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Dear Parents and Friends of St Andrews Christian College,

Our school and other Christian schools in Victoria face a very serious threat to our freedom to operate as a Christian school.

The Andrews Government has introduced a Bill into Parliament to amend the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. The proposed amendments are directly targeted at Christian and other faith-based schools. They would have the impact of removing our right to employ Christian staff without the threat of Government intervention in the process.

The changes, outlined in more detail in the attached Fact Sheet, go well beyond what is fair and reasonable and ignore the recommendations of the extensive Parliamentary review of the legislation undertaken by the Labor Government when last in office. Promoted as being about balance they will make religious belief, and the right to live out those beliefs, very much subservient to the rights of others who do not share those beliefs. Over time the effect of the Government's legislation could be the increasing secularisation of Christian and other faith-based schools.

We understand that the Government's Bill will be voted on in the Lower House within the next fortnight. As a parent of a student attending a Christian school your voice needs to be heard by

the Government in relation to this issue and your choice to send your children to a Christian school.

I encourage you to write to local MPs before the end of this term to object to this attack on our freedom to operate as a Christian school.

Here are some useful documents:

An information FACT SHEET.

 Parent_Fact_Sheet.pdf

Sample letters to the Government and Opposition MPs.

 Draft_Letter_Parents_ALP_MPs...

 Draft_Letter_Parents_OPP_MPs...

While you are free to use the sample letters if you can address the issues in your own words that will have much more impact.

This spreadsheet is a listing of electorate contacts.

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Key Messages

- The Bill is a clear attack on faith based schools and other religious bodies.
- Current exemptions provide a necessary protection of religious freedom and a fair balance between 'competing' rights.
- The changes proposed by the ALP are inconsistent with the recommendations of

its own extensive Review undertaken when last in Government.

- Current legislation is consistent with legislation of the Commonwealth and other States/Territories and amendments would create conflicts and confusion.

If you receive a reply to your letter it would be very helpful if you could forward that to me via

Mrs Tamie Dekker, my PA

at tdekker@standrews.vic.edu.au

For Your Information:

St Andrews Christian College is located within the FERNTREE GULLY electorate. Our local MP is Nick Wakeling (Liberal), but it would also be good if you also sent a letter to the Education Minister for Education, Mr James Merlino MP (ALP – Member for Monbulk) – send him the attached Draft Letter Parents ALP MPs.

Mr Nick Wakeling MP (Liberal) - our elected MP for Ferntree Gully and Shadow Education Minister

Email: nick.wakeling@parliament.vic.gov.au

Postal Address:

PO Box 551, Ferntree Gully, VIC 3156

Mr James Merlino – Education Minister (ALP)

Email: james.merlino@parliament.vic.gov.au

Postal address:

1635 Burwood Hwy, Belgrave, VIC 3160

If you don't know your electorate you can check by entering your address online here -

<http://www.ebc.vic.gov.au/Map/default.html>.

Contact details for all MPs in every electorate are

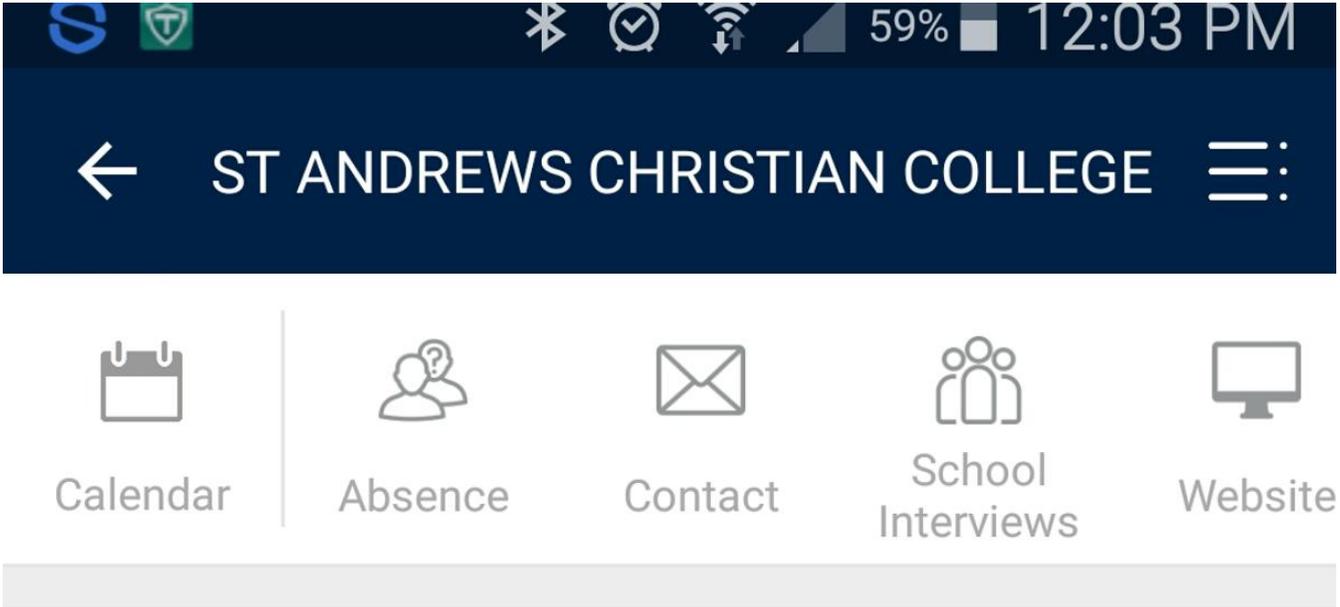
attached in the above spreadsheet to assist you
in contacting the appropriate MP.

Yours in Christ,

Catriona Wansbrough

Principal

Thank you everyone for your prayers and actions.



Primary Athletics Cancelled

Tue, 2:54pm • Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6

Please note:

Primary Athletics has been cancelled

Notices

The new school app

#changetheworld

Earlier this term, the Student Leadership Team launched project #changetheworld. The project aims to raise awareness about mission among students, encouraging them to get involved in

spreading God's love both globally and within the community. #changetheworld gives students the opportunity to give generously to the charity assigned to their year level while learning to be positive Christian influences in

the world. The project will run until the end of the term.

30 "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." 31 The second is this: "Love your neighbour as

yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12: 30-31

Nathanael Lim
College Captain

Summer Uniform for Term 4

From Term 4, students should all be in summer uniform. If the weather continues to be cold for the first two weeks of Term 4, either summer or winter uniform may be worn. However, please remember that it needs to be one or the other, not a combination of both. Also, please ensure your children have a hat to wear as this is a requirement in Term 4.

Tim Farmilo
Deputy Principal

New School App

The school has a new communication app.



The tiqbiz app works on a range of smartphones, tablets, laptops and desktops. It isn't limited to just the iPhone or iPad making it a great tool for everyone.

If you haven't already downloaded the app, we would encourage you to please do so in order that you can receive up-to-date information from the school.

Download the app from tiqbiz.com.au or from the App store or Google Playstore.

Tim Farmilo
Deputy Principal

Sustainability Spot

Our School has been awarded our second star in the Resource Smart Schools Program, as we have completed the Biodiversity Module. This has involved improving the grounds of our school with the planting of hundreds of plants, the creation of vegetable gardens, further developing our composting system, creating an action plan to improve the biodiversity in the school and educating students, staff and parents of the importance of Biodiversity in our school environment and beyond.

We will continue to strive for a more sustainable environment in our school and beyond by

addressing Waste as our next focus for the Sustainable Schools Program.

Sally Darlison
Sustainability 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.

House Community Points

Barton 460

Deakin 442

Parkes 346



Suzy Song

Prayer Group Coordinator



Calendar

Important Coming Events for Term 4 2016:

October

Week 1B

- Monday 3rd - Whole School Assembly 8:55am*
- Monday 3rd - 7th - Yr6 Camp Kangarooobie
- Tuesday 4th - Yr7-10 Boys Sports Training 7:55am
- Tuesday 4th - Yr7 Science Excursion - Healesville Sanctuary
- Wednesday 5th - Parent Prayer Meeting 8:45am*
- Wednesday 5th-6th - Yr3 Camp Adanac

- Thursday 6th - Yr7-10 Girls Sports Training
7:55am

Week 2A

- Monday 10th – Whole School Assembly
8:55am*
- Tuesday 11th -14th- Yr5 Camp
Sovereign Hill
- Wednesday 12th - Parent Prayer Meeting
8:45am*
- Wednesday 12th-15th - Yr4 Camp Ace Hi
- Wednesday 12th - Yr11 Biology Excursion -
Melbourne Zoo
- Wednesday 12th - 2017 Yr10 Information
Night 7pm*
- Thursday 13th - Yr7-10 Girls Sports Training
7:55am
- Thursday 13th - Yr3 Excursion

Week 3B

- Monday 17th – Whole School Assembly
8:55am*
- Monday 17th – Yr5/6 Summer Sport Round
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- Monday 17th - Yr12 Special Assembly
- Tuesday 18th - Yr7-10 Boys Sports Training
7:55am
- Tuesday 18th - Yr11 Chemistry - Victorian
Space and Science Education Centre
- Wednesday 19th - Parent Prayer Meeting
8:45am*
- Wednesday 19th - Prep Rickett's Point
Beach Excursion
- Thursday 20th - Yr7-10 Girls Sports Training
7:55am
- Thursday 20th - Yr12s Last Day

** Parents welcome*

Term Dates

TERM DATES FOR 2016

Term 3: Monday 18th July – Friday 16th Sept

Term 4: Mon 3rd Oct – Tues 6th Dec

TERM DATES FOR 2017

Term 1: Wed 1st Feb– Fri 31st March

Term 2: Wed 19th April – Fri 30th June

Term 3: Monday 24th July – Friday 22nd Sept

Term 4: Mon 9th Oct – Fri 8th Dec



Events

Events held at The Innovation Centre

Women In Leadership

On Thursday 8th September the school hosted a leadership event for women in leadership in Christian schools. The event was aimed at encouraging women in their leadership journey and developing leadership skills.



We were blessed to hear from Dr Jennie Bickmore-Brand and Mrs Jenni Farmilo who passed on their considerable expertise and honestly shared their leadership journeys with the delegates. It was a great day of connecting and encouraging each other in our work as leaders in Christian schools. The event will be run for students early next year and for school leaders again later in 2017.

Yvonne Hughes
Head of Junior School

Prayer Day for Schools

This was the second time St Andrews Christian College had the opportunity to host the Prayer Groups for Victoria Prayer Day.

It was a wonderful day in which parent prayer groups from various Christian and non-Christian schools and Churches throughout Victoria gathered together to spend time in fellowship, prayer and listen to the guest speaker Debbie Prescott. Deputy Principal, Tim Farmilo welcomed everyone to St

Andrews and opened the day with prayer and our Senior School Vocal Group blessed those present with beautiful singing.



Thank you to Prayer Groups for Schools for organising the event along with Shaun Beovich and Suzy Song Prayer Group Coordinators.

Suzy Song
School Registrar



Beauty and the Beast

St Andrews Beauty
and the Beast



The official photos from our recent production of Beauty and the Beast are now available for parents and students to download. There are over 500 photos and so they are presented in the following links as zip files.



To download just click on each link, then click the orange/red download button and once downloaded extract the photos.

The links are:

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<https://www.hightail.com/download/cUJYTGs2V3J0TWsxWjhUQw>

<https://www.hightail.com/download/cUJYTGs2V3J0TW05TE5Vag>

<https://www.hightail.com/download/cUJYTGs2V3J0TWwzZU5Vag>

<https://www.hightail.com/download/cUJYTGs2V3J0TW1KUmNUQw>

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Karen Elbourne
Drama Teacher



Junior School

Book Week

A Generous Spirit – Nathan Miao

So often in our lives we value so many things that do not make a difference to the people around us. This week we were blessed as a school by the generous spirit of a Year 2 student. Nathan Miao recently had his birthday and instead of wanting gifts for himself he asked his guests to donate money so he could bless the Junior School library. He then presented me with \$430 dollars

to give as a donation to the Junior School library.



The library staff have been so blessed by this act of generosity and selflessness.

What a reminder about what is important to value and cultivate in our lives. A generous spirit is a reflection of the Father's love for us and this week we were reminded of this by a year two student. Well done, Nathan!

Yvonne Hughes
Head of Junior School

Year 1 Wild in Action Incursion

The Year 1s had a wonderful time getting up close and personal with the 'Wild in Action' animals.

This incursion was to help the students in their Sustainability topic of Diversity.

Chantel Rodger
Junior School Teacher

Year 2s to the Moon

On Friday, the Year 2 students had a very exciting excursion to Scienceworks and the Planetarium. We had been looking forward to it all term, and we weren't disappointed!



Some of us had fun running, climbing and balancing in Sportworks. There were lots of cool things to play with and discover in Nitty Gritty Super City, and many of us cooked up a storm in the Café. At Think

Ahead, some of us designed our own cars of the future, which were displayed for everyone to see. That was pretty cool!



Finally, we got to watch a show in the Planetarium. Relaxing in the reclining chairs was almost as awesome as Tycho's adventures in space. Despite the wet weather, we had a great time!

Books! A wonderful Celebration!

Books present us with knowledge which make us more intelligent. They take us on a wonderful journey of

laughter and sometimes terror! Book week was very lively as we celebrated authors, different book characters and imaginative stories.



Some costumes were funny, other costumes were obvious about what they were. We enjoyed parading around the whole junior school.



My favourite teachers were Mrs Mehanni and Mrs Ng who dressed up as Thing 1 and Thing 2. It really was a week to remember!

Karis
Year 3 Student



Middle School

Maths Game Day Winners

Year 6 Maths Games Day

Congratulations to Samuel Tie, Sam Chandraraj, Joshua Cheng and Kayle Dharmadasa on coming first in the interschool Maths Games Day!



They competed against 48 other teams of Year 6 students from schools around the area in problem solving, strategy games and maths sports.

Kerryn Terrington
Learning Assistant

Our Becky Does It Again!

Rebecka Schenker and her team of roller skaters represented Australia at the OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS in Whanganui, New Zealand from 3 – 6 September.



Her Mini Precision team skated a flawless and entertaining routine to "Strictly Ballroom" and were awarded the GOLD PRECISION TROPHY for 2016! Overall, Australia won the most trophies at the competition.



Becky immensely enjoyed the experience to fly with the Australian Team of about 50 skaters from all around Australia to New Zealand, to participate in this prestigious competition.

Well done, Becky!

Rajes Krishnan
Year 8 Teacher

Fench Master Class

On Wednesday, 14 September, a privileged group of high-achieving students from Year 7 and 8 took part in a French

Master Class. We had a visiting French teacher, Lucie Gérard, who entertained the students with French games and activities.



Students were encouraged to use their French vocabulary and grammar to speak French to Lucie and each other. There were ample snacks to keep up the energy levels, and by the end of the day most students had forgotten that they were ever hesitant to speak French.

Christa Cloete
French Teacher



Senior School

Year 10 at Deakin University

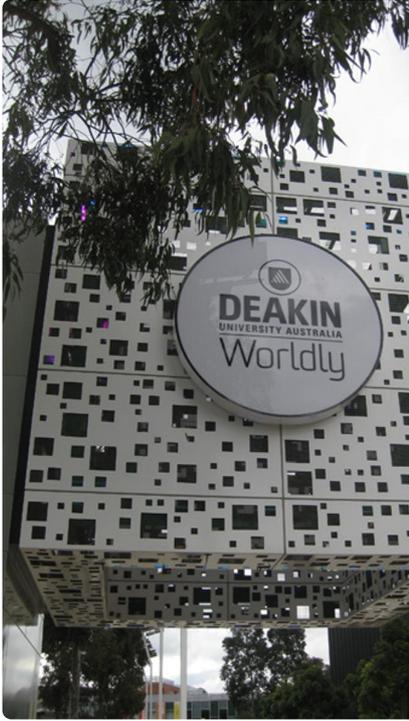
Year 10 Deakin University Excursion

The excursion to Deakin University, Burwood campus, was a great insight for year 10s into life at university and the plethora of opportunities of courses available. It was great to see the students captivated by the facilities and a real eye opener for students unsure of what career path to take.



We got to tour Deakin's extensive grounds with 2 friendly and approachable current students who were willing to share their experience and happy to answer any questions.

The Year 10 students enjoyed listening to informative talks by each of the 4 faculty managers on course options available, with easy to understand PowerPoint presentations and videos. It gave students a clear picture of how university prepares and nurtures them for future careers out in the world at large, with the reassurance that there are plenty of opportunities and different pathways to get into the university.



It equipped and excited the Year 10 students at with the knowledge on how much is available to them and I believe, also helped them with making their Year 11 subject choices with more confidence and to do subjects they are personally interested in.

As a parent, to see the students in the group intrigued and excited about going to university in future was fantastic. Even the ones unsure of what career path to take, were also saying how they want to go to university. It was an invaluable excursion that I'm sure the students will remember as they work through VCE as it has given

them a glimpse into what they are aiming for.

We are blessed to have Mrs Yevlahova as St Andrews career teacher. The Deakin tour guides even said they had never had such a passionate teacher in a tour group before.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of the day and all the best for all St Andrew students heading into VCE next year.

Kylie Alexander
Year 10 parent

Celebrating Asia - Bula...Konnichiwa... Namaste...

The Year 9/10 Asia Elective students have enjoyed a "Taste of Asia" through a number of incursions featuring, Singapore, Malaysia, Bhutan, Nepal, Pakistan, Japan, Indonesia and Fiji, presented by St Andrews Staff and Board Members .

NEPAL



The game of carrom is hugely popular in Nepal, and involves flicking counters into corner pockets.



Ben is wearing a Nepali topi: a bit fancier than normal, but with a classically Nepali pattern.



Students armed with the most famous Nepali arms: the khukuri or kukri.

FIJI



Students engaging in a Fijian traditional dance led by Cara.



Lovely little Sereana dressed in traditional Fijian clothes.



A smorgasbord of Fijian culinary delights generously

prepared by Shaun and Cara, which the class thoroughly enjoyed.

Rajes Krishnan
Asia Elective Teacher

Careers News

This issue has important information on Year 12 VTAC applications and various programs and choices of study from Universities and other work related news.



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

VCE Health and Human Development

VCE Health and Human Development students hosted a prep class recently, as part of their study of childhood development.



The Preps built towers made of raw spaghetti, marshmallows and string, and used squiggles as the basis for some very creative drawings. The “big people” really enjoyed working with the preps and learned a lot about their physical, social, intellectual and emotional development.

Jo deMeester
VCE Health and Human Development teacher



Parents and Friends

Athletics Day Parent Helpers

Keeping My Child Safe

Over 20 parents gathered this week to hear Fiona Bligh give an excellent and informative presentation on Child Safety.



Fiona explained the new legislation and how St Andrews is compliant with the new standards. She also

discussed keeping my child safe. What kinds of protective measures we take to keep our children safe from abuse and shared some simple age-appropriate steps parents can implement.

Fiona is a St Andrews Christian College parent who works in this area. She is the Safe Church Facilitator for the Safe Church Unit of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria.

www.safechurchpcv.org.au

Thank you to Fiona and all the parents who have attended the 2 sessions we have held.

Shaun Beovich
PFA President

Thanks Ann!

We thank Ann Hawthorne for her years of service with the PFA. Ann works in the school office and as such is not a parent of a student here but when we were in desperate need for a PFA Treasurer 2 years ago she volunteered her services.



Today is her last day of work in the school office and so we thank Ann for her gracious act in helping us and pray that the Lord will bless her. Thanks Ann!

Shaun Beovich
PFA President

Next PFA Meeting

The next PFA meeting will be a combined PFA General Meeting and AGM in Term 4 at 7:30pm on Thursday 10th November.

Lesley Goh
PFA Secretary

Term 4 PFA Events

- Tea Towel Fundraiser
- Food Day - tbc
- **Thurs 27th Oct** - Staff Appreciation Day
- **Fri 28th Oct 3:15pm to 4:15pm** – Orientation Day Yr1-8 BBQ
- **Thu 10th Nov 7:30pm** - PFA AGM and General Meeting
- **Sat 19th Nov** - Bunnings BBQ Vermont Sth – all day
- **Fri 25th Nov 7pm** - Junior School Christmas Concert – free BBQ and parent group to sing

Fathers' Day Stall

Thanks to the many parent helpers who made the Fathers' Day Stall run so smoothly. Thanks again to **Colin and Sonia Sires** for coordinating this.

Shaun Beovich
PFA President

Parent Participation Hours



This PDF contains a list of various activities you can do to gain parent hours.

More!

Don't forget Icy Pole Fridays and our Parent Library in the school office.



PFA Committee 2016

President: Shaun Beovich
Vice-President: Sally Wade
Secretary: Lesley Goh
Treasurer: Ann Hawthorne
email:
pfa@standrews.vic.edu.au





Sport

Interhouse Athletics

CSEN Nationals Trials

The first round of trials for the NCSS competition in Sydney in May 2017 was held this week.

We are hoping the following students will progress to the next round.

- Lucy Potter
- Sarah Alexander
- Olivia Rowland
- Audrey Ang
- Chloe Chandraraj
- Talar Hagobian
- Joel Julien

Leon Ambrosino

Inter House Athletics

Well done to Barton on winning the Inter House Athletics.





Inter School Athletics

Due to inclement weather this week both the Primary and Secondary Interschool Athletics were cancelled.



Duke of Edinburgh

Skiing in NZ

Cross Country Ski Day

On Tuesday the 23rd of August, the Duke of Edinburgh class went to Lake Mountain to go cross country skiing. Our day started when we arrived at Lake Mountain. There wasn't much snow in the carpark so after we got our gear we had to walk to the upper trails where there was skiable snow. After a quick lesson on the basics we began skiing on a small slope

to practice our stopping and turning before we went on an actual trail.



Many people found it challenging at first but it was amazing to watch everybody

improve over the course of the day. By the end of the day we had skied 10km which was a huge achievement to everybody. Some of my highlights were building the snowman and the many snowball fights we had. Although we had a few setbacks (including injuries) we all still had heaps of fun.

Kassandra Lam

Year 9 Student

Silver Expedition – New Zealand Trip

The Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition team are currently in New Zealand.



A blog has been set up for you to keep updated with the goings on of the team and view some photos.

[Click here for the blog.](#)



Library

Book Week

Library News

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

OPENING HOURS

Junior Library

Lunchtime Monday

Middle/ Senior Library:

Monday to Friday: Recess and
Lunch

After school:

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays
and Fridays until 4pm.

Wednesdays until 3.45pm.

Email:

library@standrews.vic.edu.au

Thank you

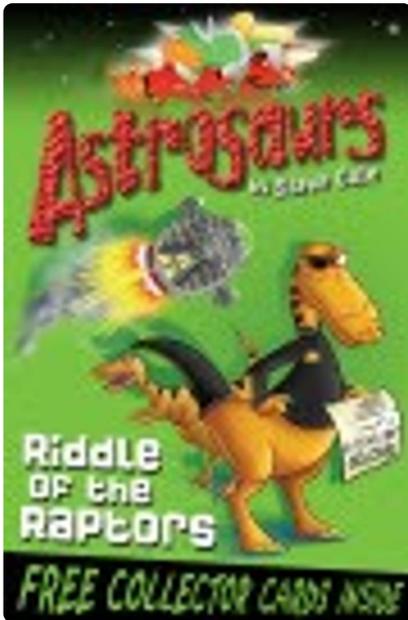
Library staff would like to extend a very big “thank you” to all of the volunteers who helped cover or shelf books for us this term. The roster for Term 4 shelving will be issued soon.

Help Needed

The Library would like to hear from anyone who is able to help with shelving Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays (morning or afternoon) in Term 4. Please contact Mrs. Heath (library@standrews.vic.edu.au). Young children are welcome. A Working with Children Check is essential.

Some reviews by Year 3

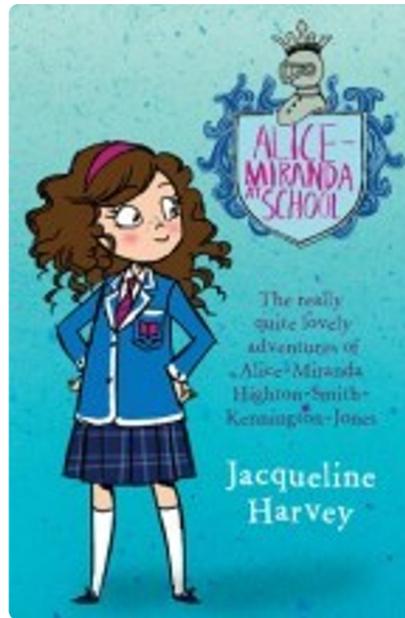
Year 3 have been reviewing some of the series available in the Junior Library.



Astrosaurs by Steve Cole.

Once I started this series I couldn't put it down. It was full of action packed stories that I've been reading for some time. Off the top of my head I remember that the series was about a captain. Every time I read a chapter, I wanted to read the next chapter because each chapter ended so phenomenally. **By Eugene 3M**

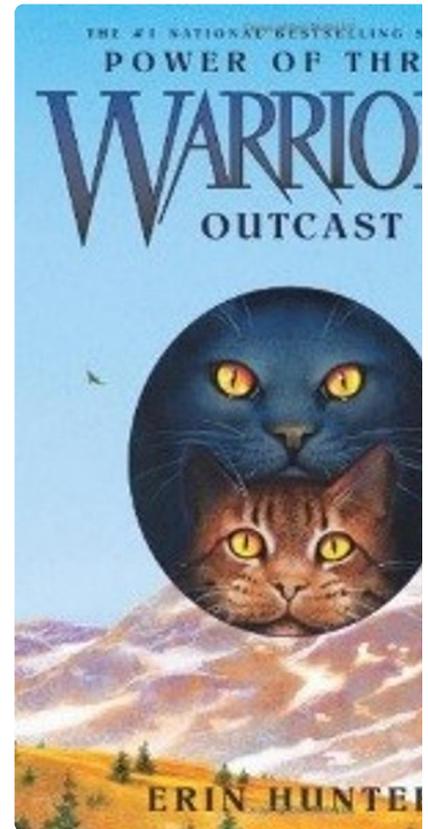
Alice Miranda by Jacqueline Harvey.



I think these books are awesome because they have lots of adventure and there is always a culprit. There are lots of little problems along the way but the main problem only gets solved at the end. Therefore, I highly recommend this series to anyone who loves adventure and action.

By Sidra 3M

Year 5 students have been reviewing series available in the Senior Library.



Malory Towers by Enid Blyton.

Do you like mystery, fun and adventure? Are you the person that loves being on the edge of your seat? Then this is the series of your dreams! Attend a midnight feast with third form, do pranks with Alicia and most of all HAVE FUN!! I recommend this series to year 4 and above girls. I loved this series and I couldn't put it down!

By Kaitlyn 5W

Wings of Fire by Tui. T. Sutherland.

I like how everything that happens in these stories is unexpected and the dragons all have different personalities.

The books in this series are AMAZING. Once I started reading one I couldn't put it down. I recommend this series for people who like fantasy.

By Siji 5F

Power of Three by Erin Hunter.

This was one of the best series ever! Even the prologues were interesting. There are cats going into battle, solving mysteries and lots of

adventurous stuff like the sun disappearing. They mark borders and hunt their prey. I think it's the best adventure series!

By Edwin 5W



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.

Christian Life and Technology

Hills Bible Church are hosting a conference, ***Christian Life and Technology*** on 29 September.



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