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## Exchange Program

### St Andrews Christian College and Hong Kong Methodist College

We are delighted and excited to announce a new program for 2016, St Andrews Christian College and Hong Kong Methodist College **Exchange Program**.

St Andrews will host the first group of students from Methodist College from 5th to 20th February and our students will be going on an exchange program to Hong Kong from 13th to 27th April.

Methodist College and St Andrews Christian College started our friendship in 2015 when a group of 23 students

and two teachers from Methodist College visited St Andrews in February. Our visitors were particularly impressed with how friendly our students were, and how we, as the school, live to our motto "Glory to God". The Methodist College proposed to take the next step to our friendship and start an exchange program between our schools in 2016.

We are looking for four families to host four exchange students from Hong Kong (5-20 February 2016) and four Year 8 - Year 11 students from St Andrews to go to Hong Kong to study and live there for two weeks (13-27 April 2016). It will be beneficial

if our host family students were the ones to go to Hong Kong.

Hosting families will cover the accommodation, food and transport cost while visiting students pay for flight tickets, insurance and other personal expenses. The schools will cover the full cost for one group activity. Methodist College will arrange an excursion to the theme park in Hong Kong (most likely Disneyland Theme Park) and St Andrews will arrange an excursion to a national park.

# Hong Kong Methodist College



<http://www.mckln.edu.hk>

Hong Kong Methodist College has more than half a century of history nurturing generations of promising young minds in the Christian spirit. Being a grant school, Methodist College shares similar status and tradition with some of the most prestigious schools in Hong Kong, one of the distinct features being its strong culture of using English as the medium of instruction. It is one of our highest priorities to further enrich our English learning environment. We are also gradually increasing the use of Putonghua (Mandarin), and providing various opportunities for our students to see the world and to get in touch with different people and culture, so as to adequately equip them for the demands of the future society.

Methodist College is the first of the eight secondary schools of the Chinese Methodist Church. We emphasize growth and a quest for excellence in all six domains: spiritual, moral, academic, physical health, social and aesthetic. We proudly celebrated our 55th anniversary in the year 2013-2014, in which we published the book *Glistening 55*, which featured the impressive achievements of 55 outstanding alumni in different fields, and staged a large-scale performance named *Milestone 55 – Concert and Musical*, which showcased our students' music talents and captivated all audiences.

To live out the College's mission - to develop whole-person education based on Christian principles, and to nurture wholesome life through the preaching of the Gospel, we have put "Developing good quality lessons" and "Building a positive school culture" as our major concerns for 2013-2016. With a whole-school approach, we endeavor to bring balanced development to our students apart from striving for academic excellence.



Methodist College School campus



Founders' Day ceremony in the Church Sanctuary



Students on Sports Day

One of the past exchange students (from Germany) describes her experience at Methodist College: "This school is one of the best schools in Hong Kong. The teachers and staff are really

*friendly and considerate. The students are very amiable too. To be frank, my first day at Methodist College made me nervous, yet with the help of my lovely classmates and the cordial teachers, it has turned out to be a delightful time. I'm really glad to have this golden opportunity to learn and*

*live like a Hong Kong teenager. An opportunity like this must come around only once! In Hong Kong, I can hardly find anything similar to Germany. That's why it has been a huge cultural shock. But I did enjoy my time there very much."*

If you believe this is the Program for you, please contact Mrs Irena Yevlahova or Mrs Catriona Wansbrough to get more information.

***Irena Yevlahova***  
***Exchange Coordinator***



## Notices

### Service at St Andrews

With the DARE TO SERVE EXPO being hosted by St Andrews Christian College in November, take a look at some of the service initiatives at St Andrews.

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

### Passing of a Past Teacher

**Anita Woon**

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Anita Woon on Tuesday morning.

Anita went to be with her Lord and Saviour after a 2 year battle with cancer. She taught at the Burwood Campus for a number of years.

Our prayers are with the family at this difficult time.

*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*

## 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.**

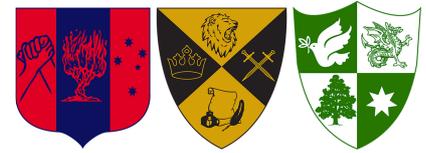
*Melanie Lepileo*  
*Registrar*

## New Zealand Adventure Duke of Edinburgh

The Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition group are currently in New Zealand. Follow their adventures on the blog:  
[www.travelpod.com](http://www.travelpod.com)

*Daniel Idrees*  
*Duke of Edinburgh*  
*Coordinator*

## House Community Points



**Barton 289**  
**Deakin 424**  
**Parkes 371**



# Calendar

## Important Upcoming Dates

**Monday 5th October** – First  
Day of Term 4

**Monday 5th – Friday 9th  
October** – Year 6 Camp –  
Kangarooobie

**Tuesday 6th – Friday 9th  
October** – Year 10 Camp –  
Valley Homestead

**Wednesday 7th – Thursday  
8th October** – Year 3 Camp –  
Adanac

**Monday 12th October** –  
Miscellaneous Group Photos

**Tuesday 13th – Friday 16th**

**October** – Year 5 Camp –  
Sovereign Hill

**Wednesday 14th - Friday**

**16th October** – Year 4 Camp  
– Ace Hi

**Monday 19th October** – Year  
12's Last School Assembly

**Monday 19th – Friday 23rd  
October, 2015** – Duke of Ed  
Expedition - Grampians

**Wednesday 21st October** –  
PFA General Meeting @  
2:00pm

**Thursday 22nd October,  
2015** – Year 12's Last Day at  
School

**Thursday 22nd October,  
2015** – Prayer Meeting @  
7:00pm

**Thursday 22nd October** –  
Board Meeting @ 7:30pm

**Friday 23rd October** – Prayer  
Day at St Andrews

**Saturday 24th October** –  
Working Bee at St Andrews

**Wednesday 28th October** –  
VCE Exams Begin

**Monday 2nd – Tuesday 3rd  
November** – Mid Semester  
Break – No School for  
Students

Tuesday 17th November –  
Dare to Serve Expo



## Parents and Friends Association

### Fathers' Day Stall

Thanks to the many parents who helped with the Fathers' Day Stall. Students were delighted to be able to buy a small gift for their dads.



Thank you to Penelope Connolly and Ivy Fernandez

who helped purchase some items. A special thanks to Ivy, who has helped with purchasing for a number of years and has now passed on her shopping skills to Colin!

*Sonia and Colin Sires*  
*Fathers' Day Stall*  
*Coordinators*

### PFA Meeting

Our next PFA meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 21st October at 2pm in the staffroom. It would be great to see a number of parents at the

meeting, as we start to plan for 2016.

*Shaun Beovich*  
*PFA President*

### School Banking

#### Commonwealth School Banking Update

Following our decision last month to recall the *Cosmic Light Beam Torch* due to a potential safety issue, a decision has been made to also withdraw the upcoming **Lunar Light Band** reward from the School Banking Rewards Program.



To avoid disappointment there is a new reward item available for redemption in Term 4 while stocks last. Students can now test their skills with a game of frisbee with the new **Galaxy Glider**.

Once student have collected 10 tokens, they can simply include a note along with their 10 tokens in their deposit wallet on banking day to advise that they would like to redeem their tokens for the Galaxy Glider reward item.

Don't forget the Outer Space Savers Money Box is also available in Term 4.

***Karen Cheung***  
***School Banking Coordinator***  
***on behalf of Commonwealth***  
***Bank***

## 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 Secretary - Lesley Goh**

*We have been part of St Andrews Christian College since 2010 when God blessed*

*my son Noah with a place to start Prep.*

*I served as a class rep and year level rep at the beginning. I found that I really enjoyed my role in connecting with parents and fostering community spirit and helping out whenever I can.*

*I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve in the PFA the last 3 years as Vice President and Secretary. I love our community at St Andrews Christian College.*

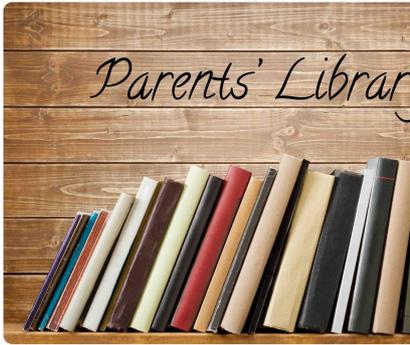
*I am a Health Educator and Lifestyle Coach. I work with families to improve the health of our children and the future generation, so they can reach their true potential in life.*

*I also really enjoy helping people to be able to work part time to earn a full time income as a lifestyle coach.*

*I thank you for your support and confidence in me. I look forward in connecting with each and everyone!*

Lesley Goh

## Don't Forget



## Senior School

### Year 11 Biology Excursion to Melbourne Zoo

The Zoo is a fabulous place to visit no matter what your age. The Year 11 Biology class this year, had a great time learning and exploring. There are lots of new exhibits at the zoo at the moment and most of the enclosures are beautifully set out to show you the way these animals

may live in their natural habitats.



The purpose of this excursion was to look at ways different

animals are suited for survival in their natural habitats. We considered ways that they are suited to maintaining body temperature both in hot, dry environments and in the coldest environments. Alongside, the maintenance of body temperature, we also looked at mechanisms for conserving water when supplies of water in natural habitats might be limited. In addition to these things, we

considered the reproductive strategies of different species that enables the survival of their species in the wild. We had a fabulous day, the weather was absolutely perfect and the animals we needed to observe did everything we needed them to do right on cue. How simply wonderful it is, to study God's marvellous Creation through Biology!

*Natalie Farmer*  
*VCE Coordinator*

## Year 9 Phillip Island Excursion

Year 9 students did a case study of ecotourism at Phillip Island.



They learned how tourism is managed in the Phillip Island Nature Parks, heard about the latest research on

shearwater migration, and assisted with the nesting box program. The highlight, of course, was being able to watch the penguins arrive at sunset.

*Daniel Broadbridge*  
*Senior and Middle School Teacher*

## Student Devotional

~Acts 17:22-23 MSG~

"So Paul took his stand in the open space at the Areopagus and laid it out for them. "It is plain to see that you Athenians take your religion seriously. When I arrived here the other day, I was fascinated with all the shrines I came across. And then I found one inscribed, TO THE GOD NOBODY KNOWS. I'm here to introduce you to this God so you can worship intelligently, and know who you're dealing with."

In this passage Paul is in Athens, a city known for its idols. He disagrees with their ways of living and their making of idols to worship. But instead of condemning them and telling them that

they are wrong, He introduces them to who God is. He understands that forcing his beliefs on them will not help them. They cannot be taught how to live life for God when they don't know who He is.

Let's imagine if Paul had a different response...

Paul arrogantly took his stand in the open space at the Areopagus and laid it out for them. "It is plain to see that you Athenians are a disgrace to mankind. When I arrived here the other day, I was disgusted with all the shrines and idols I came across. And then I found one inscribed, TO THE GOD NOBODY KNOWS. How ignorant can you be?! I'm here to tell you that this God has commanded His people to worship him only and not make false idols in his place. Repent you Heathens! Know who you're dealing with!

If you were in the crowd that day would you be interested in hearing what else Paul had to say?

As humans we all have different views and beliefs on

things. And that can be a good thing. But we also have a habit of thinking that our opinions must be correct and defy anyone who says otherwise. But by pushing our views on people, what are we accomplishing? Instead of people rallying behind us, taking up our views with excitement and willingness...we have the opposite effect. People hate being told that they are wrong, they hate being condemned. So when we try to force our views on people

we end up causing them to turn away.

You see this so often in the world today with issues like racism, gay rights and religion- people getting into arguments trying to change someone's point of view. I'm definitely not saying that we should all just sit back and hide our beliefs because we don't want to offend anyone. There is a difference between sharing our faith and condemning people by telling them their views are all wrong.

Going back to the story of Paul...what can we learn? Our role is to build bridges by finding common ground. If we want people to be open to the gospel, meet them where they're at, rather than telling them where they're wrong. People need an introduction, not information. I believe that instead of condemning people, maybe it's time to introduce them to Jesus...He can take it from there.

*Kaytlin Terrington Yr10*



## Middle School

### CSSN Debating Competition

On Thursday, September 3, six students from Year 7 and Year 8 participated in the CSSN Debating Competition - Junior Division. They debated the topics, "That there is too much violence in entertainment", and "That money corrupts sport". They won one and lost one of two

very close debates. This was an excellent result considering most of the opposing students were in Year 9.

Congratulations to Abhay Malik, Stephen Finiotis, Katelyn Farmer, Homilia Julius, Ben Audet and Isaac Cheng.



*Daniel Broadbridge  
Middle and Senior School  
Teacher*



## Junior School

### Well done Chris!

Well done to Chris Qiu from Year 2 who is a medal winner in the ICAS Science competition, having achieved the highest score in Year 2 in Australia.



Students with the top score in each subject in each year level across Australia are awarded a

medal and a medal winner's certificate.

This year over 980,000 entries were received but only 514 students from Australia were awarded medals for their outstanding achievement. Congratulations Chris!

*Yvonne Hughes*  
*Head of Junior School*

### Year 2 Scienceworks and Planetarium

On Wednesday, 2nd September, the Year 2s had a most enjoyable excursion to Scienceworks and the Planetarium.

We had an awesome time in Sportsworks shooting hoops, rock-climbing and learning about how the body works when we do various sports.



Then it was time to visit the Planetarium. It was so exciting going with Tycho in his kennel spaceship to the Moon and then learning about some really cool constellations.

around with some whacky, but wonderful, gadgets.

We all had a great day!

*Judith Hendricks*

*Year 2 Teacher*

Nitty Gritty Super City had so much to do! Some of us constructed a wall from foam bricks, while others lifted heavy blocks of cement using their muscles... and pulleys! Some tried weather forecasting at the weather station and a few brave Year 2s used their very strong legs to make music on an interesting old piano.



Finally, we had great fun in the new Alice's Wonderland exhibit where we got to play

## Prep Fathers' Day Breakfast





## Music

### Ensemble Extravaganza

The final ensembles concert of 2015 was held this week. All of the ensembles worked very hard throughout this term to learn new songs to perform for the concert. The standard of music produced by the students in just 8 short weeks of rehearsals was amazing.

It is such an honour and privilege to be able to guide students as they discover their God given gifts. While some of the ensembles overtly played worship music, all of the performers from the string

players to the drummers are developing their talents and gifts as an act of worship to their creator.

A huge thank you to the instrumental staff involved in the performance, Rachel Smith, Bradley Todd, Andrew Horneman and Wen Hui Wong. Also a big thank you to you the parents for your ongoing support of the Music Program. I look forward to seeing you all at the next Ensembles Extravaganza in 2016!

*Luke Batty*  
*Music Director*

### New Guitar Teacher at St Andrews Christian College.

My name is Mr Kerry Mitchell. I have recently taken on the role of Guitar Teacher at St Andrews Christian College. I wanted to introduce myself to the school community so you know a little more about me and the direction I plan to take the guitar lessons.

I studied at the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) and through this experience have had opportunity to play with James Morrison, Kate

Cebrano, Graeme Lyall, and Katie Noonan among others.



I have since led Jazz combos (trios and quartets) as well as a 10 piece soul / funk band

(playing the music of Aretha Franklin and James Brown among others). I play with the Salvo Big Band and have written some arrangements for it including original and covered material. My arrangement of "How great is our God" was recorded on our debut CD.

I work with students with a range of abilities and provide challenges to stretch students. Some particular areas I am keen to share with students

include Guitar Solos, Improvisation, Ensemble playing (like playing in a string quartet, and also playing in Worship teams).

If you play guitar I'm interested to meet you and hear what you can play. I teach on Thursdays in Room 15.

***Kerry Mitchell***  
***Guitar Teacher***



## Sport

### Secondary Interschool Athletics

An outstanding effort was put in by the year 7-10 students that represented us at the CSSN Interschool Athletics on the 7th September. We

had over 20 students who won their individual events and we were pleasantly surprised to see St Andrews dominating the sprint events on the track. There were too many winners to mention them all, but a

special congratulations needs to go to those who won multiple events: Mark Merrigan, Felicia Arefta, Nikey Oni, Daniel Lamperd, Jack Cassidy, Nick Arefta and Adam Albertus.



# Chess

## Checkmate!

Our two Primary Chess Teams – the Girls’ Team and the combined Boys’ and Girls’ Team have been continuing to perform well in their interschool competitions winning many of the events they have participated in. Their efforts have been rewarded with selection for the State Finals of these competitions.



The Girls’ team will play in the State Final on October 13 and the combined Boys’ and

Girls’ team will play in the State Semi-Final on October 23. We are hopeful that the combined team will then qualify for the State Final.

Congratulations goes to the members of these two teams on a fantastic year of competition!

***Tim Farmilo***  
***Deputy Principal***



# Sustainability

## Year 1 Sustainability

This year, the Year 1's are learning about air pollution and how it affects our ecosystem. They are also learning about biodiversity and how to keep our environment clean.



For sustainability, the Year 1's have been given posters to colour that encourage the school to keep our area eco-

friendly. They have put their posters up around the school.

*Amy, Freesia, Becky, and Karin 7C*

## Year 2 Sustainability

This year, the Year 2's have been helping our school grow more sustainable by collecting compost. The Year 2's collect the compost, put it in the compost bins (located near the drop off) and rinse the buckets. They then return the buckets to the respective classrooms.



They also learn about sustainability in their sustainability classes with Mrs. Elliot. In these classes, the students are learning about renewable and non-renewable energy, such as hydropower.

*Carla Dreyer, Amber Swank, Angela Chen and Talitha Suter 7C*

## Year 3 Sustainability

The Year 3 students of St Andrews have been looking after our environment with sustainable activities. First of all, they compost their fruit and vegetable scraps for the worms to break down. Doing this helps reduce landfill by turning rubbish into fertile earth.



They also recycle paper; they use both sides before placing it in the recycle bin. Wasting paper makes loggers have to

cut down precious forests where many animals live. Mentioning nature, Year 3 also manages two garden beds containing a large profusion of plants and vegetables scattered across the rich earthen soil. These small acts of sustainability are helping to save our environment and forests.

*Robert Vardapetyan and Liangdi Wang 7C*

## Year 4 Sustainability

In 2015, Year 4 have been given the task of keeping the grass clean, watering plants and taking care of the environment in the area around their classrooms. To keep the grass clean, the students pick up rubbish on a daily basis. They have a set

time each day to do this.

There has been a big improvement and the school is definitely cleaner.



The Year 4's have monitors who have the task of looking after the veggie patches. They do this by watering the plants and vegetables and pulling out weeds. The year fours are growing dwarf beans, broad beans, mung beans and other plants and enjoy working in the garden.

*Timothy Snooks and Mark Merrigan 7C*



# Careers

## Careers Newsletter

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

**In this issue:** Universities and TAFEs: changes, new courses and pathways; VCE Revision Programs: Melbourne Uni 26 Sept-1 Oct run by Student

Welfare Outreach Team (under \$10.00 per subject) and La Trobe Uni - by Access Education (\$46.00); activities for students during upcoming School Holidays: RMIT 'Science in the Lab Tours', Nuclear Medicine Workplace visits – St Vincent's and Austin Hospitals and lots of other future career or study related information.

***Irena Yevlahova***  
***Careers Coordinator***

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# 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.vi  
c.edu.au.

## Competition

**The Young Writers Award** is a  
competition for students  
between the ages of 9 and 13  
years. There are two  
categories of award

- Children's picture book  
award. ( up to 250  
words)
- Children's short story  
award. (between 850  
and 1000 words)

**Closing date: 11th December**

**Fee: Free**

For further details including  
prizes, eligibility and entry  
form go to

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

The Year 6 students are  
creating picture books as part  
of their assessment for their  
library classes and are  
welcome to enter their stories  
into this competition.

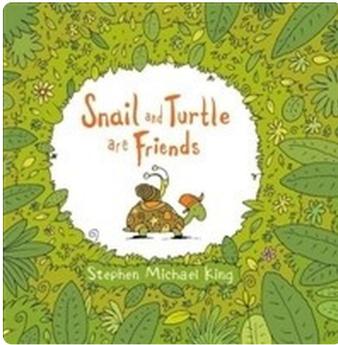
## Thank you

We would like to say "thank  
you very much "to Mrs  
Dobrzynski for looking after  
Mrs Edwards' library classes  
this term.

We would also like to thank all those parents who have given up time to shelve and to cover books for us this term.

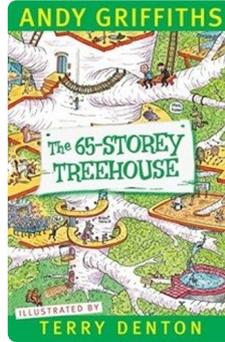
## New Titles

*Snail and Turtle are friends* Stephen Michael King (Picture story)



This is a simple story of being different, yet valuing friendship. The illustrations are clear and invite closer inspection. This was one of the shortlisted books for the 2015 Children's Book Award .

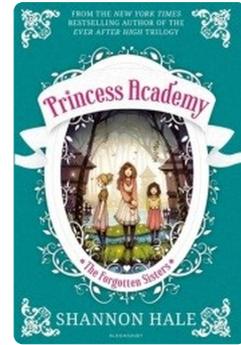
*The 65 –Storey tree house*  
Terry Denton (year 5 up)



New rooms have been added to the tree house in the latest title in the series. The rooms include a pet salon, a lollipop shop, Tree-NN (a 24 hour TV news centre) and a time machine. Each page in this book has a news feed with updates. Fans of the previous books are sure to enjoy this one.

*The Forgotten sisters* Shannon Hale (Princess Academy #3)

(Year7 up)

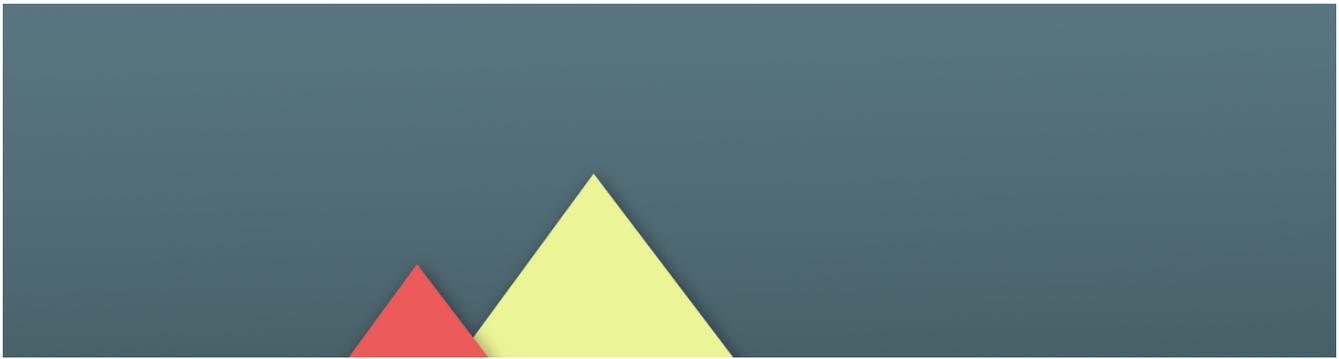


Miri is about to return to her village, when she is given a new assignment from the king. She is to tutor three relatives for the king and prepare one of them for an arranged marriage. Who are these girls? Will Miri succeed in her task?

Watch a review at:

*Lynne Marks*

*Library Coordinator*



# Community Notices

## Newsletter 9

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.

## Autism Workshop

Free 3 day Workshop for Parents of children with Autism:

## Positive Behaviour Support Workshop

Date: 24-26th of November

Place: Coldstream Community Centre – 12 Kelso Street, Coldstream

Cost: Free (tea, coffee and morning tea provided. Bring your own lunch)

Registration: [www.autismspectrum.org.au](http://www.autismspectrum.org.au) Register through 'Events and Workshops'

## Basketball Camp



## Keeping Safe in Cyberspace

