



ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL

**TERM 2 WEEK 2
FRIDAY 26 APRIL 2024**

Principal's Message

From our Principal Mr Michael Gavaghan

Dear Parents & Carers,

LEST WE FORGET

Last Friday I accompanied three of our Student Leaders, Mila, Kiara & Lachlan, to the Shrine for the Annual Legacy ANZAC Day Service for Students. There were hundreds of schools and thousands of students from across Melbourne in attendance at a service that included the Governor of Victoria, Professor Margaret Gardner, many other dignitaries and ex service members. One of the most impressive elements was an address by a young year 7 student from Portland Secondary College who had won a public speaking competition for Victorian students. He was extremely articulate, humorous and confident. As an act of remembrance, our students laid a wreath on behalf of St Andrew's to honour the fallen.

Today, our teachers will be joining 600+ teachers from across Catholic schools in the Western region for the first day of a new initiative being introduced into our school called Flourishing Learners. This initiative will align our school more closely with research and practices in the science of learning. Today's focus is on student learning behaviour, assisting our teachers to learn more effective strategies for student engagement. In many classrooms this may not mean big changes but hopefully it will benefit the majority of students in some way going forward.

On Wednesday, a group of student athletes completed in the District Cross Country championships. I believe we had a number of great results with a small group earning the right to progress on to the next level. Well done to all.

This Monday, 29 April at 7:00pm, our Parent Association will meet in meeting room 2, off the front foyer of the school. This was rescheduled from last Monday and new faces are always welcome.

The next School Advisory Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 May @ 6:30pm.

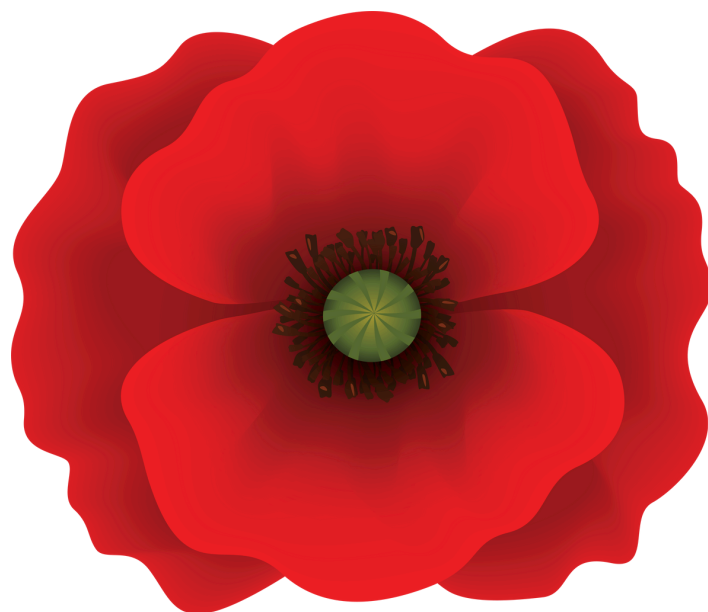
Michael Gavaghan

Prayer

God of love and liberty, we bring our thanks this day for the peace and security we enjoy, which was won for us through the courage and devotion of those who gave their lives in time of war.

We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain, but that their spirit may live on in us and in generations to come.

Amen.



Lest We Forget

Student ABSENCES

Just a reminder to all parents and guardians to ensure that you are notifying the office or your child's teacher in the event of your child being away. You must give the reason for the absence.

For longer periods of absence, such as in the event of a holiday, please notify the school office in writing.



School Uniform Survey

Please keep your eyes out next week for a survey that will be distributed to families gaining some feedback on our current uniform and any interest or recommendations for future changes.

There has already been a small amount of interest from some families, students and staff for a revamp of the uniform.

Office Hours

Please note that office hours are
8:30am - 4:00pm Monday to Friday.



Catholic Identity News

From our Deputy Principal Mr Glenn Mugavin

TEACHING & LEARNING ABOUT FIRST EUCHARIST / HOLY COMMUNION

All our students in Year 4 are learning about First Eucharist/ Communion as many are preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Eucharist in June. Our students are learning to know and understand that: *through Eucharist, we strengthen our relationship with Jesus through story, symbol, ritual and action*. These Year 4 students shared their learnings so far and learning-prompted questions:

Harper: When you receive communion, you are closer to Jesus

Evie: In communion, we receive Jesus

Deng: How is communion different to Reconciliation & do we get to try (taste) the bread and the wine?

Klara: Communion brings me closer to God

Elena: All my family have received communion and it is to be with God

Abigail: There are changes in our lives and First Communion is one of these changes



THE STORY OF EASTER IN PICTURES



Top left: Jesus dies on the cross



Top right: Jesus is buried in the tomb

Right: Jesus rises to new life



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CONNECTION TO THE WIDER CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

This year we are planning 'buddy masses' as a way for our children to experience mass and encounter God through prayer and worship. As the name suggests, a younger class level is supported by an older class level. The first 'buddy mass' will be our Year 6s with our Year 1/2s on Thursday 9 May at 9am in St Andrew's Church. Family members are invited to attend mass with the children & parishioners.

SOCIAL JUSTICE IN ACTION - MINI VINNIES

Our Mini Vinnies Team on the last day of Term 1 held a casual dress day and collected a gold coin donation. We raised \$216.00 for the Girls in rural Nepal for hygiene essentials.

A big thank you to the families that donated and to our Mini Vinnies Team: **Stella, Vanessa, Natalia, Akwak, Efe, Ese, Maya, Lily, Lola, Lachlan, Gavin G, Amelia D and Jack G.**



I have now passed our donation onto Caritas Australia. I have included the letter for you to read below:

Dear Ms Taylor

I would like to thank you for putting your compassion into action and making a generous donation. Your generosity helps provide people like Ronita with access to vital healthcare and education, and with the opportunity to build a better future.

Thanks to you, some of the world's most vulnerable people will get the chance to lead their families and communities out of poverty. I hope you are inspired by the powerful difference you are making.

I have included a receipt for your donation below.

On behalf of everyone at Caritas Australia, thank you for being a generous partner in compassion.

With gratitude,

*Kirsty Robertson
Chief Executive Officer*

PE News

From our PE Teacher Ms Sally Taylor

Hockey Clinics

Hockey Victoria Roadshow visited our school on Tuesday and conducted clinics with some of our Yr 5 & 6 students.

They participated in basic skills and game-based activities.

If any of the children are interested in playing Hockey outside of school Werribee Hockey Club is at Presidents Park and would love for you to come and join.



Cross Country

St Andrew's had 21 children compete in the SSVWD Cross Country Carnival on Wednesday. We finished in 6th position and had the following children finished in the top 20:

Nico Morrison - 13th
Emrys Keirl - 12th
Luca Morrison - 8th
Jamie Bozza-Carpenter - 19th
Serah Bawkkheng - 18th
Klara Arbanas - 3rd
Lola Richards - 3rd

Well done to all the children.



**UPCOMING
EVENTS:**

YR 5 & 6 3V3 HOOP TIME - TUES 30TH APRIL

YR 3 & 4 HOOP TIME - WED 15TH MAY

Mental Health & Wellbeing News

From Teacher Ms Nicole Sciberras

MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING UPDATES



Welcome to Term 2! I will post fortnightly updates with support strategies and services available in your local area.

HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES

A healthy lunch box full of fresh food gives your child energy to play, concentrate and learn all day.

It's also a good idea to pack a bottle with tap water for your child to drink and refill. Fruit juice and soft drinks are high in sugar and aren't recommended for children. They can lead to tooth decay and other health problems.

Here are healthy lunch ideas that get the 5 food groups into your child's lunch box:

- a sandwich with wholegrain bread and a filling like salad, cheese, lean meat or falafel
- different types of grain foods – rye breads, baguettes, seeded rolls, pita bread pockets, flat bread, wraps, foccacia, rice cakes, corn thins or turkish bread
- dips like hummus, tzatziki or beetroot, along with pita, crackers or vegetable sticks for dipping
- potato salad, chickpea salad, quinoa salad, Greek salad or tabbouleh
- leftover pasta, rice and noodle dishes from dinner, kept and eaten cold, or taken in a thermos
- yoghurt and fruit or muesli, kept cold.

THE AUSTRALIAN PARENTING WEBSITE

The website is a great platform to support in all areas of raising children.



WYNDHAM YOUTH AND CHILDREN COUNSELLING SUPPORT

Wyndham City's free children's counselling service is available to children aged 8 – 11 who work/study, live, or recreate within Wyndham and are seeking primary and early intervention counselling. We provide family support and consultations to parents and carers to assist the counselling process for the child.

No problem is too small to seek help for, and we encourage you to access our services whenever you feel the need.

We can offer you the following:

- Up to 10 free individual counselling sessions
- Up to 2 free family consultation sessions to support your child's counselling plan
- Connect you to local services

Please call 8734 1355 for more information, or visit <https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/youth-services/youth-support/youth-and-children-counselling-support> to make a parent referral

About the Shrine of Remembrance

By Mila Singh, Lachlan Shortt, and Kiara Medina

On the 19th of April 2024 school captains Mila, Kiara, and Lachlan attended the ANZAC legacy commemoration service.

On the way to the Shrine Lachlan, Mila and Kiara took the train from Wyndham station to Southern Cross which ended at Flinders Street. After getting off the train they started walking to the Shrine.

At the shrine, once you got to the top of the slanted path leading up to the shrine, you could see main street directly ahead. We sat down and shortly after the ceremony started. The soldiers marched up and positioned themselves standing on the far left of the shrine. Soon later, the king's representative Margaret Gardner walked up to the shrine and made a speech. Afterward a few more people gave a speech before more soldiers came and positioned themselves on the far right. After the choir finished singing we had a minute of silence and shortly after students laid down their wreaths in front of the eternal flame. Soon after the ceremony ended leaving us with a lot more knowledge about the ANZACS and their service by walking around the shrine.

The Shrine was built by Philip Hudson and James Wardrop. The shrine started construction in 1927 and it was finished exactly 7 years later in 1934. The Shrine of Remembrance was made to grieve and remember Victorians killed in the first world war.





PLAY

FOR
the
KICKS

come
find your
awesome

WERRIBEE AUSKICK CENTRE

Starts Saturday 4th May
Chirnside Park (Avalon Airport Oval),
Werribee,
8am-9.30am



play.afl/auskick



JOIN US



**AUSKICK STARTS
FRIDAY 3RD MAY 2024 6PM
WYNDHAM VALE SOUTH RESERVE**



WYNDHAMVALE FOOTBALL CLUB

AUSKICK | JUNIORS | SENIOR MEN
SENIOR WOMEN | SENIOR NETBALL

WINTER 2024

POINT COOK JUNIOR SOFTBALL

COMPETITION

COST

\$73

WHO?

JUNIORS
AGED 8-12
ALL ABILITY
LEVELS

**10 WEEK COMPETITION, INCLUDES TEAMS FROM
POINT COOK AND WERRIBEE
REGISTER INTO A SPECIFIC TEAM OR BE PLACED IN A TEAM
FINALS INCLUDED**

DATES

MON 8 MAY - MON 29 JULY

TIME

5:30 PM - 6.30 PM

AGES

8-12 YEARS

VENUE:

**BROOKDALE ROAD
RESERVE, 2
BROOKDALE RD,
POINT COOK**

**SCAN
HERE TO
REGISTER**



AUTUMN 2024 POINT COOK T-BALL & SOFTBALL PROGRAM

HOME RUN HEROES

COST

\$38

WHO?

JUNIORS
AGED 4-12
ALL ABILITY
LEVELS

**7 WEEK PROGRAM INCLUDES
FUN SKILLS AND DRILLS AND A MODIFIED GAME
OF T-BALL OR SOFTBALL IN EACH SESSION**

DATES

MON 22 APRIL - MON 3 JUNE

TIME

5:00PM - 6.00PM

AGES

4-12 YEARS

VENUE:

**BROOKDALE ROAD
RESERVE, 2
BROOKDALE RD,
POINT COOK**

SCAN
HERE TO
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St. Andrew's Primary School Calendar

May 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|-----------------------|---|--|---|--|--|----------|
| | | | 1 | 2 Yrs 1 & 2 Wyndham Basketball Clinics | 3 Assembly 9am SUBWAY Day Parent Cuppa & Chat 2pm | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 School Advisory Council Meeting 6:30pm | 8 Yrs 1 & 2 Excursion Werribee River | 9 | 10 Mother's Day Breakfast 7am | 11 |
| 12 Mother's Day | 13 | 14 South Sudanese Forum 6pm | 15 | 16 | 17 Assembly 9am SUBWAY Day Parent Cuppa & Chat 2pm | 18 |
| 19 | 20 STEM MAD Excursion Werribee Zoo | 21 Eucharist Family Faith Night 6pm | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 Assembly 9am SUBWAY Day Parent Cuppa & Chat 2pm | |