### Dear Parents,

Next weekend the following children from St Andrew’s School and Parish will be receiving their First Holy Communion. Our prayers are with the children and their families on this most special occasion.

**Saturday 15th June**
Alice, Aaron, Kyla, Monica, Synourn, Rachel, Deon, Shanice, Jane, Stephanie, Jessica, Abríd, Nathan, Caiytlyn, Casilda, Dahlia, Alannah, Anthony, Peter, Matthew and Daniel

**Sunday 16th June**
Madison, Nathan, Austin, Thomas, Sabrina, Bernie III, Leo, Dzu, Jordan, Edmar, Karissa, Georgie, Nikita, Patricia, Sonny and Leo.

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### COMING EVENTS

#### TERM 11

**JUNE**

**Week 9**
- **Mon** 10: Queen’s Birthday - Public Holiday
- **Tues** 11: First Communion Workshop
- **Tues** 11: Dealing with Anxiety in Children
- **Sat** 15: First Communion 6:00 pm

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

**Week 11**
- **Mon** 24: Semester 1 Reports
- **Tues** 25: School Review
- **Wed** 26: School Review
- **Thurs** 27: Parent – Teacher Interviews
- **Frid** 28: Dismissal 1:00 pm

#### TERM 111

**JULY**

**Week 1**
- **Mon** 15: School Resumes

*Please note that the Working Bee scheduled for this weekend has been postponed to Saturday 17 August due to the long weekend. Apologies for any inconvenience!*

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On Tuesday evening a group of Year 4 students performed at the Catholic Education Office’s sponsored Student Wellbeing Drama Festival. After weeks of preparation the children took to the stage at the Whitehorse Centre in Nunawading and delivered a meaningful, lively and colourful performance.

St Andrew’s was one of only two Primary Schools to perform on the evening all other performances by Catholic Secondary Colleges.

A big congratulations to the performers and to the Year 4 teachers and all other staff who were able to provide support both in the lead up to Tuesday and by your attendance on the evening. Special thanks to Teresa Maio, our Wellbeing Leader for involving our school in this project and to our Music teacher Tomomi Miyazaki for the massive amount of time and effort she devoted to the production.

Parent – Teacher (Student) Interviews

Next week you will receive details of the upcoming Parent – Teacher Meetings on Thursday 27 June.

Please note that the children will be dismissed at 1:00 pm on this day to enable interviews to commence at 1:30 pm.

The Year 3 to 6 teachers expect that their students will be a part of the interview process and are required to attend.

In preparation for the interviews you might like to consider the following:

- Ask if your child is actively involved in classroom activities
- Ask where your child could improve
- Ask what you can do at home to support your child’s learning

On the Monday prior to the meetings you will receive your child’s Semester 1 Report. Please read this prior to the meeting as it forms a part of the reporting process.

The teachers are using a new reporting package this year and we have made some slight changes to the report format. Early next term I would like to receive some feedback from parents regarding both the written reports and the parent – teacher meetings. This will be done via survey and invitation to a focus group meeting.

2014 Enrolments

Enrolment Application Forms for 2014 need to be returned to the office by Friday 23 June. Interest in enrolments for next year has been high so I would encourage you not to miss this deadline.

Following this date information will be forwarded to you about the next phase of the enrolment process being a meeting with me early in Term 3.

Recent Events …

… The Year 3 students recently lead the Parish Mass and did an outstanding job.

… Mrs Turco organized a very successful Book Fair. Many parents and students took the opportunity to purchase.

… The preparation for First Communion continued with an evening with Maria Forde.

… Areti and Lucas represented St Andrew’s at the Zone Cross Country on Wednesday. Both ran well with Lucas going on to the next stage of this event.

… Student Principal for a Day is being held today. Rami and Melanie have taken control of the school and will be providing a written report in the next newsletter.

Coming Events…

… The First Communion students will continue their preparation this coming Tuesday with a workshop. First Communion will be celebrated next weekend.

Phillip Tierney
PRINCIPAL
We are now almost at the end of Semester 1.
The Year 6J students would like to share their reflections of the year so far…

| **In our Inquiry we have learnt important facts about Australian history and we have been thinking about how our families who migrated to Australia are part of that history.** | **ICT is fun; we have used different programs and researched lots of subjects. The most important thing about ICT is Cybersafety. You must be careful of what you do on the internet.** | **In P.E. we all had a great time playing basketball. We developed new skills along the way which will help us in the future with similar sports.** |
| Travis, Lucas | Kosta, Max | Ellamay, Alisha |

| **Camp was a great experience. We learnt many new things. Some of us faced our fears and made new friends. It was an amazing opportunity, we all wish we could do it again!** | **In Italian we’ve felt great pleasure in learning about Italian regions and landmarks. We also had a wonderful time learning about Pompeii’s history.** | **Confirmation helped us become young adults and confirmed Christians by receiving the Holy Spirit. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit will help us throughout our lives.** |
| Nina, Emily | Nicholas, Rami | Cherwyn, Edward |

| **Music has been fun these two terms, taking us out of our comfort zones and learning complicated dance routines.** | **We have been including History, Science and other subjects in our Literacy and it has helped us with our reading and writing skills. Literacy has encouraged us to read and write more.** | **Art is fun, enjoyable and valuable because we are learning the importance of art.** |
| Ashlyn, Amber-Jayde | Gemma, Areti | Michael, Hanel |

| **Interschool Sport has given us the chance to stay fit and healthy. It has also given us the chance for some healthy competition against the other schools.** | **When we learn about Religion it helps us to be better people in life, we learn to be good people like Jesus.** | **In Maths we’ve been learning about different topics to help us get ready for secondary school. Maths skills will help us in the future.** |
| Maxwell, James, Regan | Nathan, Ashton | Joanne, Mikayla |

It has been a busy semester for the Year 6 students!

Jasminka Jalovec, Year 6J Teacher
Inquiry Learning

This term the whole school have been exploring history topics in their Inquiry Units. This has been the first time we have used AusVELS, which is the Victorian version of the new Australian Curriculum. This document sets out very explicitly the content for each Grade Level. The teachers have worked hard to integrate this content into Literacy sessions, enabling the children to build and use topic related vocabulary and to put their learning into context.

In Mathematics we have been implementing our Mathematics Mentals Strategies Scope and Sequence, with the goal of all children being able to mentally add and subtract two 2 digit numbers by the end of Grade 4. Our parent sessions were very well attended, and the teachers have noted the improvement in many children seen as a result of parents supporting these strategies at home.

Next term our whole school topic is “Water”. 2013 is the International Year of Water Conservation, and our school’s big question is “How does water support life?” Each grade level will investigate this question through the lens of their particular content taken from the AusVELS Science Curriculum. The teachers are currently in the process of pre assessing the children to find out what they already know and what they would like to learn. This helps the teachers to plan for both engaging and meaningful Units of work for next Term.

In Term 3 we will be having parent information sessions about Reading, keep an eye out for information on these next term.

Sharon McCarter
Teaching and Learning Leader

You are cordially invited to attend an Information Session for Parents on

RECOGNISING ANXIETY

Creative ways Parents/Guardians can assist their child/ren in managing anxious situations.

Guest Speaker : Dr. Natalie Flatt Ph.D
BSc., Post Grad.Dip.Psych., M.Psych

Date:    Tuesday 11 June 2013
Venue:   St. Andrew’s Primary School
          Conference Room
Time:    7.00 p.m.

RSVP by Friday 7th June: I will be attending the session by Natalie Flatt on Tuesday 11 June at 7.00p.m.

Name: ____________________________________________
(Please print name)
The Eucharist

On the following weekend the children will be receiving the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist (First Communion).

The following abridged extract about the Eucharist is taken from an article “God is Here: The Eucharist” (Cathfamily.org). Please read it to help you understand the Sacrament.

In the Eucharist Jesus is present in body, soul and divinity under the form of bread and wine. The Catholic Church teaches that the Eucharist is the source and summit of the life and the mission of the Church.

Jesus himself said, “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them.” (John 6:56) And in the Eucharist he keeps his promise to be with us until the end of time. (Matthew 28:20)

Do we live our belief that Jesus is really present in the Eucharist, present in our churches each day? Do we come to Mass with a feeling of anticipation at meeting him again and offering him to God the Father as a perfect sacrifice of thanks and praise?

In the Eucharist we have the perfect offering of thanks – Jesus, the unblemished sacrifice – the only present we have to give to God, is one he gives to us, it is the fruit of his life, death and resurrection.

That is why the word ‘Eucharist’ comes from the Greek word ‘Eucharisteo’, which means ‘give thanks’. We give to him ordinary bread and wine; he gives to us body and soul, when we receive his body and blood which gives us eternal life.

The Eucharist is also unifying; uniting us with God and with each other. God unifies us from the ground up. Our very matter, the cells that make up the bodies of every person born from the beginning until the end of time are all made up of the same stuff which is continually being recycled throughout the universe. Since Jesus’ resurrection we are now also being made a creation of a new order, being nourished with his own body, soul and divinity.

Nourished by Jesus’ Eucharistic presence, we leave Mass and go back to our homes, workplaces, and places of gathering as the living Body of Christ, to do his work in the world today. To make his Kingdom come on earth, as it is in heaven.

God is near. God knows us. God is waiting for us in Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

Over to you! What has your experience of the Eucharist been? How to you teach your kids about this essential teaching?

Sources:

- The Eucharist, Source and Summit of the Life and Mission of the Church, www.vatican.va

Author: Marilyn Rodrigues

Please continue to pray for the children making their First Holy Eucharist (Holy Communion) and their families. May they come to experience God’s great love for each of us.

First Communion Mass times: Saturday 15 June at 6pm Sunday 16 June at 11am

On Tuesday 11 June, the children will be attending the 9:15am Parish Mass. This will be followed by shared snack and Activities. They will also have the opportunity to go to Reconciliation in the afternoon. Please do not make any appointments on this day.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me.

Yours Sincerely,

Rachele Oliver
Deputy Principal and Religious Education Leader
FIRST COMMUNION PHOTOGRAPHY

Each student to receive 3 x Photographic Images as follows –

1. Individual Portrait
2. First Eucharist Group Photo
3. Receiving the Sacrament

All images will be supplied in a digital format on CD Rom to all the students. Total cost per child is $16.00 each. Please enclose the correct amount of money in an envelope with your child’s name and pay directly to the Photographer on the night/day.

INDIVIDUAL PHOTO – Will be taken from 4.30pm – 5.30pm on Saturday in the Glass House
Will be taken from 9.30 am – 10.30am on Sunday in the Glass House

GROUP PHOTO – Will be taken from 5.30pm on Saturday in the Glass House
Will be taken from 10.30am on Sunday in the Glass House

All Communion Candidates need to line up in the Glass House before Mass – 5.45pm : Saturday
10.45am : Sunday

ST JAMES COLLEGE

NOW TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 7, 2015
COLLEGE TOURS
FINAL TOUR FOR TERM 2 - FRIDAY 21ST JUNE
Time: 9.00AM - 10.30AM

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: Witness the College at Work
For further information contact the St James College office on 9575 8100 or email stjames@sjcbe.catholic.edu.au

Salesian College Chadstone

College Principal, Mr Robert Brennan invites you to visit and Experience Salesian College in action!

Tour with the Principal available on
Monday 17 June 9.30am.

For bookings please contact the Public Relations Office on 9807 2644 or email enrol@salesian.vic.edu.au
In the Library

Our Book Fair held last week was extremely successful with sales reaching just under $5,500 – just short of last year’s total, but still an incredibly fantastic achievement. The school will receive a commission from this which will help to keep the library maintained.

My sincere thanks go to the following without whom the Fair could not have run so smoothly:

- Laura La Rosa
- Sharon Colantuono
- Silvana Merola

Extra special thanks must also go to the following children who gave up not only their mornings, but before and after school times as well:

- Carla 5LC
- Natalie 6T
- Talia, Angela, Andrea, Shari and Tiahna from 5/6 TK

Plus numerous others who came in and helped with “crowd control”.

Thankyou greatly for all your time, effort and support of me during the frantic opening times.

A big thank you must also go to all the wonderful families and children of this school who have greatly supported this event. Thank you again and I look forward to making next year bigger and better!

Happy reading
Sonia Turco
Library Technician

Read Every Day. Lead a Better Life.
HAVE YOU MOVED HOUSE?
Please let the office now your new address and phone number.

St. Vinnies Winter Appeal

Once again we are calling on the generosity of all St. Andrew’s families to support the St. Vincent de Paul Winter Campaign

The Winter Appeal is a fantastic way to help people most in need in our Community. We are asking the families of St. Andrew to donate warm clothes, coats, beanies, gloves, and blankets. Tinned or packaged food will also be accepted. Please check that the use-by date has not expired.

*Items can be sent to your child’s classroom for collection.*

All funds raised during the Vinnies Winter Appeal will be distributed to people most in need in our Community. We will be collecting until the end of this term.

The new 2013 | 2014 Entertainment™ Books are available now!
The new Entertainment™ Books are better than ever and are packed with thousands of valuable offers from popular restaurants, attractions, accommodation and more!

On sale now for $65 from the school office

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

Woolworths

Earn and Learn Program Program ends on Sunday 9 June, so keep on collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points to help our school.
**YEAR 6J**  
Congratulations Lucas and Areti for representing our school at District Cross-Country. What an outstanding achievement!

**YEAR 6T**  
Dion – for the great effort you are putting into your story writing.  
Aaron – Congratulations on a well-researched and written report on Volcanoes.

**YEAR 5/6TK**  
Megan - for her great effort in improving in mathematics.  
Angela - for her excellent leadership skills and commitment to making St Andrew’s a great school.

**YEAR 5LC**  
Leah - For a great effort in all your handwriting. It is now always neat and tidy.  
Andrew - Your willingness to always help and offer a hand. And a good effort in all your work this past week.  
Davide - For your great result on your Maths pre-test on chance. Well done! 😊

**YEAR 5H**  
Liam for settling in so well into our classroom.

**YEAR 4M**  
Anastasia for her fantastic work with Early Settlers book.  
Caiytyn for representing 4M respectfully in other classes.

**YEAR 3P**  
Zacary for improvement in listening skills and contributing to class discussion.

**YEAR 3C**  
Phoenix – Congratulations on becoming a BIG brother. I’m sure you will be a great helper!

**YEAR 2C**  
Congratulations to Maritsa for sharing her concept map about ACMI with the class. Well done.

**Year 2J**  
Bianca for her wonderful reading in class.  
Vivian for being a helpful member of the class.

**YEAR 1S**  
Tarrant – Congratulations on all your enthusiasm and helpfulness.  
Ayden – Congratulations on your positive attitude and being a keep participant in our class.

**PREP V**  
Well done to David in the excellent display of your number work. Keep up the great work. 😊

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**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**

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**CANTEEN - THURSDAY SPECIAL**

Fresh Sushi and 3 pieces of garlic bread for $3.00

*Choice of Tuna, Prawn, Chicken & Avocado or Chicken Teriyaki*