Dear Parents,

Welcome back for Term 4 at St Andrew’s. This term is always exciting as we get closer to Christmas, the end of one grade level and preparation for the next. For our Year 6 students it is the commencement of their final weeks with us before venturing to Secondary College.

We wish all the children and staff all the very best for a successful term.

iPad Program

This week we have held two very well attended parent meetings on the topic of the introduction of a 1:1 iPad Program to the school in 2014.

Both sessions were very informative with the school providing our ideas on this program and with parents contributing valuable insights and ideas about the introduction of such a program. Many emails have also been received, indicating a high level of parent interest.

The general feedback is of support for the further development of our educational programs and the use of contemporary tools across the curriculum. Further details will be forwarded to parents early next week.

COMING EVENTS

TERM 1V

OCTOBER

Week 2
Mon 14 Prep Incursion
Thurs 17 Mission Mass – St Pat’s Cathedral
Frid 18 School Captain 2014 Interviews
Frid 18 Assembly
Sat 19 Working Bee – Year 1

Week 3
Mon 21-22 Year 4 Camp
Frid 25 World Teacher’s Day
Frid 25 Year 6 Transition Program

NOVEMBER

Week 4
Frid 1 All Saints Day
Frid 1 Assembly
Sat 2 All Soul’s Day

Week 5
Mon 4 School Closure Day
Tues 5 Cup Day Holiday

Week 6
Thurs 14 Prep – 2 School Sports
Year 4 Camp

The Year 4 students and staff will be attending their overnight school camp on 21 – 22 October at Mt Evelyn.

The Mt Evelyn camp is a great site for the Year 4 Camp and I am sure that they will have a great time.

The school will provide updates of the Camp News via twitter. If you are not following the school on twitter you can find us at:

@st_school

Working Bee – 19 October

The Year 1 Working Bee will be held on Saturday 19 October commencing at 8:30 am and concluding at 11:00 am with morning tea.

If you have missed your Year Level Working Bee earlier in the year, come along and assist.

School Uniform

- Please note that throughout Term 4 hats are compulsory. From next week – NO HAT – NO PLAY.
- Up until Cup Day we allow students to wear either the Winter or Summer Uniform depending upon the daily forecast. After Cup Day all children will be in their Summer School Uniform.

School Web Site

A reminder that the school has recently updated our web site at:

www.saclaytonsth.catholic.edu.au

The site is regularly updated with information for parents about upcoming events, diary dates, school policies and documents and much more.

Please put this amongst your favourites and check on a regular basis.

Phillip Tierney
PRINCIPAL
Student Leaders 2014

At St Andrew’s we are committed to providing quality education through a partnership among teachers, children and parents. Opportunities for student leadership provide a forum for student involvement in some areas of decision making. We want our leaders to TAKE ACTION MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

A selection process has been put into place to ensure all students have an opportunity to apply, to develop their communication skills and develop self-confidence and a sense of contribution.

This Year the SRC and staff have decided to tie the Student Leaders to the House System - Red, Blue, Gold and Green. It is proposed each House Leadership Group will consist of:

- 1 Social Justice Leader
- 1 Media Leader
- 1 environment Leader
- 1 Arts/ Learning Leader

The purpose of this is to promote positive behaviours through student participation and engagement.

Selection Criteria:

1. Ability to clearly articulate the qualities required of a school leader
2. Ability to demonstrate personal leadership qualities
3. Ability to demonstrate pride in the school and commitment to the role
4. Ability to demonstrate respect for other students, teachers and adults
5. Ability to demonstrate being a good role model to other students
6. Understand responsibility attached to being a representative of other students
7. Ability to demonstrate initiative and generate ideas
8. Demonstrate time management and organisational skills
9. Ability to communicate effectively and work as a team member

Process and Timeline:

1. **School Captains Selection Process**
   - Teachers talk to children and go through the selection policy in particular the guidelines, roles and expectations (This process will commence in Week 10 of Term 3) Focus on Take Action Make a Difference
   - Children then nominate for School Captain by end of week 10 and complete speech during Holidays. All students will have a copy of the criteria and role description
   - Speeches– voting by students from Year 4 and 5 and staff in Week Two, Term Four to create short List
   - Shortlisted 10 fill out Application form
   - Shortlisted go before the selection panel Week 3
   - School Captains selected by end of Week 3

2. **Sports Captains**:
   - Sports Leaders to be shortlisted by their peers in their teams. Short listed students are then interviewed by the PE Teacher and a Year Six teacher and final selection will occur.

3. **School Leaders**:
   - Students who nominate for Social Justice, Media, Environment and Learning will complete application forms and submit them in Week 4. The students will be shortlisted by the students in Year 4 and 5. The shortlisted students will then attend an interview with the Principal and Deputy for final selection.

Successful students will attend a series Student Leadership Training Days, the first of which will occur this term, to develop their skills in leading and to formulate and develop action plans they will undertake to help make a difference at St Andrew's.
Deputy Principal/Religious Education News

Welcome back to the last term for the year. It promises to be an exciting term with lots of action. Classes are well under way with their new topics and students are looking forward to the many learning experiences including excursions, camp and swimming.

In Religious Education we will have opportunities to participate in various Liturgies. The focus for this month is on supporting the church in its mission to alleviate poverty in our world. The children will be making a special effort to support this initiative by donating any spare money.

Next Thursday, as part of Mission Week, a group of students will attend the special Mass at St Patrick’s Cathedral.

Later this term four children from our school will receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Reminders: Term 4 - hats are required to be worn outside.

Working Bee for Year 1 families on Saturday 19 October. Hope to see everyone there!

Rachele Oliver,
Deputy Principal
R.E Leader

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS - 1S

Grade ones enjoyed a wonderful term of learning before the holidays and are ready to pursue their goals for Term 4.

Last term we studied Science and based our work around studies of water and in particular Pond Life. We had a great time on both our excursions which supported our understanding of our Inquiry and Literacy units. We travelled to our local neighborhood pond at Namatjira Park and had a lovely afternoon discovering both the living and non-living elements of the area. Thanks again to the many parents who attended and assisted our water collection and bug exploration activities.

Next we had a very exciting day in the city at the Imax cinema followed by a tour of the museum galleries. Thanks again to our parent helpers. We used our language experience to create some great written reports about ponds and it also provided some extremely good information to use in our lessons in the computer lab. We made slideshows and learnt many new skills through this activity. It was wonderful to have special help from a specialist in this area. We were able to show information in different and engaging ways and everyone loved working on this challenging project.

The Learning Expo has been a special chance to share with our families and friends some of our activities and achievements. The students were excited to show their learning and worked hard in all areas to show their best efforts. They all felt very proud, committed and involved with the creation of this night.

In Mathematics we continue to develop our understandings of our topics through the methods which are supported by our whole school recent professional development in Mathematics. We enjoy computer activities, games, and using hands on materials. We aim to encourage the students in taking initiative and discovering a variety of ways to tackle relevant real life mathematical problems. We learn from others and by explaining our strategies to our peers. Some of our work in Term 3 was on division and multiplication as well as chance and time. Now we will be learning more about counting, fractions and money.

Looking ahead Grade 1S will have a whole three weeks to enjoy learning with Mrs Polites who has welcomed everyone to the room after the holidays. She is a wonderful kind and caring teacher! Mrs Sproul is on a short extended break but will miss you all.

Maggie Sproul  Year 1S
FRIENDS OF THE GRANGE

The Friends of the Grange at the Grange Heathland Reserve, Osborne Avenue, Clayton South, will be holding their White Flower Festival on Saturday 12th October from 9.30am till 12 noon. There will be short talks, short walks, a free plant and a free sausage sizzle lunch.

Website: www.vic.net.au/~grange/

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White flower festival
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9.30am-noon
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- Guided tours
- Free sausage sizzle

The Grange Heathland Reserve
Osborne Ave, Clayton South
Presented by Friends of the Grange and the City of Kingston
Enquiries 0402 697 511

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Store Hours
Term 4
You can purchase your school uniform in store during the following times:

Monday 8.30AM – 5.00PM
Tuesday 8.30AM – 5.00PM
Wednesday 8.30AM – 5.00PM
Thursday 8.30AM – 5.00PM
Friday 8.30AM – 5.00PM
Saturday 9.00AM – 5.00PM
Sunday CLOSED
Learn! Have Fun!

Explore the natural beauty of Karkarook Park
Melways: 78 D7, Heatherton

OPEN DAY
SAT 12 OCTOBER
11am - 1pm

ACTIVITIES - ALL AGES - FREE

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** 30-40 min Guided Discovery Nature Walks
** Colouring-in-Competition with prizes
** 1st/14th Brighton Sea Scouts water activities **
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Wednesday, Friday and Saturday

Martial Arts Tuition Specialists

Learn music here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, here at St. Andrew’s Primary School.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-on-one lessons give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from $15.40 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 4.

Interested parents should call Angela during office hours on 9818 2333

ST JAMES COLLEGE
ENROL NOW FOR YEAR 7, 2015
TERM 4 COLLEGE TOURS
FRIDAY 18th & 25th OCTOBER
FRIDAY 8th & 15th NOVEMBER
9.00AM - 10.30AM

College Tours are an ideal opportunity to experience the nurturing community St James College offers our young men and their families.

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

Remaining Dates for Working Bees

Year 1 Families
Saturday 19th October

Prep Families
Saturday 16th November

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Dear Parents,

The Scholastic book club magazines have this week been handed out to your children. Please note that each grade has their own Club Level. It would be appreciated that orders be returned to your child’s own classroom and NOT to sibling’s classes. This will eliminate confusion.

All orders must be returned to school by **Monday 21st October.**

**Late orders will not be accepted**

Please write your child’s name and class on each order form and return completed order with correct cash or cheque (payable to Scholastic Australia Pty Ltd). If you wish to pay for your order by credit card, you must phone through to Scholastic or pay online with your credit card. At the end of the transaction you will be issued a receipt number which you must fill in on your “payment options” form located on the order form and forward same back to your child’s classroom with your book order. Please note to avoid disappointment you must place your receipt number where indicated or your order will not be accepted nor processed.

Delivery will take place within 2-3 weeks of the orders being finalised.

Thanking you for your co-operation,
Sonia Turco
*In the Library*