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# Principal

## Servant Heart

Dear Friends,

God has made us all with a desire to be purposeful and to make a difference in some way in our lives.

At the Last Supper, the disciples had an argument as to who was considered the greatest. Jesus replied that if they wanted to be great they needed to be like a servant (Luke 22: 24 – 27). Jesus didn't just tell his disciples what to do, he modelled servant-hood to his disciples.

Serving is not a 'checklist' or a 'to-do' list whereby we earn points from God or from others. We serve, because God first served us. We serve, in response to our relationship with God. It is an outpouring of our love for our Saviour and for our neighbour. Just imagine if absolutely everyone (staff, students, parents) made up their mind to just serve each other. How dynamic our community would be!

As we present Jesus Christ to each other and to the world through our love and acts of

service, we become salt and light to a struggling world. Our 'love-in-action' portrays a faith which attracts people to Christ and leads them to the heart of what it is to be a Christian, to love God and to love others.

*Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"*

*Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest*

commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." Matthew 22: 34-40

**DARE TO SERVE**

St Andrews Christian College is hosting a special Service Learning Expo called DARE TO SERVE. This Expo is particularly aimed at students and staff to help us all understand the importance of service learning in our individual lives, but also for our school communities.

As we are inviting schools from around the state to participate in the Expo, leading Christian educators from interstate and overseas are also registering interest in this exciting event.

I invite all parents and friends of St Andrews Christian College and your church communities to attend DARE TO SERVE on Tuesday 17th November at St Andrews Christian College.



All registrations (\$30 per person/includes lunch) are to be done online at [www.daretoserve.net.au](http://www.daretoserve.net.au)

Dare to Serve is being sponsored by New Hope International and supported by CSA (Christian Schools Australia) and CEN (Christian Education National). The Expo will feature excellent keynote speakers from overseas (Dr Samson Makhado and Mr Brian Cox) and workshop leaders for elective seminars. Several schools from around the state will also be chosen to feature in an exciting segment called "Stories Worth Telling" – which will highlight outstanding ways schools are serving God and their communities.

**SERVICE CARD**

We are introducing a SERVICE CARD to our students at St

Andrews next week. **It will not be a compulsory activity, but voluntary.**

The idea is that students do at least one service activity for someone who needs help and to record it on the SERVICE CARD.

The purpose of doing an act of service is to help students be intentional about serving and to think of someone else's needs rather than their own. Our focus is not to 'look good' but to serve God and to learn to do something for others without expecting a reward for our acts of kindness. Also, in stepping out and doing something that is perhaps difficult for us or uncomfortable, we tend to lean more on God and His strength to do the task.

This service program also presents a great opportunity for families to talk about service and how we want to grow to do our service "in secret", just before the Lord. (Matthew 6:3-4)

Parents, please monitor your child in an age appropriate

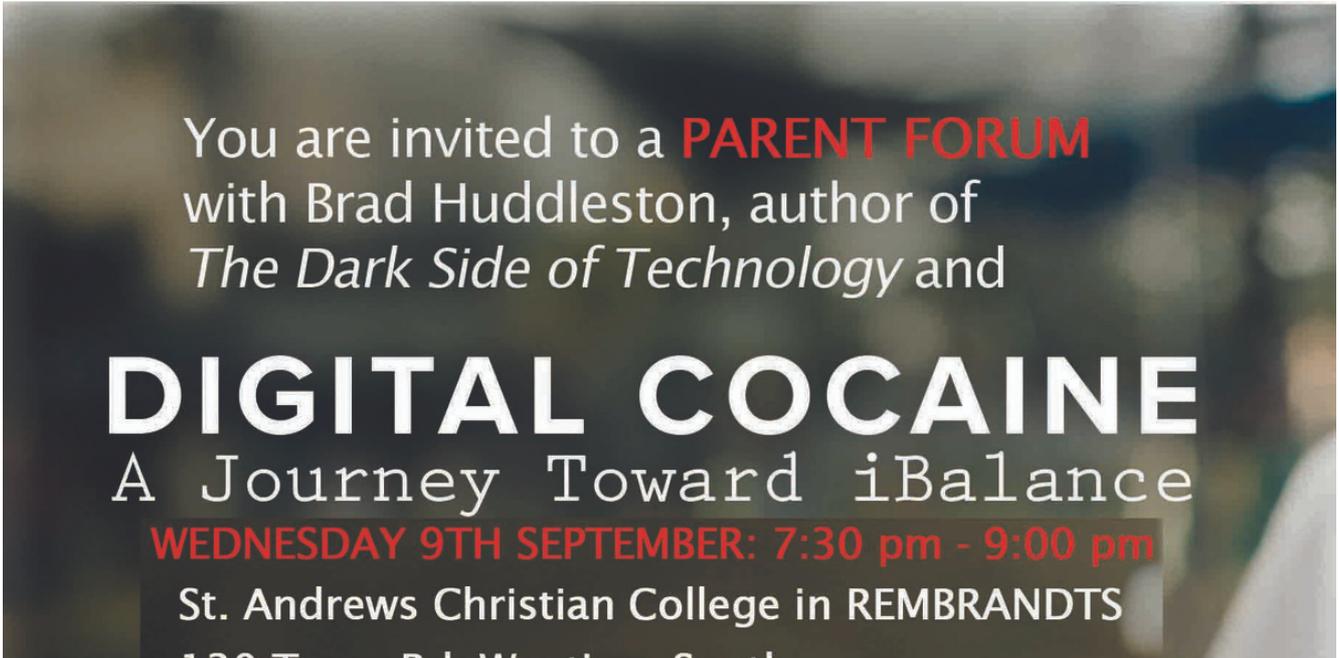
service that your child may partake in. It may be for a family member, acquaintance or 'known' neighbour. If your child participates in this program, the Service Card is due back to

your child's home room teacher by Tuesday 13th October, 2015.

Please also contact me if you have any concerns or have any

good news stories that come from your child's 'service'.

In His Service,  
Catriona



## Notices

### Digital Cocaine

Brad Huddleston, media producer/pastor/international speaker will be in residence at St Andrews Christian College from 31st August – 11th September.

During the time he is with us he will be talking with students and staff on many issues of cybersafety and how to sensibly handle the

overload of technology in our lives and how we need to carefully monitor and use technology wisely. Brad will also be leading a special MEDIA CAMP with Mrs Charlene Lee and selected students from Middle School and Senior School.

I highly recommend that you attend a PARENT FORUM we are holding on Wednesday 9th September in

REMBRANDTS from 7:30 – 9:00pm. Brad will bring to us research that shows how our brains are changing as a result of our technological age.



How do you protect your children from technology overload/cyberbullying and guide your children in safe use of technology? Come hear Brad answer these issues and together discuss what we need to do as parents and as a College to help our children make good and wise choices.

This FORUM is open to the public, so invite your friends and churches to attend.

GOLD COIN donation.

See the below Youtube from Brad Huddleston which highlights how technology is becoming so addictive in our culture.

[www.bradhuddleston.com](http://www.bradhuddleston.com)

[www.facebook.com/rbradleyhuddleston](https://www.facebook.com/rbradleyhuddleston)

*Catriona Wansbrough*

*Principal*

## Parent Prayer Meeting Friday 8:45am



All parents are welcome to join us in prayer every Friday morning after school drop off. This is a wonderful opportunity to pray for the needs of the school community and to give thanks for all that God has done and how He continues to provide for St Andrews Christian College. Join us in the meeting room next to the school office at 8:45am.

*Suzy Song*

*Prayer Group Coordinator*

## Working Bee

We would like to invite you to our next Working Bee to be held this Saturday 29th August 2015 from 9:00am – 12:00noon.

Our Working Bee will be a special one to further increase the Biodiversity of our gardens. We are working on creating a small urban forest and filling out our gardens with more plants that are indigenous to this area. This is also part of our participation in the Resource Smart Sustainable schools program. We invite you and your children to help with this important school community event, it will create greater ownership of the school gardens and encourage them to care for the gardens we are creating. Even if you can only come for an hour it will be a great help.

- We plan to undertake the following tasks:
- Planting (approx. 150-170 plants)
- General Garden maintenance including weeding, mulching and clearing leaves
- Cleaning tables and chairs from classrooms
- Removal of wall paper in Rembrandts Drama Room (in preparation for painting)

- Assemble additional garden bed/s

If you have any of the following tools you can bring, that would assist as we only have a limited supply:

- Hand shovel
- Gloves
- Spade/ Shovel/ fork
- Wheelbarrow
- Window squeegee

If you find yourself available and able to come, please inform me by email at [rlandman@standrews.vic.edu.au](mailto:rlandman@standrews.vic.edu.au) so that we can adequately prepare the tasks and morning tea.

***Remy Landman***  
***Grounds and Maintenance***  
***Manager***

## Enrolments for 2016

We are in the process of finalising student placements for 2016 and we are wanting to ensure that all places are filled.

If a student is not continuing at St Andrews Christian College in 2016, please advise the College in writing by no later than Monday 5th October 2016. As per the Enrolment and Agreement Declaration, payment of **one full school term's fees will be charged if notice is not given by Monday 5th October 2016.**

***Melanie Lepileo***  
***Registrar***

## Head of Learning and Teaching

In desiring to be a school where our excellence is in Christ, we want to continue to develop our learning and teaching in the College.

Hence, we have a new executive role - Head of Learning and Teaching, to commence in 2016. This is an exciting development for St Andrews Christian College.

I am very pleased to announce that the Head of Learning and Teaching at St Andrews Christian College from 2016 is Merrick Brewer.

We had many excellent applicants for this position and are confident in Merrick's ability, leadership and experience to fulfil the requirements of this vital new role in the College.

Merrick Brewer is not leaving us, but changing roles on the executive leadership team. We are now searching for a new Head of Middle School for 2016.

Please join us in praying for the right person to take up this important position in the College.

***Catriona Wansbrough***  
***Principal***

## Senior School Building Tours

The first stage of the Senior School Building is nearly finished and we are so grateful for another grant that has just come through from the

Federal Government that will assist us to complete the INNOVATION CENTRE (upstairs) and surrounding landscaping of the building.

We would like to extend a special invitation to all parents who would like a tour of the Senior School Building.

Our Executive staff will be leading tours on the following dates and times:

#### Tours Dates

**Tuesday 1st September**

9:00am and 4:00pm

**Thursday 3rd September**

9:00am and 2:30pm

**Tuesday 8th September**

9:00am and 2:30pm

**Wednesday 9th September**

9:00am and 4:00pm

**Friday 11th September**

9:00am

**Tuesday 15th September**

9:00am

Please contact our Registrar, Melanie Lepileo, on 9800 2922

or [enrolments@standrews.vic.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@standrews.vic.edu.au) to register for a tour.

This is a new and exciting phase for St Andrews Christian College as we continue to provide excellence in Christian Education. We look forward to seeing you soon.

*Melanie Lepileo*  
*Registrar*

## Aussie Aussie Aussie!



Congratulations to Daniel Idrees who became an Australian citizen on the 12th August. Aussie Aussie Aussie - oi oi oi!

*Catriona Wansbrough*  
*Principal*

## Ensemble Extravaganza

On Tuesday 15th of September the Music Department will be hosting the second ensembles concert, 'The Ensemble

Extravaganza', where all of the ensembles at St Andrews will be performing.



The concert will be in Rembrandts and will start at 7pm and finish at 8.15pm. Light refreshments will be available from 6.30pm. Sound checks will take place from 5pm to 6.30pm so students who are participating will need to make themselves available at this time.

Entry will be by a gold coin donation. It would be fantastic to have all parents come along to hear the amazing work the students are doing in the Music Department.

*Luke Batty*  
*Music Director*

# House Community Points

Parkes 353



Barton 277

Deakin 404



## Calendar

### AUGUST

Sat 29 Working Bee 9am-12pm\*

#### Week 7B

Mon 31 Whole School Assembly 8:55am\*

**Mon 31- Fri 11 Brad Huddleston**

Mon 31 Yr10 Vic Roads

### SEPTEMBER

Tue 01 Yr6-8 Student Focus

Wed 02 Yr2 Scienceworks Excursion

Thu 03 Preps Fathers' Day Breakfast\*

Thu 03 CSSN Interschool Debating

Fri 04 Parent Prayer Meeting 8:45am\*

Fri 04 PFA Fathers' Day Stall

Fri 04 College Tour

#### Week 8A

Mon 07 Whole School Assembly 8:55am\*

Mon 07 CSSN Yr7-12 Interschool Athletics

Tue 08 Yr2 Art Excursion - NGV Australia

Tue 08 Yr6-8 Student Focus

**Wed 09 Brad Huddleston Parent**

**Information Night 7:30pm\***

Thu 10 Yr11 Biology - Melbourne Zoo	Mon 14 Whole School Assembly 8:55am*	Thu 17 PFA Dessert and Coffee Night*
Thu 10 Yr9 Geography - Phillip island	Mon 14 Yr9/10 PE - Ice Hockey	Fri 18 Parent Prayer Meeting 8:45am*
Thu 10 Yr5-6 Summer Sport Round 1	Tue 15 Ensemble Extravaganza 7:00pm*	Fri 18 Yr6 Immigration Museum
Fri 11 Parent Prayer Meeting 8:45am*	Tue 15 Yr6-8 Student Focus	Fri 18 PFA Hot Dog Day
Fri 11 Junior School Assembly - Yr2 9am*	Wed 16 Yr5 Victorian Space Science	Fri 18 Last Day Term 3
Fri 11 Barton Fundraiser	Wed 16 Yr8 Art - NGV	
Sat 12-23 Duke of Ed Silver Expedition - New Zealand	Wed 16 Yr10 2016 Information Night 7:30pm*	
	Thu 17 Yr4 Imax and Melbourne Museum	
<b>Week 9B</b>	Thu 17 Science Expo*	

## October

Mon 5 Term 4 Begins

\* parents are welcome



## Parents and Friends Association

### Fathers' Day Stall

On **Friday 4th September** we will be holding a Fathers' 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**.

The **junior** students will visit the stall at times arranged with their classroom teachers. Older students 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. Here is the parent assistance form:



Sonia and Colin Sires  
Fathers' Day Stall  
Coordinators

### Dessert and Coffee Night Thursday 17th September

Parents are invited to get together on Thursday 17th September in Rembrandts to celebrate the end of another successful term at St Andrews! Bring a dessert to share and enjoy a cup of coffee as we fellowship. The night starts at 7:30pm.

**Sally Wade**  
*PFA Vice President*

### Movie Night - Big Hero 6

Families gathered for a fun, relaxed night of popcorn, smoothies, face painting and a film at our recent movie night.



Thank you to all who contributed on the night and well done to the students who dressed up as heros!

**Lesley Goh**  
*PFA Movie Night Coordinator*

## Junior School Assembly Morning Tea

Parents are encouraged to stay behind after the Junior School Assemblies in Rembrandts on Friday mornings to chat and share a cuppa.



Upcoming Junior Assemblies:

11th September - Year 2

*Sally Wade*

*PFA Vice President*

## School Banking

### Term 3 competition

A Prize Portal from another dimension has appeared on Planet Savings, which gives students who demonstrate good savings behaviour a chance to win 1 of 100s of astronomical prizes.

More prizes and chances to win!

To activate the Prize Portal, simply make 3 or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 to automatically enter the competition for a chance to win one of the following prizes:

- 75 x iPad minis Wi-Fi 16GB;
- 125 x Beats by Dr Dre Solo2™ Headphones; or
- 200 x \$30 Booktopia Gift Certificates.

Students can also complete a Money Mission at [www.commbank.com.au/prizeportal](http://www.commbank.com.au/prizeportal) to double their chance of winning a prize. Students can complete the Money Mission at any time during Term 3, but are required to make 3 deposits by the end of Term 3 to double their chance of winning.

Conditions apply, see [www.commbank.com.au/prizeportal](http://www.commbank.com.au/prizeportal).

[portal](#). Promotion starts 9.00am AEST 13/7/15 and ends 11.59pm AEST 25/9/15.

## Dollarmites Savings Tip on Beanstalk!

Encouraging children to save their money is important but so is helping them understand that saving up for something can take time. This week I would like to share with you this practical activity sheet on Beanstalk called 'Saving Up List'. It's a simple, helpful exercise for children that explains how saving takes time.

[www.commbank.com.au/content/dam/commbank/theme/personal/youth/youthsaver-hub/pdf/activity-sheet-june15.pdf](http://www.commbank.com.au/content/dam/commbank/theme/personal/youth/youthsaver-hub/pdf/activity-sheet-june15.pdf)

*Karen Cheung*

*School Banking Coordinator*

## Icy Pole Fridays

The PFA welcome Andrew Musgrove (Prep parent) to the role of icy pole coordinator. Andrew takes over from Imelda Ngawi. Thank you Imelda for your tremendous service.

*Shaun Beovich*

*PFA President*

## 2nd Hand Uniform Shop

The 2nd Hand Uniform Shop is open Wednesday mornings in Rembrandts 8:30am-9:30am.

*Liz Romney*

*2nd Hand Uniform Shop  
Manager*

## Who's Who In The PFA

Over the next few newsletters we'll be giving some background on the PFA Committee members.



The PFA Team: (L to R) Ann Hawthorne - Treasurer, Lesley Goh - Secretary, Sally Wade - Vice-President, Shaun Beovich - President

### PFA Vice President - Sally Wade

I have been with the school since 1996, when my husband Andrew Wade, was employed as a teacher. We have three daughters; Elise now working as a Graphic Designer at MI (Mental Illness) Fellowship, Jessica is currently completing a certificate in Teachers Aid, after both receiving their education at St Andrews and Sophie is currently completing Year 12. I have worked in OSHC since 2001 and for the past 13 years have been the Coordinator. I utterly enjoy working in OSHC. Caring for the children is a very rewarding job and with the added responsibilities with changes

made from the State Education Department there is more required than just coming up with fun activities.



We currently attend Glen Waverley Anglican Church, and are meeting weekly with a Life Group.

In any free time I enjoy doing craft projects, swimming, holidaying with Andrew (and the girls, if available to come) and playing games/cards to name just a few.

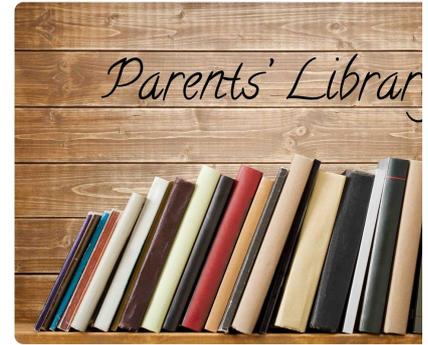
For PFA over the many years at this College I have helped coordinate the Class Reps, organised many craft groups, and currently enjoy coordinating the Book Clubs, Food Days and any food related requests. I give much praise and glory to God for this College, where the education of our children is given in an environment of

Christian love and where God is first and honoured.

## Don't Forget

*Sally Wade*

*PFA Vice President*



## Senior School

### VCE Health and Human Development Robot Baby

We are proud to announce a new edition to the school - Bambino José, our very own robot baby! Students studying the VCE subject Health and Human Development are learning about the human lifespan.



As part of their study of postnatal development, they have the opportunity to care for José during one or two evenings, or a weekend. He is

programmed with the routines of actual babies and requires rocking, feeding, burping and, yes, nappy changing! Students have found caring for José an interesting and worthwhile experience.

*Jo deMeester*  
*VCE Health and Human Development*

## Yr 12 Get Into Genes

On Monday 24th August, the Year 12 Biology class attended Get Into Genes Workshops at Melbourne University. Whilst there, they had opportunity to learn about and perform some techniques in DNA manipulation such as PCR and Gel Electrophoresis.



They also began looking at the various issues that arise in relation to genetic technologies such as: “What exactly are genetically modified organisms?” “Is it acceptable to put human genes into other organisms in order to make human proteins?” and “Would you feed your baby human-like milk that was produced by a cow?”

*Natalie Farmer*  
*VCE Biology Teacher*

## Developing Leaders by Influence

Last week our School Captains, Sophie and Daniel, had the privilege of attending a lunch with a guest speaker from the US brought out by the Australian Christian Lobby, Ryan Anderson. They were part of a select group of 40 to have lunch with him, hear him speak on the issues surrounding the marriage debate and ask their questions as representatives for Victorian secondary students. Others at the lunch included Ministers from many big churches, University student leaders and ACL representatives. Daniel and Sophie also recently attended the Christian Schools Leaders Camp with senior students from a variety of Christian Schools. They attended workshops and heard speakers aiming to train and inspire them in their leadership. All our Year 11 students have been part of the Strengths Potential program this term and those with leadership roles also spent extra time discovering how to use their own strengths to compliment the strengths of those around them. Two

more of our young leaders will have the opportunity of touring State Parliament with our local representative Nick Wakeling who is eager to hear the concerns and views of young people in the community. Year 10 students Yang and Lucy spent a week completing the Knox Young Leaders course and you can read Lucy’s report to find out more about that.

These are all recent examples of how our students can lead, serve and influence both inside and outside of the school boundaries. We are in the process of selecting students to hold the formal leadership roles for 2016. Please encourage any students you see with leadership potential to prayerfully consider serving in this way.

*Greg Crotty*  
*Head of Senior School*

## Knox Young Leaders

From the 3rd-7th August, Yang Chao and I attended the Knox Young Leaders Program. We were able to connect with other young people within the community

and make lots of friendships. The biggest challenge was being confronted with my true self, and working out who I really am as a person, not just who I think I am or how I want others to see me. I have developed rapidly over the week and discovered so much about the mannerisms and characteristics of myself and others my age.



During the week, the program equipped us with skills that can be used in all situations in

life and gave us the capability to deal with certain circumstances. For example we learned about the PIPS strategy: telling someone something Positive, an Improvement, another Positive and a Summary. This allows them not to feel attacked and want to take on your feedback. Overall it was a phenomenal program and I highly recommend it for others who are considering it in the future!

*Lucy Potter Yr 10Y*

## Cambodia 2016

In December next year we are planning to take a small group of students from Years 10, 11 and 12 to visit Cambodia with

Samaritan's Purse to see, in person, the impact of our fundraising.



It will be a fantastic adventure and a life changing experience. More details will be out soon so register your interest with Mr Crotty.

*Greg Crotty*

*Head of Senior School*



## Middle School

### Year 7 Introduction Day

On Tuesday, 12th August, we held our Year Seven

Introduction Day. This was a day that was organised in order to get to know a bit more about the Year 7 students that are enrolled for 2016. During the morning, students underwent some testing in Numeracy and Literacy, along with the opportunity to be involved in some 'get to know you' activities. The morning was finished off with a BBQ lunch. During the morning, the parents also attended a Parent Seminar where the advantages and pathways of continuing

the journey at St Andrews were outlined. If you missed this event you can get a brochure from Reception.

*Merrick Brewer*

*Head of Middle School*

### 6L Fundraiser Report

On Thursday 6th August, Year 6L held a fundraiser. We plastered posters around the school to let everyone know that we wanted to raise money to donate to UNICEF, who would then buy water pumps to provide water for children in countries that do not have ready access to clean water. We sold spiders, ice-

cream and jelly bean guesses. We also ran a "Book-a-Butler" service, where teachers could 'hire' us to help clean their classrooms, polish their shoes or help with their students. We all enjoyed doing that a lot!!!



We raised \$1,067.05, which means we will be able to provide 2 water pumps to 2 needy communities.

us with the poster. Most of all I would like to give a BIG thank you to 6L, for a fantastic effort in running things smoothly and working as a team.

Thank you everyone for buying our products and hiring us as butlers. Thank you to all the parents for their donations of money and food. Big thank you to Mrs Lee for all your ideas, planning and organisation. I would like to thank Mr Ferguson, Mrs Rowley and Mrs Rowland for helping plan for the day and helping on the day as well. Thank you to 6F for helping

It was a great event and I hope everyone had fun and enjoyed it as much as I did.

*Natasha Rowley 6L*

## Art

Students in Year 6 have been frantically folding origami birds and butterflies (and a few unidentifiable creatures) to create an 'installation' at the "What's in the Box" artist's and designer's market to be held at the Box Hill town hall on Saturday 12th September from 10am to 3pm.

Fliers about the market are available at the Reception office or ask Mrs Brown for more information.

*Glynis Brown*  
*Art Teacher*



## Junior School

### Year 1 Excursion to the Melbourne Zoo

On 7th August, Year 1 went on an excursion to the Melbourne Zoo. We were blessed with many parent helpers and Mrs Clinch who were an amazing support to us in supervising the children. The children had an education session where they learnt about the different body coverings of different groups of animals. They also learnt about how the animals adapt to their habitats.

It was a great outing for the children as they learnt about the wonderful details of how God created these animals.

They also learnt how to relate to each other in groups and enjoy each other's company as they learnt in a different environment. Also, the fact that it was a fine day despite the weather forecast of rain, was also a testimony of God's provision. To the children, it was an answer to their prayers for two weeks, that we will have fine weather on the day of the excursion! Thank you, God!

*Anthea Albertus and  
Josephine Das  
Year 1 Teachers*



### Students' Comments

We had a lot of fun and saw many animals. My favourite was the snake. It felt very "bumpy".

*Hannah, 1A*

I liked seeing the animals and walking around. My favourite animal was the giraffe.

*Ethan T, 1A*

We saw the meerkats and the reptiles. We also saw some giraffes. There was a sandpit we could play in.

*Beatrice, 1A*

I enjoyed playing on the logs, learning about different animals and watching the seals show their tricks.

*Nicholas, 1A*

I enjoyed touching the python and feeling its scales! I learnt a lot about snakes as well.

*Joshua P, 1D*

I loved watching the penguins moving very fast. They were very curious and kept on watching us. One of them even knocked its beak on the glass!

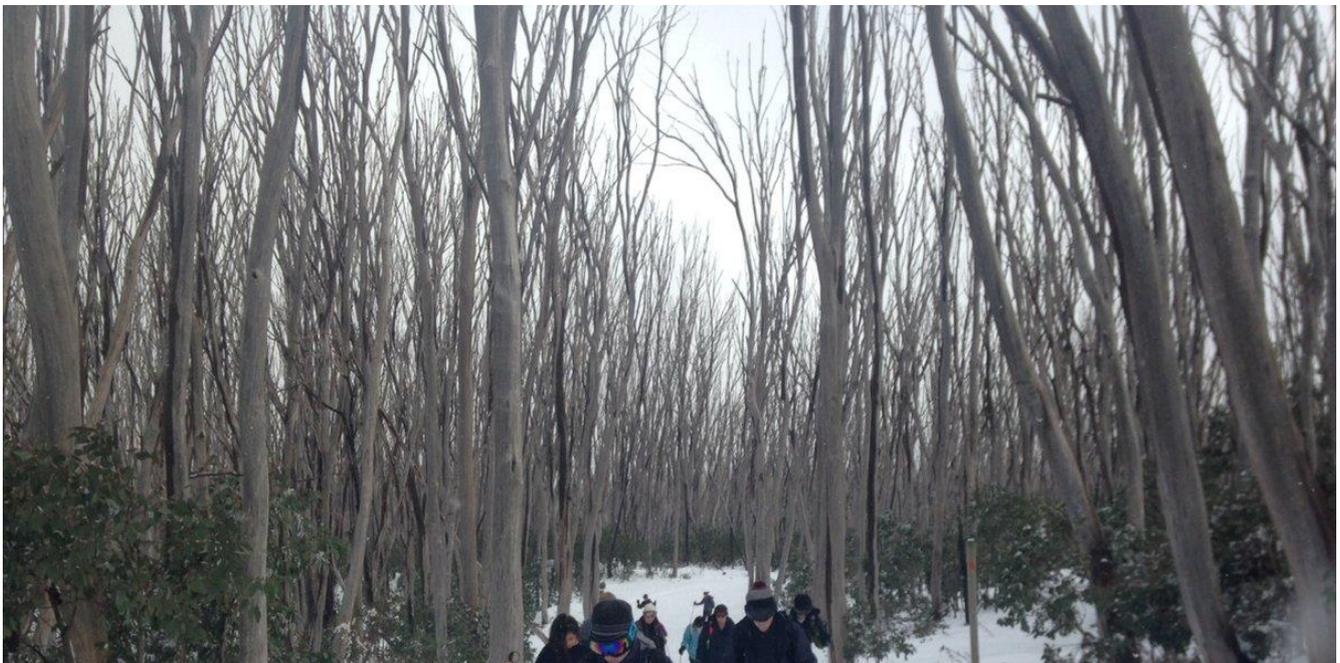
*Justin L, 1D*

It was funny when we made the meerkats jump. It was like they were exercising! I enjoyed listening to the talk on the meerkats.

*Suhara, 1D*

I enjoyed watching the orangutan's tricks because I love looking at monkeys.

*Zachary S, 1D*



## Duke of Edinburgh

### Cross Country Skiing

On 18th August, the Year 9 Duke of Ed class went on an all-day ski excursion to Lake Mountain Alpine Resort. Most of us had never skied

before. In the beginning, we all struggled to get the hang of wearing long planks of wood on our feet, but after an hour or so we were ready to try out some paths. We stopped for a much needed lunch around midday. We had some

snowball fights and built a snowman. It was nice to stop and cool down because surprisingly, skiing in all the equipment can get very hot.



For the rest of the day we skied along some paths and runs, getting better and more stable on our skis throughout it. Luckily for us, this year we could have a night ski. In the dark we skied some of the paths from earlier in the day and finished with a nice big

hill, which for me was one of the highlights of the day.

Overall, it was a memorable day!!

*Ben Humphreys – Year 9*



## Sport

### House Athletics Carnival

On 20th August, Years 5-12 competed in the St Andrews House Athletics Carnival. Everyone had a great time competing in the track and field events, versing each other in their communities.



In the end after a competitive day, Parkes took out the victory, beating Barton in 2nd

and Deakin in 3rd. Some people did particularly well, winning Middle School female champion (Nikey Oni 8K), middle school male champion (Jordan Suter 5H), senior school female champion (Jessica Ireson 11A) and senior school male champion (Brayden Stehr).



Overall it was a great a day which wouldn't have been possible if it weren't for our teachers and parent helpers. Thank you to everyone who organised it and congratulations to Parkes for winning!

## Snow Camp

During August a group of students from Years 8-12 went on a snow camp to Mt Buller for four days. We started out early on Tuesday morning and skiied for the next few days, waking up at 6:30am to catch the first lift of the day and heading back as light was fading on the last lift. Every evening we headed up to the village where we had dinner at an Italian restaurant and

feasted on pizza and hamburgers. A few of us went down our first black run (most difficult) where we successfully finished it after falling down multiple times. We also attempted some jumps, getting air time but then stacking it.



We all improved dramatically, but it was especially funny watching as we learnt, particularly some of the epic tumbles down 'Howqua' and a couple of girls (who we won't name!) falling off the chairlift. Evenings were well spent playing games and sitting around talking. This was one of the best camps I have ever been on and I would highly

recommend it to anyone wanting to go!

*Chloe Chandraraj (8K)*

## Year 5-6 SSV Basketball

Our best boys and best girls basketball teams went out to represent St Andrews at the School Sports Victoria (SSV) district basketball day on 19th August. They played three matches each in their respective pools before the scheduled finals. Our girls team won 2 out of their 3 matches in convincing fashion, before falling short in the semi-final against Knox Gardens PS, who eventually went on to win the day. Our boys scrambled hard all day but were outmatched by much taller opponents. Given the team was predominantly Year 5's, it puts us in good stead for next year. Well done to both teams for playing in great spirit and giving it their best!



# Careers

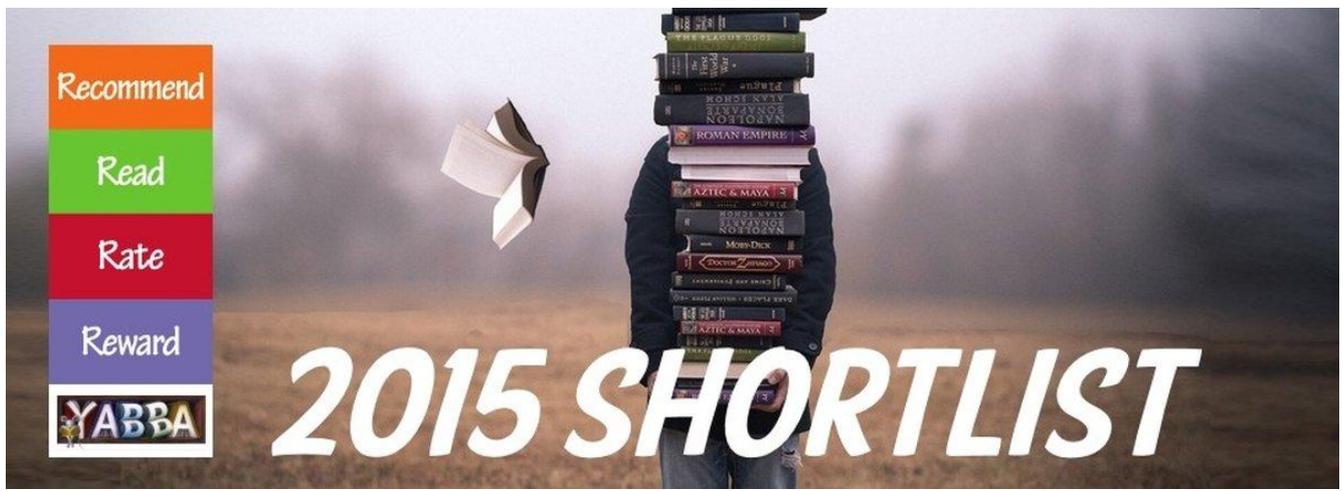
## Careers Newsletter

Attached is the latest Careers Newsletter. Senior students and parents are encouraged to read the information and take note of events coming up.

**In this issue:** Year 12 VTAC applications and scholarships, VCE Revision Lectures, St Andrews Work Experience in 2016 and lots of other useful information for our senior school students.

*Irena Yevlahova*  
*Careers Coordinator*

 Careers Newsl...



## Library News

### Library

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

#### *Junior Library*

Open at lunchtime on  
Mondays.

#### *Middle/ Senior Library:*

Open each day at recess and  
lunch.

#### **After school:**

Mondays, Thursdays and  
Fridays until 4pm.  
Tuesdays and Wednesdays  
until 3.45pm.

**Email:** [library@standrews.vic.edu.au](mailto:library@standrews.vic.edu.au).

### YABBA

The Young Australians Best Book Awards (YABBA) are open. YABBA began in 1985 to help children engage with Australian literature. Each year a shortlist of new Australian titles is compiled from a list of recommendations made by school children. The list is then published and students have the opportunity to vote for the book they feel should win.

The shortlist for 2015 can be found at:

<http://yabba.org.au/2015-shortlist/>

We have some of the titles in our library.

Year 6 students have been introduced to some of the finalists during their Library classes. They will be encouraged to vote and will need to do so by **Friday 19th October, 2015**.

Other students from Prep to Year 9 are also invited to participate. To cast their vote, students can obtain a ballot paper from Middle/ Senior Library staff, fill it out and return it to the Middle/ Senior Library before the closing date. Votes will be collated and sent to YABBA.

Voting guidelines:

<http://yabba.org.au/voting-via-ballot-paper/>

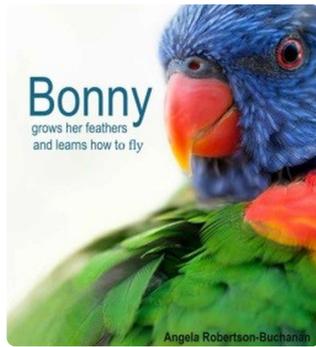
***Want to find out more?***

Watch the video here:

## New titles

***Bonny grows her feathers and learns to fly*** Angela  
Robertson-Buchanan

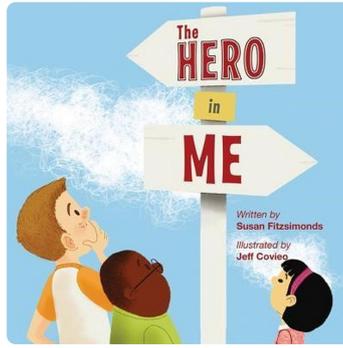
Found at NF 636.6 ROB



<http://lamontbooks.com.au/books/bonny-grows-her-feathers-and-learns-to-fly>

This follows the story of a rainbow lorikeet from a rescued egg to her release into the wild as an adult. Each stage of Bonny's development is recorded in photographs.

***The Hero in me-*** Susan  
Fitzsimmonds



<http://www.bookdepository.com/Hero-Me-Susan-Fitzsimmonds/9781933916941>

A young boy learns to stand up to bullies and become a role model for others by finding inner strength and courage. It has tips for deterring bullies and advice on how to be a good friend.

***Sian – D. Lockett***

(Year 5 and up)



<http://www.angusrobertson.com.au/books/sian-new-australian-rhian-morgan-lockett/p/9781742990392#>

This is the latest title in the series *A New Australian*. It traces the story of Sian, a young girl who started life in a Welsh coal-mining town. She was the thirteenth child in the family and was cared for by her oldest sister. The sister gets married and decides to find a better life in Australia. A secret plan is made to take Sian as well. How will she enjoy her new life?

***Zarkora- The Fyrelit tragedy***  
– Nicholas and Alison  
Lochel

(Year 7 and up)



<http://www.hachettechildrens.com.au/>

This is the first in a series of four books. Three orphaned children live in Delmor, a fantasy world. One day, during a storm-boarding

competition, Skye, the youngest is kidnapped. Her older brothers set off to rescue their sister.

Read an extract at <https://www.hachette.com.au/assets/HachetteAustralia/downloads/Extracts/ZarkoraExtract.pdf>

Read a review at <http://www.buzzwordsmagazine.com/2015/07/zarkora-fyreelit-tragedy.html>



# Community Notices

## Newsletter 8

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.

[tennisknox.com.au](http://tennisknox.com.au)

