Dear Parents,

Thank you for making alternative arrangements for your children either side of last weekend as staff prepared for the School Review.

Schools are on a continual cycle of improvement and for Catholic Schools this is a four year period at the end of which the school undertakes a review of its developments and sets new goals and targets for the next four years being 2014 – 2017. The staff produces a detailed report for an external reviewer who conducts his or her own review of developments.

The two closure days were for the staff to analyse the work carried out in the five spheres of the school being:
- Education in Faith
- Teaching & Learning
- Wellbeing
- Community
- Leadership & Management

Various measures are used to track the school’s performance including test results such as NAPLAN and survey results that were carried out by staff and a representative sample of students and parents.

The two days included robust review and discussion followed by documentation. The completed document will be presented to the reviewer in the next fortnight.

In the last week of this term the external part of the review will be carried out.

_**St Andrew’s School is one of four schools in the Southern Region to be invited to participate in a new project established by the Catholic Education Office entitled ‘Schools Improving Schools’: The concept being that school improvement can be facilitated by moving beyond your school and where schools can learn from one another’s successful practices. I will keep you posted.**_

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**COMING EVENTS**

**TERM 11**

**MAY**

**Week 4**
- Wed 8-10 Year 6 Camp
- Frid 10 Mother’s Day Stall – Prep – Year 5

**Week 5**
- Sun 12 Mother’s Day
- Tues 14-16 NAPLAN – Year 3 & 5
- Tues 14 Open Day 7:00 pm
- Sat 18 Working Bee – Year 4

**Week 6**
- Sun 19 Pentecost Sunday
- Wed 22 Cross Country
- Sat 25 Year 3 Mass – 6:00 pm

**Week 7**
- Tues 28 Eucharist Information Evening

**JUNE**

**Week 8**
- Sat 8 Working Bee – Year 3

**Week 9**
- Mon 10 Queen’s Birthday - Public Holiday
- Thurs 13 Eucharist Workshop
- Sat 15 First Communion 6:00 pm

**Week 10**
- Sun 16 First Communion 11:00 am
Recent Events …

… The whole school attended Mass for the commencement of Term 2 on the Friday after ANZAC Day. This gave us the opportunity to include a tribute to all who have served our country.

… The Year 4 children helped with leading the Parish Mass on the last Sunday in April. They did an outstanding job and were a credit to the families and teachers.

… The Year 3 and 4 classes are this term receiving extra assistance in the area of computer studies from a computer specialist. Jill has been working with each of the classes helping each child to develop a Digital Portfolio. In coming weeks I would expect these folios will further develop and we will have evidence of the children’s work on display.

… Anthony who works alongside Jill worked with the Year 5 & 6 classes during Term 1 and also with the teachers. Anthony has assisted with the development of the teacher’s blogs. These are a great way of keeping in touch with what is occurring in the classrooms. If you do not have the address of your child’s class blog go to:

ptierney.global2.vic.edu.au

A list of all the blogs can be found on the home page.

… Three Open Days have now been held this term. The final Open Day is to be held this coming Tuesday at 7:00 pm. If you have friends or neighbours wanting to enrol in 2014 please alert them to this session.

… The Year 6 children played host at the Parish Anointing Mass last Friday. This is an important aspect of the children caring for the elderly in our community.

… Staff conducted two successful sessions on Tuesday on Mental Maths Strategies. The school has an ambitious goal that by the end of Year 4 all children will be able to add and/or subtract any 2 two digit numbers in their heads. These sessions provided parents with strategies as to how they could assist their child to achieve this skill.

Coming Events…

… The Year 6 children and staff are currently on camp at Portsea. The camp has started very well and they have been blessed with the weather for the remainder of the three days.

… Mother’s Day Stall will be held on Friday for the Prep to Year 5 classes.

… The Year 3 & 5 children will be completing the NAPLAN testing next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

… The Year 4 Working Bee will be held on Saturday 18 May commencing at 8:30 am and concluding at 11:00 am with morning tea. The attendance at the first two working bees this year has been disappointing and we would love to get more assistance this time.

PRINCIPAL
Phillip Tierney
AROUND THE CLASSROOMS – Prep C

The Prep Students have truly settled into school life. They started Term 2 with much enthusiasm and commitment to learning. Through the Inquiry Unit of “My Fantastic Family” the students are learning about their unique family. They are enjoying the telling of stories through photos, artefacts and other precious items which they have brought to school to discuss. This has allowed them to further develop their reading and writing and to produce their very own “My Family Booklet”.

In Religious Education, the students are learning about the Holy Spirit and how it allows us to be the wonderful people we are and how we see these special qualities in the people around us.

In Mathematics, the students are learning to sort 2 D shapes and recognise 3 D Objects as well as locate them in the environment.

I am looking forward to the continued success of all students, and thank the parents for their ongoing support with their child’s education at St. Andrew’s School.

Rosario Corio – Prep C

Anzac Day

On the 25th of April 1915 young and brave men fought for Australia at Gallipoli. Many ANZAC’S (Australian and New Zealand army corps) died that day, they died because a plan went horribly wrong.

Australian and New Zealand troops went to battle at Gallipoli. The ship was supposed to land on the flat terrain but because it was early and dark in the morning there was a navigation error. The ANZAC’S landed at a beach where a hilly terrain followed.

Turkish troops camped in the hills with machine guns and snipers. The ANZAC’S were deployed into the battlefield, because the troops had no protection many were easily shot and killed. The ANZAC’S and Turkish were not angry at each other, it was just because the ANZAC’S were allies with the British.

The ANZAC’S were getting nowhere so they were withdrawn from the battlefield. Many bodies lay on the beach with no spirit left in them.

From this day forward we remember them as true heroes for Australia. Lest we forget. By Adrien 5/6TK

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS – Year 4T

The students in year 4 have settled into Term Two with enthusiasm and a positive approach to their learning.

Our Religion Focus this Term is Eucharist as many of our students are preparing to receive the Eucharist in June. Currently we are exploring The Passover Meal and its links to the Last Supper and the Eucharist.

Mathematics this Term has been very hands on with making arrays and area models for Multiplication. Our work in the Area unit has led to much movement and measuring of desktops and 2D objects to work out the relationship between area and perimeter.

The students are very engaged in our Inquiry topic on Australian History and have been busy pulling information together through reading, drawing and discussing to explore and make sense of the topic.

We are supporting our Inquiry through our English with report, recount and narrative writing and focussed reading linked to our topic.

We are very excited to be working with Jill Buckleigh and Anthony Holohan, ICT Consultants, who are helping us create Digital Portfolios among other things.

We, the teachers and students, are learning how to use our blogs more effectively as a means of communication and another vehicle for learning, so please look us up some time and feel free to leave a reply. The blog addresses are as follows:

- 4M – http://saclaytonsth4m.global2.vic.edu.au
- 4R – http://saclaytonsth4r.global2.vic.edu.au
- 4T - http://saclaytonsth4t.global2.vic.edu.au

Teresa Maio – Year 4T
What’s happening in Physical Education and Sport!

Term 2 is jam-packed full of exciting events in the PE department, however let’s start by telling you about what’s happening in sport this term.

**Inter School Sport:** Is being run every Thursday afternoon against other schools within the Bentleigh district. There are 120 year 5 and 6 students participating in Football, Soccer, Sof-crosse, Netball or Rounders and have been training hard over the past few weeks. Our teams played their first game last week with many of our teams lucky enough to win.

**Running Club/Cross Country:** Running club is up and running again this term with students from grade 3-6 waking up at the crack of dawn (7.45am-8.15am) to come running with myself, Callum Mills and Daniela Del Santo. Running club occurs on a Tuesday and Thursday morning both at school and/or Bald Hill Park across the road. The main purpose of running club is to train for the up and coming cross country carnival, on the 22nd of May. The students have been really enjoying running club and have showed a lot of enthusiasm, which is fantastic to see.

So now that we have talked about what’s happening outside the classroom, let’s talk about what is happening in PE this term.

In all classes I have been promoting good sportsmanship, good sportsmanship teaches the students to work as a team, encourage others and have fun. Each week outstanding students are awarded the Good Sportsmanship Award.

Last week’s some of the awards went to the following students:

- PV- Charlotte
- PJ- Jeda
- 1D- Venita
- 3C- Collete
- 3D- Jeremy
- 3P- Elyssa
- 4R- Zoe
- 4T- Monica
- 6T- Michael
- 5/6TK- Danica
- 5LC- Juliette
- 5H- Sylvia

Some of the units being covered in PE this term are:

**Prep and Grade One:** Dance and movement, dance and movement is important for the students to learn about how their body moves and the awareness of the body in time and space. The students are currently learning a dance to “I’m walking on sunshine”. In a few weeks we will have some professional dances at St Andrews.

**Grade 2 and 3:** Are focusing on motor skill development, which introduces the students to more complex skills such as the forehand strike, and advance from creating and playing games on their own or with a partner to playing in small and large groups.

**Grade 4, 5 and 6:** Skill performance unit, allows students to refine and expand their range of skills and perform them with increasing precision, accuracy and control. They use strategic thinking, communication and cooperation to enhance performance and participation in order to improve performance.
We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 8 April and Sunday 9 June 2013. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school.

For every $10 spent at Woolworths you will receive a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. Pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it's completed, just bring it back to school or drop it into the Collection Box at your local Woolies. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we’d like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for mathematics, English, science, art & crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program.

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**ST JAMES COLLEGE**

**IS YOUR SON IN GRADE 5?**

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FRIDAY 10TH & 24TH MAY, FRIDAY 21ST JUNE

Time:  9.00AM - 10.30AM

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: Witness the College at Work

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**COLLEGE TOURS**

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It’s coming!

Yes, it’s that time of the year again – the Book Fair is nearly here!

Remember these dates:

- Monday 27th May
- Tuesday 28th May
- Wednesday 29th May

As per last year, the library will be open for parents and students to visit at specified times throughout the 3 days. Please read the newsletters for available times for book sales and further details.

Happy Reading!

Sonia Turco
| YEAR 5T | Ashlee – you show a great attitude to completing your work by asking questions and keeping on task. Thank you. 😊 |
| YEAR 5LC | Aurelia – Congratulations on a great start to Term 2. Well done on completing all your class work and trying your best at all times. Juliette - Well done Juliette on your thorough research about ANZACs in your Literacy Groups work. Keep up the excellent work! |
| YEAR 5H | Vanessa for always doing her best. Happy Birthday! 😊 |
| YEAR 3C | Well done Adrian for your really great effort for the work you do! 😊 |
| YEAR 2J | Maintaining a positive attitude in class and sharing your sense of humour. |
| YEAR 2M | To the spelling whiz Massimo for his great effort! |
| YEAR 1L | Amy for beginning to read with expression. |
| PREP V | Congratulations Jacob! You are a superstar with your high frequency words. Keep it up 😊 |
| PREP J | Congratulations Zac! You have tried so hard learning your high frequency words 😊 |
| PREP C | Congratulations to Satyam on your classroom work. You are trying your best. Well done. |

**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**

| Fri 10 May | Angela Belmuda | Fri 17 May | Despina Nikolitsis |
| Mon 13 May | Sharon Colantuono | Mon 20 May | Debbie McKernan |
| Tues 14 May | Taneka Djeri | Tue 21 May | Monica Dang |
| Wed 15 May | Joanne Huynh | Wed 22 May | Angela Koupouzos |
| Thur 16 May | Fiona Reeves | Thur 23 May | Anne Inati |

**TUCKSHOP GOOD MANNERS AWARD:** Blake 5LC

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CHESS DATES:
Please note that the day for Chess Club has been changed to Monday's.
Term 2:
Monday, 20 May
Monday, 27 May
Monday, 3 June
Monday, 17 June
Monday, 24 June

May Fete Day!
Saturday, May 18
12.00 - 5.00
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5/19-23 Clarinda Rd
Oakleigh South

A fundraising event to help our Disney Performance Dancers showcase their routines in Los Angeles in September.
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