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Important Dates

MARCH / APRIL

THURSDAY 20    FIRST RECONCILIATION
MONDAY 24      LENTEN PRAYER
TUESDAY 25     FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION
WEDNESDAY 26   SCHOOL PHOTOS
MONDAY 1       SCHOOL AUDIT
FRIDAY 4       DISMISSAL 1:00 PM
MON 7–MON 21   SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
FRIDAY 18      GOOD FRIDAY
SUNDAY 20      EASTER SUNDAY

From the Principal

Dear Parents,

On Thursday the following students will be making their First Reconciliation. We congratulate the students who have prepared well in readiness for the Sacrament. Our thanks to their parents and teachers who have been a part of their preparation.

3D - Digby, Alexander, Britney, Alicia, Jacinta, Aaron, Orlando, Emelia, Kimberley, Kristy, Nakeisha, Sebastian, Mia, Ryan, Jason, Felicity, Jessica, Olivia and DJ

3K – Zion, JJ, Evelina, Braeden, Angel, Domenic, Khloe, Audrey, Aden, Zane, Bianca, Megan and Ethan

3/4C – Benedicte, Massimo, Samuel, Elanah, Isdha, Kristian, Isaac, Dillon, Emily, Tiare and Sebastian

School Photos—Wednesday 26 March

Please ensure that all students are dressed in their finest Summer School Uniform on Wednesday of next week for their School Photo.

Holy Week & School Holidays

During the week prior to the holidays the whole school will be participating in the re-enactment of the days of Holy Week. Different year levels will present Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, the Last Supper and the events of Good Friday.

The students will be dismissed on Friday 4th April at 1:00 pm. Please mark this in your diaries.

Catholic Education Week

This week the school has celebrated Catholic Education Week commencing last Sunday with the Year 6 Mass and Staff Commissioning; on Tuesday evening with a most successful Picnic/Activity Night, participation in the Catholic Education Art Show; attendance at the St Patrick’s Cathedral Mass and Parent Information sessions on Thursday. It has been a most successful week. Many thanks for all who have participated.
Religious Education

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursday 20th March at 6.00 p.m. in the Hall

As part of the First Reconciliation preparation, the Year 3 and some Year 4 students, together with their families, were privileged to participate in a prayerful and reflective evening with Mr Paul Spence.

Paul spoke about the Sacrament of Reconciliation (also known as Penance and Confession) as being the Sacrament of the Heart. We are called by God to turn back to him with a changed heart. He told us that the word “sin”, comes from the Hebrew word which means “to miss”.

It doesn’t mean to commit something wrong; it simply means to miss, to be absent. To “miss the point or miss the mark”. We find this in a few English words such as misconduct, misbehaviour.

Through the Scripture story of the Prodigal Son, and using the painting by Rembrandt, Paul revealed to those present, the meaning of the story, and its interpretation through the artist’s eyes. The story demonstrates the need to say sorry and to be forgiven. We Catholics, experience God’s loving forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Please continue to pray for the children who will be receiving the sacrament for the first time this Thursday 20 March, 2014, at 6pm. Please bring your child to the Hall. Children - Don’t forget to wear you stole.

Comments About The Evening:

“Congratulations for a wonderful Reconciliation night last night.

“The presenter, Paul Spence was truly inspirational. The audience engagement and participation was great to see.”

“Looking forward to the next Sacramental presentation.”

“Paul put reconciliation into a simple and meaningful way that was extremely powerful for the children, parents and teachers.”

“Well done it was a great night.”

“I’m sure that next week’s Sacrament will be extremely meaningful.”

If you would like to share some of your comments about the evening with Paul Spence, please send us an e-mail or add your thoughts on the Skoolbag App.

Yesterday, Orlando from Year 3 D was baptised by Father Shanthaiah, in the presence of his classmates and welcomed into Catholic community of St Andrew’s Parish. Congratulations to Orlando and his family.

The weekly Year Level Lenten Prayers, have been very reflective with children focusing on the topics of JOURNEY, PRAYER, FASTING (going without) ALMSGIVING, in preparation for the celebration of Easter.

This week we have been highlighting Catholic Education Week as well as focussing on what makes our school special and different to any other Primary School with a number of activities.

- Year 6 and Staff Commissioning Mass
- Family Picnic/Activity Evening
- St Patrick’s Day Mass at St. Patrick’s Cathedral followed by a concert in the park. (Group of Year 6 Leaders)
- Sacrament of First Reconciliation
- Harmony Day – March against violence.

Rachele Oliver – Deputy Principal & Religious Education Leader
Maths
In Maths, we have been learning how to add and subtract. For example we can use number lines to add, and to check our work we have to estimate. We have also learnt about place value. We have made a Number Expander, which shows the value of each digit. This week we are starting to learn about angles.

Religion
In Religion, we have been learning about Lent. Lent is the 40 days leading up to Easter. It begins the day after Shrove Tuesday. We have also been reading articles online about generosity and kindness. 5LC have been mainly focusing on the ripple effect. A ripple effect is when you are nice to someone and they feel happy, and pass on the happiness and it keeps on going, like dominoes.

Literacy
In Literacy, 5LC have been doing read to self in the classroom. We have been looking at a poster about “I PICK”. Usually when we get back from recess, we do read to self for 20-30 minutes. We have been building our stamina in reading for longer. We are also learning how to be good readers.

Writing
In Literacy, 5LC have been learning about persuasive writing. Persuasive writing is about convincing someone about something and catching people’s attention. We have been looking at a text about how windsurfing is a great sport and it made us want to do windsurfing.

Inquiry
In Inquiry we have been learning about bullying. We learnt about how bullying affects the wellbeing of a person. We have also been learning about making good choices. 5LC have been learning that you pause and think about what you’re going to do or say.

Monica, Matthew and Sonia 5LC

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**SCHOOL PHOTO DAY**

SCHOOLPIX will be visiting us on WEDNESDAY 26th MARCH

**PHOTO DAY TIPS:**

- **Dress:** Clean and tidy as per school uniform guidelines
- **Hair:** Neat and swept off face
- **Orders:** Complete your order form and return to school prior to photography day (or as directed by school staff)
- **Pre-orders:** To pre-order online, take your personal Order and ID Numbers found on your order form and go to [www.schoolpix.com.au](http://www.schoolpix.com.au). All orders placed online will receive a free 20cm x 25cm black and white portrait print.

PO Box 5222, Hallam VIC 3803
Phone: 1300 766 055
Email: info@schoolpix.com.au

*SIBLING PORTRAIT ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE*
People are on their iPads working hard.

**IPAD RULES FOR THE CLASSROOM**

1. Make sure you follow all cybersafety rules.
2. The iPad is never to be used on the floor and you must always carry the iPad with 2 hands.
3. No food or drink is to be near the iPad and the screen must be cleaned on a regular basis.
4. Only use the school-based apps and do not play games on the iPad without permission.
5. Do not take the iPad outside the classroom during recess or lunchtime.
6. Store your iPad in your tub when not in use.
7. Handle the iPad carefully and respectfully.
8. Students are only allowed to use their own iPad.

These are the rules for the iPads.
We had a wonderful attendance to our Family Twilight evening on Tuesday. Parents and children were involved in activities and were seen enjoying their picnic dinner.
YEAR 6 WORKING BEE
SATURDAY 22nd MARCH 2014
Time: 8.30 am till 11.30 am

Please remember to sign in when you arrive

Each family that attends a Working Bee for the duration time will have the maintenance component credited on their school fee account.

Please make every effort to come along and assist for these few hours

A key benefit of the working bee is a growing community as families mingle and work together.

Our working bee will conclude with a light morning tea.

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Parent Information Sessions

We held two parent Information Sessions today, as part of Catholic Education Week. They provided an opportunity for parents to see the 'big picture' with learning at St. Andrew's and to discuss the many exciting new developments that are taking place.

Thank-you to all those who attended.

We also had a large number of responses requesting an evening Information Session. We will hold one in Term 2, with more details to be announced next term.

Thank-you
Sharon McCarter,
Teaching and Learning Leader
HEY KIDS!
Do you love jellybeans?
Of course you do!

That is why the awesome Social Justice/Liturgy Team have made a stall where you can guess how many jellybeans are in the jar!

50 cents for one guess or
3 guesses for $1

We will be just by the tuckshop.
First Prize will win a $5 tuckshop voucher and the hole jar of jelly beans!

Our Lost Property bin is FULL!
Please look in here if you have lost an article of school clothing.

Friday 21st March
Harmony Day

Prayer Service
in solidarity with
REFUGEES
ASYLUM SEEKERS

Palm Sunday
13th April 2014, 1.00—1.30pm
Celebrant: Bishop Vincent Long
St Patrick’s Cathedral East Melbourne

Whoever turns refugees away, forgets that Jesus was also one.

Pope Francis 2013
Student of the Week

YEAR 6TK  Navya and Madison for their tireless work as Religion and Social Justice Captains. Congratulations on your contribution to our school community. Keep up the great work!!!

YEAR 6T  Andrew for the positive way you work in Maths lessons. Well done Andrew!
Antigint for setting a great example of how to always put in your best effort at all times. A great job Antigint!

YEAR 6O  Sarthak for consistently demonstrating the value of respect during interschool sport for both team mates and students from other schools. Well done Sarthak!
Danica for reflecting our school value of ‘doing our best’, particularly with an interesting and well researched class presentation. Congratulations on all your hard work!

YEAR 5S  Congratulations to Anton at your great start to Year 5 as one of our new students.
Congratulations to Alfie on all your wonderful work at St. Andrew’s. Bon Voyage!

YEAR 5LC  Monica - Congratulations on your position of SRC Rep for 5LC as voted by your peers in SLC.
Chandana - Well done Chandana for demonstrating the value of doing your best in all that you do - especially in your school work.
Jordan and Bernie - For your willingness to help others especially in our ICT lessons. Well done.

YEAR 5G  Rachel for showing excellent leadership in 5G.
Vincent for consistently showing kindness to others.

YEAR 4M  Congratulations Adrian for always doing your best and for the respect you show towards your classmates.
Congratulations to Sara for your kind, gentle manners and the beautiful work you present each day. Well done to Natalie for your positive, happy manner and the enthusiasm and effort you put into all your work. Keep it up!

YEAR 4T  Irene for your hard working start.
Tim excellent contribution to the School Choir.

YEAR 3/4C  To ALL of the Year 3 children for receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

YEAR 3K  Vasili for concentrating on your work and getting the job done well.

YEAR 3D  Nakisha for assisting classmates with their learning in our maths topic of length. Outstanding job!

YEAR 2P  Kody for making good choices in the classroom and on the playground. Well done!
Elly P for being helpful and kind to others always. Well done.

YEAR 2M  Amy for showing outstanding persistence and throughout our ‘time’ unit.

YEAR 2J  Lyna and Dylan for outstanding work. Well done!

YEAR 1L  Zac for making great choices in the classroom and following instructions.

YEAR 1J  Ann - Congratulations Ann for always DOING YOUR BEST! You have worked well especially in Maths.
Seth - Congratulations Seth for showing RESPECT towards others!
You have treated everyone with kindness.

PREP V  Congratulations Joshua in your constant care in looking after others and ensuring they are enjoying themselves at school. Well done

PREP J  Tara for always doing her best at school. Well done :)

PREP C  Congratulations to Sierra for all your efforts in learning.

Tuckshop Roster

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Tuckshop Good Manners Award: Daniel SS