



ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 WEEK 4 FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2024

Prayer

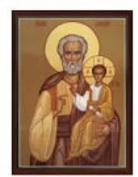
Lord God, may all the saints under whose love and care the Parish of Werribee has been placed, help us grow as faithful stewards to spread the Good News and one day be united in glory.

In Jesus' name. Amen

St. Andrew's Parish, Werribee Our Parish Saints



Our Lady



St. Joseph



St. Andrew



St. John



St. Michael



St. Mary of the



Bethany Saints ~ Cross MacKillop Mary, Lazarus, Martha

Principal's Message

From our Principal Mr Michael Gavaghan

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are at the Melbourne Cup long weekend (yes, it's not a real long weekend but many have established the tradition). From here it is a slippery slope to Christmas. There will be an urgency everywhere as we get consumed with our Christmas preparations. At school, it is also a busy time as we are ending 2024, while at the same time preparing for 2025. Teachers are currently in the process of writing second semester reports, there are decisions being made about 2025 staffing, enrolments, classes, budgets, fees & levies, programs, etc. It's a lot to do with only 6 or 7 weeks of the school year to go.

Last Friday was World Teachers' Day, an opportunity for the work of teachers to be celebrated. Our teachers were fortunate to have our wonderful Parents Association serve lunch as an expression of gratitude and, in a flip on our usual assembly awards, the students gave the teachers awards. We thank our school community for your wonderful support of our work.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation was celebrated by Year 3 students last Tuesday evening. It was a solemn liturgy in which the students participated in communal prayer and individual confession. We congratulate them in completing the next step in their faith journey and thank their teachers and families for supporting them. I'd like to make special mention of our priests, Fr Albert & Fr Anton, Glenn Mugavin, Catholic Identity Leader, Mary Ornelis & Tennille Purton, Year 3 teachers, Susanne Sweeny and the student choir as well as other staff members for preparing the students and supporting them on the night.

Recently, we had two students, Dare (Year 6) & Deng (Year 4) compete in the Regional Athletics finals, making themselves and the school very proud. Both achieved personal best results, with Dare qualifying to compete at the State Primary School championships in the 100m. Our very own Usain Bolt.

Illness is still common amongst the school community, a number of students have been sent home with stomach bugs and similar over the past few weeks. Where possible please keep students home if they are ill to prevent spreading these bugs.

2025 School Fees & Levies are currently being finalised and I hope to communicate them very soon. We are hoping to move to a cashless process for fee payment from 2025.

The school will be closed on Monday Nov 4 as it is a time in lieu acquittal day for staff and on Tuesday it is the Melbourne Cup public holiday. Good luck and stay safe if you are travelling, and best wishes in your sweeps. Remember to gamble responsibly. Students return to school on Wednesday 6 November.

Regards,

Michael Gavaghan

PARENT ASSOCIATION

Annual General meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Monday November 18, 2024. All parents are welcome to attend.

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

We are looking for new School Advisory Council members in 2025.

If you have an interest in being 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 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. We usually meet on Tuesdays at 6:30pm on six occasions each year.

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

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 4 November	No		
Friday 22 November	Yes		
Wednesday 18 December	Yes		
Thursday 19 December	No		
Friday 20 December	No		



2024 CHRISTMAS APPEAL 1st November until 22nd November

"Wherever there is a need; do something about it ..."

HELP TO SPREAD CHRISTMAS CHEER TO FAMILIES IN NEED

Every day at St Andrew's we see you making a difference to someone in our School community.

We are inspired by the example of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and our Catholic Social teachings to take action when we see the need & respect the dignity of all.

The St Vincent de Paul Society asks for our help to assist households who are struggling to make ends meet with the high cost of rent and the increased cost of living. Many adults and children are suffering hardship and go without meals because they do not have enough money to pay for the bare necessities of daily life.

We are seeking donations of non-perishable items such as UHT milk, tinned food, soup, pasta, rice, biscuits, chocolates, coffee, tea, cordial and Christmas themed items to be distributed by the St Vincent de Paul Society to those in need in our local community.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE GOOD WORKS OF MINI-VINNIES



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 8 November





Catholic Identity News

From our Deputy Principal, Mr Glenn Mugavin

Connection to Parish

Today is All Saints Day, an important feast in the Catholic Church liturgical year. Our Year 5s and Foundation students attended mass this morning with their families and our St Andrew's parishioners. This was one of our Buddy masses, where our older students model to and support our younger students to be reverent, respectful and participate in mass.

All Saints Day, is a day of remembrance and recognised as the most inclusive feast day.

When we remember the saints, we also remember God's saving grace in the midst of tragedy in our lives. There are over 10,000 saints in the Catholic Church, who have each lived heroically virtuous lives, given their lives to others, and in cases, been martyred for their faith.



Our senior students are intrigued with Blessed Carlo Acutis the modern social-media saint, who is a great example of using gifts to help share Jesus' message with the world.

The idea of All Saints Day first began as commemorating martyrs on the anniversary of their deaths, but due to growing numbers, the common day for all saints was established as November 1. It is followed by All Souls Day on November 2, which emphasises the connection between the living and the dead in the Catholic community.

Learning & Teaching

In Religious Education, some of our Year 3 & Year 4 students celebrated their First Reconciliation on Tuesday 29 October in St Andrew's Church.

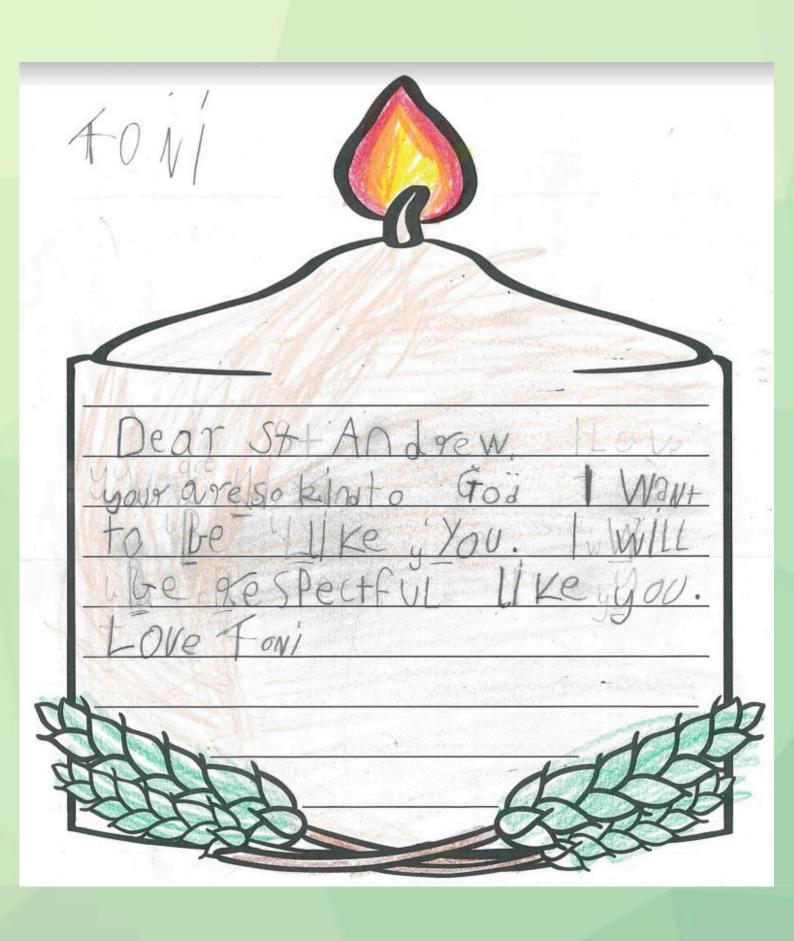
These are reflections on our students' experiences of Reconciliation. By Thea:

The priest is very nice. Sometimes you're nervous but you don't need to be nervous, the priest won't say anything about what you told him. He keeps them a secret. He says feedback to you, only remember the important things that he says. After that I put my candle in the sand but light it first. I felt a little nervous at first.

By Austin:

We did the Sacrament of Reconciliation by talking to Father and saying our sins. It was special because you can see our sins burning away on the candle.





2024 ALL SAINTS RESOURCES

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

Blessed Carlo Acutis give us a great example of using your own gifts and talents to help share Jesus' message with the world. Carlo used his computer skills to share the importance of the Eucharist, creating a space where anyone in the world could access the information around the Eucharistic miracles. Let's create a special reminder of Jesus presence in the Eucharist, to keep Carlo's dream alive.

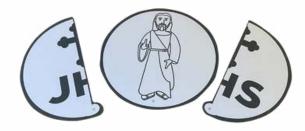


SPLIT PIN JESUS YOU WILL NEED:

- a printed template for each child
- scissors
- · pens and pencils
- split pins

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Have the children cut out the templates. Invite the children to
- draw a picture of Jesus on the circle (note - the dot on the circle goes to the bottom of the finished craft). Stack the pieces of the template so that the dots
- align. Ensure that the circle with the drawing of Jesus is placed on the bottom of the stack. Insert the split pin through the templates as indicated by the
- dots.







PE News

From our PE Teacher Ms Sally Taylor

Yr 6 Summer Gala Day Regional Basketball

Last Monday 28th October, Jack P, Kawac B, Jonathan M, Akio S, Adhar R, Ricky, David M and David B competed against schools from the Northern and Southern Districts in Basketball. The boys were faced with really strong competition on the day. The overall winners were Overnewton College who now progress to State. Congratulations boys for playing the best you could on the day and representing St Andrew's so well. We are so proud of your efforts.

Women's Cricket Ashes Free Ticket opportunity

Following the PE news section, there is a flyer and QR code to secure a free child's ticket to watch the Australian Women's team take on England for an Ashes Test at the MCG.

Follow the instructions on the flyer adding our schools special code: Schools45687

You can book your tickets online by clicking here.



Upcoming Events



Date	Event			
Wednesday 6	State Athletics Finals			
November	at Albert Park			
Friday 6	Yr 5 / 6 Hoop Time			
December	State Finals			
30 Jan - 2 Feb	Women's Cricket			
2025	Ashes at the MCG			



Western Metropolitan Region Finals at Keilor Park

I had the pleasure of taking Deng B and Dare Y to the Regional Finals in Athletics on the 22nd October. Deng competed in the Long Jump event and had a wonderful competition. The results were so close between all the boys. Deng jumped 3.85m. Only 20cm was the difference between Deng's jump and the winners.

Dare ran the 100m winning his race in a time of 12.80secs. The final results saw Dare finish 2nd and now he qualifies for the State Athletics at Albert Park next Wednesday 6th November. This is a huge achievement especially as Dare has recently joined the Werribee Athletics Club. To reach the State competition is an incredible achievement.

Stay tuned and we pray that he has another successful Athletics event.



START THE 2025 SCHOOL YEAR AT THE COMMBANK WOMEN'S ASHES!

Celebrate a historic moment in women's sport as Australia and England get set for the first-ever day-night Test at the MCG.

SPECIAL OFFER:

Buy the Adult + child combo and get the child's ticket free!

HOW TO REDEEM YOUR OFFER

- 1. Visit Ticketek to book tickets or click here
- Select Public Reserve, and the day of the Ashes Test you wish to attend.
- Enter the password this is your school's unique code.
- Select one a seat in the bay of your choice, or general admission.
- Select the price Adult + Child (School) (Admit 2) and add to order.
- Proceed to checkout or add additional seat/s to your order.

PLUS

Use your school's unique code and go into the draw to win a memorable experience for you and your class at Australia's training session at the MCG on Jan 29, 2025.*

The school that purchases the most tickets using their unique code will receive an Ashes themed memorabilia pack.*

*T&C's apply.



Adults from \$20** Children from \$5**

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STEM News

From our STEM Teacher, Mrs Laura Chamerlain



STEM goes mad for the Nudel Kart

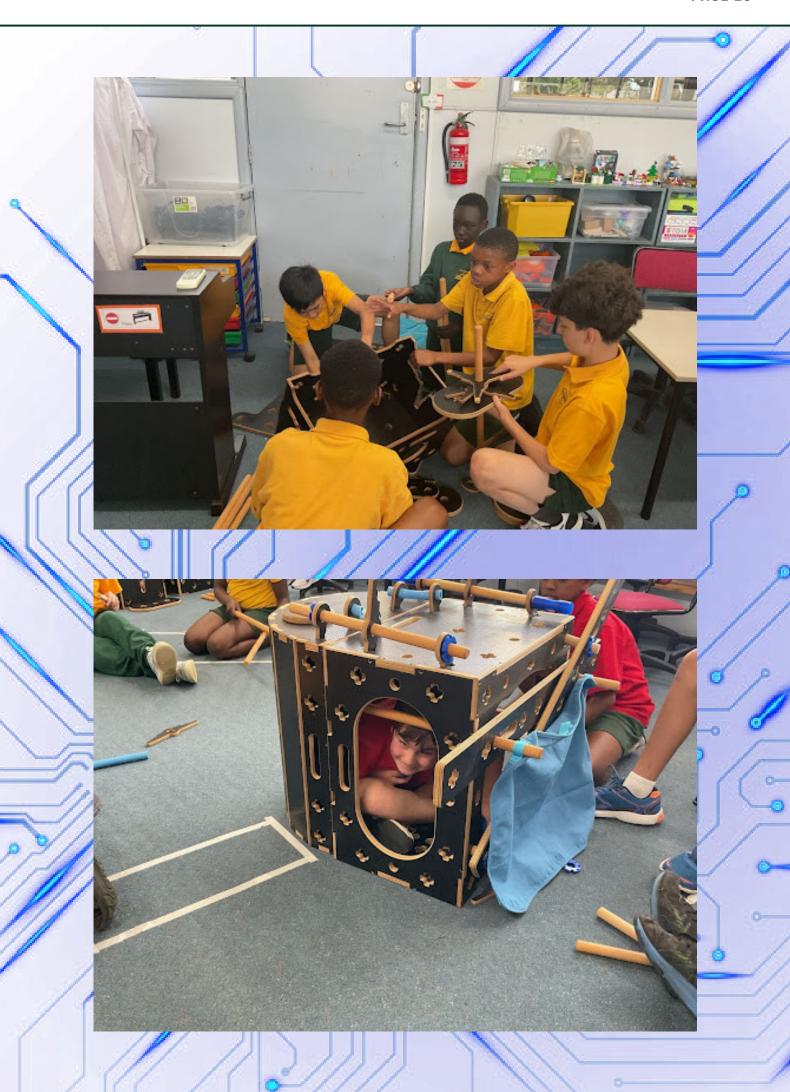
The Year 3-6 students in STEM this last week engaged in creative, team building, engineering and engaging learning using the Nudel Kart. You may remember that the Nudel Kart was purchased with the money raised by the Parents and Friends group. Our students were given the challenge to build a shelter or a moving vehicle. Our students certainly rose to the challenge and worked with their peers to build amazing engineers. Lots of great, positive learning conversations and experiences.

Thank you Parents and Friends of St Andrew's.











St. Andrew's Parish warmly invites all families to celebrate...

ALL SAINTS DAY Come dressed up as your FAVOURITE SAINT! Friday 1st November Mass - 7.30pm St. Andrew's Church



Followed by All Saints Parade

Games and Fellowship
PENOLA HUB - 33 Mortimer St
Please bring a plate to share
ALL WELCOME

For info: Susanne 0438 372 952

NOVEMBER 2024



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

DECEMBER



2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	ZOOPER DOOPER DAY	3	YEAR 6 MACKILLOP COLLEGE ORIENTATION DAY	5	ASSEMBLY 9AM SUBWAY DAY	7
8	9 ZOOPER DOOPER DAY CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2PM	10	YEAR 6 BIG DAY OUT ADVENTURE PARK	12	YEAR 6 GRADUATION 6:30PM	14
15	200PER DOOPER DAY	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 1PM FINISH	18 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	19 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	21 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
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