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Welcome

Dear Parents and Friends,

What a wonderful commencement we have had to the school year: valuable professional development days with staff; awesome first days of school for students; a wonderful opening ceremony of the Senior School and Innovation Centre; and, a special Dedication Service to commit everything at St Andrews Christian College to the Lord.



Our theme for the year is "Be Strong and Courageous" from Joshua 1:9.

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Andrew Courtis gave a wonderful devotion to the students to encourage them that they can be strong and courageous in God, because He is with us. What we need to do is remember His promises (His Word), stand on His promises and principles and know that He is with us. "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10

We can commence this year boldly, knowing God is guiding us and helping us to grow more like Him (individually) and together as a school.

I am so encouraged by the way St Andrews is growing and developing. We have wonderful new staff, who have already settled into the life of the College:

- Head of Senior School Mr John Present
- Art Mr Tom Gibbs
- Music Mrs Lynn Beardmore
- Maths Miss Mardi Easton
- Chemistry Mr Louis Fernandes
- Reception Mrs Katelyn Grant
- Year 6 Miss Emily Hill

We also welcome all our new families to St Andrews. May your time here be a wonderful blessing, not only for your child/children, but to you as well.

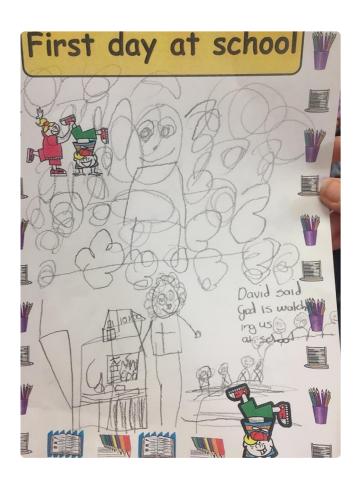
One of the special distinctives of St Andrews
Christian College is our amazing community who
model Christ and care for each other. Students

thrive, because they know staff not only care for them but help them to discover their God-given gifts and talents. I am so thankful to God as I see a blossoming community in the context of education, where learning and teaching is exciting and growing young men and women for God's kingdom is paramount.

One of our little Prep students for 2017 drew a picture about their very first day at school.

Already they understand that God is the Head of the College and that we are here for His glory.

Note "God' on top of the picture, looking over everything.



Many blessings for the year,

Catriona Wansbrough
Principal



Notices

Working Bee

We would like to invite you to our first Working Bee for 2016, to be held on Saturday March 4th from 9:00am – 12:00noon.

Our Working Bee will be a great time for you to get involved and take pride in our fabulous College.

We are working on creating a clean and tidy school with gardens and plants that are indigenous to this area.

We invite you and your children to help with this important school community event. It will create greater ownership of the College and encourage students to care for the gardens and facilities we are creating.

Even if you can only come for an hour it will be a great help.

We plan to undertake the following tasks:

General garden
 maintenance including
 weeding, clearing leaves,
 some planting and

- replenishing the garden beds with mulch.
- Watering plants due to the amount of heat we have had for the first term so far.
- Cleaning of the drinking troughs.
- · Washing of windows.
- Oiling the decking.
- Assemble additional garden bed/s
- Cobwebs eviction.
- · Raking the sandpit areas.
- Rubbish collection.

And for those skilled at painting

- Painting of some of the high visible areas (steps)
- Painting of hand rails where needed.

If you have any of the following tools you can bring, that would assist as we only have a limited supply:

- Hand shovel
- Gloves
- Spade/ Shovel/ fork
- Wheelbarrow
- Window squeegee

Attendance at the Working Bee is also a way to 'work off' your Parent Participation Hours.

If you find yourself available and able to come, please inform me by email at twaterman@standrews.vic.edu.au so that we can adequately prepare the tasks and morning tea.

Ted Waterman

Grounds and Maintenance

Manager

Open Day 2017

St Andrews Christian College is holding an Open Day on Friday 10th March from 9am – 11am. Come see the school at work, talk to staff and experience the St Andrews community.







We congratulate Hannah Bligh in Year 12 for the winning entry.

Catriona Wansbrough Principal

It's A Girl!

Theme for 2017

Thanks to all who entered the poster competition for our 2017 theme, "Be Strong and Courageous". It was hard for the judges to pick one as there were so many excellent entries.

The posters are currently displayed in Rembrandts and we will endeavour to put many of them in our newsletter over the year.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ZOE AND LUKE WATSON on the safe arrival of

Arielle Elise Watson



Born Saturday 11th February, 2017

Thanks be to God for this precious gift of life to Zoe and Luke.

Congratulations Dan Idrees!

Congratulations to Dan Idrees our Sport/Duke of Ed teacher for being a finalist for Outstanding Program Delivery in The Duke of Edinburgh International Award.

He attended the 2016 Excellence and Innovation Award Ceremony at the Hyatt in December, 2016.

Well done Dan - we are proud of you!

Catriona Wansbrough Principal

Dedication Service

At the Dedication Service on Monday 13th February, the school captains were presented to the school and the year was committed to the Lord. The theme for the year is **Be Strong and Courageous** from Joshua 1:9.



Prayer Group

Wednesdays at 8:45am

This year the St Andrews
Parent Prayer Group will be
meeting every Wednesday
morning at 8:45am in the

meeting room next to the school office.

The St Andrews Prayer Group would like to welcome and invite all parents to come along and join in prayer, with other parents, for the needs of the St Andrews school community.

It is a great opportunity to join in fellowship with other parents.

For specific prayer requests, there is a prayer request box at the front reception desk for you to put your request in if you are unable to join us.

We are greatly blessed at St
Andrews to have the
opportunity to gather together
for prayer. As Christians we are
called to pray, and we
encourage parents to join us.
Be reassured that you don't
have to pray out loud if you are
not comfortable in doing so.

Suzy Song Prayer Group Coordinator



Calendar

Important Coming Events for Term 1 2017:

February

Week 4B

Monday 20th - Whole School Assembly 9am*

Tuesday 21st - CSEN Theatre Sports - Hillcrest

Tuesday 21st - School Banking New Account

Session 2:45pm-3:30pm*

Wednesday 22nd - CSEN Yr9/10 Sport
Wednesday 22nd - Parent Prayer Meeting
8:45am*

Thursday 23rd - GRIP Senior Leaders Conference Friday 24th - Outer Eastern Prayer Breakfast Saturday 25th - PFA Welcome Picnic 4:30pm-7:30pm*

Week 5A

Monday 27th - Whole School Assembly 9am*

Monday 27th - Friday 3rd Yr8 Canberra Camp

Monday 27th - Yr7 Immunisation

Tuesday 28th - Yr5-12 Swimming Carnival

March

Wednesday 1st - CSEN Yr 7/8 Sport

Wednesday 1st - Parent Prayer Meeting 8:45am*

Thursday 2nd - Yr1 Art Excursion

Week 6B

Monday 6th - Whole School Assembly 9am*

Tuesday 7th - Duke of Ed - Sailing/Paddling

Tuesday 7th - Prep Bedtime Stories

Wednesday 8th - CSEN Yr9/10 Sport

Wednesday 8th - Parent Prayer Meeting 8:45am*

Thursday 9th - VCE Rally Day Friday 10th - Open Day*

* Parents welcome

Term Dates

TERM DATES FOR 2017

Term 1: Wed 1st Feb- Fri 31st March

Term 2: Wed 19th April - Fri 30th June

Term 3: Monday 24th July – Friday 22nd Sept

Term 4: Mon 9th Oct - Fri 8th Dec



New Staff

Welcome to New Staff

St Andrews Christian College is blessed to welcome a number of new staff this year. This newsletter we feature Mardi Easton, Emily Hill, Katelyn Grant and Tom Gibbs.

Mardi Easton

Senior School Mathematics Teacher



These past few weeks at St Andrews have been really wonderful. I'm loving being back in the classroom again after so long.

When I first finished uni, I taught in a Melbourne state school for a few years before going overseas with CMS to teach in a boarding school in

Pakistan for 3 years. My students were the children of missionaries and I loved living in a small Christian community.

After coming home from
Pakistan, I went to bible college
and completed my Master of
Divinity at MST, PTC and
Ridley.

As I finished up at bible college, I started working for the Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students (AFES), and was partnered with the 'Christian Union' at the University of Melbourne. Over the last 5 years with the AFES, I have: led bible studies; trained up leaders; met up with many young women to read the bible, chat and pray; headed up teams of students to organise events and conferences; and grown heaps in my knowledge and love of God.

I attend Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Doncaster and I love playing strategic board games and fun group games.

Emily Hill

Year 6 Teacher



I am super excited to be teaching Year 6 at St Andrews this year. What an amazing school it is!

I have been attending and serving at Crossway Baptist
Church for 10 years and worked on staff there for 2 years within the Childrens and Family ministry, while studying.
I believe that through this role,
God has prepared me extensively to teach at
St Andrews. I love that I am now able to combine my love of teaching with my love of God.

I am engaged to a man named Drew and we are getting married early next year! Drew is also studying teaching and is in his final year.

When I am not at church, asleep or at school, I love playing netball and waterskiing.

I am so excited to see what amazing things God has

planned for St Andrews this year. I so look forward to getting to know you all, God bless.

Katelyn Grant

Receptionist



Hello, my name is Katelyn Grant! I am filling in for Zoe in the Reception while she is on maternity leave. This is not my first time at St Andrews, as I was a student here from Prep through to Year 12, graduating in 2010. I feel so blessed to be back here, and love the community feel the school offers.

I am feeling extremely blessed, because I very recently (4 weeks ago to be exact!) married the love of my life, Cameron Grant. We thoroughly enjoyed our wedding day, celebrating with our friends and family and are feeling so blessed starting this new

journey together. I am very close to my family – the second eldest of 4 children, and am also the proud owner of a gorgeous, yet extremely naughty, Jack Russell puppy!

One of my favourite hobbies is reading (my current favourite book being Animal Farm). I attend Breakthrough Church, and absolutely LOVE my church family. I am involved in the music team, and lead the kids ministry and outreach department at the church.

I have loved meeting so many new people, and look forward to seeing so many friendly faces and getting to know you all! Please come by and say hello.

Tom Gibbs

Middle and Senior Art Teacher



My name is Tom Gibbs, and what a privilege it is to be joining the staff as the Middle and Senior Art Teacher at St Andrews Christian College.

I am very passionate about art, and I am excited to teach your children about their God given creativity. I studied my Bachelor of Fine Art at VCA and was classically trained in Italy and Greece. My studies have cultivated a deep respect for Renaissance art and a desire to continue it's legacy of Truth, Beauty and Goodness in a contemporary context. If you ask me more about this then be prepared for a very enthusiastic response.

I married my beautiful wife one year ago. We both worship at Red church. When I'm not teaching I am probably making art, enjoying good food in good company, or taking walks though God's stunning creation. On a really good day I would be doing all three at once.

I look forward to meeting you all, so feel free to pop your head in the art room to say hi!



Parents and Friends

PFA Family Picnic Sat 25th Feb

Family Picnic

Saturday 25th February 4:30pm-7:30pm

We are welcoming in the new school year with our annual Family Picnic to be held on the school grounds from 4:30pm to 7:30pm on Saturday 25th February.



A free sausage sizzle is available to all. Other free activities include a jumping castle, face painting, balloon sculpting and games. Bring money to purchase drinks and icy poles.

It will be an enjoyable afternoon. Hope to see you there.

Shaun Beovich
PFA President

Volunteering

Parents are reminded that if you are volunteering at school you'll need a current Working With Children Check. These can be done online and then submitted at a post office at no cost.

The school also requires parents who volunteer or go on excursions to read and sign a Child Safety Code of Conduct form, which is available from the school office.

Shaun Beovich
PFA President

School Banking



School Banking on Tuesdays
has commenced for 2017. Our
school receives \$5 when a
student makes their first ever
School Banking deposit and
5% on every deposit made
through the school (to a

maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

Saving regularly is an important habit to get into, whether you're saving a little or a lot.

Keep up the great work and remember to bring in your School Banking deposit every Tuesday.

Also we will be holding an Account Opening Day at our school:

Time: 2:45pm-3:30pm

Date: Tuesday 21 Feb 2016
Location: School Staffroom

Katrina from Commonwealth
Banking is coming to school on
Tuesday 21st February 2:45pm
- 3:30pm in the staff room.
Through this time, Katrina will
assist parents and students in
opening new accounts with the
Commonwealth Bank. All you
need to bring is your current
identification (driver's licence
or another form of
photographic identification) as
well as your child's birth
certificate.

Beside coming in on this day, new bank accounts can be open through Commonwealth Bank Online or in any Commonwealth Bank Branches.

The type of account you need to open is a Youth Saver Account.

https://www.commbank.com.a u/personal/accounts/savingsaccounts/youthsaver.html

By having a youth saver account, we then can link it to school banking, which runs every Tuesday morning.

https://www.commbank.com.a u/personal/kids/schoolbanking.html

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program.

Juli Tu
School Banking Coordinator

Icy Pole Fridays

Every Friday students can purchase an icy pole from the kitchen, located next to the Multi-Purpose Hall. Parents and Senior School students supervise the selling of the treats.

A reminder to parents who are rostered on, to swap with

someone else if you are unable to attend. Thank you to the many parents who responded to the call for helpers last week. We now have enough parent volunteers on the roster.

Andrew Musgrove

Icy Pole Coordinator

2nd Hand Uniform Shop

The 2nd Hand Uniform Shop is Wednesday open every morning from 8:30am-9:30am. The shop is located Rembrandts and staffed by parent volunteers. If you can help for 2-3 weeks, please see Liz Romney at the shop or email **PFA** at pfa@standrews.vic.edu.au

Liz Romney

2nd Hand Uniform Shop Coordinator

Parent Participation Hours

Families can participate by being involved in a variety of activities. During the vear. notices will be sent out requesting parent help various events or activities, for example, helping at sports carnivals, covering library books, icy pole Fridays, 2nd Uniform Shop, Hand **PFA** events, classroom help or attending working bees.

Parents are required to record the hours they have

Hours Book which is kept in
the College Office. You will be
charged a Parent Participation
fee of \$250 at the
commencement of each year
and will be credited at the end
of the term for any work done.
You will be credited at a rate of
\$25 per hour of work
completed, up to a maximum of

completed in the Parent

PFA Committee 2017

\$250 for the year. The time

ten hours per year.

requirement for each family is

President: Shaun Beovich
Vice-President: Sally Wade
Secretary: Lesley Goh
Treasurer: tbc
email:
pfa@standrews.vic.edu.au



Junior School

Beginnings

What a wonderful start to the year! The students have all settled into their classes and are already hard at work. Our theme for the year "Be strong and Courageous" from Joshua 1:9 has been a great springboard for the teachers to encourage the students as they start a new year. I had the opportunity of leading the Junior School Assembly last Friday and we talked about how God hasn't called us to be "Strong and Courageous"

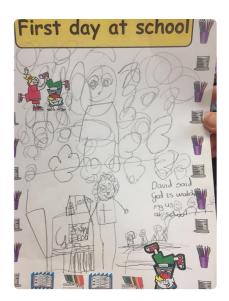
alone. His word is clear, He will be with us.



On the first day of Prep one of our students captured this thought completely when he drew God over his classroom.

This picture is a powerful reminder of Gods position over

St Andrews Christian College.
He is with us so we can be strong and courageous in everything we do this year.



Yvonne Hughes

Head of Junior School

Staff Prep Devotions

Each Friday morning, the staff pray for different cohorts of students from Prep to Year 12.

Here are staff praying for the Preps.



Extra Curricular Activities

There are lots of "extra" activities happening around the school, both during the school day and after school! Here's what's on for the Junior School each week at lunchtime.

Monday

- Library for P-4 students
- Lego Club for Yr 2 students
- Table Tennis for Yr 3-4 students
- Construction Club for Yr 1 students
- Construction Club for Yr 2 students

Tuesday

- Gardening Club for Yrs 3 and above
- Weekly News Filming (see Mrs Mehanni if you're interested!)
- Puzzle Club for Prep- Yr 4 students

Thursday

- Book Buzz for Yr 2-4 students
- Lego and Construction for Prep- Yr 1 students

Friday

· Craft Club and Card Making for Prep-Yr 4 students

Stay tuned to see some photos of the students enjoying these many activities around St Andrews Christian College.

Sonia Sires Extra Curricular Activities Coordinator



Middle School

Middle School Duolingo Championship

During Year 6, 7 and 8, students have the opportunity to be part of the Middle School Duolingo Championship. Some students have already signed up for Duolingo in Year 5, but by the start of Year 6 all students should have a Duolingo profile. Parents of Year 6 students or new students who still need to sign up, can go to duolingo.com on a desktop or laptop, and help their child to create a profile.

This week we celebrate the achievement of Roselyn Kho, who already achieved her Golden Owl when she was in Year 6. Roselyn is now in Year 7 and working at keeping all her skills gold. Roselyn also played 700 XP during the holidays! Well done, Roselyn!



It would be much appreciated if parents could ensure that students have a set of

earphones that they can use in class while playing Duolingo. However, while there are some opportunities to do Duolingo in class, this area of French is seen as the students' French homework, and should be worked at a few times each week at home.

Thank you for your support in encouraging our students to steward every opportunity that comes their way.

À bientôt!

Madame Cloete
French teacher, Year 6 - 8



Senior School

Senior School Buzz

It has been a pleasure to join the St Andrews community, and specifically the Senior School. We have begun the year with enthusiasm and excitement. There is a real 'buzz' about the building. It was exciting to have the official opening of the building, and to have the school year commence. It is always invigorating to have students arrive, and the busyness begin.

I had the opportunity to speak to students in the assembly last week. One of things emphasised was the desire for students to achieve excellence in the classroom. We want to be a Senior School which is striving to provide an outstanding education for students from a Christian Worldview. As a Senior School we also want to be a place that has a relentless pursuit of improvement. This is applicable for me personally, but also to students and teachers. Please ask your

children in what ways they are going to improve this year?

How can we work together to help make those goals a reality?

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact your child's Home Room teacher, Year Level Coordinator or myself. We are here to help you and your child get the most out of their education while here at St Andrews.

John Presant

Head of Senior School

Senior Art



A few Year 10 students excited to discover they have some drawing talent!

Tom Gibbs Senior Art Teacher

Careers News

Welcome back to the new school year.

Reading the St Andrews
Careers Newsletter is the best
way to get information about
Career Expos, tertiary and
private institution Open Days,
employment, courses and
many other programs that are
available in Melbourne and
Victoria. It also informs about
exciting careers related events
that our Senior School
students are involved in.

Items in the first Careers News include:

- The Group of Eight (GO8)
 Universities
- Studying Medicine at Monash University
- UMAT 2017
- NIE (National Institute of Education) UMAT
 Workshops
- ANU Tuckwell Scholarship and Roadshows
- Tax File Numbers



Careers Newsl...

Items in the next Careers News issue include:

- Top 100 Universities for Employability
- Psychology at Deakin
 University
- Studying Health Sciences at Monash University
- AusAppPathways –
 Explore Apprenticeships
 Traineeships
- Marine biology student scholarships
- Health Science Degrees in Victoria
- Ultimate Careers -Australia's Science Channel.



Careers Newsl...

On the 30th of March all Year
10 students will be
participating in interactive and
engaging 'Start Smart' financial
literacy workshops. Smart
Earning, Saving, Spending and
Investing workshops equip
students with the confidence
and competence to make
smart decisions about money.

After the great success of our Year 9 girls in Programming Challenge for Girls (PC4G) at The University of Melbourne last year, our school was invited to form the team and participate in 2017. We have registered our Year 9 girls' team to attend this challenging and educational event and experience the fun of programming.

In this week's issue -

- Why Attend Careers
 Expos, Open Days or
 Careers Seminars
- How Do I Access
 University Courses?
- Monash University News
- How Can I Find Out About Courses At Monash University?
- What Is Required To Access Undergraduate

Medicine At Monash University?

- Biomedical Science at Monash University
- News from ADFA
- Biomedicine/Biomedical
 Science Degrees in

Victoria

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St Andrews Car...

If you have a question about a topic featured in the Careers

Newsletter, please contact

Careers Coordinator Mrs Irena Yevlahova <u>iyevlahova@standrews.vic.edu.</u> <u>au</u>

Irena Yevlahova

Careers Coordinator



Sport

SSV Primary Swimming Championships

On the 16th February, we participated in the SSV primary swimming championships to give our top swimmers a

chance to progress through the SSV rounds..

We only took 11 swimmers from years 4-6 but still managed an admirable 4th place out of 8 schools. Congratulations to Jessica
Hwang (5P), Matthew Cheng
(6H) and Matthew Wu (4C) who
each qualified for an individual
stroke and will go through to
the Knox Division
Championships.



Special mention to Jessica who qualified for freestyle, breaststroke and butterfly and now must choose only two of those strokes to progress.

Our girls freestyle relay team (Samanatha Loke, Jessica Hwang, Michelle Lim, Grace Elias) also qualified to go though by placing 2nd.

Well done swimmers!



Library

Library

Library News

Library Staff: Lynne Marks, Joanne Edwards, Wai-Peng Heath

Junior Library

Lunchtime Monday

Middle/ Senior Library:

Monday to Friday: Recess and Lunch

After school:

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays until 4pm.
Wednesdays until 3.45pm.

Email:

library@standrews.vic.edu.au

Welcome Back!

The Senior Library received its new furniture over the school holidays. The students have enjoyed trying the pieces out.

The new collaboration area has been especially popular.

We have a steady stream of students using the space for study throughout the day. At lunch and recess, students come to study, read and play quiet games.

Would You Like To Help?

There are several ways in which parents can help the library.

- 1. If you can't make it during the day or you prefer to work from home, we can offer book covering. We will pack a box of books for you to take home and cover within a week. We also provide the contact and instructions.
- 2. If you are able to come to the school and are available at the beginning or end of the school day, we can offer shelving. For this task, we ask for a commitment of half an

- hour to an hour, once a week, for one term.
- 3. You can also help with library tasks once or twice a year. This can include covering books at school, shelf sorting, shelving etc.

If you would like to help, contact the library staff by telephone, email or in person. Please include your name, a contact telephone number and / or an email and your child's name and year level and how you wish to help- shelving (if this, please let us know which day and time you prefer e.g. Mondays am or Fridays pm and the term) or covering (spread throughout the year).

We are looking for shelvers for Terms 2, 3 and 4. If you would like to shelve, a valid Working with Children Check is required. Young children are also welcome in the library.

Thank you in advance.

Accelerated Readers

The Accelerated Reader program has commenced. This is a reading program for Years 4-6. Students complete a

placement test (STAR Reading test) and are given recommended reading levels. They choose books in the appropriate range, read and complete an online test. This will earn points and students will have a goal to work towards each term.

If you would like to know more about this program, please speak to your child's classroom teacher or to Mrs Edwards or Mrs Marks.

Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge (VPRC)

Students in Years 7 and 8 will participate in the Victorian Premiers' Challenge as part of their English program.

Students select books from a list provided and are required to read a minimum of fifteen titles to join the Honour Roll.

More information can be found here.

http://www.education.vic.gov.a u/about/events/prc/Pages/def ault.aspx

2016 titles can be viewed at

http://www.education.vic.gov.a u/Documents/about/events/pr c/78prcbooklist.pdf

The new list will be available during March.

Our Library has a list of the VPRC titles available for loan from our Library on the catalogue and on CANVAS.

This will be updated once the 2017 books are added. The VPRC resources are identified by a green stripe on the spine

label. Please speak to the Year 7 and 8 English teachers or the library staff if you would like to know more about the challenge.

Lynne Marks
Library Coordinator



Community Notices

Newsletter 1

This section of our newsletter is to give our families information about programs being run by organizations outside of the school which may interest our school families.

These organisations are not endorsed by St Andrews
Christian College.

Rotary International Youth Exchange



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Dental Services



Free Dental Care is not just for Health Care Card Holders.

entities all eligible children aged 2-17 years old to general dental care up to the value of \$1000 over years. Families who receive Family Tax Benefit Part A or a relevant Australian Government paymen will receive a letter outlining their eligibility. Children and youth who attend public dental clinics will not incur out of pocket expenses with the Child Dental Benefit Schedule.

old youth at no cost. (Youth must be a holder or dependant of a health care or pensioner concessioner card holder, in out-of-home care provided by Department of Human Services or in Custodial Care).

ollowing their treatment, your child will be placed on our patient recall system and receive a

Please do not hesitate to phone the reception staff at EACH Dental if you require any further information about our dental services.

Thank you for your assistance.

1063 Burwood Hwy, Ferntree Gully, 3156, Phone: 9757





