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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to our first newsletter for the school year!

It is so good to have our students and staff back at school!

The beginning of the year has gone smoothly, despite COVID, and we have not had as many cases as originally expected and planned for.

Thanks everyone for your assistance, cooperation and flexibility in the ever-changing arrangements and schedules of school life in COVID.

Globally and politically our climate is also unknown with changing laws and societal expectations that sometimes clash with our faith. St Andrews Christian College will continue to stand strong proclaiming Jesus as Lord! We want our students to know God, have a personal faith with Jesus; and, know their purpose in His kingdom.

Christian Education – an education that is built on Christ is vital for our children. At St Andrews Christian College, our focus is excellence in Christ, where we provide a holistic education that prepares students to be effective and productive members of their community.

For God's glory, we need to be the best school we can be for the Lord and we want our students to be their best for God! From an eternal perspective, we all must remember that it is not what our children become or what they do in life that is important. Their personal

relationship with Jesus and becoming a believer is what trumps everything and is what will help them more in life than anything else.

All our human efforts, accomplishments, careers, loving the unlovable; even living selfless lives and following all God's laws will not get us into heaven. The only way to assurance in heaven is through faith and trust in Jesus.

A genuine faith leads believers to grow in Christ. It is Christ who gives believers the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.

Christ enlightens the eyes of their hearts that they may also know the hope to which they have been called; the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints; and, the immeasurable greatness of His power toward believers. – Ephesians 1:18-19

Because of our focus in being a strong Christian school, I believe that we have been and will continue to be a target for the media, in our increasingly secularised world. Being in a hostile world is not new for God's people. Jesus suffered, was crucified and buried and He calls us to a life of witness to Him, to share in suffering but also share in His glory.

We need to remain faithful and consistent in our calling as Christian educators and parents and it is much easier to do this as God intended, together in community.

I am not strong or courageous, but the God who lives in me is!

It is only in Him can we all stand strong and firm to what God has called each of us to do, all for His purpose and for His glory!

Please join me in praying for all our College community the beautiful prayer from **Colossians 1:9-12:**

“And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light”.

Abundant blessings on your year!

Catriona Wansbrough

Principal



SACC NEWS

More Ways to Connect

It's official! Now you have more ways to connect and engage with St Andrews Christian College and feel the pulse of our vibrant College community.

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CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

It's official - now you have

MORE WAYS TO CONNECT

Instagram Facebook LinkedIn YouTube

Regular posts will appear across all major social media platforms to help keep you in the loop with everything that's happening and to tell the world about our wonderful College.

St Andrews Christian College has a unique story to tell about our Christ centred education, our amazing staff and our beautiful students and we need you help us build our online profile and spread the message by following our pages and liking our posts.

Let's get started by clicking the links below and following our '**Official**' St Andrews pages.

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/standrewschristiancollege/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StAndrewsChristianCollege>

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqvdCAHtxlfYbICDBSh3yKw>

Linkedin: available Wednesday 9th March.

Peter Friend

Communications & Community Relations Manager

Morning Tea with the Principal

St Andrews Principal, Mrs Catriona Wansbrough, hosted a Morning Tea for parents this past Tuesday at 9:00am at the Taste 'n' See Café. This was a wonderful opportunity for St Andrews families to come along and have a chat with Mrs Wansbrough and receive a coffee/tea or hot chocolate and tasty cake from the café.



ICAS Winners

Students have received their ICAS medals from last year! Congratulations to Matthew Wu, Year 9 – Science and Digital Technologies (*not pictured*), Evan Widjaja, Year 8 2022 – Spelling Bee & Jayden Yang, Year 5 – Science.



Evan Widjaja - Spelling Bee



Jayden Yang – Science

Michael Swanborough

Deputy Principal - Head of Learning and Teaching

Welcome to the Wellbeing Team 2022

The Wellbeing team are excited to share with the St Andrews community their team members for 2022 and the Wellbeing HUB area. We welcome the following:

Lisa Wilks-Beasy (Head of College Wellbeing)

Marina Heading (Secondary School Wellbeing Coordinator)

Sonia Sires (Primary School Wellbeing Coordinator)

Warwick Grant (School Chaplain)

Michelle Stancliffe (Youth Worker).

The Wellbeing team works closely with students and staff to support their wellbeing needs. It has been fantastic to see many students come up and find the new space called the 'Wellbeing HUB', located up on the library level. The 'Wellbeing HUB' is supervised

by the Wellbeing team throughout the day and their staff office is located next door. All students are welcome!



At the beginning of the year, here are some ideas to discuss with your child about their Wellbeing:

- Celebrate achievements (however small) and make traditions with your child. Encourage them to recognise all that they have achieved at the beginning of the year (we see so many amazing things happen and there is so much to celebrate!)
- Be aware of the specific topics that your child is studying in each subject. The HUB is a wonderful place to find this information.
- Prioritise cybersafety in your household. There are many parent resources that you can access to ensure that your child is safe online and please talk to the Wellbeing team if you need help with this.
- Natural disasters and world events can be traumatic for children, however there are resources to help you support your child throughout these events.
- Stay connected with your community and reach out if needed. Keep an eye on the HUB for parent sessions/coffee chats/parent prayer sessions and opportunities to

connect with St Andrews.

What do you do if you have a specific Wellbeing concern about your child?

Contact your child's homeroom or classroom teacher or phone reception to speak with a member of the Wellbeing team.

"...I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." – John 10:10

Lisa Wilks-Beasy

Head of Wellbeing

– NETBALL NEWS –

St Andrews Netball club has commenced their Winter netball season at Knox Regional Netball Centre from 26th February until 13th August and we are looking forward to a fun filled and successful season.

NetSetGo

Energy to burn? Come and enjoy our program and it's introduction into the wonderful world of Netball! For students who are interested in learning the skills of netball, NetSetGo is Australia's official starter program for girls and boys aged 5-10, so if you are interested registration is now open for the Winter 2022 Woolworths NetSetGo.



Welcome to the World Little One!



Meet the newest addition to the Gaschk family, Olive Louise Gaschk, born 24/2/2022.

She loves to sleep and has brought great joy to the family!

Congratulations to Lauren, Daniel, Jacob and Isla!

Calling Netball Parents

If you would like to join the St Andrews Netball Board, please contact Lauren at netball@standrews.vic.edu.au to express your interest.

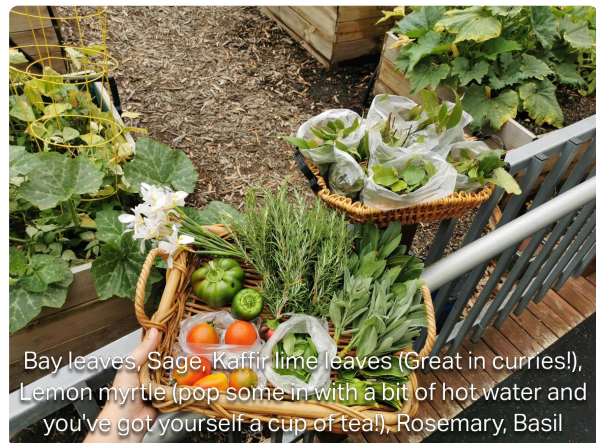
Blessings,

Lauren Gaschk

St Andrews Netball Club President

Garden Club News

The St Andrews Garden Club runs every Wednesday at lunchtime for Year 3 students and up.



Bay leaves, Sage, Kaffir lime leaves (Great in curries!), Lemon myrtle (pop some in with a bit of hot water and you've got yourself a cup of tea!), Rosemary, Basil

We plant seeds and seedlings, complete weeding, pick the harvest which is then sold at the end of lunchtime Wednesday for a dollar or two to members of the garden club, teachers and the rest of the school community if there is anything left!

Money collected by the garden club goes back into purchasing soil and seeds as well as 10% of the collections donated to Tearfund at the end of each term's sales.

For all those green thumbs out there we have a student with a keen passion for bonsais and we will soon be starting a Bonsai Club. Any students in Years 3-12 who are interested in joining can contact me so we can set up a regular time to hold the Bonsai Club.

Also, Clean Up Australia Day is this Sunday the 6th of March. As sustainability coordinator, I would like to encourage the College community to participate in cleaning their neighbourhoods.

Maria Wheelton

Sustainability Coordinator

Parenting Ideas

Have you ever wanted to get some extra support in your parenting or to get some expert advice on topics such as Raising Teenagers, Dealing with Anxiety, Education and Learning, Developing Resilience and more? Through our College subscription to “Parenting Ideas”, parents have access to a range of resources to help them navigate the school years and beyond.

Parenting Ideas are here to help parents successfully raise confident, happy and resilient kids. Over the course of nearly twenty years, they have become one of Australia’s most trusted sources of parenting education and support. You can explore the many resources on offer to help you in your parenting journey by visiting the Parenting Ideas website.

[Click here](#)

A recent Parenting Ideas Insight article: “**How to help your child be a good friend**” has some really useful advice to help students build positive relationships at school.



Parenting Ideas Insights - How to help your child be a good friend.pdf

A series of Webinars with highly credentialed parenting experts are scheduled for 2022. These webinars can be attended free of charge (regular value \$39).

The first Webinar for 2022 is:

March 23rd 8:00 pm – Building lasting happiness in children: Dr Jodi Richardson

See the attached article below for the link to the Webinar and registration details.

 [Parenting Ideas Insights - Helping kids build lasting happiness.pdf](#)

Michael Swanborough

Deputy Principal - Head of Learning and Teaching

▶ ClickView Parent Info Guide



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WELCOMING OUR 2022 STUDENT LEADERS



College Captains Sarah Farmer and Kayle Dharmadasa



From Left: Lauren Carline - Parkes Captain, Zachary Simon - Barton Captain & Vicky Truong - Deakin Captain



From Left: Travis Lam - Sports Captain, Andrea Chai - Wellbeing Captain, Roselyn Kho - Music Captain & Michelle McCabe - MSL Captain

We are delighted to announce the Secondary Student Leadership Team for 2022.

College Captains: Kayle Dharmadasa and Sarah Farmer

House Captains: Zachary Simon (*Barton*), Vicky Truong (*Deakin*), and Lauren Carline (*Parkes*)

Specialist Captains: Michelle McCabe (*Mission Service Learning*), Roselyn Kho (*Music*), Travis Lam (*Sport*), Caleb Ng (*Visual Art*), and Andrea Chai (*Wellbeing*)

Congratulations to these students. Let us all keep them in our prayers as they seek to lead and serve the college community in 2022.

2022 Music Captain

Hi, my name is Roselyn and I'm extremely excited to be your Music Captain for 2022!



Music at St Andrews Christian College has been such an essential part of my schooling life and has helped shape my character into who I am today. It has taught me how to become more resilient and hardworking in the goals I wish to accomplish, especially

through consistent rehearsals and engaging with challenging repertoire. I have also had the opportunity to learn teamwork skills and how to stay organised despite having other responsibilities stemming from school and other activities. All of this has not only shaped who I am, but it has also shown me how I can love and serve others through The Arts.



I have been so blessed to be part of such a loving and supportive community in the Performing Arts department that has always been so encouraging. My goal for this year is for the Performing Arts department to be a place of love, encouragement and support for all students, just like it has been for me.

Roselyn Kho

Music Captain

2022 Wellbeing Captain

Hi everyone, I'm Andrea, the Wellbeing Captain for this year! Being in my final year of high school, I'm super keen to make 2022 a super memorable year not just for me, but the whole Secondary School.

My goal as wellbeing captain this year is to help our students feel cared for in our school community through activities that promote student wellbeing and just simply, acts of kindness!

Something that our Secondary Leadership Team has already done this year was for Valentines' Day. We decorated our building with balloons and gave out chocolate hearts to all the students in secondary school, reminding them of God's eternal love for us. In addition, Sarah, our College captain coordinated a hearts scavenger hunt. It was great to see so many kids running around excitedly to find all 58 hearts plastered around our school! Congratulations to Hannah Kiswoto from 8E who had the closest guess!

We are also in the process of recruiting secondary students in joining our wellbeing team! They will be helping me coordinate events and activities throughout the year, and I cannot wait to bring our ideas for wellbeing into action!



I truly believe that we are in for a great year ahead and I am thrilled for what the student wellbeing team can do for our school!

Andrea Chai
Wellbeing Captain

House Representatives

In 2022 we congratulate & welcome our first House Representatives to accompany our House Captains.





PRIMARY SCHOOL

A Message from Head of Primary Mrs Hughes

As always the beginning of the year in the Primary School has started with great enthusiasm! There is a great sense of optimism amongst both the students and staff despite the masks and regular rapid antigen tests. This year in the Primary School we have expanded our leadership team, below I have listed the team and their area of influence;

- Ben Sheahan - Years 5 & 6 Coordinator
- Paige Cheung - Years 3 & 4 Coordinator
- Judy Hendricks - Prep to Year 2 Coordinator
- Shellene Pillifeant - Prep Coordinator
- Sonia Sires - Primary Wellbeing Coordinator
- Katelyn Grant - Primary Administrator.

In addition to our amazing homeroom teachers this team are also available for parents to contact if you have any questions. I am blessed to be surrounded by a team with incredible experience and wisdom who above all else love Jesus and serve Him faithfully.



As a team we made the difficult decision to cancel the Year 6 Canberra trip planned for later this term. The impact of restrictions in the ACT meant that many of the reasons for visiting were not available. The Year 6 students will join the Year 5 camp in Term 2 with an adjusted program to compensate for the repeat destination from 2021 for these students.

Other than a few delayed excursions, parent information night via Zoom and some sport events the Primary program hasn't been too affected by COVID restrictions. We are all excited about the reintroduction of assemblies, interschool sport and excursions from this month.

Later in March we will be having our Parent Teacher Interviews and have decided to do a hybrid version, where parents will be able to have interviews via Zoom or in person so as to accommodate the individual needs of families. We are all looking forward to sharing with you about your children.

It has been a wonderful start to the year and God has again been ever faithful to us by giving us the wisdom and grace to teach and serve at this beautiful College.

Yvonne Hughes

Head of Primary

Getting to know Prep P!

We've had a wonderful start to school with our days full of fun learning and exciting activities. Our first days were filled with learning all about St Andrews, getting to know each other and our teachers.



We have learnt so many things already;

- We can write our own names.
- We have learnt the letters Aa, Oo, Cc, Tt, Dd, Gg, Ss, Ee and the sounds they make.
- We have learnt about the numbers 1-5.
- We have learnt about 2D shapes

- We have learnt how God created the world in 7 days.
- We have met our specialist teachers and enjoyed, Music, STEM, Digital Tech, Sport, Art and Chinese.
- We have learnt about colours.
- AND MANY MORE THINGS

Most of all we have loved being at school!

Shellene Pillifeant

Prep Teacher

Beautiful Buddies in Prep

One of the exciting things about being a Prep student at St Andrews is meeting special “Buddies”! This year, the Prep children are again blessed to have both Year 6 Buddies and Year 12 Buddies.

Our Year 12 Buddies visit once a fortnight and we share Devotions together. We love reading Bible Stories and praying together.



We also spend time with our Year 6 Buddies a few times each term. We enjoy reading together and then have fun outside doing PMP activities. We are thankful to the Year 6 students who set up and run these activities.



We pray these special times will help our Prep students get to know other students, as they enjoy being part of our St Andrews Community.

Sonia Sires

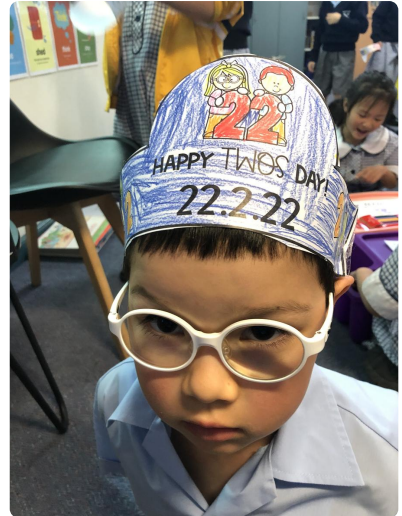
Prep S Teacher

22/02/2022 - A Once in a Lifetime Date!



Year 1s Celebrate Happy TWOSday!

On Tuesday the 22nd of the second month of 2022, we celebrated TWOSday by making TWOSday crowns and looking at the story of Noah's Ark.



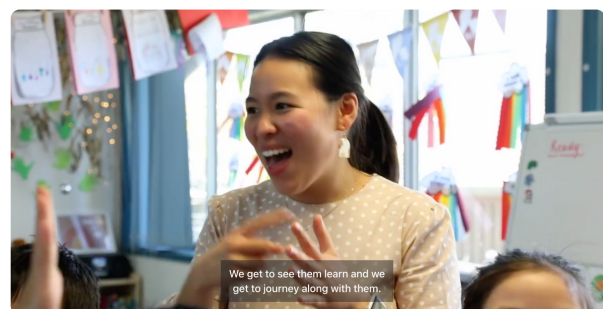


Gaye Jones & Natalie Nheu

Year 1 Teachers

Passion for Teaching in Christian Education

St Andrews Year 1 Teacher Natalie Nheu, was featured in this weeks Monash Uni Education Alumni 'Why I became a teacher' spotlight. We are so thankful to God for our staff, and the passion they bring to their classrooms teaching at St Andrews and celebrate together with Natalie the joy it is to journey with our students in their learning journey while also sharing the heart of Jesus in all we do.





Super Start to Year 2 in 2022!

The Year 2s have had a great start to the year and have been very busy settling into routine and school. We are so thankful we are able to be at school together learning lots of new things and look forward to a wonderful year ahead.



*Mrs Hendricks, Miss Moss, Mrs Tay and Mr Grant
Year 2 Teachers*

Science Bean Plant Experiment

The Year 2s have had lots of fun in Science this term looking at living & non living things, and the incredible way in which God has created them. To help our understanding of

living things and life cycles, we made our very own greenhouses and began a bean experiment to watch how the seed germinates. We can't wait to see them grow!



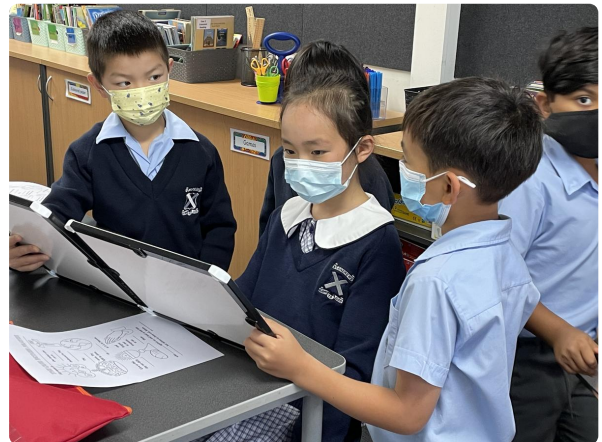
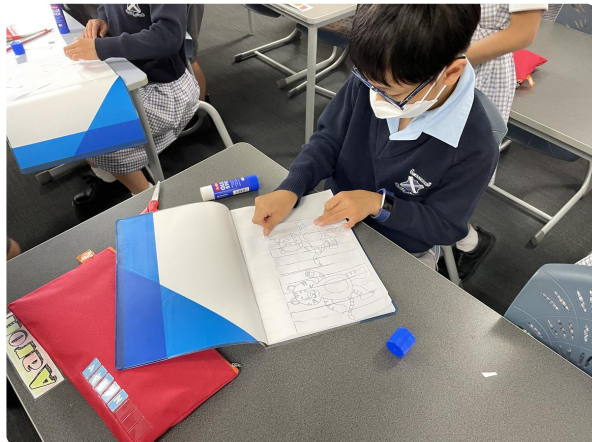
Miss Taylor Moss

Year 2 Teacher

Students Have Been Busy in Year 3

Year 3 students have had an amazing start to the year. Here are some of the things we have been busy doing:

- Learning new words in Chinese
- Acting out fun skits in Drama
- Learning more about God
- Having fun with friends at school
- Learning to play footy in PE



Year 4 have had a Great Start to the Year.

We have had a chicken visit and learning about Aboriginal culture and their life.



We were blessed with such beautiful weather today for our excursion! We had fun learning about some of the tools that Aboriginal people use, using water and ochre rock to make paint and making scent pouches with lemon myrtle leaves. We also had a

fantastic time looking at some very interesting native plants and playing in the wading pool.

Paige Cheung & Gail van Heerden

Year 4 Teachers

Year 4 Thankfulness

4C students are learning to be thankful in everything. Here are some of things they are thankful for:

I am thankful for

mistakes (Amelie)

cold days (Josiah)

Friday Fun (Joyce)

weekends (Thierry)

beef lasagne (Levi)

doctors (Grace C)

education (Adrian)

electric toothbrush
(Eelyn)

pets (Kellom)

yummy food (Cassia)

Mrs Cheung (Cissy)

funny stuff (Shiphrah)

Bible (Eliza)

clean water (Isabella)

electricity (Elijah)

lights (Jordan)

beanbags in winter
(Laruen)

the sun (Lucas)

friends and family
(Sophia Lin)

vaccines (Rafael)

bathrooms and toilets
(Zoe)

cars (Grace A)

Minecraft (Asher)

Mr Sheahan (Samuel)

cakes (Sophi Li)

underpants (Ayden)

toilet paper (Olivia)

We are all
thankful for
Jesus!

We are going to practice being thankful at school every day. Every time someone shares something they are thankful for, we will add a pebble to our Thankfulness Jar. When the jar is full, we will do something as a class to celebrate the fact that we have so much to be thankful for.

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Paige Cheung

Year 4 Teacher

Year 5

It has been a fantastic start to the school year. The Year 5 teachers have loved getting to know St Andrews and the Year 5 students. Here are a couple of things we've done so far:

In Science, we have been investigating how some animals have physical features which help them survive in their environment. Year 5 students had to test how different kinds of blubber could help an animal endure icy temperatures- who knew ice cubes, water and gloves could be so much fun!

We've also had an author visit our class via zoom- Mark Wilson! Grade 5s have been learning a lot from his books and he was able to divulge his 4 writing tips. We were so happy to learn from a real author!

Primary Art News

Primary students are learning so much in the art room this year while thoroughly enjoying the process of creating and making!

Year 1 learnt about fauvism bright colours and textures to paint houses. They then used lines to contrast the shapes on their fabulous fluro paintings. The creation of clay houses followed on from their fauvism house. They completed an earthenware clay rectangular house emphasising texture on them as well as a terracotta Yemen house.



Year 3 students made some striking collages - they painted many textured, warm colour pages before layering them to create a desert collage. Students added natural materials and paper clay black cockatoos.

Year 4 created some vibrant green paintings - these artworks were based on Birrarung (the Yarra River). Students focussed on mixing paints and adding patterns.

Year 6 enjoyed working with plaster making masks based on a famous artist they chose.





Lego Club News

Students were happy to once again join in the Prep to Year 3 Lego Club in Term one!



Music News!

Our Music year has started off wonderfully! All our ensembles are up and running, students have begun their instrumental lessons, and it is such a joy to share our musical experiences in the classroom together each week.



We have 3 featured instruments in our instrumental music program: Cello, Viola, and Ukulele!

If your child is interested in learning one of these instruments (or any other), please fill in our [instrumental music enrolment form](#) and send it in! If your child would still like to join one of our ensembles, then please encourage them to speak to Mrs Ranger or Miss Perera!

Rachel Ranger

Primary Music Teacher



SECONDARY SCHOOL

Enjoying Live Theatre Once Again!

On Thursday 24th February, students from Years 10 and 12 were able to take a trip to *Chapel Off Chapel* to see 'Stardust' and 'The Mission'; a double-bill of one-man shows cataloguing the lives of two extraordinary Australians.



It has been a long year since we have been able to run such an excursion, and it was a delight to be back in the theatre!

Kathryn Campbell

Theatre Studies & Drama Teacher

A Culture of Reading

The English department is committed to creating a culture of reading in 2022!

In English classes Year 7-10 students visit the school library, read each day quietly and spend time discussing their chosen novels to develop an understanding of the importance of reading. We seek your support and encouragement of this program and ask that you talk to your child about what kind of books they are interested in.

Yes, you might get some eye rolling, however there are many reasons why reading can help your child develop new and valuable habits for not only their English studies but for

life.

When students read on a regular basis, they begin to understand how writer's write, they read new words and expand their vocabulary, they are more receptive to creativity and start to develop vital critical thinking skills (crucial for English!). Memory skills can be developed when you have to think back to the plot or characters and by reading about new cultures students can gain empathy for other people's lives.



Grab a book, clean out that bookshelf, join a library, go to an op shop book section– let's all join in to create a culture of reading in 2022.

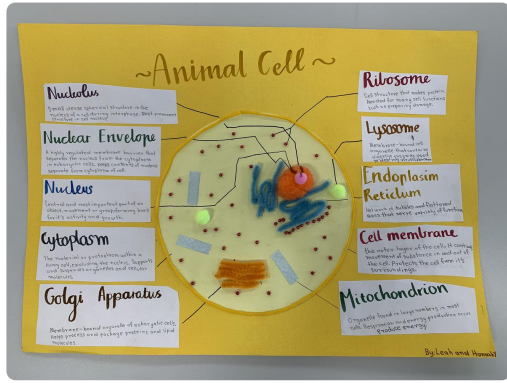
Lisa Wilks-Beasy

Head of English

Model Cell Project Brings Out the St Andrews Creative Thinkers

Year 8 students were assigned a project to create a model of a cell and the submissions showed the many creative ways our St Andrews students like to learn. One such cell project was pieced together with play dough!

Some students even created a model of a cell in Minecraft which was really fantastic – you can “fly” down to ground level and see the labels of all the parts. It's great to see how students applied a medium they are fluent in to show their science knowledge.



Year 10 students showed their understanding by forming a dance for a Meiosis project.

Mardi Easton

Secondary School Teacher

Year 7 Geography Class - Water Activity

The class was divided into 2 tribes and had to collect water from a 'tanker' to fill their "Wells".



Leaking containers as well as pirates stealing water made the task increasingly challenging. Afterwards the class discussed the difficulties that some groups had experienced in ensuring they have access to adequate and clean water supplies.

Penelope Connolly

Secondary School Teacher

Year 8 Humanities

Year 8 students got actively involved in their humanities class this week learning how to drop, cover and hold in the event of an earthquake for their geomorphic hazard unit.



They also got creative measuring how high a tsunami wave is by the time it reaches the shore. Normally, these waves measure



about 30 meters high. Together Year 8 discovered this also translates to 19 students high!

Jessica Rowe
Secondary School Teacher



LEARNING AND TEACHING

Learning Support at St Andrews

At St Andrews Christian College we believe that all people are formed in the image of our creator God (Genesis 1:27) and that He has made us all different and unique, reflecting the diversity of the Trinity.

God delights in variety and differences, and this is echoed in the whole of creation, where diversity exists in unity. In humans, this is also evident in the variety of physical characteristics, personalities, talents and abilities, backgrounds and interests, understandings and interpretations, strengths, and weaknesses. At St Andrews, we are

engaged in the dynamic process of shaping, and being shaped, into responsive disciples reflecting the heart, mind, and life of Christ.

As Christian educators, we are called to meet the needs of ALL students, regardless of abilities. In accepting and celebrating students of diverse abilities, we learn to accommodate the expression of differences. Diversity in abilities brings a richness and blessing to our school community and provides opportunities for us to serve each other. We learn to accept each other, understand and experience how we all fit in and belong to God's family. This is one of the most important features of community, living as and living in the body of Christ.

We are privileged at St Andrews to have a highly qualified Learning Support team. This team of five teachers and ten Learning Assistants are there to provide additional support to students in a range of areas. This involves intervention, EAL/D and enrichment as required. This year we welcomed Wendy Iau and Kristel Clerke in primary and Debbie Herbert in secondary sections.

As a result of the last two years of Lockdown, we know that student learning has been impacted in different ways. We have expanded the Learning Support team in the primary section to address this need. Learning Support aims to be part of normal practice, supporting the diverse learning needs of students.

Using assessment data along with collaboration with classroom teachers, we have identified students who require additional assistance. We have small groups that will take place weekly throughout the Semester for a variety of purposes, depending on the identified need. Wendy Punay is also withdrawing some students for intervention.

Our secondary team are also working with a range of students with differing learning needs. Most of this work is done within the class setting under the direction of the classroom teacher. We also provide support and guidance for selected students during study periods.

Learning Support is available to work alongside staff, students and parents on the journey of learning and development. This support will look different for each student, depending on the needs of the student and the type of support required. Please feel free to make contact if you have any questions or concerns about your child.

We look forward to partnering with you as we *‘Educate our students so that they are well skilled, understand life on the basis of biblical truth, and are motivated to walk with God and serve Him in their lives, so that they will be a positive Christian influence in the world.’*

If you have any questions or concerns about your child, you are always welcome to contact one of the Learning Support teachers:

- Shirley Gillie – *Head of Learning Support* sgillie@standrews.vic.edu.au
- Wendy Punay – *Learning Support Teacher – Primary*
wpunay@standrews.vic.edu.au
- Kerryn Terrington – *Learning Support Teacher – Secondary*
kterrington@standrews.vic.edu.au

Blessings

The Learning Support Teachers

Learning and Teaching - 2022

It has been wonderful to see our students back on campus for the start of the new school year and to see them so happily engaging with each other and their teachers.

I have had the privilege of sharing a devotion with most of the Primary School classes and several of the Secondary School classes. The thought which I have shared comes from 1 Corinthians 12: 12 – 27 and, in particular, verse 18 “But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be” and verse 27 “Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”

I reminded the students how important it is to be thankful for all the wonderful attributes, talents and abilities which God has given them – but also how important it is to appreciate the “other parts of the body” and the gifts and talents they possess.

One of the very special aspects of being in a Christian community at St Andrews is that we can work together and know that God has given each one of us a special part to play in seeing the whole body grow and bring Him glory.

2021 VCE Results Report

We are pleased to be able to report that the Class of 2021 were able to achieve outstanding VCE Results. Congratulations to the College Dux – Niki Wang who achieved an ATAR of 99.25 and to Mandy Feng, Jiapeng Liu, Isabelle Baxter, Jack Moody and Hannah Collis who all achieved an ATAR above 95.



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Some of the highlights include:

Median Study Score: 33

22% of students achieved an ATAR above 90 (top 10% in the State)

46% of students achieved an ATAR above 80 (top 20% in the State)

12.3% of Study Scores were above 40

Isabelle Baxter and Andrea Chai obtaining perfect scores of 50 in Further Mathematics and Psychology respectively.

The highest study scores obtained were: 50 – Further Mathematics and Psychology, 49 – Further Mathematics, 48 – Further Mathematics, 47 – English (EAL), Further Mathematics and Psychology, 45 – Further Mathematics and Mathematical Methods, 44 – Chemistry, English (EAL), Health and Human Development and Psychology, 43 – Biology (2) and Further Mathematics, 42 – Biology, Business Management, Physics, Psychology and Theatre Studies, 41 – Biology, Further Mathematics, History – Ancient History and Legal Studies, 40 – Biology, Chemistry, Mathematical Methods, Legal Studies and Physics.

To give some context to what these scores mean; only 2% of students in the State score 45 or higher in each subject, with 8% scoring 40 or higher. At St Andrews, there were 30 study scores over 40 (12.3 %) – it is extremely pleasing to see that students have been able to achieve such high scores.

In 2021, 21 different subjects were offered at Year 12 level across 26 separate classes with a further 15 subjects offered at Year 11 level across 19 separate classes. Given the size of the Year 11 and Year 12 cohorts, this provides an excellent range of subjects for students to select.

The College is committed to providing students with the best possible learning opportunities and currently offer three English classes at each of Year 7, Year 10, Year 11 and Year 12. This effectively reduces the class size and enables teachers to provide students with more individual assistance and feedback.

NAPLAN Online 2022

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students is held in May each year. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals which can be used to improve student achievement.

In 2018, the NAPLAN tests began transitioning from a paper-based test to an online assessment (i.e., students complete the tests utilising a computer or tablet). It is anticipated that from 2022, all schools in Australia will deliver the tests online. NAPLAN Online delivers numerous benefits including:

- a ‘tailored test’ design that adapts to correct and incorrect student responses providing a more precise understanding of student achievement;
- innovative use of technology, including a more engaging test design and a wider range of item types;
- the extension of the ‘test window’ to two weeks, allowing schools greater opportunity to schedule the tests at times that suit them best and increasing student participation.

As indicated last year, the College has been approved to deliver NAPLAN Online in 2022.

On Thursday 24th March, students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate in a statewide NAPLAN Online practice test so that they can become familiar with the NAPLAN Online format. It will also enable the College to execute a simulated test experience for students and test administrators that is as close as possible to the real NAPLAN Online event. Further details regarding specific arrangements will be provided to parents shortly.

For further domain specific student familiarisation, ACARA has provided a public demonstration website. The suite consists of mini-tests covering all domains for each NAPLAN year level. The demonstration site can be found at: <https://nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

ICAS Academic Competitions

During Term 4 last year, students across the College participated in the ICAS Academic Competitions. As reported in the Newsletter in November, our students completed 350 tests with a total of 34 High Distinctions (top 1% of all participants), 83 Distinctions (next 10% of participants), 117 Credits (next 25% of participants) and 33 Merits (next 10% of participants).

In 2022 students will, once again, have opportunity to participate in the ICAS Academic Competitions in Digital Technologies, English, Science and Spelling Bee – further details regarding registration will be made available in Term 2.

ICAS Medal Winners



It is my pleasure to announce that two students: Evan Widjaja (Y7 2021) – Spelling Bee and Jayden Yang (Y4 2021) – Science received Medals for achieving the highest score in their year level for the particular subject. This is an outstanding achievement!

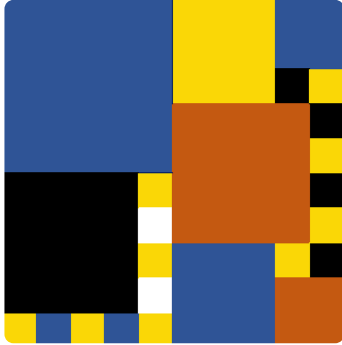
Quality Teaching Rounds Project

Earlier this year, I indicated that the College had been successful in its application to participate in a “Quality Teaching Rounds” research project with the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) and the University of Newcastle. The project is open to all Year 8 students and has proved successful in New South Wales where it has been found to improve teaching quality and improve student outcomes in mathematics and reading. The project will be commencing shortly and I look forward to being able to provide progress reports throughout the year.

Mathematical Problem Solving

I recently came across an interesting mathematical problem from “Youcubed” – a centre for Mathematical Education based at Stanford University.

What is the mathematics inside this task?



- a) Find the area of each colour
- b) Write each area as a fraction
- c) What do you notice?
- d) What else can you discover?

Parents and students are encouraged to send solutions through to mswanborough@standrews.vic.edu.au.

Solutions will be published next newsletter, with one solution earning the author a voucher at the College Taste n' See Café.

Michael Swanborough

Deputy Principal - Head of Learning and Teaching



SPORT

Basketball is Scoring Big at St Andrews

Light FM Executive, Dean Troth, Mayor of Knox, Susan Laukens and St Andrews Marketing Communication Manager, Peter Friend recently helped celebrate the Melbourne Boomers WNBL team's 85: 76 victory over the Townsville Fire during Round 11 at the State Basketball Centre Wantirna.



“It was a tremendously exciting point for point game right into the last quarter and was a wonderful exhibition of the athleticism and skill of women in sport” reported Mr Friend. He also said he was excited about becoming involved in the Junior Basketball program for Primary students this year at St Andrews.

In recent years the calls have been growing louder and louder for a Primary School Basketball Program to run at St Andrews. After planning and ironing out the finer details, St Andrews' 2022 Primary Basketball is set to commence this Term.

Mr Friend, a long time Big-V elite coach, has enthusiastically stepped up to run the program saying “...you never know what talent might shine in our program - we might have the next Ezi Magbegor or Patty Mills right here at St Andrews!”.



Eziyoda Magbegor



Patty Mills AI

Enthusiastic Students Welcome the Return of CSEN Sport

It was great to have Inter School Sport back for Years 7 and 8 students on Wednesday 23rd February. Ms Holland put in a fantastic effort organising eight different teams as well as the fitness group, providing loads of fun for all students involved.



Year 7/8 SACC Girls Soccer Team

The St Andrews Girls Soccer Team battled away bravely in harsh conditions, 32 degrees of heat, before conceding 2 goals ultimately losing the game to Lighthouse Christian College.

Well done to our St Andrews Year 7 and 8 sports students for the enthusiasm to get into CSEN sport for 2022!

Andrew Farmer

Head of P.E. and Health

AFL Comes to St Andrews

Many of the primary classes have enjoyed some wonderful coaching sessions from AFL Victoria in basic kicking, hand ball and marking skills. Our local AFL coach Luke, has provided the coaching and will also work with our Year 5 and 6 students on Friday

afternoons during their sport lessons. Even some of the Year 10 Health class students got in on the action.



We have encouraged many of our primary students to get an AFL ball and begin kicking in the backyard. Keep up the great work and keep kicking those goals!

Andrew Farmer

Head of P.E. and Health

Staff vs Students Netball Game!

On Thursday 17th we were able to hold a Staff vs Students Netball Game on the outside basketball courts at lunchtime.



The game was very exciting especially with Mr Presant's extraordinary performance on the Staff team which threatened to completely destroy our Student team.

However, due to the quickness of the Student team, we were able to pull through the 4 quarters and come out with a stunning 20 to 15 win.

Thanks to all who participated, helped and supported. This was a memorable game and a great way to start off the year!

Travis Lam

2022 Sport Captain

Year 12 Super Coaches at Year 1 PMP







LIBRARY NEWS

Opening Hours

Secondary Library:

Monday to Friday: (for students in Years 5-12 only) 8.30am to 4:30pm

(for students in Year 4) 8.30am to 3.45pm

Secondary Library open after school

The Secondary Library is open after school for students in Years 7-12 until 4.30pm. Please contact the library (library@standrews.vic.edu.au) for further details. It would be advisable to contact the library staff if students intend staying, as occasionally the Senior Library is closed due to meetings. Students will be required to sign in and out.

Primary Library:

Students may borrow books after school if they bring a book bag and return the books they have finished reading. Please see staff in the Secondary Library for access and loans.

Welcome Back in 2022

Library staff would like to welcome back all students after the Christmas break. There is plenty to read!



Accelerated Readers (ARs)

Years 4-6 have begun the Accelerated Reader Programme for 2022. Students are encouraged to choose an AR title from the collection, read it and then complete a short quiz to check their reading. These quizzes are available from 8.15 am to 4pm, Monday to Friday and can be completed on an iPad in the classroom or on a laptop or desktop in the Senior Library.

Students have been shown which titles are ARs and where these can be located. ARs can be borrowed before and after school, at recess and at lunchtime. Library staff are happy to help students find ARs, please feel free to ask!

Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge (VPRC)

The VPRC is open to students in Year 7 and 8 at St Andrews Christian College. Although the Challenge has not yet officially started, students can begin to read books now. VPRC titles have a green stripe on the spine label. To help students reach their target, time has been set aside during English classes each fortnight. This time is spent in the Senior Library.

More information will be once the VPRC officially begins.



Upcoming writing competitions

1. Illustration Competition (Wombat Books)

Deadline: April 1st, 2022

Theme: Screen Free Holiday

Ages : 5-18

Cost : Free if a previous illustration challenge book is purchased.

Students are asked to illustrate a page or more of a given text. Winning entries are bound together into a text. Featured illustrators receive two copies of their work.

Details: <https://wombatrhiza.com.au/illustration-challenge/>

1. CYA Hatchlings competition

Deadline: April 3rd, 2022

Ages: 8-18

Cost: Hatchlings writing and illustrating categories- Free

Entries can be Picture books, illustrated chapter books or text only chapter books.

Details: <https://www.cyaconference.com/competition>

1. Little stories, big ideas

Deadline: April 8th, 2022

Theme: Responsibility

Ages: Years 7-12 (Secondary)

This competition runs four times a year, with a different theme each time. Pieces of 100 words or less (any genre) will be accepted

Details: <https://littlestoriesbigideas.com.au/>

1. Author of Tomorrow

Deadline: April 22nd, 2022

Ages: 11 and under

12- 15 years

16- 21 years

Students need to submit an adventure story

Details: <https://www.wilbur-niso-smithfoundation.org/awards/author-of-tomorrow-2019>

1. Future Leaders writing prize

Deadline: May 1st, 2022

Age: Year 11 and 12 students

Submit a piece of writing of between 800 and 1000 words. This can be any topic and either fiction or nonfiction.

Details: <http://www.futureleaders.com.au/awards/>

1. RD Walshe Memorial Writing for the Environment prize

Deadline: June 17th, 2022

Theme: Peace and sustainability

Age: Under 18

The writing must be fictional prose and up to 800 words.

Details: <https://fawns.org.au/rd-walshe-memorial-writing-for-the-environment-prize-2022/>

Lynne Marks, Anita Little, Wai Peng Heath
Library Staff



Community Notices

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

These organisations are not endorsed by St Andrews Christian College.

RDCA ALL GIRLS CRICKET BLAST
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 First 15 participants coming from this flyer can SMS Fiona on 0408 001 449 to receive a reimbursement following registration & payment.
 Feb 20 - Warrandyte Crick Club
 Feb 27 - Ainslie Park Cricket Club
 Mar 6 - Warranwood Cricket Club
 Mar 13 - Wantirna South Cricket Club
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Knox City Football Club are accepting Expressions of Interest of players for our girls Under 12 and our boys Under 14, Under 16 and under 17 boys for the 2022 season. If you are interested in being part of a great community club, complete the jotform vis the link/button below and you will be contacted by our Junior Coordinator.

Any enquiries regarding 2022 season email info@knoxcityfc.com.au or contact our Junior Coordinator on 0413 353 819.
