, Yejin, Rachael and Emilie created this live painting during the Easter Service, at the end of Term 1. The image depicts the redemptive act of Jesus saving a repentant criminal, as they both hung on the cross.



Tom Gibbs

Head of Creative Arts and Art Teacher

Extra-Curricular Activities

Our Extra-Curricular activities have begun again as Term 2 gets into full swing!

Soccer continues to be a very popular activity and the Year 5 and 6 students are enjoying trying their skills in the world game. Stay tuned for some photos of the students in action in the coming newsletters.

Eco Club Captains met for a “Chat and Chew” and learnt how to recycle lots of “soft plastic” using the Red Cycle Recycling Program. The captains will be designing a poster to display in classrooms at their meeting, next week. We are thankful for the Year 6 students who diligently collect the Red Cycle plastics each week and for Mrs Weldon who collects the big bag to deliver to recycling depots.

This photo shows four Prep boys having a wonderful time hunting for bugs in the Junior Yard as part of Tuesday lunchtime’s Bug Club with Mrs Jones.



We are blessed to share in lots of fun activities, both inside and outside the classrooms!

Sonia Sires

Extra-Curricular Activities Coordinator

Soccer Club Update

The St Andrews Soccer Club kicked off in Term 2 on Tuesday May 1 with Year 5 and 6 students invited to play this term! Please complete the Care Monkey Form to register and come along to the gym at 3:30pm on Tuesday with your shin pads, drink bottle and you can wear your favourite Soccer shirt! Parents please pick up your child at 4:30pm from the gym or MPH.



The Soccer League for selected Years 3 to 8 students kicked off on Thursday May 3 at 4:30pm at Regional Football Centre along High Street Road. Anyone else wanting to get into a Soccer team should check the PE notice board and see Mr Farmer ASAP to get a registration form.



The Soccer World Cup is only six weeks away and begins on June 14 and the first Socceroo game is on June 16 with Australia playing France in Russia. We are going to hold a school charity event around the World Cup so watch this space and the PE noticeboard for more details to follow. Soccer is the “World Game” and for a month we should see the best players in

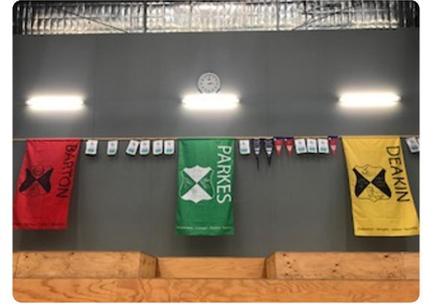
the World playing Soccer in Russia.

We will be playing Soccer in the Girls inter School Sports teams for Years 7 – 10 whilst some of the younger students from Years 4-6 will be involved in the Wantirna District Cross Country event on Friday May 18 at Knox athletics Track. There is also a primary running club on Wednesdays and a secondary running club on Fridays so keep watching this space for many more ideas of how to keep active and fit and enjoy your fitness! God Bless !

Andrew Farmer

PE Teacher

New House Banners



At the beginning of the year we have seen the introduction of our fabulous house sports shirts. As we continue to roll out our wonderful new house crests, this week new house banners went up in the MPH. This term the Middle School will be hosting our first non sport house event for the year. This will be a fun event aimed at building our house community so stay tuned for more house news throughout 2018.



Calendar

Important Coming Events for Term 2 2018:

LOOKING AHEAD – Term 2

- Monday 7th – Friday 11th May – Year 7 Camp – Forest Edge
- Wednesday 9th May - Year 7/8 CSEN Sport
- Thursday 10th May – Year 10 – 12 Women in Leadership 2018 Event
- Thursday 10th May – Interschool Debating (Wesley College)
- Friday 11th May – PFA Mothers’ Day Stall*
- Saturday 12th May – PFA Bunnings BBQ – Vermont South*
- Tuesday 15th – Thursday 17th May – Year 3, 5, 7 & 9 NAPLAN Testing
- Friday 18th May – SSV Primary Cross Country*
- Wednesday 23rd May - Year 7/8 CSEN Sport
- Wednesday 23rd May - Interschool Debating (Wesley College)
- Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June – Year 7&8 Exam Week
- Tuesday 29th May – Year 5/6 SSV Winter Sport
- Wednesday 30th May –Year 9/10 CSEN Sport
- Thursday 31st May - St Andrews Christian College AGM & Board Meeting*
- Monday 4th June – Thursday 7th June – Year 7 – 11 Exam Week
- Wednesday 6th June - Year 7/8 CSEN Sport
- Friday 8th June – Report Writing Day – Student Free Day - NO School for Students
- Monday 11th June – Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday - No school for Staff or Students
- Wednesday 13th June – VCE GAT
- Wednesday 13th June – Year 9/10 CSEN Sport

- Friday 15th June – Year 5/6 SSV Winter Sport
- Wednesday 21st June – Year 7/8 CSEN Sport
- Wednesday 21st June - Interschool Debating (Wesley College)
- Monday 25th – Friday 29th June – Year 9 Internal Mock Elections
- Monday 25th – Friday 29th June – Year 10 Work Experience
- Wednesday 27th June – Year 9/10 CSEN Sport
- Thursday 28th June – St Andrews Christian College Board Meeting
- Friday 29th June – **LAST DAY OF TERM 2**

** Parents welcome*

Term Dates

TERM DATES FOR 2018

Term 1: Thursday 1st February – Friday 29th March

*Prep commence Friday 2nd February

Term 2: Tuesday 17th April – Friday 29th June

Term 3: Monday 23rd July – Friday 21st September

Term 4: Mon 8th October – Tuesday 11th December



Parents and Friends

Bunnings BBQ

The PFA are holding a community BBQ at Bunnings Vermont Sth on Saturday 12th May from 8am to 4pm. We require parents and older students to help on the day for 2hr shifts which would go towards your Parent Participation Hours. If you can help please email pfa@standrews.vic.edu.au or return the form below.

 Bunnings Flyer ...

Mothers' Day Stall

On Friday 11th 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 quality gifts from retail stores, with prices ranging from \$1 to \$15.00.

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.

2nd Hand Uniform Shop

The Second Hand Uniform shop will open from 8:30am - 9:30am each Tuesday during the Term.

The Second Hand Uniform Shop is located in Rembrandts. We are looking for parent volunteers for 2018 who

can commit to assisting in the Uniform Shop. Please contact Liz Romney via pfa@standrews.vic.edu.au

School Banking

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

Icy Pole Friday

Every Friday lunchtime.

We are looking for parent volunteers for 2018 who can commit to assisting with Icy Pole Friday. Please contact Andrew Musgrove via pfa@standrews.vic.edu.au

Andrew O'Brien
PFA President

Parent Participation Hours

Families can participate by being involved in a variety of activities. During the year, notices will be sent out requesting parent help at various events or activities, for example, helping at sports carnivals, covering library books, icy pole Fridays, 2nd Hand Uniform Shop, PFA events, classroom help or attending working bees.

Parents are required to record the hours they have completed in the Parent Hours Book which is kept in the College office. You will be charged a Parent Participation fee of \$250 at the commencement of each year and will be credited at the end of the semester for any work done. You will be credited at a rate of \$25 per hour of work completed, up to a

maximum of \$250 for the year. The time requirement for each family is ten hours per year.

Term 2 2018 PFA Events

- Friday 11th May – Mothers' Day Stall
- Saturday 12th May – Bunnings BBQ at Vermont South
- Entertainment Books Fundraiser

2018 PFA Executive Committee

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



Junior School

Year 4 Art Excursion

On Thursday 19th April, Year 4 went to McClelland Sculpture Park and Gallery.



Sally Darlison

Art Teacher

Cape Woolamai Walk



St Andrews students and parents enjoyed a interesting walk at Cape Woolamai on Saturday 28th April. It was a lovely walk along the Bass

Coast and we were blessed with a beautiful day. Well done to all the students who persevered and completed the kilometres with such positive feedback.

One our students Sam Bird worked this out for us according to his fitbit. We walked 17,360 steps. We burnt 1,274 calories and we were actively walking for 164 minutes.

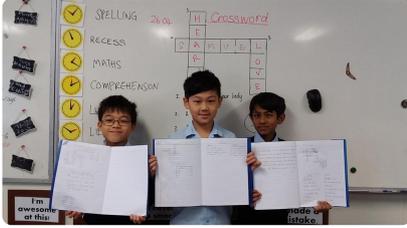
Well done to you all!

Gail van Heerden

Year 4 Teacher

Year 4 Crosswords

Year 4 are making their own crossword using spelling words for the week.



Year 4 Science

Year 4 are learning about Food Chains this term and discovering the importance of dependency of food webs.



Paige Cheung and Gail van Heerden
Year 4 Teachers



Middle School

Film and Media Mastery Class

skills to make this a successful year.

Sam Chandraraj, our Middle School Vice Captain for 2018, gives the following advice:

I gained much useful knowledge in my Year 7 year. The five most important things I have learnt are the structure of a text response, the importance of organisation, how important it is to study for exams, the benefits of keeping your locker tidy, and doing all your work well without being distracted.

One of the many things I have learnt this year, is how to write a text response. *This has brought greater structure to my writing. Learning how to write a text response has also made my writing much faster. Before I knew how to write a text response, I would always spend ages trying to figure out what to write next. After learning how to structure my writing, I have found it far easier to write down my thoughts efficiently.*

time it needs to be done. Another benefit of organisation is that you can spread work over a longer period of time. This means that you will not have to rush large amounts of work at the last minute, and that you will be able to complete your work to a high standard.

Another thing I have learnt is how important it is to study for exams. *In previous years, I found that it was enough to quickly go over what I had learnt, to be assured of a good mark. However, in Year 7 the standard and volume of work increased so much that I had to put in extra time to ensure that I do well every time.*

I have also learnt that keeping your locker tidy, makes life far easier. *Keeping my locker tidy, means that I can easily get the books I need, and get to class on time. However, when my locker is not tidy, I will probably not only annoy the person in the locker above or below me – I will also be late for class.*

The final skill I have decided to include in this essay, is that you can get far more work done if you are not distracted.

have greatly improved my marks and my enjoyment of each day, and I hope they will do the same for you!

**Sam Chandraraj
Middle School Vice Captain
2018**

Film and Media Mastery Class

Ten Year 8 students participated in a Film and Media Mastery Class that ran for 3 days in the second week of term. We were honoured to have visiting media expert Beau Challis come in to run this class. On the first day, the students sat through an intensive overview of the stages and roles involved in creating film - the pre-production, production and post production process. Very shortly after students were split into 2 groups, and they worked on executing two short films.



They had to do the storyboard, create a shot list, plan their sound design, pick filming locations and then ultimately piece all their footage altogether on Adobe Premiere Pro, an industry standard video editing program. It was a successful 3 days, in which students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were also quite exhausted after!

Charlene Lee
Media Teacher

Self Defence

St Andrews Christian College are excited to announce the inclusion of self-defence lessons in our sports program for Year 7 and 8, and 9 and 10 (as an elective).



The four (4) week program is an introduction to self-defence and realising our capability to defend ourselves. Ultimate Personal Defence are Internationally qualified instructors who emphasise at a school level the following:

- Psychology behind the 3 steps of Self Defence – Detect, Defuse, Defend
- Self-awareness
- 'choosing safety first' with assertive options to avoid conflict
- explosive body movement
- defensive skills
- simplistic & realistic strikes

Each week the students have been building on their capabilities and knowledge in these areas. The skills are designed to have the students think about their own capacity to defend themselves, and to avoid conflict in adverse situations. Being prepared not paranoid and listening to their intuition as a warning signal is a key ingredient to self-awareness.

FREE TRIAL TO ALL AGES

If you would like your son/daughter to explore Self Defence as a primary or secondary school student after school hours, improve their concentration, focus and get rid of some residual energy in all aspects, we welcome you at Ultimate Martial Arts in Heathmont (www.ultimatemartialfitness.com.au) Phone 9729 5588 for your free lesson when you mention your school. Ages 4 to Adults. *Only a 10-minute drive from St. Andrews Christian College.*



Senior School

Yr9 Wheelchair Basketball

Year 9 Wheelchair Basketball Incursion

As part of our Health curriculum, the Year 9s have been studying a unit called 'Disability in Sport'. This unit is greatly relevant to the world around us, and has focused largely on the recent Commonwealth games and winter Paralympics.



On Monday the 23rd of April the Year 9s were blessed to have Paralympian Peter come in and discuss disability in sport with them - after which they participated in a wheelchair basketball workshop. The Year 9s were a great representation of our school and put in an amazing effort!

Cailyn Holland
Health Teacher



Last week we participated in wheelchair basketball. Our instructor shared his story with us. He has polio, a virus that affects the movement in his legs. As he grew up in Nigeria back when there was no vaccine he struggled through bullying and crawling on his arms to go place to place. The only way out of this was with sport. He became a Paralympic powerlifter until he severely injured his arm. Due to this injury he was unable to continue powerlifting so he pursued wheelchair basketball. He preached that all our choices have an end result. No matter if the result is negative or positive we have to accept it. After he shared his life story, we hopped into wheelchairs and started to play wheelchair basketball. It was an enjoyable and unique experience and we would definitely want to do it again.

Brendan Lam and Thomas Audet
Year 9 Students

10B Geography Excursion

On Monday, 10B went on a geography excursion to Mornington Peninsula. While studying different coastal landforms, we explored three different beaches and learnt about coastal management. A chef from a local cafe shared how important maintaining our beautiful beaches is. We stopped for lunch at a local fish and chip shop and ate on the beach surrounded by seagulls. We had a great day seeing lots of fish and having dangerously close encounters with seagulls.



Karin Siahay and Katelyn Farmer
Year 10 Students

St Andrews Career Guidance and Pathways Program

At St Andrews we teach our students that each is an individual, created in the image of God with a unique purpose to fulfil as part of a great picture.

I am passionate about supporting our students to reach their career goals and ensure they receive all relevant information to help them prepare for the future. In Careers Newsletters I provide information about the latest offerings from universities and TAFEs, upcoming Expos, Open Days and workshops and it is inspiring to hear students' comments about the programs and workshops they've attended.

I've asked three Senior School students, Robert Vardapetyan, Yr 10, Mykaela Coppens, Yr 11 and Raaya Singh, Yr 12, to share about what they did during the Term One school holidays and here are their reflections:

Robert Vardapetyan, Yr 10,
'Hands on Engineering and IT'
The University of Melbourne



On Friday the 6th of April, I travelled to the Parkville campus of Melbourne University to experience the Hands on Engineering & IT Workshop recommended and arranged for me by none other than Mrs Yevlahova herself. When I arrived at the registration desk in the Old Engineering building I saw students from all around Victoria, I met a Jack from Ballarat and an Anton from Werribee just to give some perspective on the diversity of the students attending. The first workshop we attended was hosted by a man from Denmark, Harald Sondergaard whom spoke to the 30-40 of us about cryptography. It really was enlightening to learn about the charms of data transfer and encryption and decryption. Moving on, after our 15 minute break concluded we made our way back into the Old Engineering building to participate in a workshop of App development led by app developer Greg Wadley. We then synchronized our app

coding to our phones using the MIT's App Inventor application and tested out are apps, my partner and I managed to create a direction sensory oriented ball game just to give you a taste of the depth of app development we achieved.

During the lunch break we visited a literal workshop managed by mechanical engineering students who built 1-2 lesser Formula 1 style race cars every year. They provided some of the students and I with a tour of their workshop and explained to us some of the processes of creating the chassis of the race car. After lunch we headed up back to the Old Engineering building and made bridges out of plastic parts in comparison to the role of a structural or civil engineer and we tested each group's bridge design to see which could hold the most weight before collapsing. After some experimentation with the plastic parts making rigid or flimsy bridges, it was 3pm and we made our way to a lecture hall to conclude the overall Engineering and IT workshop as well as to present participation certificates to all the attending students. Overall,

it was a very pleasant experience, experiencing the vibrant atmosphere of the busy university student life, travelling to the city independently from Ringwood Station to Melbourne Central and just absorbing all the knowledge there was to absorb regarding the workshop and its various utilities.

Robert Vardapetyan, Year 10

**Mykaela Coppens, Yr 11,
'Step on Campus' Deakin
University**



Before reading the 19th of March 2018 St Andrews Careers Newsletter I wasn't aware of the Deakin 'Step on Campus' tour. It opened my eyes to an opportunity to walk around campus and learn more about university life. By specifying the courses I was interested in, I signed up to the appropriate free tour using the available link. I went to my tour on the Burwood Deakin campus and was guided by two current students studying in the biomedical science field. They walked myself and ten or

so others around the campus, showing us the facilities, library, labs and study rooms. They also explained the day to day life typical to University students including those with part time jobs, explaining Deakin's flexibility and support with online resources and lectures. It was a really rewarding experience that was made easily available by the Careers Newsletter run by Mrs Yevlahova. After the tour I looked through the information pack that I was given, going over it again and again with highlighters. Before this experience I had little to no clue what I wanted to do after school. I now have a direction that I want to take. I'm aiming to accelerate Health Practice and Research through the online campus in year 12. After school and taking a year off I want to pursue Deakin's Bachelor of Public Health and Health Promotion to continue following subjects that interest me, equipping myself for a future career that I enjoy.

Thank you so much Mrs Yevlahova for providing me with such easy access to these valuable resources.

Mykaela Coppens, Year 11

Raaya Singh, Yr 12, 'Business Scholars Day' Monash University



Business Scholars Day is an inspiring full-day program to help extend students' academic studies and to sample university life.

Over the school holidays, it was a great privilege to attend an elite event at Monash University. Held at the CBD on a glorious day, Year 12 students from different parts of Victoria, experienced the life of a business student at Monash University. Some of the workshops that were offered included: International Business, Accounting, Economics and Business Management. It was interesting to see just how applicable theory taught in VCE is in business scenarios.

It was a great opportunity to build upon academic skills and

knowledge, attend workshops taught by leaders in their field and discover more about what Monash Business School can offer.

Raaya Singh, Yr. 12

Universities offer a range of hands-on events, specifically designed for Senior School students to explore the university and investigate courses and career areas. It is a chance to ask questions, take part in a workshop and get an advice tailored to your interests. Careers Newsletter is a great resource for our students and it is available to students on Canvas, emailed to all Senior School parents, and is included in every school newsletter for the school community.

Irena Yevlahova
Careers Coordinator

Careers News

Please find attached recent St Andrews Careers Newsletters.

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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



Library

Library News

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

Junior Library

Lunchtime Monday

Middle/ Senior Library:

Before School:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays: Open from 8.15 am

During School:

Monday to Friday: Recess and Lunch

After School:

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays until 4pm.

Wednesdays until 3.45pm.

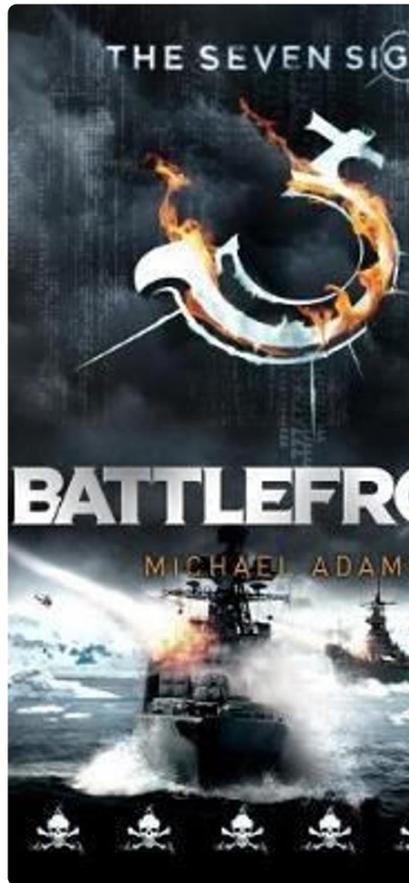
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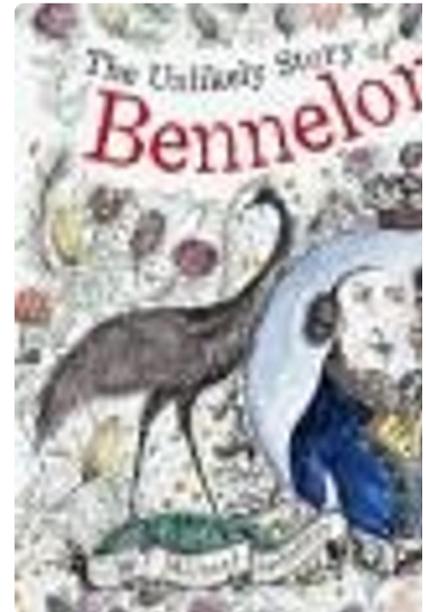
Read More In May Challenge

Scholastic has designated the month of May each year as family reading month. The challenge is to read for 10 minutes each day. Entries open on the 1st May and close on 10th June. Students can win also enter a prize draw. More details, including a message from this year's ambassadors, can be found at

<http://www.scholastic.com.au/nfrm>



For those who prefer Australian history, we now have three titles by Michael Sedunary. All look at Australia's early days.



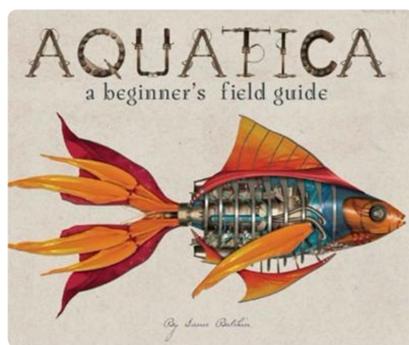
Premier's Reading Challenge (VPRC)

Our Year 7 and 8 students are busy with the VPRC. To help them with the task, the Senior Library has purchased some new titles.

The Seven Signs Series now has books 6 and 7. These can be found in Science Fiction.

This series would be of interest to readers concerned about cyber terrorism.

Another fascinating title is



This imaginative look at a world that, due to a lack of live animals, has created mechanical ones. It is a sequel to *Mechanica*, which is also on the VPRC list.

Accelerated Reader News, Year 6

Congratulations to the following Year 6 students who have earned certificates for achieving their Accelerated Reader goals this month.

Super

Max Demunck 6S

Alex Schlipalius 6S

Advanced

Laura Hooi 6S

Melissa Yao 6L

Star

Adel Kalnoki 6S

Noah Crotty 6L

Library Staff

Jacky Qiu 6S

Aidan Hu 6L

Ashley Chen 6L



Community Notices

Newsletter 4

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.

Eastern College Open Day



Eastern College Australia is holding an Open Day on Tuesday, May the 8th and

we would love to welcome you. We have a range of courses from certificate to masters levels that will enhance your personal faith journey and better equip you for your career in education, arts & social sciences and for ministry.

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