

ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 3 WEEK 4
FRIDAY 9 AUGUST 2024

Principal's Message

From our Principal Mr Michael Gavaghan

Dear Parents & Carers,

Yesterday we gathered as a whole school community to celebrate mass on the Feast of Mary of the Cross MacKillop. The students have been learning about her story and the story of the religious order that she founded, The Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, otherwise referred to as the Josephites. The Josephites had stewardship of St Andrew's Primary School from 1910 - 2006, so the charism of Mary MacKillop is ingrained in the school and we are deeply indebted to them. The reverence of the students during the mass was a highlight. Led by the choir, they sang beautifully and answered the prayers enthusiastically. It was a proud moment in our school's year. Thank you to Glenn Mugavin for his leadership of the Catholic Identity of our school and preparing the mass and the students who led the readings and the prayers.

Lisa Black and I will be participating in a pilgrimage led by the Sisters of St Joseph from August 19 - 23. We will begin at MacKillop College here in Werribee and then visit Hamilton, Portland, Penola and Adelaide, all towns with significant histories for Mary MacKillop and the Josephites. I look forward to sharing our journey once we return.

Next Tuesday 13th August from 6:00pm we will be holding a forum for our South Sudanese community in the Sports Centre. The purpose of the forum is to hold an open discussion with the community around how we can work together to improve the outcomes of the students in our schools. Janubi will also be working with us. A meal will be provided after the forum.

We are currently trying to iron out some issues we have been having with the sending of text messages, especially for student absences. It has only been recently that we discovered that our text messaging has not been working and therefore parents have not been notified when we have an unexplained absence. We are assured it is now working but we are now trying to ensure timing and accuracy of our absence recording does not cause any confusion or anxiety for parents. It is a legal requirement for all schools to take the attendance roll twice a day, the morning session and the afternoon session. Our student record system will automatically send a text message if a child is not present and we haven't had notification by 9:30am. Please follow the directions below to record your child's absences. We are also adding an option to report an absence through our phone messaging and you will be informed once it is fully operational.

Next Friday is a student free day. The teachers will be off site for the day as we join with hundreds of other teachers from Catholic schools in the western region of Melbourne for Day 2 of our Flourishing Learners program. The focus of the day is Reading & Spelling. Camp Australia will be offering a full day program at no cost to parents. Bookings can be made through the Camp Australia parent portal.

Parents of Year 5 students who wish to enrol their child in a Catholic Secondary school for 2026 will need to have applied to the relevant school by next Friday 16 August. Please don't disregard this closing date as there is high demand for places and late applications risk missing out. Enrolment information and packs are available on each school's website.

With Fathers' Day quickly approaching on Sunday 1 September, please include in your diaries breakfast at St Andrew's on Friday 30th August from 7:30am. Fathers' Day stalls will be held on Monday 26th August and Tuesday 27th August.

Regards,
Michael Gavaghan

Parent Association

The Parent Association has not met for some time so the next meeting on Monday August 26 at 7:00pm is a crucial one to get some momentum back. New members are always welcome. Please consider giving some time to this great team of parents.

Upcoming events are:

- Father's Day stall on Monday 26 & Tuesday 27 August
- Trivia Night on Friday September 13. Information about bookings will be available next week.

Student Absences

Please ensure that you are notifying the office or your child's teacher in the event of your child being away. You must give the reason for the absence.

For longer periods of absence, such as in the event of a holiday, please notify the school office in writing via email at enquiries@sawerribee.catholic.edu.au



SUBWAY lunches can be ordered for the rest of the year through the Canteen Hub website:

<http://app.canteenhub.com.au/login>

You can place an order up until 5pm on the Wednesday before the Friday delivery date, our next delivery date is:

Friday 23 August.

ST ANDREW'S PRIMARY SCHOOL SOUTH SUDANESE PARENTS FORUM



St Andrew's Primary School in partnership with Junubi Wyndham would like to invite all the South Sudanese parents and community members to participate in the South Sudanese Parents Forum to be held at St Andrew's Primary School Hall (Sports Centre) at Stawell St Werribee.

The date is Tuesday 13 August 2024 at 6pm to 8:30pm. Your attendance and participation are very important. The forum is to discuss issues concerning our children's education and wellbeing with schools representative and Junubi plus other service providers.

Thank you and see you all on the day.

Matthew Majur
School Multicultural Liaison Officer

Office Hours

Please note that office hours are
8:30am - 4:00pm Monday to
Friday.



PE News

From our PE Teacher Ms Sally Taylor

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event
Tuesday 13 August Tuesday 20 August	Years 5 and 6 Footy Clinics
Tuesday 13 August	Year 6 Hoop Time Trials
Wednesday 14 August	Years 3 and 4 Footy Clinics
Tuesday 20 August	Werribee District Athletics Carnival
Friday 30 August	Footy Fun Day
Friday 13 September	F-2 First Aid in Schools Program
Monday 16 September	Years 5 and 6 Hoop Time Competition



Mini Vinnies News

From Teacher Ms Sally Taylor

PJ DAY

The Mini Vinnies Team are striving to follow the values of St Mary Mackillop. St Mary never “saw a need without doing something about it”, so as our Term 3 Fundraiser the team organised a Pyjama Day for Friday 9th August.

St Mary’s believed in the power of education to lift communities out of poverty. She chose to teach everyone - regardless of gender, race, faith or wealth, while serving with love and compassion.

St Mary’s work is still unfinished. Many people are still unable to break the cycle of poverty and can’t access education.

In partnership with Catholic Mission, our gold coin donations will provide children from disadvantaged backgrounds with books, pencils and other essential resources for the school year.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE GOOD WORK OF OUR MINI-VINNIES, TODAY WE RAISED \$297!



Student Wellbeing News

From our Deputy Principal Mrs Lisa Black



Next week is Bullying No Way: National Week of Action. This year's theme is Everyone Belongs. Our teachers along with Nicole Sciberras our Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader, have planned purposeful lessons to not only raise awareness but to promote a safe community. Our students will be encouraged to embrace who they are, respect diversity and stand up to unkindness.

This year the Bullying No Way Week is divided into a theme for each day, they are:

- Day 1 (Monday) - Challenge Stereotypes**
- Day 2 (Tuesday) - Promote Empathy**
- Day 3 (Wednesday) - Embrace Diversity**
- Day 4 (Thursday) - Foster Positive Relationships**
- Day 5 (Friday) - Providing Support**

On Wednesday the 14th of August we ask our students to wear a splash of **purple** to mark the importance of Bullying No Way: National Week of Action.

PARENT CUPPA AND CHAT HAS NOW MOVED TO A NEW TIME!

At St Andrew's we value family school partnerships. A way to build strong partnerships is to come together during cuppa and chat. Every fortnight from 8:45-9:30, we will open our Sports Centre Foyer for families to gather and discuss the ways in which the school operates, learning priorities and our community. During this time a member of staff will facilitate the session.

We welcome you all to attend the following dates:

Friday 23rd August
 Friday 6th September
 Friday 20th September - Last Day of Term 3

Catholic Identity News

From our Deputy Principal Mr Glenn Mugavin

Teaching and Learning about St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Yesterday was the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's first saint, who with Fr Julian Tennison-Woods, began the religious order, the Sisters of St Joseph.

To celebrate her feast day we attended Mass with the St Andrew's Parish community. Mr Gavaghan reminded us that the Josephites are an important part of our school story.

Thankyou to the families who joined us in prayer at this mass.

Our Year 5 students researched quotes attributed to St Mary, such as *'Never see a need without doing something about it'*. They then used Canva to create a poster of this.

Tymirah applied this motto to looking after her Foundation buddy if she needed a friend, and described it as an inspiration for her that will she keep for the rest of her life.

Connection to the Parish community - Mass for the Feast of the Assumption

Our next 'Buddy' mass is Thursday, 15 August at 9am. Our Year 3s and Year 4s are attending the parish mass for the Feast of the Assumption. Families are most welcome to join with them in prayer at mass.

The Assumption celebrates Mary's passing over, body and soul, from this world into the glory of heaven. It is the principal feast of the Blessed Virgin. More information [here](#).





What's your vision for Wyndham in 2050?

Love your community? Want to have a say in what Wyndham is like in 2050?

Then take this opportunity to share your feedback and help create the next Wyndham 2050 Community Vision (previously Wyndham 2040 Community Vision) as part of the Future Wyndham project.

Over the next year, Council will be undertaking an extensive community engagement process to inform the creation of the Vision, and there are lots of opportunities to get involved, including the online Future Wyndham survey, community workshops, online sessions and pop-up events.

For those keen to be involved in future stages of this project, and other projects, Wyndham City is also calling on all members of the community to sign up for the People's Advisory Panel.

The Future Wyndham survey and registrations for the People's Advisory Panel are now open and will close at 11.59pm on Sunday 25 August.

Get involved, make your voice count and let's shape our future together!

[Find out more and have your say.](#)

[Join the People's Advisory Panel](#)

Attend a Future Wyndham Workshop for Multicultural Community Members

If you are a multicultural community member, [you can register online](#) for one of our Future Wyndham Workshops.

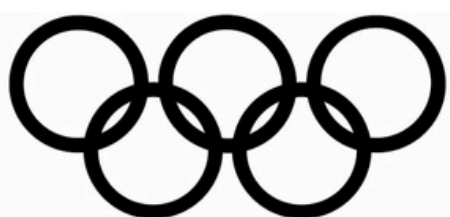
Attend a Future Wyndham Workshop for community members living with disability

If you or someone you know is living with disability, you can register to attend a workshop via this [online registration form on The Loop](#).

Get in touch with us if you need any support or help to register:

Email: futurewyndham@wyndham.vic.gov.au

Call: 1300 023 411 and ask for Belinda Cliffe or Kate Imms.



CALLING ALL
FUTURE
OLYMPIC
HEROES

FREE TRIAL DAY
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH – 9AM
VIC UNI SPORTING COMPLEX
Visit wlac.com.au to register



AUGUST



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 ASSEMBLY 9AM	3
4	5 TEETH ON WHEELS	6 SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL 6:30PM	7	8 FEAST OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP SCHOOL MASS 9AM	9 PJ DAY SUBWAY DAY PARENT CUPPA & CHAT 2PM	10
11	12	13 SOUTH SUDANESE COMMUNITY FORUM 6PM	14 TEETH ON WHEELS	15 FEAST OF ASSUMPTION YEARS 3/4 MASS 9AM	16 STUDENT FREE DAY (NO SCHOOL)	17 ST ANDREW'S PARISH DINNER DANCE
18	19	20 INTERSCHOOL DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL	21 YEAR 3 CAMP SOVEREIGN HILL	22 YEAR 3 CAMP SOVEREIGN HILL	23 BOOK WEEK PARADE 9AM SUBWAY DAY PARENT CUPPA & CHAT 2PM	24
25	26 FATHER'S DAY STALL PARENT ASSOC. MEETING 7PM	27 FATHER'S DAY STALL	28	29	30 FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST ASSEMBLY 9AM FOOTY DAY	31

SEPTEMBER



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1	2 MACS SURVEY BEGINS	3	4 YR 5 CAMP SUNNYSTONES	5 YR 5 CAMP SUNNYSTONES	6 YR 5 CAMP SUNNYSTONES SUBWAY DAY PARENT CUPPA & CHAT 2PM	7
8	9	10 SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL 7PM	11	12	13 ASSEMBLY 9AM TRIVIA NIGHT 6PM	14
15	16 YRS 5/6 HOOP TIME	17	18	19 DIM SIM DAY	20 LAST DAY OF TERM 3 SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1PM	21
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