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Important Dates

MAY / JUNE
FRIDAY 30 SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
SUNDAY 1 YEAR 5 SCHOOL MASS
MONDAY 9 QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
TUESDAY 10 2015 ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS COMMENCE

From the Principal

Dear Parents,

This Friday is a school closure day for the students with the staff engaged in a professional development day entitled Creating a Safe and Supportive School for Students, Staff & Parents.

We have become a more aggressive society. We look for people to blame when things go wrong. We are less resilient. Family Violence is on the increase. The police respond to 60,000 family violence incidents annually in Victoria. Bullying is now the biggest issue troubling school kids across Australia. Rarely does a day go by where I do not receive an alert from either the Catholic Education Office or the Education Department warning of an incident in or around a school by an unwanted person.

Tomorrow’s professional development day is about taking a stand against these unwanted trends in society and do everything we can do to ensure our school is a safe environment.

While this will be a multi faceted approach one step will be to have a Code of Conduct for parents and caregivers. The School Board discussed and ratified the document at Wednesday’s School Board Meeting. All new and existing families will be asked to read, sign and commit to the conduct outlined. While the parents will be asked to support the guidelines their will be a significant responsibility and onus on staff for its implementation.

Over the past twelve months we have had a number of instances where parents have approached and spoken in a threatening way to a child from another family. While some would contend it was not threatening I would suggest that any harsh words from an unauthorized adult and the related imbalance in power is unwarranted and traumatic for a child.

To quote from the Code of Conduct:

In raising concerns on behalf of your child, or making a complaint about the school’s practices or treatment of your child, we expect that you will:

- Listen to your child, but remember that a different ‘reality’ may possibly exist elsewhere
- Communicate any concerns to your child’s teacher in a constructive manner
From the Principal continued

♦ Observe the correct procedures to resolve a grievance or conflict

The Code of Conduct is just one strategy that will come from the School Board and from the school staff following the professional development day. As we look at more effective ways to educate the students about our core values of RESPECT, KINDNESS & DOING YOUR BEST and the associated behaviours that demonstrate these values I ask all within our community to commit to making our school a safe place for all.

The Code of Conduct will be forwarded to parents during the next fortnight as will details of other initiatives.

Year 5 Mass

The Year 5 Class Mass will be celebrated in the School Hall on Sunday morning at 11:00 am. We would like all the Year 5 families to be represented if possible.

Looking forward the remaining Year Level Masses for 2014 are as follows:

Saturday 21 June 6:00 pm - Year 4 Mass
Sunday 10 August 9:30 am - Year 2 Mass
Saturday 23 August 6:00 pm - Year 1 Mass
Sunday 14 September 11:00 am - Prep Mass

Working Bees—2014

Thank you to the families who attended last Saturday’s Working Bee and to Steve and Rachele for coordinating proceedings. We were able to give the grounds a much needed tidy with sweeping, pruning and the clearing of drains the main chores completed.

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

♦ Saturday 26 July - Year 4
♦ Saturday 16 August - Year 3
♦ Saturday 18 October - Year 2
♦ Saturday 15 November - Year 1

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.

School Fees

The School Accountant Bernard Negline has informed me that our school fee collection rate is slower than in previous years. I would ask families to ensure that fees are paid on time and if this cannot be done please make contact to discuss the matter.

Please note that the BPay facility is available and if you wish to pay smaller amounts on a more regular basis, weekly, fortnightly or monthly this is most acceptable.

The School Board reviewed the procedures for non payment of school accounts at this week’s Board Meeting and this document will be forwarded over the next week.

Phillip Tierney
PRINCIPAL
Around the Classrooms – 6T

Once again it is a busy time for Year 6 students. We are back from a terrific camp at Portsea where the students participated in a range of outdoor activities such as the Giant Swing, Flying Fox, High Ropes, Initiatives and Beach Activities. Our year 6 students behaved to a very high standard and had many enjoyable learning experiences over the three days of beautiful weather. We are already in the middle of Term 2 where the students have been learning about the History of Australia through Federation, Gallipoli and many other important events in our history. As part looking at our history unit we had a great excursion to the Immigration Museum in Melbourne to help us learn about the different journeys that many people have made to get to Australia. Our students are just starting to prepare and learn about the sacrament of confirmation which we will be celebrated together at the start of Term 3.

Winter sport has begun with the year 6 students participating in football, soccer, netball, rounders and sofcrrosse. All year 6 students were part of our St Andrew’s cross country day at Bald Hill Park and a number of students then represented our school at the Bentleigh District event the next week. Year 6 students are also starting to get ready with some wonderful art pieces that they have been preparing with Miss Tomomi for our school art show later in Term 3. Our students have now had their iPads for quite a while and are really benefitting from the many different ways they can use them to help with their learning. We have been amazed with how we have been able to use them in every subject area.

We look forward to continued growth and development from all of our year 6 students and will keep you up to date with all of the new and exciting things we are doing in year 6.

Peter Tyndall Year 6T

Around the Classrooms – Prep J

Prep J is learning about Addition in Mathematics this week. We are learning that if we join two groups together we find a total.

We are also looking at the different ways numbers can be broken up, in particular partitions of ten.

The Preps are investigating Addition through number stories, dice games, song and hands on materials.

Jessica Chapman Prep J
Sacrament of Confirmation Presentation

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

PLEASE ENTER THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY

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<td>Year 6 Confirmation &amp; Blessing of Church by Bishop Peter Elliott at 6.00 p.m.</td>
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<td>Tuesday 29th July</td>
<td>Eucharist students Reflection &amp; Reconciliation day</td>
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<td>Thursday 31st July</td>
<td>Paul Spence Presentation for Eucharist students, their parents and staff.</td>
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SCHOOL FEES

A reminder that Excursion & Subject Levies, Swimming for Yr 3-6 and Term 1 & 2 fees are now overdue. Payment is requested before Friday, 30th May.

Thank you.

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2014 TERM DATES

TERM 2 - Tuesday 22 April–Friday 27 June
TERM 3 - Monday 14 July–Friday 19 September
TERM 4 - Monday 6 October–Friday 19 December

Personalised candles for Baptism, Communion or Confirmation.
See Annette in the office.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Year 3 to 6 choir meet every Friday at lunch time in the library.
When John Burland sang his songs were amazing! I felt I was in Church. It was a happy time. His songs were all about God and Jesus. It made me feel happy. 
Reene 4T

The John Burland concert was amazing! His songs taught us the real meaning about God’s word. As well as telling us about his family and himself, he told us how he came up with his songs. Alanna 4T

I thought that John Burland’s songs inspired everybody especially me with his words and he reminded me that God loves us so much. Phoenix 4T

John Burland was so special and respectful to me because the words that he sang in his songs were meaningful and fantastic. I sang all the songs and I think, his effort was amazing. Natalie K 4T

John Burland! I thought that John Burland’s concert was fantastic. It was also really exciting. We all learnt so much about God. We also sang lots of songs about God. I liked the part where we learnt new songs. It was fun! Justine

I thought that John Burland’s performance was really exciting and if you were there you felt like you were singing Church songs. I felt really engaged with his songs. Jordyn 4T

Today John Burland came to St. Andrew’s school. He sang lots of songs. One of my favourites was ‘Choices’. It was amazing! Hailey 4T

John Burland’s concert helped people to realise that you need to make the right choices and to be nice to others and make people happy. Dylan K.

I just love John Burland’s songs, ‘My Shepherd’. It reminded me of my mum when she drove me to the airport to go to Cambodia. I love the song ‘Choices’! I just love all his songs!! Rebecca 4T

John Burland came to St. Andrew’s today. He performed lots of songs and we sang with him. I thought he was trying to help us understand that we should be proud of what we are and what we have here at St. Andrew’s. Melanie 4T

Hello. This is what I thought about John Burland’s concert. John Burland’s concert taught us how to treat others respectfully. He sang a song about choices that God gives us and that we should use the choices wisely to help others and ourselves become better people. We are all great people in God’s eyes, no matter how we look. Annette 4T

John Burland’s concert was held on Thursday 27th May. I heard he wrote 150 songs! The concert was great. He even told us the meaning of the songs. At the end of the concert we ended with the song called ‘CHOICES’ Jaelene

Everybody went to the hall to see John Burland and to sing his different songs. I felt really excited to listen to his songs. When I heard his songs I felt really happy and prayerful. We all danced and sang. Some of his songs were ‘Choices’, ‘The Good Samaritan’ and the ‘Justice Song’. Justin 4T

John Burland sang beautifully. His songs felt exciting and in harmony. I learned new songs from him. His songs were all about God. Adrian 4T

John Burland is a fabulous singer and he had a very easy way to spell the word CHOICE by singing it out! It sounded easier. John Burland has composed many songs about God. He has also been to America, New Zealand and Sydney. The concert was relaxing and enjoyable. Narichard 4T
# Student of the Week

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<td><strong>Aurelia</strong> for her hard work at lunchtime assisting Miss Tomomi in the Art room. <strong>Annabel</strong> - Congratulations on your improvement in reading.</td>
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<td><strong>Selena</strong> for an excellently completed camp film which showed great use of Ipad skills as well as lots of humour. Well done Selena! <strong>Daniel</strong> for his high standard of behaviour at the Portsea Camp. <strong>Dan</strong> was a great help to all of the teachers, and did 60 proud. Good stuff Dan the Man!</td>
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<td><strong>Jin</strong>-Congratulations on always showing persistence in your work. <strong>Georgie</strong> - Well done Georgie on working hard and trying your best in all that you do.</td>
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<td><strong>Jonathon</strong> for always showing kindness and respect to others. Well done! <strong>Kyla</strong> for trying your best in literacy and writing an excellent narrative piece. Congratulations!</td>
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<td>Congratulations <strong>Michael</strong> for your great homework this week. Also for your hard work in class especially in reading. <strong>Congratulations to Annette</strong> for your great work in maths. Your estimation skills in measurement are great.</td>
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<td><strong>Well done Juliana.</strong> Your consistent effort in your work is to be commended. Congratulations 😊</td>
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<td><strong>Jewels</strong> for trying her best in Literacy groups.</td>
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### Tuckshop Roster

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**Tuckshop Good Manners Award:** J.J 3K

**FRIED RICE IS BACK AT THE TUCKSHOP**

Order now for lunch - $3.60

**REMININDER:**

**PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SHOP HOURS:**

FRIDAY 8.45 A.M. TO 9.15 A.M.

**LOST PROPERTY** there is a HUGE amount of unclaimed school clothing in the Lost Property cupboard. If you have lost any article of school clothing then please check the cupboard.