

ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 3 WEEK 6
FRIDAY 23 AUGUST 2024

Principal's Message

From our Principal Mr Michael Gavaghan

Dear Parents & Carers,

I am writing from Adelaide, being the last stop of a pilgrimage led by the Sisters of St Joseph, that began on Monday at MacKillop College, Werribee and saw us travel via Hamilton, Portland, Penola to Adelaide. Lisa Black and I are travelling with 16 other pilgrims, some from Corpus Christi & MacKillop College in Werribee, while others are from as far away as Hastings on the Mornington Peninsula. I have developed a deeper appreciation of the story of Mary MacKillop and the work of her sisters, some of whom worked at St Andrew's across a span of some 80 years. We look forward to returning and sharing more of our journey with staff, students and school community. While we have been away the show has gone on and I am grateful to Glenn and the rest of the staff for giving us such a privileged opportunity.

Thank you for your support of last Friday's closure day that enabled all teachers to attend professional learning that focus on implementing the Science of Reading and the Science of Learning. The remainder of this term and the early part of term 4 will see the teachers honing our approach to our reading and spelling.

When calling into the school, from now on you will receive three options, dial 1 for student absences, dial 2 to speak to the office and dial 3 for accounts. We hope this streamlines things a little more for callers as well as for office staff. In the event the office is unattended you will now be informed of this and prompted to ring back.

The 2023 Annual Report to the School Community is now available on the school website.

Yesterday, the year 3 students returned from their camp to Sovereign Hill. I have heard that they had an amazing time. I thank the staff who accompanied them, giving up their comforts to enable such an important experience.

This morning the students celebrated Book Week at St Andrew's with a book character parade, I also have it on good authority that the staff couldn't help themselves and joined in as characters from Beauty and the Beast. This afternoon many parents have come along to school to read with their children, a great school community event. Happy Book Week everyone. Thank you to Josie Briffa and Beth Du Plooy for doing the majority of the organising.

Finally, next week is the week leading into Father's Day. On Monday the Parent Association will be holding the Father's Day stalls. Please ensure your child has a small amount of money to purchase something small for their dads or father figures. On Friday morning from 7:30 - 8:30 will once again hold our Annual Fathers Day breakfast, all are invited. We will stop serving at 8:20 to allow time for pack up so staff can get to classrooms for the school day. This is also our footy celebration day, students can come to school dressed in their favourite sporting team's colours.

Regards,

Michael Gavaghan

Office Hours

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



Parent Association

The Parent Association is meeting next Monday August 26 at 7:00pm. This is a crucial meeting to get some momentum back as we haven't held one for a little while. 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.

School Advisory Council

The next meeting of the School Advisory Council will be held on Tuesday September 10th.

Any parents wishing to raise any matters or present any ideas for discussion are invited to do so via email, principal@sawerribee.catholic.edu.au prior to the meeting.

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 6 September.

PE News

From our PE Teacher Ms Sally Taylor

SSVWD Athletics Carnival

WOW, WOW, WOW!!!!

St Andrew's students were amazing on Tuesday competing against 7 other schools and proudly finishing in 5th position.

We had 37 students across Yrs 3-6 represent our school, all trying their very best and achieving extremely good results.

A big thank you to the parents that came along to support as well. They witnessed some exciting results. Stay tuned for the news of which children will be progressing to the next Wyndham / Hobsons Bay Divisional Carnival. On Tuesday 10th September.



Footy Clinics

Werribee Football Club conducted skill based clinics with our Yr 3,4,5 and 6 students over the last 2 weeks. Majok Ngong (Shaggy) was fantastic with the children teaching, supporting and enhancing skills that the children have been learning and developing in their PE lessons.

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Little Athletics Program in Schools (LAPS)

Kellie from Athletics Victoria has been working with the F-2 students over the last 2 Thursdays. The students were kept busy using their Fundamental Motor Skills (FMS) while learning about Athletics. The children loved it. A flyer will be coming home to every child today so consider taking them down and giving Athletics a go. It's great for an all rounded sports person.

Upcoming Events

| Date | Event |
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| 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 |



Prayer

God our Father, We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own Fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfather, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.



Catholic Identity News

From our Deputy Principal, Mr Glenn Mugavin

Congratulations to the Keirl family.

My baptism:

On Sunday my two sisters and I were baptized at St Andrew's church. I did this so I could be a part of the Church Community. My godparents are Kane, Sian and Jon. I really like who I picked to be my godparents, so did my parents. This is the beginning of my journey.

By Emrys Keirl



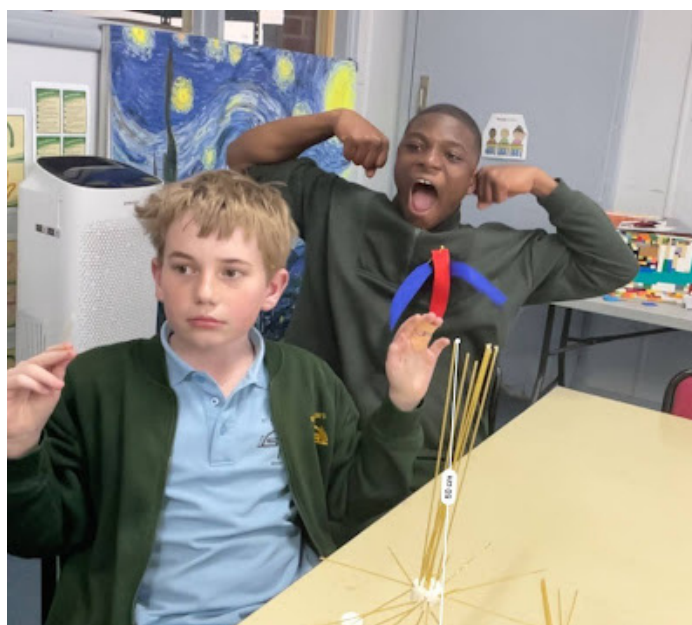
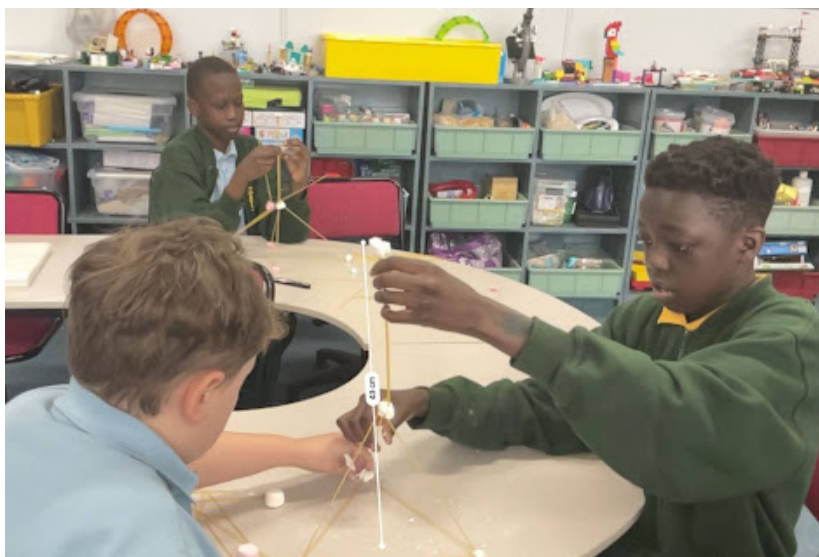
STEM News

From our STEM Teacher, Mrs Laura Chamberlain

It's all happening in STEM. St Andrew's will send 3 teams to the city in September for MACS STEM MAD 2024! The students have designed and prototyped a Mars Simulator, Gorilla Diet Bag and a Gorilla Playground. Let's wish them well as they showcase their learning and promote our school.

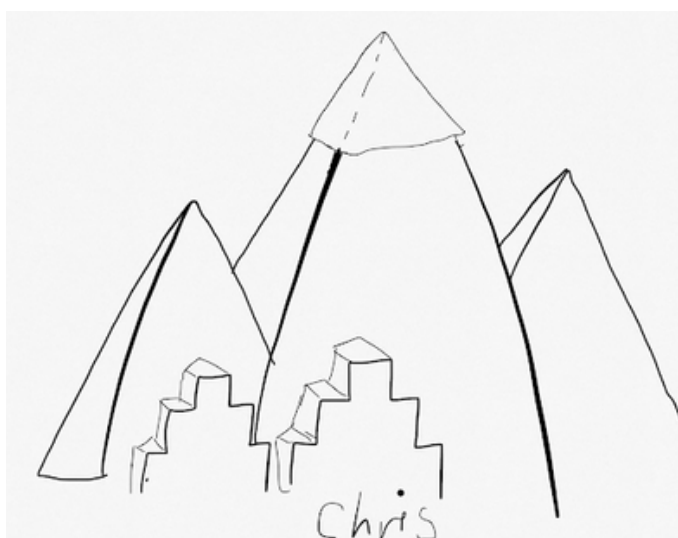
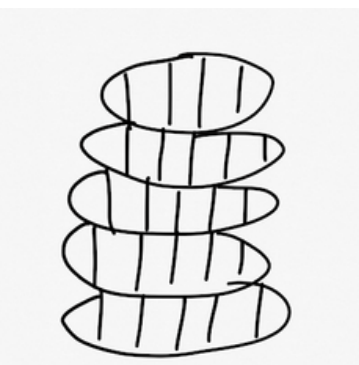
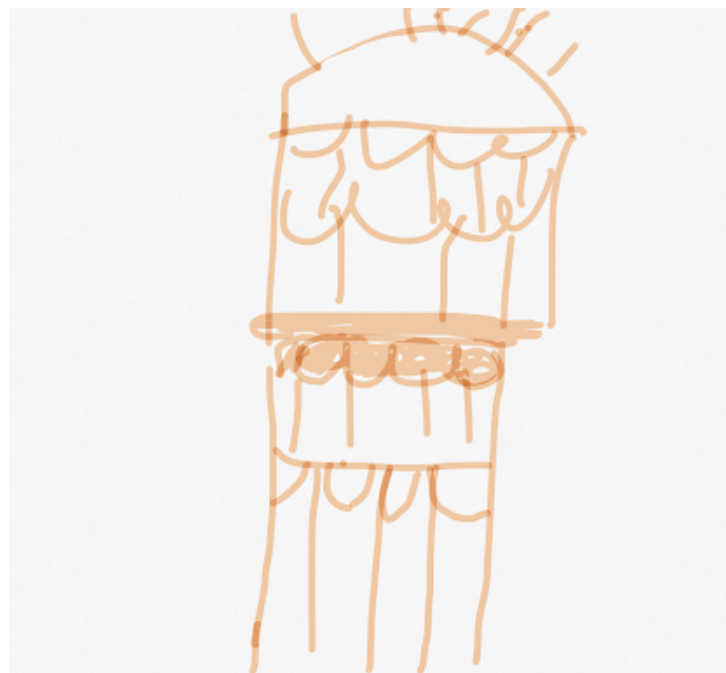
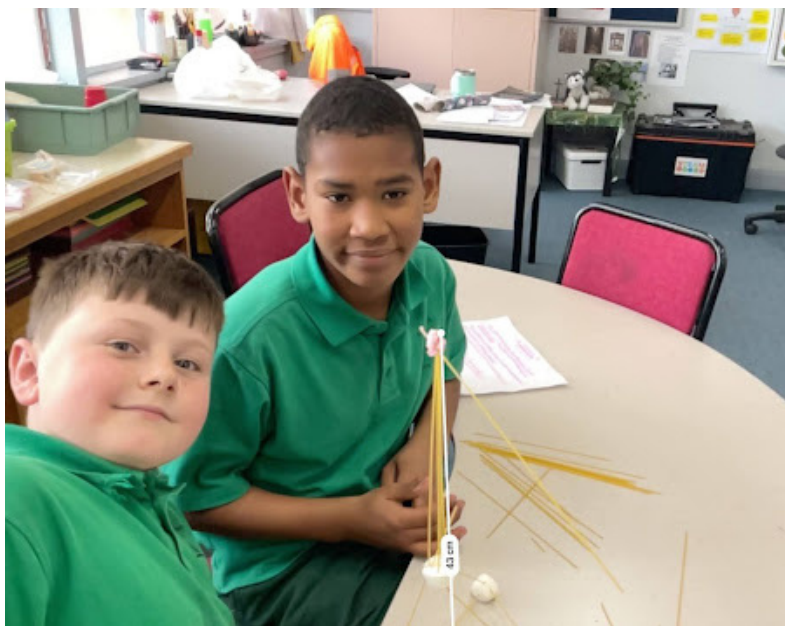
We have been focusing on algorithms, digital and non digital and the "E" in "Engineering". Our students focused on creating sound structures and drawing digital models of engineering success and fails.

Students have worked in teams to build and construct, as well as, independently to represent digital designs.



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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.

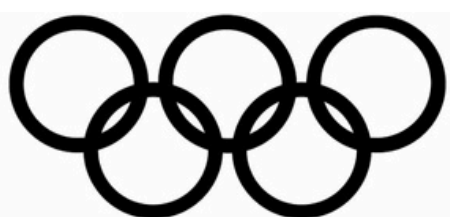
Attend a Future Wyndham Workshop for community members living with disability

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
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FREE TRIAL DAY

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH – 9AM

VIC UNI SPORTING COMPLEX

Visit wlac.com.au to register



AUGUST



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| 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 | 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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| 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 PARENT CUPPA & CHAT 8:45AM SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1PM | 21 |
| 22 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS | 23 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS | 24 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS | 25 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS | 26 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS | 27 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS | 28 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS |
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