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Dear Friends,

The most important thing you can do for your children is pray with them and for them! One of the great joys for me as a parent (and soon to be grandparent) is being able to bless my family through prayer.

Amid all that is going on in the world, I find the greatest antidote of fear for my family is prayer. I have been able to release my children in all their angst and stages of 'growing up' to God - trusting Him to watch over them and care for them.

Genesis 48:15-16

*15 Then he blessed Joseph and said,
"May the God before whom my fathers
Abraham and Isaac walked faithfully,
the God who has been my shepherd*

all my life to this day,

*16 the Angel who has delivered me from all harm
—may he bless these boys.*

May they be called by my name

*and the names of my fathers Abraham and
Isaac,*

*and may they increase greatly
on the earth."*

The authority that God gives us to pray for our children is awesome and we can do this in ways to bless, to guide and to protect them. Prayer is one of the most precious gifts we can give to our children.

This prayer I share with you is from *"The Praying Woman's Devotional"* by Stormie Omartian:

Heavenly Father, help me to pray daily for my children and grandchildren and any other children You put into my life. Bless each child with a knowledge of who You are and help them to live Your way so they can stay on the path You have for their lives. Enable each child to recognise the gifts and talents You have put in them, and to

follow Your leading as they develop and use them for Your glory.

In Jesus' name I pray.

Many blessings on you and your families,

Catriona Wansbrough
Principal



Notices

Term 2 Community Day

The Middle School House Captains ([Barton](#) - Aimee Crotty and Timothy Chou, [Deakin](#) - Sarah Farmer and Joshua Effendi, [Parkes](#) - Andrea Chai and Charlie Lamperd) have organised a mini games show extravaganza to be held this week! They have each hand picked their own all-star teams to represent

their house in a 'minute to win it' style competition, testing students in a range of physical, academic, musical, artistic and miscellaneous challenges.

Deakin house have an early lead in the total points tally for the year so far, so Barton and Parkes will be hot on their heels trying to regain control.

Best of luck - may the best house win!

Coming soon

Year 7 – 9 Drama Production...
Watch the Drama Notice Board for details!

Karen Elbourne
Drama Coordinator

Mission and Fundraising for Prasat Rang School

Imagine going to a school with no toilets. Imagine not having soap and clean water to wash your hands. Imagine having diarrhoea regularly and having to miss many classes. How hard would it be to keep up and learn to read and write? Diarrhoea is a leading cause of death in the developing world. Hundreds of millions of people have no access to soap and water to wash their hands, preventing a basic act that would empower them to block the spread of disease. Samaritan's Purse provides toilets and hygiene training for communities, reducing the spread of disease and vastly improving their quality of life.

Ensuring our fundraising goes to organisations where the gospel is integral to all they do is a way we can honour God with the blessings he has given us as well as helping others to have eternal life.



The majority of the money we raise at St Andrews Christian College through our fundraising is helping to provide one school in rural Cambodia with a toilet block and water purifying system. The students at Prasat Rang will have the opportunity to get a better education and avoid the poverty traps that illiteracy brings, due to the school buildings, teacher training and sanitation that Samaritan's Purse are providing through our donated funds.

We have raised about \$1,000 so far this year but need to make it \$10,000!

Please donate generously on fundraising days throughout the year. Any additional donations would also be welcome and can be made to Loretta Hoenen at reception.

Please also keep in mind the possibility of joining the Mission Awareness Trip to Cambodia at the end of 2017 to see how these funds have helped the Cambodian people practically and helped spread the gospel in the process.

Greg Crotty

**Cambodia Mission
Coordinator**

On Sale Now!

With this wintery weather upon us it's a good time to be prepared for those cold and rainy days. So we're here to help! There are a limited number of beautiful new St Andrews golf umbrellas available to purchase for \$40. See Ms Hoenen at the College office to purchase one now.

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

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.

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.

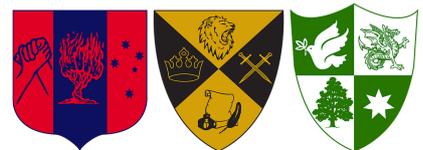
For specific prayer requests, there is a prayer request box at the front reception desk for you to put your request in if you are unable to join us.

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:

June

Week 10A

Monday 19th - Whole School Assembly 9am*
 Tuesday 20th - Instrumental Concert 6:50pm*
 Wednesday 21st - Parent Prayer Meeting 8:45am*
 Wednesday 21st - Yr9 Geography Port of Melbourne Excursion
 Wednesday 21st - CSEN Yr7/8 Sport
 Thursday 22nd - PFA Food Day
 Friday 23rd - Instrumental Concert 6:50pm*

Week 11B

Monday 26th - Whole School Assembly 9am*
 Monday 26th-30th - Yr10 Work Experience
 Wednesday 28th - Community Devotions 8:15am*
 Wednesday 28th - Parent Prayer Meeting 8:45am*
 Thursday 29th - Chess Tournament
 Friday 30th - Last Day of Term 2
 Friday 30th - Vanuatu Mission Trip

July

Term 3

Week 1A

Monday 24th - 1st Day of Term 3
 Monday 24th - Whole School Assembly 9am*
 Tuesday 25th - CSEN Cross Country - Primary and Secondary
 Tuesday 25th - Interschool Debating@Tintern
 Wednesday 26th - Parent Prayer Meeting 8:45am*
 Wednesday 26th - CSEN Yr9/10 Sport

** Parents welcome*

Term Dates

TERM DATES FOR 2017

Term 2: Wednesday 19th April – Friday 30th June

Term 3: Monday 24th July – Friday 22nd

September

Term 4: Monday 9th October – Friday 8th

December

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

Mothers' and Fathers' Day Stall Coordinator Required

The PFA Mothers' and Fathers' Day Stalls are community events that provide a service to our children. Colin and Sonia Sires, who have been coordinating this for the last few years, are stepping down from this role. We thank them for their service.

The PFA require 1 or 2 parents to take on this role. It can be split up or managed in a way to suit you. The coordinator is responsible for buying gifts, setting up and packing up, organising parent helpers and coordinating with teachers. The coordinator needs to be thrifty and considerate in buying appropriate gifts.

If you are able to help or require more information please email

pfa@standrews.vic.edu.au or talk to Colin or Sonia.

Shaun Beovich
PFA President

School Banking App

The new CommBank Youth app is an innovative digital banking tool to help teach Australian children real-life money skills in an increasingly digital world.

With the CommBank Youth app, students can:

- Check their Youthsaver account balance
- View their School Banking deposits in the transaction history
- Track the number of Dollarmites tokens they have earned
- Set savings goals and monitor their progress
- Create a list of chores they can do to earn pocket money.



The CommBank Youth app also allows students to enter their School Banking day as a reminder.

Keep track of Dollarmites tokens for redemption

Once a student has reached 10 Dollarmites tokens, the CommBank Youth app will inform them that they're ready to redeem a reward item. Students will be directed to visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking where the latest Rewards Card is available to download and print.

Getting started

The CommBank Youth app is now available to download from the App Store on any iOS device (version 9.0+). Please note, only one child can log on per device. The CommBank Youth app is currently not available on Android devices. To log on, students will require their NetBank client number and password. If they don't have one, a parent/guardian can set this up by visiting a CommBank branch with identification like their driver licence and child's birth certificate.

Managing School Banking Dollarmites Tokens

The number of Dollarmites tokens displayed in the CommBank Youth app is sourced directly from the School Banking Portal and will reflect the correct number of Dollarmites tokens earned by the student. Dollarmites tokens will be updated in the CommBank Youth app three

times per day at 12:15am, 8:15am and 4:15pm Australian Eastern Standard Time. Physical Dollarmites tokens are still part of the School Banking program – as the School Banking Co-ordinator you can choose whether to distribute them or not.

Term 2 2017 Future Savers Rewards

We're excited to launch the Term 2 reward items for 2017 from our Future Savers range.

- Tablet Case
- 3D Chalk Set



Juli Tu
School Banking Coordinator

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 Book
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 School

Term 2 has been full of some wonderful experiences for the Junior School students. The students have worked so hard and have been very diligent in their work. It is always a blessing for me at this time of the year to read all the Junior School reports and hear about the wonderful ways our students have glorified God in all they have done!

I have a couple of examples of the fun our students have done in recent week.

- Our Prep students have made racing cars with their Year 6 buddies.



- The Year 2 students have been writing some beautiful reflections on their excursion to Mount de Lancey.

- The Preps also hosted a lovely Mothers' Day morning tea.



- Year 6s teaching and encouraging our Prep students with peer writing.



We farewelled our precious Mrs Mehanni who left on maternity leave. The Junior School staff hosted a surprise baby shower for her and she was overwhelmed with gifts and love from the parent community. Thank you to everyone who blessed Lauren.



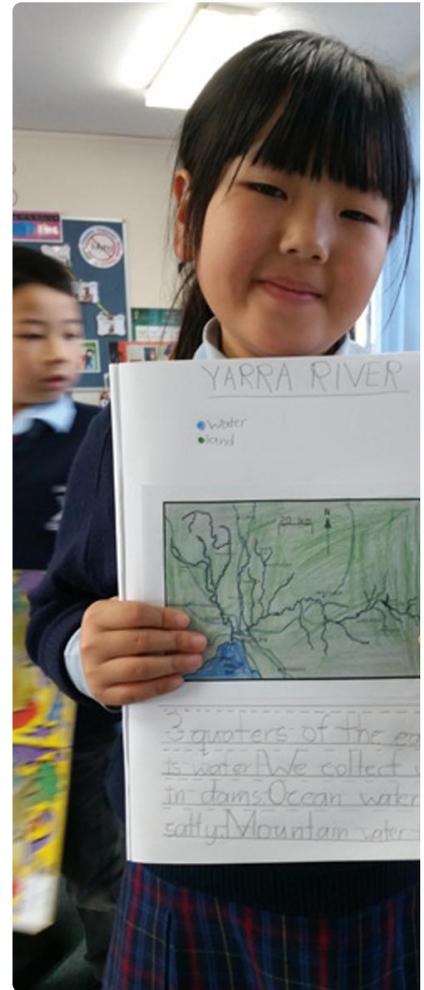
We would also love to welcome the new teacher for 3M, Mrs Melanie Lepileo. You may remember Melanie as our long serving registrar. She has since left to study teaching and returns to us to fulfil her long held passion to teach.

Have a wonderful holiday break with your families.

Yvonne Hughes
Head of Junior School

Sustainability in Year 2

In Sustainability this term, Year 2 students have been learning about water conservation and investigating where Melbourne's water comes from.

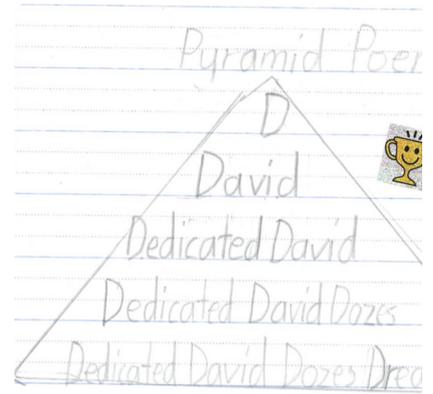


They've learned that 70% of our water is from the Yarra, starting in the Ranges and flowing through the suburbs of Melbourne and into Port Philip Bay.

Year 2 Poems

Chantel Rodger

Sustainability Teacher





Middle School

Stories of Impact

At St Andrews, our staff are passionate about educating to impact young lives for Christ. We love hearing stories about how God is actively at work here at the College and we would like to share with you a story of one of our Year 7 students:

Before attending Middle School, I was unsure what to expect and was worried that I wasn't going to do well. I was

struggling a little in my Maths previously and I was getting stressed about that. I was also worrying about making new friendships and was unsure what they would be like.

All these thoughts were going through my head such as, "Will I be good enough", and "Is it going to be difficult?" I was really feeling nervous and stressed at the same time. But then I realised that God was on my side. This helped me to gain

my confidence and believe in myself.

I knew that I needed someone to help me throughout this but I now know that I don't need to fear anything because so many teachers from St Andrews have helped me along the way, such as Mr Crotty, Mrs Cloete, Mr Lee and many more that I could mention. I felt so amazing that they were there for me and guiding me through my first semester at St Andrews.

I now feel much more comfortable in doing my school work and making new friendships with everybody. My teachers and friends have made me feel much better and have encouraged me in doing my best and to try my hardest. Through this I have made many new, wonderful friends and now know people better. I know that this was what God had planned for me and I am very thankful for what He has done for me.



What a wonderful witness of God working in the lives of our students through their teachers!

Christa Cloete
Middle School Teacher

Daniel Wong - Year 5

Daniel Wong
Year 5 Student

Year 7 and 8 Exams

During the past two weeks, Year 7 and 8 students were writing exams in their core subjects: English, Maths, Humanities and Science. This was a completely new experience for our Year 7 students, and even for some of

the Year 8 students who arrived at St Andrews at the start of this year.

We would like to congratulate our students on the way they approached their exams. Most students made excellent use of the study and revision time they had at school and at home, with results to prove the effort they had applied to their studies. They also took to heart the Study Skills session they had with Mr Lee in Term 1, and applied the skills and techniques that were presented to them. Although we realise that students are talented in different areas, and will not all achieve academically, it was gratifying to see how most students applied their best effort during the two exam weeks.

Congratulations on working hard to demonstrate how much you have learnt, Year 7 and 8! Your endeavour is greatly appreciated by your teachers.

Christa Cloete
Middle School Teacher

Middle School Duolingo Championship

During Year 6, 7 and 8, students have the opportunity to be part of the Middle School Duolingo Championship. Some students apply an amazing amount of energy to this area of their French studies, and achieve a Golden Owl for their efforts. The Golden Owl is achieved by playing through all 74 skill levels. The next challenge after this, is to get all those skills on gold, and to keep them gold! Keeping skills on gold is the way Duolingo ensures that language students are continually doing their revision, in order to get more and more fluent at the language. Some students prefer to keep all skills gold

behind them as they play down through the skill tree, while others try to get the Golden Owl first, and then start making skills gold. The first method is the most efficient for a student who really wants to learn the language.



Roselyn Kho, who achieved her Golden Owl in Year 6, excelled by managing to have all her skills on gold again just before the exams. Congratulations, Roselyn! Who will be the first Year 6 student to get a Golden Owl this year?

The current owners of Golden Owls are:

Samantha Ooi (8K)
Isabel Kong (8S)
Belinda Svay (8K)
Brendan Lam (8K)
Kristen Baker (8K)
Roselyn Koh (7C)
Kayle Dharmadasa (7C)
Chavella Tanubrata (7C)
Charlotte Waldron (7B)



Congratulations to all these hard-working French students.

À bientôt!

Madame Cloete

French teacher, Year 6 - 8



Senior School

Yr10 Camp

Careers News

As the media and communication sector becomes ever more diverse and dynamic, degrees in the field of media and communication studies are also growing in popularity. In today's newsletter I have included an overview and the programs offered at Melbourne and Monash universities.

During the upcoming school holidays Year 10-12 students are invited to RMIT University to participate in workshops, explore the campus and experience what it would be like to study there.

Please find more information about these events in the attached Careers News:

 [Careers News ...](#)

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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



Sport

CSEN Results

We've had another successful term in the CSEN weekly sports competition, with both our Year 9/10 girls netball teams playing off in the grand final this week and our Year 7/8 boys basketball team doing the same. A number of our teams suffer some close losses that were hard fought all the way.

5/6 Winter Sport Round 1

Our Year 5/6 students played their first day of the winter sport competition for 2017 last week. Our mixed netball team was undefeated for the day and

looks to be the favourite to progress through to the Division stages. Our boys and girls soccer teams put in a massive effort to play three games across the day, highlighted by a hat-trick from Andrew Chen (Yr6) in the first game. Our tee-ball teams also did very well, particularly the boys, who remain undefeated at the top of the table after Round 1. Looking forward to Round 2 later this term!

Net2ball and Mini-Ballers

This semester has seen the launch of our new Year 2-3 after school sports program, Net2ball and Mini-Ballers. Both the groups had over 25 students enthusiastically turn up every week and had a blast learning skills, getting physically active and learning the rules of the game.



Special thanks to coaches Jay Lomer, Vonnie Hughes, Emilie Hughes (Yr 9) and Katelyn Farmer (Yr 9) for their contribution to making the program run so well. We particularly hope to see these clinics act as a spring board into our basketball and netball programs in the upper primary years.



Duke of Edinburgh

Duke of Edinburgh Excursion- White water kayaking and caving

On the morning of the Duke of Ed excursion we went white water kayaking on the Yarra River. We followed two guides down the river and navigated our way through the rapids until we reached our destination. We had to trust our partner in the kayak and work together as a team to get down

the rapids to make sure we didn't capsize.



Then we drove to the Britannia Caves. When we got there we put on our helmets and torches

and we went down into the caves. When we got in the caves we followed the two guides around the caves through small gaps and places with streams of water. We had to trust each other in the group to help us get over some rocks and under others. It was a good excursion to learn resilience, overcome our fears and develop trust with others.

Emilie Hughes
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.

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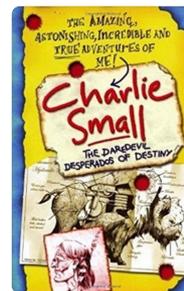
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Accelerated Readers

The Library now has access to
a larger range of AR quizzes.

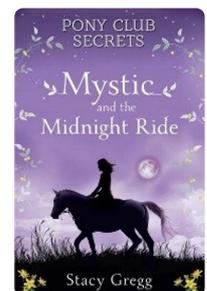
Over the coming weeks
students will see some more
titles appear on the AR shelves.

New silver dot ARS

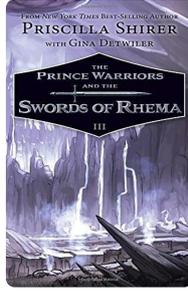
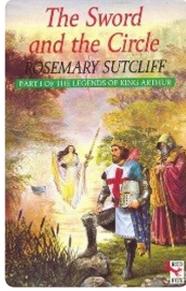


New Year 5 up ARS

Animals



Fantasy



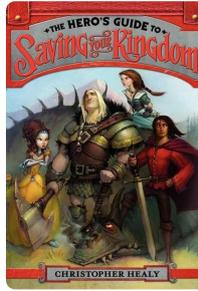
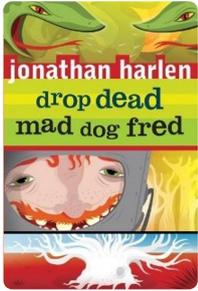
What's new?

The Senior Library will host a 3D printer for the next two weeks. Senior Library staff will undertake some training in its use. Year 6 and some other classes will have the opportunity to print some items. Students are welcome to come and have a look at the printer.



Thank you,
Library Staff

Humour



Year 6 parents

Before the end of this Term, your child will be bring home two notices. One will be a permission form for reading books from the Year 7 up collection. The second will be about ARs for Terms 3 and 4. Please discuss these with your son/ daughter and return them to the library staff as soon as possible.

Adventure