

# ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 3 WEEK 4  
FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025

*Prayer for the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary*



Lord Jesus Christ, You have destroyed the power of death and given the hope of eternal life for body and soul. You granted your Mother a special place in your glory, and did not allow decay to touch her body. As we rejoice in the Assumption of Mary, grant us renewed confidence in the victory of life over death. Amen

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## Principal's Message

**From our Acting Principal Mrs Lisa Black**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day in the Catholic Church that honours the belief that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was taken body and soul into heaven. It is a day to reflect on Mary's faithful "yes" to God and her special place in our faith. At school, we take time to recognise and celebrate this feast through prayer and reflection. Our Year 5 & 6 students attended the St Andrew's parish mass to celebrate this sacred day.

On Thursday, we celebrated a very special milestone – 100 Days of Prep! And this year's theme is Disney! It's hard to believe how quickly the year is flying by. Our Prep students have grown so much in 100 days – in their learning, friendships, and confidence.

To mark the occasion, our Foundation students enjoyed a fun day filled with activities. Thank you to our wonderful families for your support throughout these first 100 days. We're so proud of all that our Foundation students have achieved and are excited for the learning ahead!

Next week, Glenn Mugavin and I will be attending the Australian Catholic Education Conference in Cairns. The Catholic Education Conference 2025 will bring together over 1,500 participants to explore how we can continue to grow and strengthen our schools through faith, excellence, and access. The event will include inspiring speakers, workshops, and meaningful conversations about Catholic identity and mission, quality learning and leadership, community and parish engagement, and how we can ensure every family has access to a strong Catholic education.

I'm looking forward to attending this important event and bringing back insights, ideas, and inspiration to continue strengthening our school community—guided by hope, and anchored in faith. During my time away, please be reassured that our leaders Carolyn, Brittany and Laura will be available if you need.

Next week, our Year 5 students will be heading off to Sovereign Hill for an exciting 3-day camp. We wish them a fun, safe, and memorable experience as they step back in time and explore life during the gold rush era!

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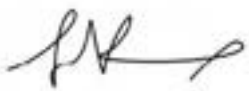
**From our Acting Principal Mrs Lisa Black**

We're excited to celebrate Book Week on Friday, 22nd August with a special dress-up day and parade at Assembly! This year's theme is "Book an Adventure", and we encourage all students to come dressed as a character from their favourite book or an adventurous story. Book Week is a time to celebrate the joy of reading and the power of books to spark imagination, creativity, and learning. It's also a chance to recognise the important role literature plays in children's development. We look forward to seeing our school community bring their favourite stories to life in fun and creative ways!

Today, we farewell an exceptionally valued member of St Andrew's, Bianca Corvo. Bianca, what will we do without you? Over the past seven years, you have been a force for great change, and your contribution has left an indelible mark on our community. While we'll miss you deeply, we know you are off to bring the same spirit and dedication to another community. Please don't be a stranger.

Mr Gavaghan is currently in Portugal's Vatican City, the Sanctuary of Fatima. The Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fátima is one of the most important Catholic pilgrimage sites in the world, located in Fátima, Portugal. It commemorates the Marian apparitions reported in 1917 by three shepherd children — Lucia dos Santos and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta Marto — who said they saw the Virgin Mary appear to them on multiple occasions, delivering messages of prayer, repentance, and devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. For many, simply standing on this sacred ground is a profound and humbling experience — an honour and blessing that deepens faith and devotion.

Warm regards,



**Lisa Black**  
Acting Principal



## Second Hand Uniform Shop Opening Hours



The second hand uniform shop is open **8:30am to 9:30am on Mondays** and **3:00 to 3:45pm on Wednesdays**. Please visit during these hours only for your second hand uniform needs.



Book Week will be held from **August 16th to 23rd**, and this year's theme is "Book an Adventure".

To celebrate, students are invited to dress up as a favourite book character and showcase their costume at our assembly on **Friday, August 22nd**.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Subway lunches for Term 3 have been arranged for every Friday as below:

22 August  
29 August  
5 September  
12 September



## Teeth on Wheels

Starting on **August 20th 2025**, students will have access to regular six-monthly dental check-ups and fun, educational oral health sessions on school grounds.

To take part, simply complete the consent form by the **August 14th 2025**:

Click [here](#) to sign up – it could be FREE!



**TeethOnWheels**  
a positive dental experience

## Office Hours

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







**Melbourne Archdiocese  
Catholic Schools**

## **Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools School Improvement Surveys (MACS SIS)**

Parents are invited to participate in the MACS Family School Improvement Survey

In 2025, our school is participating in Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools – School Improvement Surveys (MACSSIS).

MACSSIS is an annual process whereby schools listen to the thoughts and feelings that students, families and staff have about how their school can improve. These surveys help inform the ongoing improvement of schools across the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

One of the main goals of the family survey is to identify the strengths and areas for improvement in our school. MACSSIS data benefits everyone within our school and provides valuable community insights on areas that each school can focus on. Our school believes it is important to encourage families to have a voice and contribute to shaping the ongoing improvement of the school.

The survey is available online, can be accessed from **Monday 1 September and needs to be completed by Friday 19 September 2025.**

## **Child Safe Standard 10: Review of child safety practices**

“Schools must ensure that implementation of the Child Safe Standards is regularly reviewed and improved”

St Andrew's promotes the safety of our children first and acknowledges that being a child-safe organisation requires an ongoing effort. This includes reviewing policies, procedures and practices that put child safety and wellbeing at the centre of our School's activities. This review step helps our School to maintain the best approach to child safety and wellbeing and minimise the risk of harm.

Recent review of our practices has resulted in the following changes/adjustments:

- The insertion of a viewing-window in solid doors, so to allow a visual safeguard while maintaining privacy during conversations with external providers e.g. ISN
- The relocation of Music Tuition lessons with Sonia from Room 3 to Room 6 so that a visual safeguard is provided while maintaining a space for learning.
- A reminder to parents etc that images of our students, other than their own children, are not to be published on social media platforms without express prior communication of permission from the School.

# Student Wellbeing News

From our Well Being & Digital Pedagogies Leader, Mrs Laura Chamberlain



This week the Year 5 and 6 girls were offered a washable and reusable menstrual health product. The pads were sewn and donated to us from the Warun Ponds chapter of "Days for Girls". Days for Girls is a non profit organisation that provides holistic menstrual health education and increases access to menstrual products. We are so thankful to the ladies that sewed the pads and to our charity partner Good 360.

For more info : <https://www.daysforgirls.org>

This education is linked to the Victorian Curriculum 2.0, Health: Investigate resources and strategies to manage changes and transitions, including changes associated with puberty VC2HP6P02.





# 100 Days of Foundation

Yesterday, August 14, St. Andrew's celebrated in style 100 days of Foundation! It was indeed an extravaganza and a big shout out to our amazing Foundation Teachers Miss Ballan and Miss Robertson who organised the event and to our amazing staff and parents who brought food and set up the party. Of course the real stars, our Foundation students, dazzled us all with a wonderful parade and super dance to the YMCA. It was a wonderful day and we are sure our Foundations will not forget this momentous occasion!





# PE News

From our PE Teacher Ms Sally Taylor

## Year 5 and 6 AFL Clinics

Our senior students enjoyed over the last 2 weeks their AFL Clinics with Shaggy from the Werribee Football Club.

The students worked on handballing and kicking skills incorporating skill development and fun games.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August** – SSVWD Athletics Carnival  
(at the VU Track)



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COME JOIN US AT LITTLE RIVER!

# JUNIOR REDBACKS

## SEASON 2025/26 AWAITS!



**WOOLWORTHS BLAST, U/11'S, U/13'S & U/15'S**

**MORE INFORMATION & TO REGISTER INTEREST**  
**TEXT PAIGE ON 0416 925 997 OR**  
**EMAIL [LRCC.JUNIORS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LRCC.JUNIORS@GMAIL.COM)**

 **LITTLE RIVER RESERVE**  
**15-31 YOU YANGS RD**



# Staff spotlight

## with Mrs Lisa Black



**How long have you worked at St. Andrew's School?**

7 Years

**What is your role at the school?** Acting Principal

**What is the most rewarding part of your job?**

Working in partnership with families to achieve the best for their child

**What is your ideal way to unwind and relax?**

Swimming in the ocean

**What's your most fond childhood memory?**

Playing barbies with my cousins

**When you were little what did you aspire to be?**

Veterinarian

**What was your favourite subject at school?** Biology and Psychology

**How many languages do you speak?** English and Maltese

**What skill would you like to master?** Touch typing

**What book/tv series/podcasts are you into at the moment?** Dept Q

**What is your favourite sport to watch or play?** Soccer

**Do you play a musical instrument?** If so, which one? Recorder

**What would you sing at karaoke night?** When you're gone by the Cranberries

**If you could choose to be anything for a day, what would it be?** A penguin

**If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?** Sushi

**If you were a superhero, what powers would you have?** Mind reader

**What's your favourite holiday destination?** Europe

**Who would you want to play you in a movie of your life?** Zoey Dechanel

**Do you collect anything?** Rosary beads





### Instrumental Music Lessons - Guitar, Piano/Keyboard & Theory

As part of our **extra-curricular activities program**, students can take part in **instrumental music lessons** for **guitar, piano/keyboard, and music theory**. These engaging and educational sessions cater to a range of skill levels, helping students build confidence, creativity, and musical knowledge.

#### **Lessons Offered:**

- **Guitar:** classical, acoustic, and electric
- **Piano/Keyboard:** beginner to advanced
- **Music Theory:** including AMEB exam support

For more information, please contact **Sonia Overton** on **0418 541 213**



**Reach your savings goals while supporting the community** Accounts with CDF Community Fund help fund loans for capital development works across Australia; from hospital wings for the sick, to safe havens for the homeless, classrooms for students and parish halls for community gatherings; CDF supports Catholic organisations in fulfilling their mission.

With online access, no fees for active accounts and bonus interest rates available on select accounts\*, saving with CDF Community Fund provides a way for you to contribute back to the community – it's a higher return than money alone. A variety of accounts options:

- **Mission Saver Student:** A great way for young people to earn a bonus interest rate\* and build good saving habits while supporting local communities.
- **Mission Saver Plus:** Employees of Catholic organisations can earn up to 5.20% p.a.\* simply by saving more than they withdraw each month.
- **Term Investments:** Select the terms and timeframes that are right for you with competitive rates locked in for your chosen term.
- To open an account and view current rates, visit [catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/communityfund](https://catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/communityfund) or call **1800 134 135**.



\*Interest rates subject to change. Bonus rates apply only on Mission Saver Student and Mission Saver Plus account only when monthly deposits exceed withdrawals by at least \$1. View current rates, information statements and disclosures on the CDF website.

# What's on in Term 3



Find out more



Every Friday



On Fridays, we **pARTy**



August 1 - 29



We're creating a storybook... and you could have your story published!



Special thanks to  
**AUSTRALIAN LITERACY & NUMERACY FOUNDATION**

National Science Week

August 11 - 15

Featuring out of this world science & LEGO® activities!

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Book Week


August 18 - 22


Book an adventure!



## After School Care

 Fun Activities

Social Interaction 

 Yummy Snacks

Every school day in Term 3!



September 2

Free webinar for families



How to be a connected parent with Lael Stone



Your OSHC.

Before and After School Care

by  Camp Australia

[campaustralia.com.au/back-to-school-term-3](https://campaustralia.com.au/back-to-school-term-3)



# AUGUST



# 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 SUBWAY DAY	2
3	4	5 YEAR 5 & 6 FOOTY CLINIC	6	7	8 ASSEMBLY  SUBWAY DAY  MASS - ST MARY MACKILLOP	9
10	11	12 YEAR 5 & 6 FOOTY CLINIC	13	14 100 DAYS OF PREP	15 YR 5 & 6 MASS  SUBWAY DAY	16
17	18 BOOK WEEK  YR 5 CAMP  ATHLETICS CARNIVAL	19 BOOK WEEK  YR 5 CAMP	20 BOOK WEEK  YR 5 CAMP  TEETH ON WHEELS	21 BOOK WEEK	22 ASSEMBLY  SUBWAY DAY  BOOK WEEK PARADE	23
24	25	26 HOT DOG LUNCH	27	28 TEETH ON WHEELS  YR 4 EXCURSION	29 SUBWAY DAY	30
31						

# SEPTEMBER



# 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 FATHER'S DAY STALL  YR 4 ART EXPO	4 FATHER'S DAY STALL	5 SUBWAY DAY  FATHERS DAY BREKKY  FOOTY DAY	6
7	8	9 SCHOOL ADVISORY MEETING	10	11 R U OK? DAY	12	13
14	15	16 YR 5 & 6 ONLINE INFORMATI ON SESSION	17	18	19 ASSEMBLY  END OF TERM 1 PM FINISH	20
21	22 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	23 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	24 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	25 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	26 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	27
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