

# ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 3 WEEK 6  
FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025



*Garden of Peace*  
Isaiah 32:14-18

## PEACE WITH CREATION SEASON OF CREATION 2025

The Season of Creation begins on 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation, and runs through to 4 October. It is a time for us to focus on God's gift of creation and to re-commit ourselves to care for this precious gift.

*Creator of all, we praise you for the gift of life and for the faith that unites us in care for our common home. We confess how estranged we have become— from one another, from your Creation, and from our truest selves. We acknowledge that our greed and destructive impulses have fractured our relationships with you, with others, and with the Earth. Fertile fields have become barren, forests lie desolate, oceans and rivers are polluted. Thriving communities have become places of suffering, and the earth cries out. Amen*

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## Principal's Message

**From our Acting Principal Mrs Lisa Black**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we say goodbye to winter and welcome the arrival of spring, we embrace this new season with a renewed sense of hope and energy. Just as the world around us begins to bloom, we look forward to fresh opportunities for growth, learning, and connection within our school community.

Last week, Glenn and I were fortunate to spend time in Cairns attending the Australian Catholic Education Conference. We travelled up a day early to take part in a one-day pilgrimage to Mossman Gorge, as part of the Laudato Si' Experience.

The Laudato Si' Experience is inspired by Pope Francis's 2015 encyclical letter Laudato Si', which calls for a renewed spiritual and practical commitment to caring for our common home. It invites us to reflect deeply on our relationship with the environment and with each other, encouraging a lifestyle grounded in care, justice, and hope—especially for the most vulnerable.

Our time in Mossman Gorge allowed us to connect more deeply with creation, guided by Indigenous perspectives and spiritual reflection. It was a powerful reminder of the sacredness of nature and the importance of our shared responsibility to protect it.

Throughout the day, we were invited to engage deeply with the land and one another by following a mindful way of proceeding, grounded in respect, connection, reflection, and presence.

### **Respect**

- Leave things as you find them.
- Refrain from removing anything from Country.

### **Connect**

- Acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of place.

Seek wisdom through the insights and experiences of colleagues.



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### Reflect

- Embrace opportunities to reflect through the lens of First Nations worldviews.
- See God in all things and retreat in gratitude.

### Embrace

- Foster authentic relationships with yourself and others.
- Be present in the moment by removing distractions.


At the heart of our experience was the chance to step away from the busyness of everyday life and spend time in quiet reflection on the beauty of creation. Being on Country offered us moments to slow down, nourish our minds and hearts, and connect deeply with one another.

We were reminded of the sacred presence of God in all things—"the Creator who lives among us and surrounds us, whose presence is not to be contrived but found, uncovered" (Laudato Si', #229). This time allowed us to appreciate the world around us and reflect on how we, too, are called to care for it.

We explored how others show stewardship and respect for the land and considered our own responsibility to protect and nurture creation. One meaningful part of the day involved engaging with Scripture through a method called havruta—a dialogue-based approach where we listened to each other's insights and interpretations. This helped us discover new, personal meaning in biblical texts, especially in relation to how we live in harmony with both people and the natural world.

I would also like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Laura, Brittany, Carolyn, and Steve for stepping into senior leadership roles during our time away. Their dedication and care ensured the smooth and continued operation of our school community in our absence.

God bless,



Lisa

## 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.



**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**.



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

**29 August  
5 September  
12 September**

# Catholic Identity News

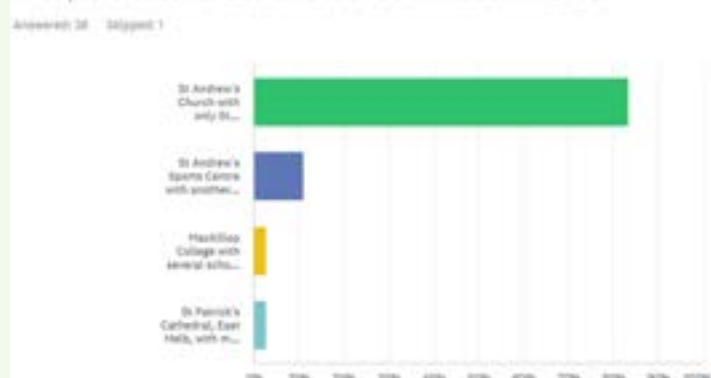
From our Deputy Principal, Mr Glenn Mugavin

## Connection to the Catholic Church - Sacrament of Confirmation 2026

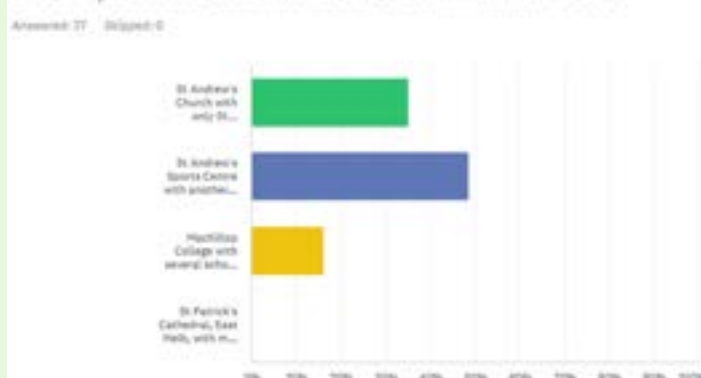
Thankyou to everyone who responded to the 2026 Sacrament of Confirmation survey that was posted on Operoo last week. Our school community's voice is an important contribution in the decision making process for where Confirmation in 2026 will be held.

37 responses have been received so far, and the survey will remain open until Monday.

First preference for Sacrament of Confirmation in 2026



Second preference for Sacrament of Confirmation in 2026



## Mini Vinnies Term 3 Fundraiser

This year the Church celebrates a Jubilee Year. The theme is Pilgrims of Hope. Our Mini Vinnies team is working on an initiative - HOPE for the HOMELESS.

In week 9, Mini Vinnies will be selling wristbands with a message of HOPE. All the money raised will be donated to St Vincent De Paul Society, who serve and help vulnerable people who are experiencing homelessness.

## Child Saftey - Standard Number 6

All new employees and contractors undergo a rigourous process which includes the applicant providing evidence of a Working with Children Check and we undertake referee checks.

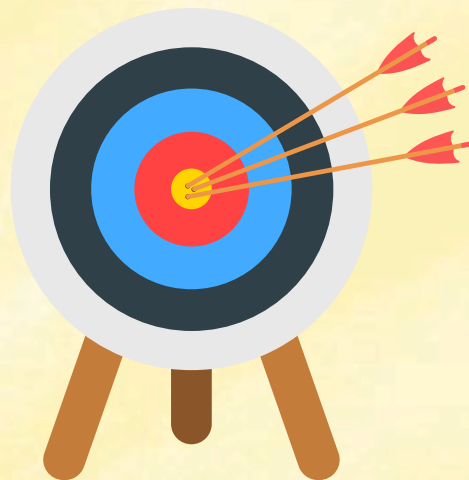


# Student Wellbeing News

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

With Term 3 being in full swing we are focussed on achieving student personal and academic goals. As you are aware, Social, Emotional Learning SEL takes place each morning from 9-9.30am.

In this time teachers positively prepare and prime students up for optimal learning for the day. Teachers incorporate Berry Street Social Emotional Learning Strategies, Positive Behavior for Learning Strategies and explicitly teach the Personal and Social Capabilities from the Victorian Curriculum 2.0



The children have been working on Goal Setting, Resilience and Stamina. We have encouraged students to create academic goals that can be achieved in about 2 weeks.

For example, a student in year 6 wrote: “Something I really want to learn more about or improve is my Summary writing skills. To make my writing clearer, and more understandable for the reader. “

Another student’s goal: “I want to be more precise with my measurements”.

These are great goals because they are really specific and demonstrate that the students are really thinking about their academic growth. We continue to encourage our students to set their goals, as achievement strengthens resilience and self esteem.

## Lego Haul

Good 360 has been very generous again- we obtained some new Lego for our Lego Club. Some students had great fun “unboxing” the new level. We hope to provide a pic of the Lunar Roving Vehicle, once built.

# LEGO CLUB







We had a fantastic time celebrating Book Week with the theme “Book an Adventure!” Students and staff embraced the spirit of reading by dressing up as a wide variety of book characters, bringing stories to life with colour and creativity. Thank you to everyone for your enthusiasm and effort in making it such a fun and memorable week!





# PE News

From our PE Teacher Ms Sally Taylor

## SSVWD Athletics Carnival

A very successful day was had by our Athletes on Monday 18th August. Our school competed against 10 other schools and finished in 7th position. Congratulations to the 27 students that represented our school so beautifully. They demonstrated unity, teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship.

Well done to the following children for their own personal results on the day.

<b>HURDLES</b> Emrys - 1 <sup>st</sup> Mason - 2nd	<b>200m</b> Nico - 3rd Evie - 2nd
<b>800m</b> Mason - 3rd	<b>100m</b> Emrys - 1 <sup>st</sup> Mayol - 3rd
<b>4 x 100m RELAY</b> Nico, Happy, Mason & Emrys - 1st	<b>LONG JUMP</b> Abel - 1st
<b>HIGH JUMP</b> Happy - 1 <sup>st</sup> Deng - 1st David M - 1st	

The following children will now go on to represent Werribee District at the Hobsons Bay/Werribee Divisional Athletics Day on Thursday 11th September in Newport.

**100m** - Emrys, **Hurdles** - Emrys and Mason, **Discus** - David B, **High Jump** - Happy, Deng and David M **200m** - Evie **Relay** - Nico, Happy, Mason and Emrys

Best of luck on the day!!!



# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September - SEDA AFL Activate**



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## Auskick and Superkick Programs

Auskick & Superkick in Wyndham All Girls Term 3 Auskick & Superkick!

AFL Victoria excited to announce Auskick and Superkick programs starting 11th August at 5PM at Galvin Park, Werribee!

Auskick (for ages 4-6) – A fun, introductory program designed to help younger kids develop basic AFL skills in a supportive, friendly environment.

Register – <https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/a1d0c4>

Superkick (for ages 7-12) – Aimed at kids who are ready to take their AFL skills to the next level, focusing on skill development and team play.

Register – <https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/ce4138>

Starting 11th August

Every Monday at 5 PM – 6PM

Galvin Park, Werribee

5 Week Program (\$55 for 5 weeks)

Fun and engaging sessions

Great way to stay active and meet new friends

All skill levels welcome!

Receive a Certificate and AFL giveaways at the end of the program!

Don't miss out! Register and get your kids kicking goals this season!





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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**

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

**MORE INFORMATION & TO  
REGISTER INTEREST  
TEXT PAIGE ON 0416 925 997 OR  
EMAIL LRCC.JUNIORS@GMAIL.COM**



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

I have worked at St Andrew's School for 4 years.

**What is your role at the school?** I am the Well Being and Digital Pedagogies Leader.

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

Seeing the students get excited about their learning and coming up with their own inventions and ideas.

**What is your ideal way to unwind and relax?** I like getting my nails done at Beautifly Salon in Station Street Werribee (You may have seen me there!)

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

In Year 1, in 1984, my teacher chose me to be one of the first students to use the school's Apple IIe computers.

**When you were little what did you aspire to be?** I wanted to be the Prime Minister of Australia and sing like Whitney Houston.

**What was your favourite subject at school?** I love History and of course STEM!

**How many languages do you speak?** English and a little bit of German!

**What skill would you like to master?** Solving a Rubix Cube

**What book/tv series/podcasts are you into at the moment?** The Gilded Age and Outlander

**What is your favourite sport to watch or play?** I love watching AFL and I barrack for the bulldogs.

**Do you play a musical instrument? If so, which one?** I used to play acoustic guitar in high school but I am out of practice.

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

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

**If you were a superhero, what powers would you have?** Truth detector- it would save a lot of time!

**What's your favourite holiday destination?** Kangaroo Island, South Australia

**Who would you want to play you in a movie of your life?** Kate Winslet :)

**Do you collect anything?** I collect pets- I love my dogs, cats, chickens, fish and my pet spider.





### 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**

# 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)

# 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
28	29 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	30 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS				



# OCTOBER



# 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	2 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	3 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
5	6 TERM 4 BEGINS	7	8	9	10 SUBWAY DAY  ASSEMBLY	11
12	13 ITALIAN FESTA DAY	14 RECONCILIA TION FAMILY FAITH NIGHT	15	16	17 SUBWAY DAY	18
19	20 ITALIAN FESTA DAY PIZZA LUNCH	21	22	23	24 BUDDY MASS 9AM  SUBWAY DAY  ASSEMBLY	25
26	27	28 SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIAT ION 6PM	29	30	31 SUBWAY DAY	