

# ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**TERM 4 WEEK 2**  
**FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER 2024**

## Prayer

October is the month of Mary

Hail  
Mary,

Full of Grace,  
The Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou among  
women, and blessed is the  
fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary,  
Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners  
now, and at the  
hour of our death.

Amen.



# Principal's Message

From our Principal Mr Michael Gavaghan

Dear Parents & Carers,

A belated welcome to Term 4.

On Wednesday evening, I attended the MacKillop College annual awards ceremony as the Year 12 class of 2024 were farewelled. I always have an acute interest in our past students and once again there were a number of St Andrew's students who received awards across years 7-12 across all fields, academic, sporting and musical. This year, Isabella Keogh in Year 12, was a stand out. Well done to all, you have done us proud.

In the next few weeks each family will receive a form to indicate your 2025 intentions. As always I urge any family who knows they are leaving to email me, [principal@sawerribee.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@sawerribee.catholic.edu.au), as soon as possible as this will assist us with managing our enrolments. We have families who are waiting in hope to receive a place at St Andrew's.

Recently we introduced automated texts being sent to parents for students who are absent and have not notified the school. We have had some teething issues that Bianca, in our office, is working through. To assist us having accurate attendance data and to prevent unnecessary anxiety for you, the parents, we ask the following:

- Any child arriving after 9:00am must enter through the office and sign in on the iPad. *Being at school on time is very important, there are a few families who need to set their alarms a little earlier. Being late should be the exception not the norm.*
- *Please notify the school using one of two modes. Either use Operoo or phone the school office. From now on we are encouraging families to not send REMIND messages as teachers are unable to check messages after 8:45am. Unread REMIND messages are contributing to some of our false alarm text messages.*

On Tuesday evening the families of our Year 3 students, who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Penance, gathered for a faith night. The evening was led by Glenn Mugavin, Catholic Identity Leader, who assisted families to prepare for the upcoming sacrament to be celebrated on Tuesday 29 October. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Thunderstorm Asthma - we are now in the period of the year where thunderstorms are more frequent and with thunderstorms comes increased risk of asthma. To assist us manage your child's asthma in the event of an attack please ensure we have an updated Asthma plan for your child and that they have their appropriate medication available at school. This is a great time to review that everything associated with your child's asthma is up to date.

Please remember next Monday 21 October is a Pupil Free day, there will be no school for students. The teachers will once again be off site and the office will be closed. It is not too late to enrol your child for the Camp Australia pupil free day program. This will be free for families.

Regards,

Michael Gavaghan

## PARENT ASSOCIATION

The next meeting is Monday October 28 @ 7:00pm and the Annual General meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Monday November 18, 2024.

The Parent Association needs new members. A small core of parents have worked tirelessly over the past few years and they would dearly love to share this wonderful opportunity with some newer members. I urge you to consider giving some time to this Parent group in 2025.

## SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The next meeting of the School Advisory Council will be held next Tuesday October 22nd. 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](mailto:principal@sawerribee.catholic.edu.au) prior to the meeting.

We are looking for new members in 2025. If you wish to be part of this committee, who offer support to the principal and leadership of the school and provide a parent perspective in decision making, I ask you to send an email to, [principal@sawerribee.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@sawerribee.catholic.edu.au) expressing your interest. The group consists of Parish Priest, Principal, Staff representatives and parent representatives and are an official part of the governance of MACS.

## 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](mailto:enquiries@sawerribee.catholic.edu.au)

## SCHOOL SAVINGS BONUS

- Catholic school students receiving the means-tested Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) are eligible for the Victorian Government's \$400 School Saving Bonus (SSB).
- Payments will be made directly to the school in November 2024 for eligible students expected to remain at that school in 2025. The government will email further information at the time.
- There is no separate application process for eligible Catholic school students to receive the SSB.
- For more information on the SSB, please visit the Victorian Government [website](#) or email [school.saving.bonus@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:school.saving.bonus@education.vic.gov.au).
- Letter from the Premier and Minister for Education

## Office Hours

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

TERM 4

*School  
closure  
days*

Date	Camp Australia program
Monday 21 October	Yes
Monday 4 November	No
Friday 22 November	Yes
Wednesday 18 December	Yes
Thursday 19 December	No
Friday 20 December	No



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 25 October**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**ALL SAINTS DAY**  
**FRIDAY NIGHT**  
**NOVEMBER 1ST**  
**GET YOUR SAINTS COSTUME READY!**



**St Andrew's Church Werribee**



# Catholic Identity News

From our Deputy Principal, Mr Glenn Mugavin

## Connection to Parish

*By Livia in Year 3:*

I want to be baptised because I have a good relationship with Jesus and God and I want to extend my relationship with Jesus and God. I want to do reconciliation because I am ready to talk to God and Jesus all day. Reconciliation is special to me and my family because they are there for me at reconciliation and supporting me for my baptism. Because I want to be baptised I'm going to be baptised on October the 27th. I'm going to do reconciliation on October the 29th at 6pm. Thank you Mr Mugavin for your help.

An invitation to families to join our Foundation and Year 5 students to attend mass for All Saints Day on Friday 1 November at 9am at St Andrew's Church.

We look forward to praying with you.



## Learning & Teaching

Our Year 3 students have been preparing for the sacrament of reconciliation as part of their preparation, they have been exploring the Parable of the Prodigal Son and understanding that this parable is an example of God's eternal love and forgiveness for us.

On Tuesday 15 October, our students participated in their reconciliation reflection activity day which involved prayer, art, deepening their understandings of the message of the Parable of the Prodigal Son, and practicing the ritual of the sacrament in the church with Mr Mugavin.

Thank you to families and children who attended and participated in the family faith information session on Tuesday evening.

Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as we support them in their faith journey from baptism to reconciliation.



# WELLBEING News!

## Foundation Transition Day One 2025

On Monday, we opened our doors and welcomed our new foundations and their families into our school. Our year 4s demonstrated our school values of respect, safety and responsibility as they toured them around the school.

### Year 4 highlights

**Written by Logan Collins, Klara Arbanas, Josh Tunyin and Sienna Dashwood**

On Monday the 14th of October, the new foundation students and their parents came to St Andrews for an orientation.

We are in 4th grade and got to meet our buddies for next year. This was very exciting.

We took our buddies around the school and showed them where important places were.

We showed them their new playground, library, stem and creative arts rooms. We also showed them the toilets. A lot of us students were excited and nervous to meet our buddies.

We hope they enjoyed their tour with us.



Safety



Respect



Responsibility

# PE News

From our PE Teacher Ms Sally Taylor

## Yr 6 Summer Gala Day Divisional Basketball

Last Wednesday 9th October, Jack P, Kawac B, Jonathan M, Akio S, Adhar R and Philip M competed against schools from the Wyndham, Hoppers Crossing, Tarneit and Truganina Districts in Basketball. The boys were undefeated on the day winning the competition and now progressing in the Regional finals.

This is a very proud moment for our St Andrew's school community. Congratulations boys and good luck in the next round.



## Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Tuesday 22 October	Western Metropolitan Region Finals at Keilor Park
Monday 28 October	Yr 6 Summer Gala Day Regional Basketball at Altona Stadium
Friday 6 December	Yr 5 / 6 Hoop Time State Finals



## Yr 6 Summer Gala Day Divisional Volleyball



Well done also to Meddy, Amelia F, Rosy, Etain, Natalia, Ese, Braxton, Jonati and Ajak who represented St Andrew's yesterday at the Divisional Volleyball.

Our mixed team came across mostly all boys teams who were a lot bigger and stronger than our team. Despite this our students never gave up. They continued to play the very best they could, winning a few games during the sets.

Feedback from other teachers was that our children were beautiful!! Encouraging and supporting each other and congratulating the other schools on their wins. This is what makes me so extremely proud. It's not important if we win, it's the sportsmanship that's displayed. These children did this and for me that's better than a victory.

Thank you Miss Ballan and Mathew for supporting the children on the day.

## Chess News

Neev in 1/2C recently took part in an inter school Chess competition at Balwyn Nth Primary School. He was the only Yr 1 student competing against 92 other students from Years 2-6.

His ability to play Chess saw him play many games and successfully challenge older children progressing to the Grand Final next month.

What an extraordinary achievement Neev. Good luck next month. We look forward to hearing how you went.





# Year 6 News

On the 11th of October St Andrew's was fortunate enough to receive a generous donation of 30 bikes from E.Y these were delivered by Elise & Jeremy from Be Challenged.

The Year 6 students work with E.Y. through the Literacy Buddy program whereby we are matched with an employee of E.Y. and we exchange letters throughout the year. We are also lucky enough to meet our buddies twice - once at school and soon we are travelling to the E.Y. offices to meet them in their workplace.

Due to this kind act 30 children from Foundation to Year 6 have been blessed with a bike. This generous donation has enabled us students to enjoy an experience they had never had before.



Our students have written letters of thanks to E.Y. and Be Challenged, which can be viewed on the next page.

## Dear EY and BE you

Our names are Gavin and Akio and we were some of the kids who received your generous donation of the bikes last week. As Year 5 leaders, on behalf of our school we would like to say a big thank you for your generosity and hard work for the betterment of our school. You took the time to build the bikes, and your efforts have made a significant impact on our school community.

The joy we felt when we received the bikes was incredible. They not only provide us with a fun way to stay active but also encourage us to bond with our friends. It's wonderful to know that even though we are kids you care about our happiness and well-being. Yet again thank you for your generosity and care for our school, your donation will greatly help our school community.

With  
regards  
Gavin and  
Akio



Dear EY,  
Thank you so much  
for donating the  
bikes. Your  
generosity will make  
a big difference and  
help many people.  
We really appreciate  
your support and  
your commitment to  
the community.

Thanks again for  
your kindness!

*Maddie*

Dear E.Y.

I am very thankful for you giving me a bike, I use my bike a lot outside I use it more than my scooter that I used to use almost everyday and used to go to the skate park everyday with now that I got my bike I use it a lot outside with some friends and stuff.

I'm going to take the bike to the skate park next week and try going down steep hills, and then try bumps and much more at the skate then I will try to learn some bike tricks like jumping with the bike and when I'm really good I'll try attempt a wheelie if I can do it.

From Tyrese

# THANK YOU!

E.Y.  
Be You

I just wanted to say a really big thank you for giving me a bike. You helped my family save a lot of money. Thanks for helping me and my family. Thank you for helping me save money.

I can't thank you guys enough for donating 30 bikes to our school. You guys really took away the stress to buy a bike. you should have seen the joy on my parents face. they were really relieved. and the bikes you've shared with us. You've made a big difference in my life. and I feel lucky to have had you donate bikes.

Sincerely,  
Meddy

DEAR : E.Y  
BE YOU

# Thank You!

I JUST WANTED TO SAY A HUGE THANK YOU FOR THE AWESOME DONATION OF BIKES, THE EFFORT YOU PUT INTO MAKING THEM AND TESTING THEM, IT MUST OF BEEN HARD BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW HOW TALL YOU GUYS ARE! YOU HAVE MADE ME AND MANY KIDS HAPPY, NOW I CAN RIDE TO SCHOOL AND RIDE TO THE SHOPS IF I WANT TO, IT MADE ME FEEL SO EXCITED, I COULDN'T SIT STILL.

THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU GUYS HAVE DONE, MAKING SCHOOL MORE FUN :D YOU'VE MADE A BIG DIFFERENCE IN MY SCHOOL!!! KEEP BEING SO AMAZING

CHEERS,  
MIA DYNE



# MACKILLOP COLLEGE

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Catholic Schools



2024 TERM 4 OPEN DAY  
THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER  
4:00PM-6:30PM

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Apraxia Kids

Be the  
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Community  
Walk Event

**YOU'RE INVITED TO CELEBRATE AND HONOR  
CHILDREN WITH APRAXIA OF SPEECH!**

**Date: Sunday 20 October 2024**

**Event Start Time: 10:00 a.m.**

**Ceremony & Walk Time: 11:00 a.m.**



**Join us!**



**Coordinators: Jeremy & Sheree Rudd**  
**Contact: [australiawalk4apraxia@gmail.com](mailto:australiawalk4apraxia@gmail.com)**

**Location: Lake Wendouree Foreshore,  
Wendouree Parade, Lake Wendouree 3350  
(opposite the Botanical Gardens  
next to Pipers)**



 Level Up

# Your Circus. Your Moment.

Join our 4 week circus skills  
master class in Term 4.

Hosted by trained circus coaches!  
Only in After School Care,  
St Andrew's Primary School  
on Wednesdays.

Starts October 16.



Official Partner:  
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[campaustralia.com.au/level-up-standrews](http://campaustralia.com.au/level-up-standrews)



by  Camp  
Australia

# Program

Hosted by trained circus coaches



## Introduction to Circus

Wednesday, October 16  
Featuring Clowning, Tricks, Acrobatics & Routines!

- Creativity
- Humour
- Balance



## Juggling & Hooping

Wednesday, October 23  
Featuring hula hooping, juggling with different objects & working in a team!

- Coordination
- Communication
- Confidence



## Expert Juggling

Wednesday, October 30  
Featuring new juggling tricks & how to juggle with anything safe!

- Coordination
- Confidence
- Creativity



## Stick Juggling

Wednesday, November 6  
Featuring spinning discs, stick juggling, new tricks and partner work!

- Teamwork
- Agility
- Coordination



## Bonus Value

Every Level Up session takes place in Your OSHC After School Care - at no additional cost! So not only does your child get to unlock extraordinary Level Up quests, they'll also get afternoon tea and all the other fantastic experiences that Your OSHC provides. Plus, eligible families can save up to 90% on fees with the Child Care subsidy.



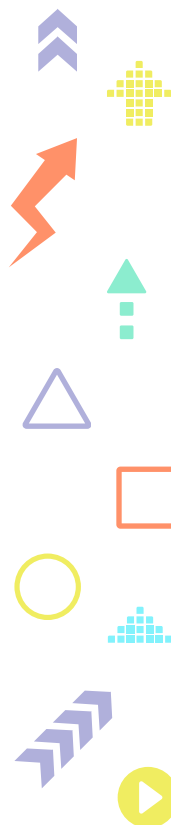
## Details

Location: St Andrew's Primary School Time: Wednesdays in After School Care Dates: 16 October - 6 November Fee: No additional cost. Check Camp Australia's website for After School Care fees. To book, simply register an account with Camp Australia, head to the Your OSHC booking page and book into After School Care.



Level Up

[campaustalia.com.au/level-up-standrews](http://campaustalia.com.au/level-up-standrews)





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# OCTOBER



# 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	2 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	3 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	4 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	5 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
6	7 TERM 4 BEGINS	8	9 Y6 DIVISIONAL BASKETBALL FINALS	10	11 FOUNDATION BREAKFAST  ASSEMBLY 9AM  SUBWAY DAY  YEARS 1&2 CAMP NIGHT	12
13	14  PARENT ASSOC. MEETING 7PM	15  RECONCILIATION FAMILY FAITH NIGHT	16	17	18  PARENT CUPPA & CHAT 8:50AM	19
20	21 PUPIL FREE DAY (NO SCHOOL)	22 WESTERN REGIONAL ATHLETICS FINALS  SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING 6:30PM	23	24	25 WORLD TEACHERS DAY  ASSEMBLY 9AM  SUBWAY DAY	26
27	28  Y6 EXCURSION TO ERNST & YOUNG	29  SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION 6PM	30	31  NUGGETS LUNCH DAY		

# NOVEMBER



# 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 PARENT CUPPA & CHAT 8:50AM	2
3	4 PUPIL FREE DAY (NO SCHOOL)	5 MELB CUP DAY (NO SCHOOL)	6	7	8 ASSEMBLY 9AM  SUBWAY DAY	9
10	11 REMEMBRANCE DAY	12	13	14	15 PARENT CUPPA & CHAT 8:50AM	16
17	18 PARENT ASSOC. AGM 7PM	19	20	21 PIZZA LUNCH DAY	22 PUPIL FREE DAY (NO SCHOOL)	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 FEAST OF ST ANDREW

# DECEMBER



# 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6 ASSEMBLY 9AM  SUBWAY DAY	7
8	9	10	11	12	13  YEAR 6 GRADUATION 6:30PM	14
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