Dear Parents,

A warm welcome back to all families to the 2014 school year! A very special welcome to all new families in particular those who have a child commencing their school journey in Prep. The Prep children have settled well and I am sure that with the assistance of Amy Van de Berg, Jessica Chapman, Rosario Corio, with the assistance of Mary Cerra our Prep staff, they will have a great start to school life.

As well as welcoming our new families and students to St Andrew’s, I would like to welcome our new staff members Shona Garland (Year 5), Tim O’Mahoney (Year 6) and Mary Cerra, Michelle Wilkinson and Wendy Calabrese who are assisting the Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students respectively. It is also great to see all the returning families, students and staff. The year will be busy, exciting and challenging. Above all we will be working together to make the year a successful one for each child in our care. It is as always our aim that each child will make significant progress throughout the year.

The major works over the holiday break within the school was the installation of air conditioning throughout the library replacing the evaporative cooling. We also had major works in upgrading our computer facilities in particular replacement of servers and other infrastructure in preparation for the roll out of the 1:1 IPad Program.

The work that cannot be missed is the refurbishment of the Parish Church. At times during Terms 1 and 2 we will need to close down the front playground and the Bunney Road entrance when major work and deliveries are made. We thank you for your cooperation throughout the construction period.

COMING EVENTS

TERM 1

FEBRUARY

Week 3
- Thurs 13: School Mass
- Thurs 13: Parent–Student-Teacher Meetings
- Sat 15: Prep Working Bee
- Sun 16: Year 3 Mass

Week 4
- Sun 16: Year 3 Mass
- Tues 18: School Board
- Frid 21: School Closure Day

Week 5
- Frid 28: Inter School Swimming Sports

Please note that the students will be dismissed next Thursday at 1:00 pm for the Parent-Teacher Meetings that commence at 1:30 pm.

If you have not booked a time to meet your child’s teacher please do so as soon as possible.

Please mark in your diaries that Friday 21st February is a School Closure Day at St Andrew’s.
2014 Communication

Throughout this year we will be producing a fortnightly newsletter. This will contain detailed information about the events and activities going on around the school.

Mindful that many parents do not have the time to read a lengthy newsletter we will supplement this information with more regular but succinct information via the St Andrew’s School App and via our twitter feed. The school will also utilize communication via email. On a less regular basis but as required we use SMS messages to inform parents.

I would encourage all families with an iphone or android to download the St Andrew’s School App. Updates of school information occurs daily avoiding confusion about when school resumes, dismissal times, excursions and so on. The app also provides ‘push notifications’ providing you with an on screen message. A flyer detailing how to download the app is attached.

Parent-Student-Teacher

Information was forwarded to all families last week regarding the Parent-Student-Teacher Meetings on Thursday 13 February. This is an important opportunity for parents to meet with their child’s teacher. If you have not completed the on-line booking for a meeting I would encourage you to do over the weekend.

School Mass – Opening of the School Year

The whole school will be attending Mass next Thursday, 13 February in the School Hall. This will be the first opportunity for the Prep students to attend Mass at their new school.

An invitation is extended to all parents to join us at this celebration if you are available.

iPad Roll Out

We are expecting that the iPad distribution will occur in the week commencing Monday 17 February. Our IT Consultants are completing the setup over the next week.

Students who are bringing their own iPads are asked to bring their device at the commencement of this week. We will provide further guidelines next week.

CAR PARKING

Parent parking within the school grounds prior to and after school is not permitted. No vehicle entry is allowed onto the school grounds after 8:00 am and prior to 4:00 pm. It is important to adhere to this rule to ensure the safety of the children.

Please note that the staff car park off Springs Road is only for staff. Parents are not to use this as a collection, drop off area.

Parents are not to use the school entry crossover on Bunney Road to park and drop off and collect children. This is not a parking zone and should not be used for this purpose. It does create visibility problems when reversing with the potential for causing a serious accident. I would ask that you also be aware of the private properties surrounding the school and that their crossovers, driveways and nature strips are not used as parking areas.

I would ask that parents bringing children to Before School Care drive very slowly through the school grounds. The safety of children is of utmost importance and there are children on the grounds from 7:00 am.

Phillip Tierney
PRINCIPAL
Skoolbag is a mobile app that communicates directly to parent smartphones. It provides access to key school information via one single Communication Centre for both parents and students. Ideal for:

- School, free push notification alerts
- School events
- School newsletters
- School documents
- School RSS feeds
- School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

**How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone**

**iPhone Users**

Simply search for your school name in the App Store on your phone, PC or Mac, and install.

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**Android Users**

Simply search for your school name in the Google Play Store on your phone, PC or Mac, and install.

Don’t forget to like us on Facebook! Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au
Welcome back to a new year of learning. Welcome to all our new students and their families. It’s wonderful to see so many happy faces.

Congratulations on sending your children to school in their full school uniform and so beautifully groomed.

The calendar is already filled up with many and exciting activities that will take place this term.

We began with our school assembly on Friday. The Preps came as well participating in the Prayer and School Song.

**School Masses and Liturgies** the Masses will be celebrated in the School Hall until the refurbishment of the church is completed.

*Parents are always invited to attend any of our Celebrations. Please join us when you can.*

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**An IMPORTANT EVENT this term for the Year 3 students is the Celebration of their First Reconciliation.** Letters with more information will be sent home soon.

**Term 1.**

- Term 1 Whole School Mass- Thurs. 13 February, at 11am
- Burning of the Palms – Ashes will be used on Ash Wednesday.- March 3 at 11am
- Ash Wednesday Mass- Prep to Year 6- at 11am
- Catholic Education Week- Commencement on Sunday16 March. This is the Commissioning Mass for Staff and the Year 6 Students will be presented with their Leaders Badges
- St Patrick’s Day Mass at St Patrick’s Cathedral for Year 6 Student Leaders on 20 Match
- A special presentation by Paul Spence for those making their First Reconciliation and their families
- The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated on Thursday 20th March at 6pm

Don’t forget to book your Parent, Student, Teacher Meetings. Appointments at [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) These will be conducted next Thursday, 13 February, and the children will be dismissed at 1pm.

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**Prep Parents and Friends**

On Thursday, 20 February, at 2:30pm, all Prep parents and any new members of our school community are invited to an Afternoon Tea to meet and say hello to each other. The Prep teachers and some of the other school staff will be available for a chat as well. Hope you can join us. We will finish in time for the after school pick-up.

We wish everyone a most enjoyable year,

Rachele Oliver
Deputy Principal
Religious Education Leader
Starting our Big Adventure! - Prep V

What an exciting time for the Prep children! We have successfully been at school for a week now and what fun we are having! The children have all settled well and are continuing to learn our routine for the school day. Prep V has been busy learning about the letters of the alphabet, reading books, singing counting songs, discussing different feelings, learning nursery rhymes and making lots of new friends.

A reminder to parents that if you would like to assist us in the classroom, we would thoroughly enjoy having you come in.

We are looking forward to what will sure to be a busy and enjoyable first year at school!

Amy Van de Berg
Prep V Teacher

Medication

For any type of medication that your child needs to take during school hours, please fill in an Administering of Medication Consent Form. These forms can be obtained from the Office or online from the school web page.

Asthma Management Plans

Dear Parents/Guardians,

To ensure St. Andrew’s School can take the best possible care of students who have Asthma, personal Asthma Management Plans need to be regularly reviewed and updated if necessary. The Victorian Schools Asthma Policy states that every student with asthma attending the school should have a written Asthma Action Plan. This plan should be filled out by the student’s doctor.

Students who have Asthma need to complete an Asthma Form and return it to the School Office as soon as possible. New Asthma Forms are available at the office.

If your child is no longer on an Asthma Plan then please indicate below and return it to the school office.

My child (please print name): ___________________________________________ Grade: ____________

is no longer on an Asthma Plan.

Signed: _______________________________
Education Maintenance Allowance in 2014

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) helps to cover the costs related to your child’s schooling. The EMA provides families on a low income with financial assistance to support their child’s education up to the age of 16.

In 2014, the EMA payments to eligible parents will be:

- $200 for parents of eligible Prep students
- $150 for parents of all other eligible primary school students

The EMA is paid in two instalments annually (70% in March and 30% in August).

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for the EMA:

1. Your child must be under the age of sixteen; and
2. Your child must be enrolled at a primary or secondary Government or registered school in Victoria on, 28 February 2014 for the first instalment and 1 August 2014 for the second instalment; and
3. You must on 28 January 2014 for the first instalment and 14 July 2014, for the second instalment:
   - be a parent or legal guardian of the student; and
   - be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder or be a temporary foster parent.
4. Submit your application to the school by the due date: 28 February 2014 for the first instalment*

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School Subject Levies & Arrears

A reminder that the Subject Levies and any arrears owing from last year are due for final payment by 28th February.

Catholic Secondary Colleges

Parents of students in Year 6 must have their Catholic Secondary College application for Year 7, 2015 submitted directly to the college of their choice by Friday, 28th February, 2014. It is essential that you have your application submitted by the due date.

**KEY ENROLMENT DATES:**

Friday, 28th February, 2014  Applications close for Catholic Secondary Colleges

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School Photographs

School Photos will be taken on Wednesday, 26th March. As in previous years we will be using the pre-paid system, and all photos are covered by the company’s money back guarantee or they will re-photograph. Package prices will be notified soon. Every child will receive a personalised pre-paid envelope within the next few weeks.

Please read and follow carefully the photographer’s instructions on the envelopes. Envelopes with money should not be sent to school before photo day. Parents are requested to avoid making appointments for their child/ren on this day. Discount Vouchers are available for families with 3 or more children when the same package is purchased for each child. There are also Family Envelopes available if you wish a family photo taken of your children who attend St. Andrew’s School. Please ask at the office about the Discount Vouchers and Family Envelopes. Details will be printed on your envelope.

PLEASE NOTE: Summer Uniform will be worn.
We are sorry, but change cannot be given at the office.
Parent, Student & Teacher Meetings

On Thursday, 13th February teachers will be conducting Parent, Student & Teacher Meetings. This year you will be able to book your preferred interview time online from Monday, 3rd February. Students will be dismissed at 1.00 p.m. on this day to enable interviews to commence at 1.30 p.m.

If you are unable to collect your child at 1.00 p.m. your child will need to go to the Before/After School Programme, as there will be no supervision by teachers. If your child is NOT already enrolled at the Programme you will need to enrol by the day BEFORE (Wednesday, 5th February). Enrolment forms are available at the school office. The phone number for queries regarding enrolment is 0428 331 858.

ANY CHILD NOT GOING TO THE BEFORE/ AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMME MUST BE COLLECTED AT 1.00 P.M.

PARENT, STUDENT & TEACHER MEETINGS

The, Parent, Student & Teacher meetings will be held on Thursday, 13th March between 1.30pm – 8.00pm. You will be able to book your interview at times that suit your family best. Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow the simple instructions.

BOOKINGS OPENED Monday 3rd February at 8.00 a.m.
BOOKINGS CLOSE Wednesday 12th February at 4.00 p.m.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au Enter THIS school event code. Then follow the 3 simple steps.

When you click finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

For parents that don’t have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend’s house or on their phones, please contact the school office to organise an interview time. Parents may send a note to school with the approximate times they require, or phone the school on 9551 5094. Interviews are strictly 10 mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.
CATHOLIC DEVELOPMENT FUND – SCHOOL BANKING

Welcome to 2014. CDF Student Account flyers are available from the School Office for any child who would like to open an account. We encourage you to open an account for your child to teach your child about saving.

CDF Banking day is Wednesday

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TUCKSHOP ROSTER 2014

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Pancake Tuesday Tuck shop Special – $2.50
A cup of milk with Milo plus two pancakes with your choice of: jam, maple syrup or sugar.

Reminder that every Thursday is SUSHI DAY.
$3.00 - Choice of Chicken Teriyaki, Tuna or California plus 3 pieces of garlic bread.

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TUCKSHOP - MUMS AND DADS

Would you like to join a friendly, happy group of special school helpers? Then come along and do Tuckshop Duty this year!!!

We need your help, so please get involved, and your children would love to see you there. One day per month is all that is necessary – but you can do more if you wish. You will be sure of a very warm welcome.

Tuckshop hours are 10.15am to 2.00pm Monday to Friday.

Please fill out the slip below. Even if you did Tuckshop last year, please fill out a new slip.

The roster will begin on Monday, 24th February, so responses need to be handed in at the tuckshop by Friday, 21st February.

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I am able to do Tuckshop Duty.

YOUR NAME (Please print) __________________________________________

HOME PHONE: ________________________________ MOBILE: ________________________________

Please tick I can do [ ] Fortnightly [ ] Monthly

Monday [ ] Tuesday [ ] Wednesday [ ] Thursday [ ] Friday [ ]

Please return to Tuckshop by Friday, 21st February.
ST ANDREW’S CHURCH BINGO

will commence at
ST ANDREWS SCHOOL HALL on the
Second and Forth Friday of each month

Venue: 96 BUNNEY ROAD, CLAYTON
First session starts: 14 FEBRUARY, 2014

TICKETS SALES FROM 6.30 PM
BINGO COMMENCES AT 7.30 PM
TEA, COFFEE AND LIGHT SNACKS WILL BE SOLD

CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS NOT PERMITTED

ST JAMES COLLEGE
ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 7, 2015
CLOSE FRIDAY 28TH
FEBRUARY 2014
COLLEGE TOURS
FRIDAY 14TH, 21ST & 28TH FEBRUARY
2014
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

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 1.
Interested parents should call Samantha during office hours on 9818 2333

www.creativemusic.com.au
2014 TERM DATES

TERM 1 – Wednesday 29 January
           Friday 4 April
            *Easter 18–21 April

TERM 2 - Tuesday 22 April
           Friday 27 June

TERM 3 - Monday 14 July
           Friday 19 September

TERM 4 - Monday 6 October
           Friday 19 December

PLEASE REMEMBER TO LABEL YOUR CHILD’S CLOTHING TO AVOID BEING PLACED IN THE LOST PROPERTY CUPBOARD IF LOST

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Special Beginners Classes
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Martial Arts Tuition Specialist

Grasshopper SOCCER

REAL Soccer FUN for Girls & Boys aged 2-12yo!

GRASSHOPPER SOCCER is “AUSTRALIA’S #1 non-competitive Soccer Provider”

⭐ TERM 1 Programs starting 8th February, at a number of nearby locations, on various days!

Bring A Friend & ENROL NOW for a Fun COME & TRY session!

RING: 0479 051 282 OR EMAIL: chris@grasshoppersoccer.com.au

Visit www.grasshoppersoccer.com.au for more details!
PREP WORKING BEE

Our first Working Bee will be held on Saturday 15th February at 8.30 a.m.

The Working Bees are great social events where children are welcome to participate as long as they are supervised by a parent. We will finish with a morning tea about 11.00am. Remember, each family that attends a Working Bee will have the $75 maintenance fee credited on the next school fee account.

CLASSROOM SUPPLIES

Could each child please bring a box of tissues and a packet of Chux cloths for their classroom. Thank you.

Changed address?
New mobile number?
Or a new Email address?

Please telephone the school office or email us at office@saclaytonsth.catholic.edu.au to update your contact details.