



# ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL

TERM 1 WEEK 6  
FRIDAY 24 MAY 2024

## Principal's Message

From our Principal Mr Michael Gavaghan

Dear Parents & Carers,

Winter is coming (and I'm not talking about GOT). With winter now on our doorstep, it is usually accompanied by the usual cough, cold and flu season. Although catching these viruses is almost unavoidable, there are things you can do to reduce the chance of your kids getting sick.

These include:

- hand washing often, especially after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose
- provide your child with a small hand sanitiser for personal use. It is supplied in classrooms.
- coughing or sneezing into your elbow
- avoiding sharing utensils and cups with others
- using tissues instead of hankies and throwing them out straight away after use
- eating a balanced diet and getting enough sleep will also help keep your children healthy.

Keeping your child home from school and other activities when they are sick with a cold can stop them spreading their illness to others. While we appreciate it is not always easy to take time off work to care for a sick child, sending them to school means others, students & staff, are more susceptible to getting sick.

Some children continue to cough for many weeks after a cold – this is known as a post-viral cough. If your child has a cough but is otherwise well, check with your doctor if they can attend school.

Next week is Reconciliation Week. Child Safe Standard 1 asks schools to establish a culturally safe environment in which the diverse and unique identities and experiences of Aboriginal children and young people are respected and valued. At St Andrew's we will be focusing on Reconciliation activities in their RE lessons and on **Friday 31 May we ask students to add a splash of yellow to their uniform.** Wear it Yellow day means children can wear a yellow headband, yellow socks, a yellow cap, etc. It is not a casual day but be creative with how to add your splash of yellow.

Last Tuesday evening the students who will be celebrating their First Eucharist, with their families, attended a family faith night to support their preparation to receive the sacrament. Sacrament time is a special time in Catholic communities and we offer our thoughts and prayers to our Grade 4 candidates and their families for their celebration in St Andrew's church on Tuesday 4 June.

I'd like to remind all families about our expectations for the use of mobile phones by students at school. No student requires having a phone during school hours. In certain circumstances, parents may wish their children to carry a mobile phone if they are walking, riding or travelling by public transport to and from school. In these circumstances we ask that you inform your child's teacher that they have a phone. All mobile phones must be turned off and handed to their child's teacher during school hours. They will be returned to their child at the end of the day. Any child to be found with a mobile phone during school hours will have it confiscated and kept in the office to be collected by an adult.

Thank you

Michael Gavaghan

## Prayer - Trinity Sunday - 26 May 2024

Let us pray,

On this Trinity Sunday we have come before you Lord to offer our praise and adoration

You are God the creator, giving us richly all things to enjoy.

You are Christ the Saviour of the world, made flesh to set us free.

You are the Spirit of truth and love, willing to dwell in us.

You are holy and blessed.

One god, eternal Trinity, be near to us the people formed in your image, and close to the world your love brings to life.

Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer



**SUBWAY** lunches can be ordered for the rest of the year through the Canteen Hub website:

<http://app.canteenhub.com.au/login>

You can place an order up until 5pm on the Wednesday before the Friday delivery date, our next delivery date is:

**Friday 31 May.**

## **PARENT VOICE & THE SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

At our most recent School Advisory Council meeting we discussed how we can provide greater opportunity for our school community to have issues or questions raised and discussed. It was decided we would add time in each meeting for parent issues to be discussed and reported back through our school newsletter. The School Advisory Council will not address individual matters or complaints but rather bigger picture matters that apply to many or all of our school community. To have an item discussed we ask that you email [principal@sawerribee.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@sawerribee.catholic.edu.au) prior to each meeting with a brief description of the matter. The SAC chairperson, Kearan Gibaldi, & the principal will decide which items are discussed at each meeting and invite the parent to attend if they are available. As mentioned, a short report will be prepared after each meeting to report back to the community.

The next meeting of the School Advisory Council will be held on Tuesday June 11, 2024.

The current parent members of the School Advisory Council are Kearan Gibaldi, Steven Carvalho, Jenny Douglas, Anyieth Ngueny and Richard Shortt.

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM SURVEY**

We had 90 responses to our parent survey regarding the current school uniform. We are assembling a small committee of parents, staff and students to analyse the results and make recommendations to the School Advisory Board for further action. Currently there is an overwhelming sense that white shirts are problematic. We will keep the community updated.

## **FLOURISHING LEARNERS UPDATE**

Over the next 18 months St Andrew's will be working at introducing Science of Learning & Science of Reading theory and strategies into our Learning & Teaching. Teachers will be involved in 5 days of learning spread over the 12 months. The first day was held on April 26 and its focus was on Classroom Mastery. The classroom mastery element has the school and teachers creating the conditions for optimum learning in each class through the introduction of consistent Entry, Exit & Transition routines to ensure all students are ready to learn. This is just the tip of the iceberg as we delve deeper into creating high engagement classrooms.

Day 2 on August 16 will focus on High Impact Reading Instruction, a process we have already begun to implement by introducing Sounds Write as our phonics approach. This week we had six teacher participate in four days of Sounds Write training.

## **REMINDERS - STUDENT ABSENCES**

Please 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, [enquiries@sawerribee.catholic.edu.au](mailto:enquiries@sawerribee.catholic.edu.au)

# MAY IS CHILDHOOD DYSPRAXIA OF SPEECH (CAS) AWARENESS MONTH

Childhood apraxia of speech (CAS) is a motor speech disorder that makes it difficult for children to speak. Children with the diagnosis of apraxia of speech generally have a good understanding of language and know what they want to say. However, they have difficulty learning or carrying out the complex sequenced movements that are necessary for intelligible speech.

With the right speech therapy and the support of the entire community, children with apraxia can and do make amazing progress in the ability to speak!

Just because they  
can't express it  
does not mean they  
are not...  
**LISTENING,  
FEELING,  
THINKING,**  
or  
**UNDERSTANDING!**



## VERBAL DYSPRAXIA/APRAXIA

IS NOT...

- LAZINESS
- COPYING SOMEONE ELSE'S SPEECH
- ALLOWING OTHERS TO SPEAK FOR YOU
- JUST A DELAY
- IMPROVED BY HEARING OTHERS TALK

IT IS...

- A VERY REAL NEUROLOGICAL SPEECH DISORDER

Mikey's Wish - Verbal Dyspraxia/Apraxia Awareness

## Office Hours

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



# Child Safety News

From our Child Safety Team

## CULTURALLY SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

St Andrew's School establishes a culturally safe environment in which the diverse and unique identities and experiences of Aboriginal children, young people and students are respected and valued.

- Providing a safe environment for children has positive, lifelong impacts that cannot be underestimated, and cultural safety is a key dimension of safety for Aboriginal children
- By supporting Aboriginal children to feel strong in their identity the school helps them enjoy their cultural rights
- The school addresses all forms of racism and considers attitudes and practices that are a barrier to providing a culturally safe environment and addresses all forms of racism
- Aboriginal children and young people who don't feel safe being themselves and expressing their individuality may be less willing to report abuse.



# PE News

From our PE Teacher, Sally Taylor

## Years 3 & 4 HOOP TIME

Selected students from Year 3 and 4 took part in Hoop Time again this year. On the day there were many significant challenges but our students showed resilience and grit and played with great character. It was a long tiring day.

Thank you to Brad Pridham and Ellani Keirl, our wonderful parents that coached and a huge thanks to Ben Keirl who umpired games during the day unexpectedly. You were incredible Ben with the children from all schools supporting their development not only umpiring but explaining the rules as they went.

It was also fantastic to see many parents and grandparents supporting their children as well.



## HOBSONS BAY & WYNDHAM DIVISIONS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Best wishes Lola Richards, Klara Arbanas and Luca Morrison for the next round of Cross country on Tuesday 28th May at Presidents Park.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Divisional Cross Country - Tuesday 28th May  
Year 6 Winter Gala Day - Friday 14th June

# Catholic Identity News

From our Deputy Principal Mr Glenn Mugavin



**National Reconciliation Week** is 27 May to 3 June.

The theme for 2024 is 'Now More Than Ever'.

National Reconciliation Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation as individuals, and as a school community.

As a school we are exploring ways to acknowledge National Reconciliation Week within our community, for not only next week, but for the year.

Actions to increase awareness include:

- Display in the school foyer
- Acknowledgement of Country read each morning
- Prayer to be the Aboriginal Our Father (said or sung) or the Reconciliation prayer
- A lesson on understanding reconciliation as part of Religious Education
- Wear something yellow on Friday (on school uniform)
- Assembly presentation

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE - Mini Vinnies**

On Friday 31 May at the school assembly, Fr Huy, the assistant priest at St Andrew's, will bless our Mini-Vinnies Student team & they will be officially presented with their badges.

Parents are invited to attend as part of the assembly.

# Postcards from Wyndham



6PM 22nd June

Encore Events Centre  
80 Derrimut Road, Hoppers Crossing

Tickets available via

QR code or  
at the door







# St. Andrew's Primary School Calendar

## May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27 Parent Assoc. Meeting 7pm	28	29	30	31 Assembly 9am SUBWAY Day Parent Cuppa & Chat 2pm	

## June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 Sacrament of Eucharist 6:30pm	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Assembly 9am SUBWAY Day Parent Cuppa & Chat 2pm NEON Disco 5:30pm	15

# June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 <u>School finishes at 1pm</u>  3 Way Conversations 1:45pm - 7pm	26	27	28 Last day of Term 2  <u>School finishes at 1pm</u>	29
30						

# July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	<b>SCHOOL</b>					
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>HOLIDAYS</b>						

# July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14	15 Term 3 begins	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Parent Assoc. Meeting 7pm	23	24	25	26 SUBWAY Day Parent Cuppa & Chat 2pm	27
28	29	30	31			