

ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 WEEK 2
FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2025



Mission Sunday 2025 is on Sunday 19 October, with the theme "Missionaries of Hope among the Peoples"

Dear sisters and brothers,

Let us turn to Mary, Mother of Jesus Christ our hope.
To her we entrust our prayer for this Jubilee and for the
years yet to come:

"May the light of Christian hope illuminate every man
and woman, as a message of God's love addressed to all!
And may the Church bear faithful witness to this message
in every part of the world!" Amen. (Pope Francis)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

From our Acting Principal Mrs Lisa Black

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 4!

I hope you had a restful two-week break and a smooth start to the new term.

A reminder that Full Summer uniform must be worn this term, including a school hat. I also encourage students to wear sunscreen on high UV days (application at home before school).



On the next page are some key dates and events happening throughout the term. Please take a moment to look over these dates and bookmark those relevant to your child and family. More detailed information about specific events will be provided closer to the date.

In other news, Mr Marshall is no longer working at St Andrew's. We wish him all the success in his future endeavours.

Warm regards,

Lisa Black



Acting Principal

Term 4 - Important Dates



WEEK 1

Parent & Friends Cookie Dough Drive - 6th October to Friday 17th October

Parent Cuppa and Chat - Friday 10th October 2:45-3:15 (enter via Gate 5)

Whole School Assembly - Friday 10th October 9:00-9:30

WEEK 2

2026 Foundation Students Transition Session 1 - Monday 13th October 9:00-10:30

Parent & Friends AGM Meeting - Monday 13th October 7:00 -8:30 (enter via Gate 1)

Foundation Nurse Program Screening Visit - Tuesday 14th October

Year 3 Reconciliation Family Formation Night - Tuesday 14th October 6-7pm

Foundation Science Works Excursion - Wednesday 15th October

Anniversary of St Mary MacKillop's Canonisation - Friday 17th October

WEEK 3

Italian Festa and Pizza Lunch - Monday 20th October

Western Region Athletics - Tuesday 21st October Good Luck Happy & Deng!

Year 3 Reconciliation Reflection Day - Tuesday 21st October

Whole School Assembly - Friday 24th October 9:00-9:30

Parent Cuppa and Chat - Friday 24th October 2:45-3:15 (enter via Gate 5)

WEEK 4

Parent & Friends Cookie Dough Drive PICK UP - Tuesday 28th October 2-5 pm

Year 3 Sacrament of Reconciliation - Tuesday 28th October

Senior Regional Hoop Time Finals - Tuesday 28th October @ Eagle Stadium

Year 5 MiniBoss Incursion - Thursday 30th October

Year 6 Gravity Art Incursion - Thursday 30th October

Foundation, Year 1 & 2 Experience - Friday 31st October

WEEK 5

School Closure Day - Monday 3rd November

School Closure Day - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday - Tuesday 4th November

Year 6 MacKillop College Transition Day 1 - Wednesday 5th November

2026 Foundation Students Transition Session 2 - Thursday 6th November 9:00-10:30

Whole School Assembly - Friday 7th November 9:00-9:30

Parent Cuppa and Chat - Friday 7th November 2:45-3:15 (enter via Gate 5)

Term 4 - Important Dates cont.



WEEK 6

Remembrance Day - Tuesday 11th November

Junior Regional Hoop Time Finals - Tuesday 11th November @ Eagle Stadium

Year 3 Excursion - Friday 14th November 6pm Arrival @ School

School Newsletter via Operoo

WEEK 7

School Closure Day 2026 Planning - Friday 21st November

NO ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

WEEK 8

F-2 Swimming Program - Monday 24th November to Friday 28th November

Feast of St Andrew - Friday 28th November

P & F Trivia Night (adults only) - Friday 28th November

School Newsletter via Operoo

WEEK 9

Year 6 MacKillop College Transition Day 2 - Friday 5th December

Whole School Assembly - Friday 5th December 9:00-9:30

Parent Cuppa and Chat - Friday 5th December 2:45-3:15 (enter via Gate 5)

WEEK 10

Year 6 Big Day Out - Wednesday 10th December @ Adventure Park

P & A Christmas Stalls - Wednesday 10th December & Thursday 11th December

2026 Step Up Day (Orientation day) - Friday 12th December

Year 6 Graduation Mass - Friday 12th December

School Newsletter via Operoo

WEEK 11

Whole School Final assembly - Tuesday 16th December 9:00-9:30

End of Year 2025 - Tuesday 16th December 1pm Finish

Second Hand Uniform Shop Opening Hours



The second hand uniform shop is open **8:30am to 9:30am on Mondays**. Please plan your visit during these hours only for your second hand uniform needs.



Mackillop College Open Day

Thursday 23 October 2025
4.00pm – 6.30pm
Final Tour at 5.45pm

All welcome to attend and tour the College.
 For further information regarding the College please visit the
 College website: www.mackillop.vic.edu.au



Subway lunches will continue on a Weekly Friday schedule:

10, 17, 24, 31, October
 7, 14, 21, 28, November
 5, 12, December

Ordering Cut-Off Time:

All orders must now be placed no later than 10:00 AM the day
 before (Thursday)

Teaching and learning about ...Reconciliation

Our Year Three students are learning more about reconciliation and God's love for them in preparation for the Sacrament of Penance on Tuesday 28 October at 6pm in St Andrew's Church. Please pray for these students in continuing their faith journey.

At the Family Faith Formation session on Tuesday, our sacramental group retold the Parable of the Prodigal Son to the families through role-play. Below are their reflections:

I liked the play because I acted as the Younger Son. I learnt that the Prodigal Son was forgiven. And I learned that the 4 steps of reconciliation includes saying sorry, being forgiven and making up.

By Sddie

I liked reading the Parable of the Prodigal Son. By Aiden

I learned that Reconciliation is about forgiveness. I liked learning something new. I also liked how I learned about the 4 steps that I can use again in my life.

By Gemma

Connection to the Catholic Church - Year of Jubilee: Pilgrims of Hope

Meet Luce the official mascot for the Catholic Church's 2025 Jubilee Year. Luce means "light" in Italian. She is a pilgrim, someone who is going on a journey of faith and hope. She has a pilgrim's staff and a rosary. She has a backpack, prayer journal and a camera. Luce is a symbol of hope and guidance. Her name reminds us of Jesus' guiding light in us.

This term our Mini-Vinnies team & Student Ambassador Abel, are accompanying Luce on a pilgrimage to St Andrew's School. Luce will visit all the classes and she will pray with students during morning and afternoon prayer. Every class writes a PRAYER of HOPE in her prayer journal and also takes a photo with Luce.



Mini-Vinnies: Social justice action in the community

A huge THANK YOU to our wonderful St Andrew's School community! Last term we raised \$290 for the St Vincent De Paul Soup Van, giving HOPE to the Homeless. The Soup Van goes out onto the street every night to feed those experiencing homelessness and poverty.

We also had so many generous donations of winter items it filled A WHOLE VAN! Mrs Sweeny and her daughter took all the donations to the volunteers who prepare food and pantry items for Soup Van and Pantry Van. These will be distributed to those living rough throughout Melbourne. Thank you St Andrew's School!

Child Safe Standard: Standard Physical and Online Environments

Schools must ensure that physical and online environments promote safety and wellbeing while minimising the opportunity for children, young people and students to be harmed. As an example, staff only store images of students on school approved/managed devices.

We are supported by the MACS Child Safety Team. Our attendance at this forum underpins our commitment to ensuring our children and staff use safe and responsible practices online- in particular the appropriate use and permission of personal images.





What's happening at St Andrew's in Wellbeing

Congratulations to our Term 4 Class Captains. They were awarded their badges at last week's assembly and they all looked so proud. We know that they will champion the three values of St Andrews of Safety, Respect and Responsibility.

Social Emotional Learning (Circle Time) is from 9.00-9.30am every day. The learning is based from 3 frameworks/models:

1. Victorian Curriculum 2.0 Capabilities and Health: Personal, Social and Community
2. Positive Behavior for Learning
3. Berry Street Education Model

This Term we will focus on:

1. Character: Values, Strength, Hope and Gratitude
2. Practising strategies they can use when they need to seek, give or deny permission respectfully



Lego Club and Chess Club

Lego and Chess Club continues this Term every Monday and Friday lunchtime. This is a quiet space for students to build Lego or challenge their chess skills. A big thank you to Mrs Ornelis and Mrs Sherridian who continue to help supervise at lunch time play.





MACS Vision for Engagement

On Tuesday, October 14, 2025 Mrs Black, Mr Dalton, Ms Taylor and myself attended the MACS Student Engagement in Action: Professional Learning for School Leaders for a deep dive into the MACS “Vision for Engagement”. You can download the Vision for Engagement here:

<https://www.macs.vic.edu.au/Our-Schools/Curriculum-Learning-Programs/Vision-for-Instruction.aspx>



MACS Cybersafety Forum

On Thursday, October 16, 2025 Mrs Scott, Matthew Major and myself attended the MACS 2025 eSafety Summit at the Catholic Leadership Centre in East Melbourne. We learned about the latest research about AI data and case studies from the eSafety Commissioner, Dr Billy Garvey and Victoria Police.

We learned that the recommended recreational (home) screen time for children from the ages of 5-17 should be no more than 2 hours per day. If you need support regarding monitoring your child's screen time and internet use please reach out to myself (lchamberlain@sawerribee.catholic.edu.au) as I can offer resources and tech help.

World Teacher's Day

World Teacher's Day will be celebrated in Australia on October 31, 2025. We take our hats off to our hard working dedicated teachers at St Andrew's.





Regional Athletics Carnival

Best wishes to Happy M and Deng Y who will be competing in the High Jump events for their age group at the Regional Finals in Keilor on Tuesday. We all hope you finish in the top 2 positions to progress to the State Athletics event.

F-2 Swimming Program

The F-2 children will be participating in a 1 week Water familiarization and Safety Program from Monday 24th November to Friday 28th November. Please remember to mark your child's attendance on the Operoo App and return the paper swimming assessment to your class teacher asap. A reminder also that Kingswim have requested no parents are to be in attendance at the swimming pool. Due to child safety we are unable to undress / dress your children so please take the time to practice at home.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 28th October – Senior Hoop Time

Tuesday 11th November – Jnr Hoop Time

Monday 24th November to Friday 28th November – F-2 Swimming Program



with Mrs Holland

How long have you worked at St. Andrew's School? 2 years.

What is your role at the school? Maths leader.

What is the most rewarding part of your job? Getting to see how proud our students are of their learning and how proud our teachers are of their students.

What is your ideal way to unwind and relax? I love a spa day or dancing around the house to Taylor Swift.

What's your most fond childhood memory? Every Easter holidays, I would go away with my parents, two sisters and family friends to different caravan parks around Victoria. One year we stayed in a caravan park that had horses and we got to feed, groom and ride the horses every day.

As a child, what did you aspire to be? I dreamt of being on Broadway. I loved to sing, dance and act. I am lucky that I still get to 'perform', I just do it in front of a much smaller (in size and volume!) audience.

What was your favourite subject at school? I loved performing arts in primary school and my favourite subject in high school was psychology.

What skill would you like to master? I would love to be better at sewing. I can mend clothes but would love to be able to create my own clothes.

What book/tv series/podcasts are you into at the moment? I am really into thrillers and mystery at the moment, so I have just started a new SBS show starring Steve Carell called 'The Patient'. I am only 3 episodes in but it has me hooked so far!

What is your favourite sport to watch or play? I love to watch AFL (go doggies!)

If you could choose to be anything for a day, what would it be? I would love to be a princess for a day and experience royal life.

If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be? I LOVE Japanese food so probably some sort of ramen.

If you were a superhero, what powers would you have? I would love to have super speed so I could get even more done in a day!

What's your favourite holiday destination? Definitely Japan. I went with my husband last year and we can't wait to get back there.

Do you collect anything? I collect clothes (mainly dresses). I have 3 wardrobes full but still keep an eye out for sales at my favourite shops.

Parent's Association

From our President Amy Jilbert-Care

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Dear Parents, Grandparents, Carers, and Friends of St Andrew's Primary School,

My name is Amy Jilbert-Care, and I am the President of the Parents Association of St Andrew's Primary. I have been a member for five years, and I joined because I wanted to make a difference for my daughter and for our school. Over the years, we've had many wonderful helpers, but now our committee is much smaller—and we urgently need more hands.



Thanks to the efforts of our volunteers, we've raised significant funds that have gone directly towards resources for your children. From fun food days, Subway lunches, Mother's and Father's Day, Christmas stalls, Easter raffles, Trivia Nights, and more—these events only happen because of the time and dedication of parents and carers like you.

At the moment, however, it's mostly the same small group of ladies doing all the work. Some now have young babies or other commitments, and understandably, they can't keep doing it alone. Without more support, we simply won't be able to continue providing the events and opportunities your children enjoy—and without new volunteers, the Parents Association may not be able to continue next year.

This is where you can help.

- You don't need to commit every week—just a couple of hours here and there makes a huge difference.
- Anyone can join: parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, guardians, carers.
- All you need is a Working with Children's Check (easy to apply for online).
- Meetings are just once a term, where we plan and share the workload together.

Helping with the Parents Association is not hard work—and it's rewarding. Your children love seeing their family members helping at school, and the more hands we have, the lighter the load for everyone.

This is your children's school. Let's work together to make it even better. Please don't let the Parents Association come to an end—join us and give just a little of your time.

Thank you so much for your support. Please contact Lisa Black on lblack@sawerribee.catholic.edu.au if you would like to participate in the St Andrew's Parent Association.

Warm regards,

Amy Jilbert-Care

**President, Parents Association
St Andrew's Primary School**



MACKILLOP COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Thursday 23rd October 4pm-6.30pm

Mackillop College, Werribee offers a holistic Catholic education rooted in Josephite ideals, nurturing every student through strong pastoral care, diverse pathways, and state-of-the-art facilities. With over 60 VCE subjects, enrichment programs, and experiential learning, it fosters creativity and critical thinking. Expanding in 2027, the new Wyndham Vale campus will deliver the same excellence, innovation, and community focus for local families.

- ✓ See Campus facilities and infrastructure
- ✓ Meet College Leaders
- ✓ Take a tour around the campus
- ✓ Find out more about the new Wyndham Vale Campus

**CALLING ALL
PROSPECTIVE
STUDENTS!**

WHERE FAITH INSPIRES, LEARNING EMPOWERS, FUTURES BEGIN

Mackillop College fosters belonging through personalised learning, and vibrant co-curricular opportunities in sport, arts, and leadership. With outstanding facilities, students flourish academically, creatively, and socially within a supportive, values-driven community.

REGISTER ON ARRIVAL

www.mackillop.vic.edu.au
1-29 Russell Street, Werribee

Please find below a link to the November 2025 edition
of the Secondary Education Guide.





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**



FREE
EVENT

Transitioning to School Parent Talk

Is your child starting or returning to primary school in 2026? Join us for a session with Drummond St Services.

Learn about helping your child settle into school, common experiences, building communication, supporting yourself and when to ask for help.

MONDAY 24
NOVEMBER
11am - 12pm

Point Cook Library
and Online



Bookings Required:
www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/transition-to-school-life
Ph. 8734 8999
librariesinwyndham



OCTOBER



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12	13	14 RECONCILI- ATION FAMILY FAITH NIGHT	15 FOUNDATIO N EXCURSION	16	17 SUBWAY LAST DAY FOR COOKIE ORDERS	18
19	20 ITALIAN FESTA DAY PIZZA LUNCH	21 WESTERN REGION ATHLETICS	22	23	24 SUBWAY ASSEMBLY CUPPA & CHAT	25
26	27	28 SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIAT -ION 6PM COOKIE DOUGH PICK UP	29	30	31 SUBWAY F, YR 1 & 2 INCURSION	

NOVEMBER



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DECEMBER



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