



St Andrew's PS Newsletter

Term 1 Week 6 > Friday 11 March 2022

Prayer

Loving God, We thank you for our Catholic school communities in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. We pray that we may walk 'the way of the gospel' together, as we accompany each other in our learning this year. May the Holy Spirit guide us and give us new eyes, new ears and open hearts, helping us to bring your love to all we encounter. Mary, mother of the living gospel, pray for us. We ask this prayer through Jesus our Lord and teacher, Amen.



Principal's Message

Dear Parents & Carers,

It seems so long since I have written anything other than COVID updates but it is my intention to return to a regular newsletter to share information related to school life at St Andrew's.

As we approach the Labour Day long weekend we have also arrived at the end of the 6th full week of school and many routines have been re-established, assessments done and learning is well underway.

There has been a significant change to the way we have structured our curriculum leadership in 2022, creating a more distributive model.

Catholic Identity: Glenn Mugavin

Student Wellbeing & PBL: Lisa Black

Literacy: Beth Du Plooy (nee Henry) is the school's Literacy Leader working across F-6

Maths: Nicole Sciberras (F-2), Kat Eastman (3-4) & Candida Fitzgerald (5-6) are the Maths Leadership Team

Inquiry: Primola Afribo (F-2), Carolyn Martin (3-4) & Anne-Marie Palmer (5-6) are the Inquiry Leadership Team

Italian Language: Primola Afribo, Stefania Filippi (Language Assistant)

eLearning: Laura Chamberlain

Learning Diversity & Intervention: Janelle Candusso, Bianca Corvo, Carolyn Martin

Many of these teachers are combining classroom teaching with their leadership role and therefore will at times be released from classroom teaching duties.

Catholic Education Week in the Archdiocese of Melbourne will be held next week, 13-20 March.

The Catholic Education Week 2022 theme is 'The Way of the Gospel'. 'The Way of the Gospel' challenges us to find the living Christ in our midst and to respond and adapt to the questions that are asked in each generation.

- Where do we find the living Christ in our midst?
- How might our Catholic school communities continue to bring to life the way of the gospel today and in the future?
- How might our Catholic Schools continue to invite our students, our families and our staff into the fullness of the way of the gospel?

On Monday 28 February the Parent Association held the first meeting for the year. Save the date of **Friday 25 March** for our first 'in person' school event for some time as we hold a **Family Bush Dance**, more information will be distributed soon. The next Parents Association Meeting is Monday 21 March.

Last Tuesday evening the school hosted an online session for families run by Berry St to inform about the Berry St Education Model, which is a model used at our school to provide the positive conditions for student learning. Although it didn't get the uptake we were hoping for, I hope those who did attend found the session useful. It was an early attempt at offering an opportunity for reconnection back with our school community.

Please keep the people of Queensland & New South Wales as well as the people of Ukraine in your thoughts and prayers as they face great adversity at this time.

Regards

Michael Gavaghan

Upcoming Dates

Monday 14 March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Thursday 17 March	St Patrick's Day (Patron Saint of the Melbourne Archdiocese)
Friday 18 March	National Day of Action Against Bullying 6.30pm Sacrament of Confirmation in the Sports Centre
Monday 21 March	Blackberry Jam Bush Dance Workshops for students 7.00pm PARENT ASSOCIATION MEETING
Tuesday 22 March	SCHOOL PHOTOS
Friday 25 March	Blackberry Jam Family Bush Dance in the Sports Centre
Tuesday 29 March	7.00pm SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
Saturday 2 April	8.30am-11.00am WORKING BEE
Sunday 3 April	Daylight Savings ends
Wednesday 6 April	Easter Raffle drawn
Thursday 7 April	Subway Lunch
Friday 8 April	1.00pm Term 1 ends



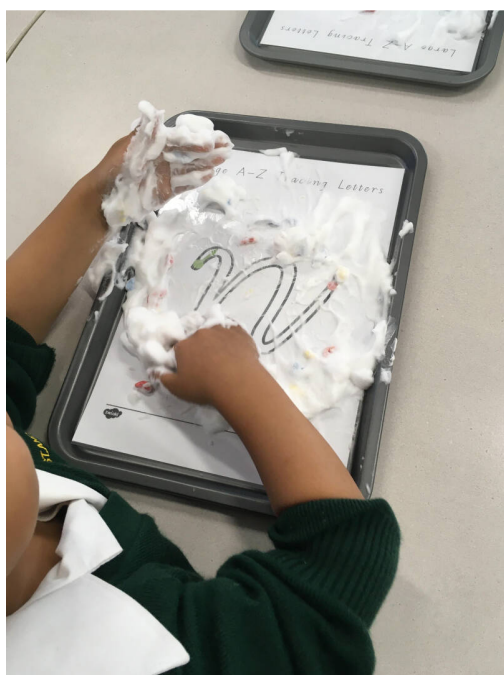
Blueberry Jam Bush Band - Monday 21 March

Meet Ray, Jennie and Chris!

In term 2, we are excited to hold a whole school incursion for all students and families. The incursion compliments our Wellbeing and Inquiry program. There will be 3 sessions of music and dance instruction during the day when students in classes F-2, 3-4, 5-6 will learn some bush dancing.

This will then be followed by a Parent Night on Friday, 25th March, organised by the St Andrew's Parent Association

Pictures from the week



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COVID Update

Another RAT kit will be sent home with the students today. These are to be used over the next two weeks, on Mondays & Wednesday/Thursdays. We have been fortunate as a school to have had quite a low incidence of COVID cases so I thank everyone in our school community for the care taken in protecting ourselves and each other.

There is a change to previous advice, that being, if a student or staff member tests positive through a rapid antigen test, but does not have symptoms or has not been in contact with anyone who has COVID-19, it is recommended that they get a PCR test within 48 hours and stay isolated until they receive their result. If the PCR test is negative, the student or staff member can return to school.

Sharing Our Catholic Identity



Last week we acknowledged Ash Wednesday as the beginning of the liturgical season of Lent, when we prepare ourselves for Easter by prayer, fasting & giving to others. The Year 5s & Year 6s participated in mass in St Andrew's Church and the other levels participated in liturgies and prayers throughout the school. To the left is an image of the Year 2 prayer space with their 'giving hands for others' during Lent.

Next week, is the Sacrament of Confirmation for students in Year 6. They, and their teachers & families have been preparing for this significant milestone in their faith journey since the beginning of term. Bishop Martin Ashe visited our school on Friday to dialogue with the Year 6s about Confirmation.

Student Leadership at St Andrew's in 2022

I congratulate the following students who have been chosen by staff and their fellow students to be leaders of the student body for 2022.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Aiden D'Silva

Alexa Pridham

Charlotte Sharrock

Jennifer Mutaka

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Penola - Yellow	Loyola - Red	Fatima - Blue	Padua - Green
Kanach Maker	Alvin Juatan	Cooper Dyne	Teo Jeong
Eliza Kelly	Lauren Tirris	Angelbell Htoo Sein	Violet Svetec



