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From the Principal

Dear Parents,

On Wednesday the whole school attended the Parish Mass for Ash Wednesday signifying the commencement of the Lenten Season. The prayerfulness and attentiveness of all children, including the young Prep children, was outstanding. They are to be commended.

The Lenten Season is an important time in the Church’s Year and an important time in the life of all Catholics. It is the period when we review and renew our relationship with God.

Lent is not only an opportunity to give up something or fast, but a time to do something which benefits others. Include people that we sometimes neglect or go out of our way to help others. A Project Compassion box has been placed in each classroom and we encourage the children to give a little of their pocket money or spending money to assist those in countries not as well off as our own.

Lent concludes with the great season of Easter, the most important season in our Church’s Year which this year falls on the last weekend of the term holidays. As we have done previously, we will present the events of Holy Week in the week preceding the holidays.

First Reconciliation—Thursday 20 March

The Year 3 students are entering the final stage of their preparation for their First Reconciliation. The candidates will participate in a preparation day on Tuesday 11 March and then a Family Night will be held on Thursday 13 March commencing at 7:00 pm. We ask that you remember the Year 3 students who are preparing for the Sacrament in your prayers.

Anaphylaxis Training

On Tuesday evening twenty four staff members completed their anaphylaxis training with St John’s ambulance. This was an excellent program will assist us with the management and treatment of the students with this condition.
This year we are highlighting Catholic Education Week and the fact that we are a Catholic School. Catholic Education Week provides an opportunity to work with our community and make some important statements about Catholic Schools and St Andrew’s in particular.

The list of activities throughout Catholic Education Week is as follows:

- **Visual Arts Exhibition – Catholic Leadership Centre (15 – 22 March)**

The work of four St Andrew’s students will be displayed at the Exhibition which will be open to the public from 15 – 22 March. Viewing for the general public is from Monday 17 to Friday 21 March between 9:00 am and 3:30 pm and on Saturday 22 March from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. The Catholic Leadership Centre is on the corner of Hoddle Street and Victoria Parade.
IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Staff & Year 6 Students Commissioning Mass (Sunday 16 March 11:00 pm)**

  Following the Commissioning Mass we will open the school for parents and parishioners to view the school facilities and the work of the students. This will be a half hour walk through with a cup of tea/coffee served in the Glasshouse.

- **Lenten Prayer (Monday 17 March)**

  The planned Level Prayer Service throughout Lent this week falls on Monday 17 – St Patrick’s Feast Day. Each level will be inviting parents to each of these Lenten prayer gatherings.

- **Family Picnic / Activity Evening (Tuesday 18 March 5:00 – 7:30 pm)**

  The evening will commence with a family picnic on the oval before moving indoors where the families will create a family work of art.

- **St Patrick’s Day Mass at Cathedral (Thursday 20 March)**

  Student representatives and staff will attend the Mass and Concert in the Gardens.

- **First Reconciliation (Thursday 20 March)**

  The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held at 6:00 pm

- **Curriculum Information Sessions for Parents (Thursday 20 March)**

  Two sessions will be held for parents to hear about curriculum developments in Literacy, Numeracy & ICT. The sessions will be at 9:00 am and 2:30 pm in the Conference Room.

- **Harmony Day (Friday 21 March)**

  Each morning 8:45 am – 9:30 am and again at 2:30 – 3:15 pm we conduct tours of the school for interested parents.

We look forward to celebrating Catholic Education and hope that you can join in some of the activities that are planned for the week.
Year 3 And 4 News

An exciting and enthusiastic start has been made by all in Grades 3 and 4 at St Andrew’s.

So far this year in Mathematics, the children have been learning about place value, time and addition. Here is some of the work completed during this time.

In literacy, the students have been introduced to the ‘Daily 5’ which consists of:

- Work with words
- Read to Self
- Read to Others
- Listen to Reading
- Work on Writing

These strategies are being used to improve student’s comprehension of texts read and to become more enthusiastic with their reading. Students have also started exploring persuasive texts and writing their own pieces of work.

A focus on choices and healthy living has been included in our Inquiry and was supported by the visit from Billy Slater and Hymel Hunt from the Melbourne Storm to talk about how to ‘Tackle’ bullying. The students have also posted on the Grade 4 blog some tips learnt from the players and can be viewed on the blog: http://saclaytonsthgrade4.global2.vic.edu.au/melbourne-storm-visit/

Mr McDonough and Ms Carbone
Religious Education

The Year 6 Mass and induction of the Year 6 Leaders as well as the Commissioning of Staff will be held on **Sunday 16th March at 11.00 a.m.** Following Mass there will be an 'Open School' for parents and parishioners to view the school facilities and the student’s work. **Tea & Coffee will be served in the Glasshouse.**

A presentation by Mr. Paul Spence for Reconciliation children and their parents will be held on **Thursday 13th March at 7.00 p.m. in the School Hall**

- **Reconciliation Student’s Reflection Day:** Tuesday 11th March
- **Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Thursday 20th March at 6.00 p.m.

School Fees

A reminder that the Subject Levies and any arrears owing from last year are overdue and were due for final payment on 28th February. Term 1 School Fees and Swimming Fees are due by 7th March.

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Reminder:** Scholastic Book Club orders due back to school this **Friday 7th March**

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.

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

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

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**NAB AFL Oakleigh Auskick Season 2014**

**VENUE:** OAKLEY SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Riley Street, Oakleigh South Melway Ref: 78:G2

**DATE:** Saturday 29 March till Saturday 30 August

**TIME:** 9.00 a.m. till 11.00 a.m.

The season cost is $80. Auskickers will receive a backpack, a football cap, footy cards and more when they register and pay. Register and pay online at [www.aflauskick.com.au](http://www.aflauskick.com.au) from January 2014. Packs can be collected on 15th March or any Saturday morning during the season. **If you register and pay before 14 April you receive 2 adult and 2 child tickets to games at the MCG.**

Oakleigh Auskick is an Australian Rules Football Clinic operating each Saturday morning from March till August. Boys and Girls from 5 – 12 years are eligible. Children do not have to be gifted at sport to enjoy and participate in the Auskick program. For any enquiries you can call the Oakleigh Auskick Co-ordinator, Kerry Ryan on 0413 691 885
ST KILDA FOOTBALL CLUB VISIT

On Tuesday 25th February, St Andrews was lucky enough to get a visit from the St Kilda Football Club. Players Luke Delaney and Jack Billings spoke to our Year 5 and 6 students about goal setting and how to achieve their goals. This was followed by a clinic on goal kicking.

The students really enjoyed this visit and learnt a lot about setting goals for their future, with an emphasis on “never giving up on your dream and working hard for what you want”.

The students now have the opportunity to create a short video about their visit (with teacher supervision) for their chance to win free tickets to a St Kilda home game.

Year 6 & 5 students listening about setting goals for their future.
**Student of the Week**

| YEAR 6T  | **Aleisha** - for showing kindness in class with her classmates and Mrs ter Kuile.  
| YEAR 6T  | **Aaron** - For showing responsibility in completing his work to the best of his ability.  
| YEAR 6O  | **Melanie** for the great attitude and help you give everyone in our class.  
| YEAR 6O  | **Charlie** for the effort you put into all of your written work. Well done.  
| YEAR 6O  | **Isabella** for the terrific way Isabella has been approaching her homework and class activities.  
| YEAR 6O  | Congratulations on your excellent effort!  
| YEAR 6O  | **Megan** for her constant enthusiasm and great work done this year so far. We will miss you in 6O!  
| YEAR 5S  | Congratulations **Jessica** on a great start to your new grade. You are settling in very well!  
| YEAR 3/4C | **Sebastian** for developing a great attitude towards his learning. Well done keep it up!  
| YEAR 3D  | **Jason** for being a great leader and for helping other students in their learning. Well done!  
| YEAR 2P  | **Serena** – Congratulations on settling in to Year 2 so well. You are very organised.  
| YEAR 2P  | **Toshio** – Well done on your excellent behaviour!  
| YEAR 2M  | **Christopher** for constantly showing respect for classmates and teachers.  
| YEAR 2J  | **Tory** and **Katherine** for doing their best with class challenges.  
| YEAR 1L  | All of **11** for settling in so well at school. You have all been showing kindness towards one another.  
| YEAR 1J  | **Charbel** for always working enthusiastically and doing your best.  
| YEAR 1J  | **Madison** for showing kindness and including others when playing outside.  
| PREP V   | **Tracey** – Congratulations on the way you treat others and show kindness to your friends. Keep it up.  

**Tuckshop Roster**

| Fri  7 March | **Despina Nikolitsis** | Fri 14 March | **Angela Belmuda**  
| Mon 10 March | **Public Holiday** | Mon 17 March | **Sharon Colantuono**  
| Tues 11 March | **Volunteer Needed** | Tue 18 March | **Volunteer Needed**  
| Wed 12 March | **Melissa Bradley** | Wed 19 March | **Joanne Huynh**  
| Thur 13 March | **Benilda & Teresa** | Thur 20 March | **Volunteer Needed**  

**Tuckshop Good Manners Award:** **Rahul 2M**

**Friday 21st March is NATIONAL HARMONY DAY**

**Tuesday 18th March**  
**Twilight Family Night**

**Year 6 Working Bee will be on Saturday 22nd March**

**Lost**

Year 6
Graduation Jacket
Size 14
Please return to Daniel W in 6O if found.

**Personalised Candles made to order for Baptism, Confirmation, etc.**
See Annette in the school office