Dear Parents,

The last fortnight has been full of varied activity at St Andrew's including our House Cross Country, Excursions, School Camp, NAPLAN testing, Mother’s Day Stall and an extensive number of meetings reviewing the individual needs of our students. We have some sixty students participating daily in small group reading instruction from Year 1 to 6 to hasten their reading and reading comprehension development. The parents of these students have been invited to an information session later this month. I would encourage you to take this opportunity to work with the school to further assist your child.

In addition to the activities listed the daily teaching and learning programs continue to be our main focus of teachers and students.

2015 Enrolments

Many families visited St Andrew’s during the recently held Open Days and Evening. Completed Enrolment Application Forms are now being returned and we ask that this process be completed by Friday 30 May. Interviews with families will be held in June and offers of placement for 2015 sent out shortly after the interview.

If you are an existing family and have a child due to start school next year, or who have friends or neighbors who have not yet collected an Enrolment Application Form please remind them to give this a priority.

School Closure Day—Friday 30 May

The staff will be participating in a professional development program on this day and therefore their will be no classes for the students. A major part of this day will be the review and development of the school’s Pastoral Care Policy including our approach to teaching appropriate behaviors and the place of social justice in our school.

Mother’s Day Stall

Many thanks to the parents who organized and managed last week’s Mother’s Day Stall. While I was attending a meeting elsewhere last Thursday I was informed that the stall was a great success as always. Many thanks!
From the Principal continued

Working Bees—2014

The full list of Working Bees for the remainder of the year are as follows. Unfortunately we did have to make a change from the last time these dates were published:

- Saturday 24 May - Year 5
- Saturday 26 July - Year 4
- Saturday 16 August - Year 3
- Saturday 18 October - Year 2
- Saturday 15 November - Year 1

The Year 5 Working Bee will take place on Saturday week. We have a number of tasks to be undertaken and would encourage as many families as possible to assist. Attendance at the Working Bee has the $75 Maintenance Levy rebated on your School Account.

Please note that if you plan to attend a Working Bee at some stage during the year, throughout the year pay your full School Fee Account less $75. The school office will rebate the $75 after attendance at the Working Bee. If you are not planning to attend a Working Bee you pay the full account throughout the year including the $75.

Traffic Reminders

Three concerns have been reported to me.

- Firstly, from neighbours complaining about parking across driveways and on nature strips. Please be mindful of the local residents and their traffic requirements.
- Secondly, parents parking in the staff car park areas both prior to and after school. The school grounds and car parks are not available for parent parking to ensure the safety of the students.
- The third concern regards the non use of the patrolled school crossings. Students accompanied by their parents are crossing both Bunney and Springs Road without using the crossing areas. Please educate your children in save road practices by using the patrolled crossings.

Church Refurbishment

The works on the Parish Church continue with the expected handover date to the parish being July 3. Celebrations and Consecration Mass details will be forwarded from the Parish.

Throughout the time of construction disruption to the school has been contained. At the present time many trades are on site therefore they require additional parking and they are arriving and leaving the site at irregular times. Some of the tradesmen are not as vigilant as others in closing the front gate at the end of their working day which coincides with our dismissal times.

I would ask parents not to park in the school grounds at pick up time. If you find the gate open it has been an oversight by the builders.

The completed refurbishment will be well worth any inconvenience and will provide the parish and school with a great place of worship and prayer.

Phillip Tierney
PRINCIPAL
**Around the Classrooms – 5G**

Congratulations to all students in 5G who have made a fantastic start to Term 2. Everyone has been working very hard in all aspects of their schooling.

In Mathematics so far this term we have completed our unit on 3D shapes and are currently focused on the operations of multiplication and division. Students have been learning about factors, multiples and how to solve a variety of worded problems.

In Literacy 5G are continuing to improve on their stamina during Read to Self-time with students reading for 30 minutes each day. We have been learning how to make predictions when we read using a range of narrative texts. Our writing this term is linked with our inquiry with a focus on narratives.

During Inquiry this term our unit is about Australian History during the period of 1788-1899. Students have used an iPad app called Popplet to create a mind map of what they know about this time in history. Students have also reflected on the events and significance of Anzac Day.

In Religion our unit “New Beginnings” is focused on how the celebration of the Easter Resurrection is a time to learn about the Catholic beliefs about death, resurrection and eternal life.

Miss Shona Garland – Year 5G teacher

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**Around the Classrooms – 4T**

The term is off and running and we are already in Week Four. In Religious Education we are exploring the unit *The Spirit Lives in Us* which has a strong focus on becoming spirit filled people. The students have been using Pic Collage on the iPads to create Collages about St Mary McKillop and Mother Teresa of Calcutta where they have identified the qualities and actions that have made them spirit filled people and good role models.

**Multiplication** has been the main focus of Mathematics this term and the students have done a lot of work on arrays, skip counting on number lines, counting in groups and using a variety of strategies to solve multiplication problems. We have just begun exploring the concept of **Area**, what it is and how to measure it and the students have been having fun finding the area of different surfaces using informal and formal units of measurement.

Our Inquiry topic, *Discovering Australia*, is well underway and the students are enjoying this topic. They have generated their own questions, and are currently finding information about Aboriginal culture and way of life before white settlement, Life in England and the reason for Australia’s colonisation, The First Fleet journey, and the impact of white settlement on the local environment and the Indigenous population.

In Literacy we are looking at Narrative, in particular Historical Narratives and Journals that retell events of the past from different viewpoints. The children are working on the Daily Five Menu learning different strategies to assist them to become better readers and more independent learners with specific goals to work towards. Some of the Year Four students have presented reports and readings on Radio 96.0 FM – the school community radio station so stay tuned in via the year level blog.

Mrs Teresa Maio – Year 4T teacher

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**ITALIAN**

Italian in 2014 has seen the teaching and learning of a variety of different topics, events and celebrations with many more to follow in the upcoming terms. We have focused on annual festivities which occur both in Italy as well as the Italian population here in Australia. The direction for this program is that students learn both culture and tradition and are introduced to vocabulary and expressions which are relevant to each unit.
IN THE NEWS (continued)

Term 1 saw the topics of Carnevale and ‘Pasqua’ (Easter). The Carnevale festival which is most famously celebrated in Venice is both rich in culture and performance. The students learned about the various Carnevale characters, the origins and history of Carnevale and its connections with the Catholic calendar. The word ‘Carnevale’ comes from the Latin origin of ‘Carnem levare’ which means to ‘remove meat’. This element allowed the unit to flow nicely into the topic of Pasqua. One famous accessory within the festivals of Carnevale is the use and decoration of the Venetian Masks. Students were able to decorate a two dimensional mask in both traditional and modern design, and we are hoping to produce three dimensional masks later in the year.

Pasqua, a highly relevant topic within a Catholic school, not only demonstrated the Catholic traditions in Italy during this time of year, but also highlighted the ways in which Italians show their religious dedication through their actions, celebrations and cuisine. Within this topic, students were encouraged to infer from their prior knowledge of vocabulary and make connections and assimilations between the Italian and English languages.

Term 2 began with the ever enjoyable topic of ‘Food from Italy’. We are gradually exploring the topic of ‘regional food’ and how food from Italy is not simply ‘Italian’ but regional. In doing so, the lessons are incorporating elements of geography and sustainability in the ways that Italians eat foods primarily from their region to ensure food is at its freshest when consumed and is most financially acquirable.

I look forward to the upcoming topic of ‘La Coppa Mondiale’ (The World Cup) where we will be discussing and researching Italy’s participation and victories throughout the world cup’s history. Students will be adapting autobiographical pieces written earlier in the year and researching and answering questions about famous soccer players.

Signorina Teresa

Darritt in 5S wrote a terrific narrative ending about an Australian farmer who is sent to war. It shows some fine descriptive language for Literacy and is based on our Inquiry topic about an ANZAC soldier in the trenches at Gallipoli.

It’s been a bad day. I got shot and I can’t seem to walk. I really miss my home but I guess I am going to die here all alone. All I see is dead bodies lying everywhere outside the trenches. I think I am going to be dead lying on the ground.

Then I think I may survive. I am getting dragged across the ground with a pain like a burning on my leg and its getting hotter and hotter. Even my back is hurting because of the rocks on the ground bumping me.

Then I see a sudden blackness. No light, no stars no moon. It’s like I’m dead. I ask myself, “Am I dead or alive?” Then I see light.

Looking at my leg, it’s not hurting anymore. Then I see a doctor. He says I will be fine but the problem was I couldn’t walk. After four long years of war I finally came home. I got back to my life doing everything I normally did on my farm.

Darritt 5S
Sacrament of Confirmation Presentation

for parents, students and staff on 19th June at 7.00p.m.

PLEASE ENTER THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY

Saturday 21st June  
Year 4 & First Eucharist Commitment Mass at 6.00 p.m.

Tuesday 15th July  
Year 6 Confirmation Reflection Day

Saturday 19th July  
Year 6 Confirmation & Blessing of Church by Bishop Peter Elliott at 6.00 p.m.

Tuesday 29th July  
Eucharist students Reflection & Reconciliation day

Thursday 31st July  
Paul Spence Presentation for Eucharist students, their parents and staff.

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LIVE IN CONCERT

John Burland

EDUCATOR AND COMPOSER

A joyful and prayerful celebration of our Catholic faith!

- Includes song, movement, meditative prayer & story
- Highly interactive with a strong Religious Education focus
- Suitable for all children, teachers, parents and parishioners

John will be celebrating with our community in the Hall on
Tuesday May 27th at 9.00 a.m.

Parents, friends and toddlers are welcome to attend
- NO CHARGE
FOOTBALL BOOTS WANTED!

Do you have any old football boots in good condition that are now too small and are cluttering up your cupboards?

If so, give those boots to someone who can only dream about having a pair!

In July this year, the School of Exercise Science at the Australian Catholic University (ACU) is running a three-week, after-school football program for children and youth in the community of Baucau in Timor Leste. The program is being conducted in partnership with the Baucau Catholic Parish, St Anthony’s Secondary School and the local Football Association to promote health, wellbeing and life skills. Boots are needed for children ranging in age from seven to 15 years. The ACU is hoping to collect 800 pairs of used boots, one for each Timorese child.

If you have a pair at home that is now too small for your child, can you please hand them into your school’s office by Friday 23 May.

Donated boots will be collected by the Catholic Education Office Melbourne and delivered to ACU during June.

Donated football boots can be left at the school office. Please ensure that they are clean and in a plastic bag. Thank you.

Students from 4T working hard on their Enquiry topic “Discovering Australia” and focusing on ‘Multiplication’.
Student of the Week

YEAR 5S
To Liana for your fantastic effort with reading and your wonderful production on the school radio.

YEAR 5LC
To Thomas for a fantastic effort with reading and the wonderful production you did on the school radio.

YEAR 5G
To Sonia & Stephanie - Well done on preparing and delivering an excellent presentation on social justice through our Lenten promises on the St Andrew’s radio station.

YEAR 4T
To Chris for your fantastic effort with reading and your wonderful production on the school radio.

YEAR 4M
Renee for her great enthusiasm in Inquiry Learning.
Rebecca for her fabulous Maths work.
Michael for his great Maths work and his computer skills.
Sara for her beautiful manners and fabulous writing!

YEAR 3K
John for his excellent work in Maths.
Erica for her excellent sharing in class.

YEAR 3D
All of the students in 3K for their co-operation and hard work.

PREP V
Felicity for her excellent narrative about “The Box”, created using the ‘Storyboard’ App on her iPad.

PREP J
Congratulations Sophie on the excellent use of your manners. You are extremely polite. Well done 😊

Congratulations to Emmanuel on always doing your best! Keep up the great work 😊

Tuckshop Roster

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TUCKSHOP NEWS

FRIED RICE IS BACK AT THE TUCKSHOP
Order now for lunch - $3.60

- Dim Sims 3 for $2.00 – with soy sauce 15 cents extra
- Fresh sushi available every Thursday $2.60 each
  - Chicken teriyaki, tuna or prawn

Tuckshop Good Manners Award: Nikyla 3K

St Andrew’s Bingo Nights
Bingo sessions are conducted in St Andrew’s School Hall every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month.

Tickets are on sale from 6.00 p.m. Bingo session starts sharp 7.00 p.m. A book of 10 games cost only $5.00.
Prizes for each game range from $30 - $50. There are 2 sessions. All profits from the Bingo sessions are donated to St Andrew’s Church.

Any queries please ring Sheryl Mahony on 0448 038 467 or contact the Parish House on 9551 5666.

We will also have a raffle drawn every night. Free Tea & Coffee. Soft drinks and snacks are sold at a minimum cost.
So come along with your family and friends to enjoy the BINGO NIGHT.

Please note – that children below 18 years are not permitted