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# St Andrews Christian College Newsletter 2023

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# Principal

Farewell assembly for the graduating Year 12 class of 2020

## **TRUST GOD IN THE HIGHS AND LOWS**

Dear Friends,

Our VCE cohort have just finished their last exams and attended their Valedictory Dinner.

This special Valedictory event honours each student in their journey at St Andrews Christian College. But it also gives us one more opportunity to input into their lives before they venture into the big wide world.

As Principal, my speech on the night is delivered to bless each student, with a sole intention of reminding everyone of the main thing! The main thing being Christ.

In all the places that life will lead us, the victories and achievements, there will also be hard times where life will not go as planned. If our identity and significance in life is based on our VCE results, career, accumulated wealth or status then we are on the path of just self-fulfilment and life easily crumbles. If our identity is in Jesus, then everything that happens does so for a reason and we are able to glorify God through our talents, experiences, education and careers, and nestle into Him, learning from Him in our failures and disappointments.

I have recently read Sheridan Voysey's story (The Making of Us: Who we Can Become When Life Doesn't Go as Planned) of his pilgrimage in England, where he followed the steps of Cuthbert, who was a medieval monk. Cuthbert traipsed the countryside, evangelising, baptising thousands and influencing people for Christ. His influence helped change the course of history and Christianity took root in the north of England.

Sheridan writes:

*"Artists are judged by their body of work, not by one single painting or performance. And it seemed to me that Cuthbert's life would be judged in the same manner – not by its headlines alone but by the fine print in between. He rose in rank, saw thousands come to faith, became a counsellor to kings and queens. But did any of these accomplishments outweigh the kiss placed on that fevered forehead? (Cuthbert cared for paupers and peasants).*

*Cuthbert's one big thing wasn't seeing ministries built, movements started, or any grand plan achieved. The one big thing was the entirety of his life. The great and the small of it given as an offering.*

*"Cuthbert's vision had been the Composer and the great symphony, performing whatever part he was called to play."*

So, the main thing in our lives, in whatever happens and wherever we are, is to keep trusting in the Lord and being a light for him in the big and the small, the important and the mundane things in life.

### **Proverbs 3: 1-6**

*My child, never forget the things I have taught you.*

*Store my commands in your heart. If you do this, you will live many years, and your life will be satisfying. Never let loyalty and kindness leave you! Tie them around your neck as a reminder.*

*Write them deep within your heart. Then you will find favour with both God and people, and you will earn a good reputation.*

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.*

At the end of his journey, Sheridan Voysey wrote a statement of how he was going to live life and he called it '**The Creed**'.

Be blessed, be encouraged and challenged as you read it.

Abundant Blessings,  
Catriona

### **The Creed**

*The hand that spins the galaxies brought me into being.  
The One who holds the stars has made me his own.  
I am God's child. My life is rich, my days are sacred.  
I am held by a love that's wider and higher than the farthest  
edges of this expanding universe.  
I am a pilgrim in this world, in search of wisdom and wonder.  
I will take new adventures.  
And follow God into the unknown.  
What I achieve is not as important as the person I become.  
So I will seek to imitate the Nail-Pierced One.  
I will step in the direction of my strengths and talents.  
They are Spirit-given tools for my God-given tasks.  
I will pay attention to my persistent aspirations.  
They could be the whispers of God.  
I will serve all I can and walk deeply with a few.  
I will aim for great things but leave my legacy to God.  
The path is long and the terrain at times hard.*

*Still:*

*I will not wish for another's life.  
I will take my place, play my part.  
Something important will be missed if I don't.  
For the hand that spins the galaxies wants me here.*

(Adapted and abridged from *The Making of Us: Who We Can Become When Life Doesn't Go as Planned* by Sheridan Voysey. Thomas Nelson publishers. © 2019 Sheridan Voysey)



# News

## Matthew Wu, ICAS double medal winner

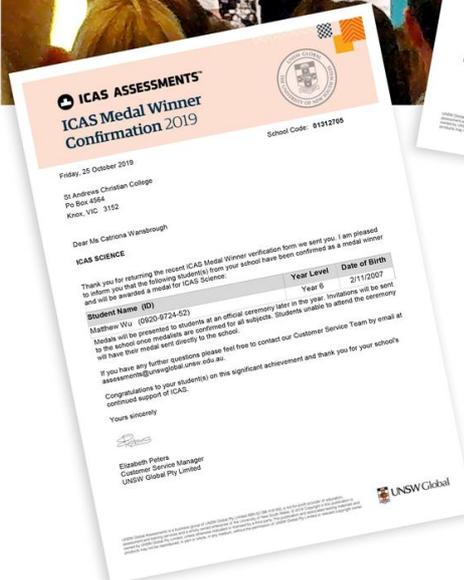
### MATTHEW WU, ICAS DUAL MEDAL WINNER

Congratulations to St Andrews student, Matthew Wu (Year 6) for receiving two ICAS Medals for the Best Scores in Science and Digital Technologies. Well done Matthew a fantastic achievement and well deserved.

*(The University of New South Wales Global, conduct ICAS Assessments to recognise and reward academic*

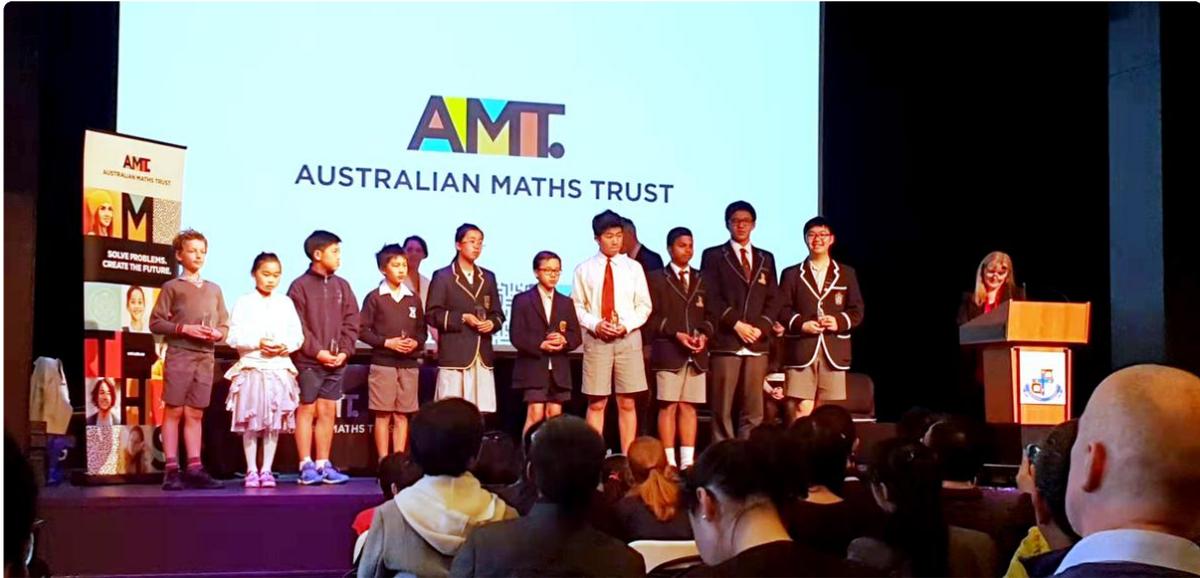


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excellence. The ICAS Assessments series is designed to assess a student's ability to apply classroom learning in new contexts, using higher-order thinking, problem-solving skills and demonstrate a deeper, integrated, and thorough level of learning.)

## JOSHUA'S PERFECT SCORE - BEST IN VICTORIA



Joshua Deng, fourth from the left

It was very exciting to see St Andrews' Year 5 student, Joshua Deng receive the 'AMT Best in School – Highest Standardised Score in Upper Primary' award after achieving a perfect maths score - the best in Victoria. Well done Joshua, a wonderful effort.

## ST ANDREWS CLEAN SWEEPS THE FIELD AGAIN



# AQUA REPUBLICA



From left to right: Noah Low, Timothy Adam, Cyrus Ting, Kevin Wang, Joshua Welsh and Joshua O'Donnell. They are all in Year 8.

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In November this year, Year 7 and 8 students from St Andrews again took on the Eco Challenge in teams of two. The Challenge annually provides an exciting and authentic learning experience for students through the online strategic game, 'Aqua Republica', where they explore issues and solutions relating to water management and sustainable development. This year the competition was restricted to entries from Australia only.

Like last year, St Andrews came in as the overall winners, with our teams coming first, second, third, sixth, seventh, ninth and tenth in Australia.

## 'WALK TO SCHOOL' & 'CRAZY SOCK' DAY



## 'Walk to School' & Crazy Sock Day



On Tuesday 15th October St Andrews Christian College students, teachers, parents and friends donned their crazy socks and joined in the Vic Health initiative "Walk to School Day". Three groups meet at Knox Shopping Centre Post Office, Walker Reserve and the Riddell Road Pre-School to undertake a 15 minute walk to the College. On arrival each group was greeted by 'Lottie' the Walk to School mascot and the Mayor of Knox Jake Keogh. It was a fun way to start the day and great way to get the heart pumping.



## BIG TIME NBL BASKETBALL HITS OUR COURT



It was an exciting day for our College basketball fans to have a visit from the new NBL basketball team the South Eastern Phoenix. The whole college assembled in the gym to watch and participate in a fun exhibition game and then receive some expert coaching series of specialist clinics.

Some brave students took up the challenge to test their skill against the Phoenix players and did surprisingly well.

Everyone was amazed at the skill of the Phoenix players and was impressed by their patience and generosity, not to mention their height -

WOW!

Thanks to Ms Holland for organising the event and to Phoenix for their great sense of fun, we'd love to see you again.



## ST ANDREWS COMMUNITY IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE THROUGH SHOEBOX



Thanks to the generosity of our St Andrews College community we were able to deliver 78 shoeboxes to a collection centre in Bayswater.

The boxes will be checked (custom's requirement) and then delivered to Samaritan's Purse for their 'Operation Christmas Child' Project.

These Shoebox gifts will make a phenomenal difference in the lives of disadvantaged children all over the world.

Please keep praying for the children and their communities.

## IT'S ALWAYS SAD TO SAY GOODBYE

It is always sad to say goodbye to people who have been part of the family at St Andrews Christian College. Three of the staff leaving are doing so because of the distance they need

to travel to the College from their home.

So, we sadly say farewell to the following staff and thank them for all they have contributed to the College over their time at St Andrews. We pray blessings over them, their families and their next ventures!

- **Staff Leaving at the end of the year**
- Merrick Brewer
- Chantel Rodger
- Kylie O'Donnell
- Dan Ferguson – Study leave at MST
- Lauren Gaschk – Maternity leave

We welcome the following new staff for the new year:

- **New Staff for 2020**
- Tayla Moss – Year 2
- Fiona Dobrzynski – English teacher for Senior School
- Eunice Ko – Maths/Science teacher for MS/SS
- Natalie Nheu – Year 6 teacher (Dan Ferguson's replacement)
- Nikki Miao - Middle School Chinese

## **A FEW FAREWELL WORDS FROM MR BREWER**

*Dear Parents,*

*I am writing to inform the College Community that I will be leaving at the end of the year.*

*The main reason for leaving is the extensive hours of travel that I undertake every day from Warragul.*

*I have been a part of the St Andrews Christian College community for 7 years and have enjoyed getting to know you all.*

*I came here seven years ago from Chairo Christian School to head up the new Middle School and then took on the role of Head of Learning and Teaching.*

*I have so enjoyed the opportunities and challenges that have come as a part of the responsibilities of both these roles.*



*One of the strengths of the College that I have especially appreciated, is the love for serving God that is so evident throughout all the community.*

*I have developed many special relationships here that I am hoping will continue. Thank you all for your encouragement and support in so many ways. I will sadly miss the community of St Andrews.*

*Yours in Christ,*  
**Merrick Brewer**



## Parents & Friends

### BBQ SUCCESS FOR MISSION SERVICE LEARNING

*THANKS so much to everyone who supported our fund raising effort at our Bunnings BBQ Scoresby. We raised over \$2500 from over 800 sausages cooked and sold. This achieved just over \$1500 profit for us to help train our students and teachers to serve their community better. Thanks to all who helped and prayed as the weather was clear enough to keep Bunnings very busy. Thanks again!*

**Andrew Farmer**

*Thanks to all parents, staff and students who participated in the Bunnings BBQ for our Mission Service Learning Activities! A big thank you to Sonia, Andrew, Marina and also to Peter for the amazing sign!*

*Blessings*

**Catriona**

### WALKATHON RAISES MUCH NEEDED FUNDS

### FOR ST ANDREWS



We would like to thank the College community for their support and fun that was had at the 'Walkathon' on last day of Term 3. There was continuous walking around the College grounds from 10 am until 3 pm with some classes doing many laps together. Mr Farmer and Mrs Hughes would have to get the "Most Laps Done" award by conducting all their classes while continuously walking around the college.

A big thanks must be expressed to the many volunteers and to Tim Burger & Lesley Goh who organised over 30 parents who helped throughout the day. The volunteers were used all over the grounds by supervising where students were to walk, keeping oranges and cups of water available as students walked by the station and assisting with lunch time fun on the basketball courts.



The event raised close to \$5000 which will be put to a much needed requirement within the College.

***Sally Wade***

### **Farewell & Food Fest**

We had good weather for our recent Food Fest Day which was enjoyed by all those attending. Families were able to catch up with friends have a chat and enjoy the food and

activities in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

We also farewelled a long serving member of the St Andrews Christian College Community, Liz Romney. Liz has run the PFA Second Hand Uniform Shop for 30 years and we are thankful for her dedicated service and we wish her well as she starts a new chapter in her life interstate.

### **Entertainment Books**

The 2019/20 Entertainment Books digital edition is now available for purchase using the following link - [digital membership here](#).

A portion of each sale goes to the PFA.

### **School Banking**

School Banking will take place on each Tuesday of the School Term.

### **2nd Hand Uniform Shop**

50% off sale on winter uniforms at the 2nd Hand Uniform Shop until the end of Term 4 – Pop in and grab bargain while the sale lasts.

We are also looking for people willing to volunteer their time to assist in the running of the Uniform Shop in 2020. If you have some free time and you are willing to learn how the Uniform Shop operates then please send your contact details to [pfa@standrews.vic.edu.au](mailto:pfa@standrews.vic.edu.au)

The Uniform Shop is located just next to the Multi-Purpose Hall and student drop off area. The Uniform Shop final operating hours for Term 4 will be from 2:30pm – 3:00pm on Tuesday 3rd December, 8:30am - 9:30am Wednesday 4th December and 2:45pm – 3:45 on Friday 6th December.

### **Icy Pole Friday**

Icy Pole Friday will take place every Friday lunchtime.

We are currently looking for volunteers to assist with Icy Pole Friday; please email Andrew Musgrove at [pfa@standrews.vic.edu.au](mailto:pfa@standrews.vic.edu.au) if you are able to assist.

### **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.

## **Parent Participation Hours**

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

Parents are required to record the hours they have completed in the Parent 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 \$250 for the year. The time requirement for each family is ten hours per year.

Keep an eye out for notices in the Week at A Glance for activities and events being held each Term.

## **PFA Annual General Meeting**

We thank those Parents who attended the Annual General Meeting of the PFA on Thursday 21st November at 7.30pm. The Executive Officeholders voted in for the 2020 year are as follows:

### **2019 PFA Executive Committee**

President: Andrew O'Brien  
Vice President: Sally Wade  
Secretary: Lesley Goh  
Treasurer: Eric Chen  
Email: [pfa@standrews.vic.edu.au](mailto:pfa@standrews.vic.edu.au)

**Andrew O'Brien**

***PFA President***



# Senior School

**IT'S NOT ROCKET SCIENCE - OR IS IT!**



A group of Year 11 students recently had an exciting practical demonstration on the basic physics and principles of rocketry. Miss Easton guided the students in the construction of their water powered rocket, the four forces of flight - weight, thrust, lift and drag and the basics of telemetry. After a number of not so successful attempts the students made the appropriate adjustments and finally had lift off! According to Miss Easton *"it was a fantastic, fun morning and who knows perhaps we might even have a few future aeronautical / rocket engineers in our midst."*

## CAREERS NEWSLETTER

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### St Andrews Careers Newsletter

Items in this issue include -

- key VTAC dates
- university pathways programs
- maths and science bridging courses
- scholarships
- new university courses
- VCE Summer School Programs
- VCE Extension Programs
- Gap Year Ministry Training Opportunity
- Melbourne School of Theology and Eastern College Australia Open Night
- Swinburne University webinar for parents - VTAC, pathways, change of preference, course entry requirements and the December offer round.

### Engage Engineer at Monash University

Engage Engineer is a two-day program for Yr. 9 and 10 students interested in engineering. This free event held at Monash University, Clayton involves a variety of workshops and activities run by different organisations and student teams. The activities aim to take incoming 2020 Year 9 and 10 students on a journey to learn about the different types of engineering, and the future careers which exist for them in STEM. From coding robots to combating plastic pollution, students will be immersed in all engineering has to offer and participate in hands-on activities designed to both teach and inspire.

<https://engage.engineer/>

Jschool Journalism College has opened two Diploma of Journalism subjects to senior students - Journalism 101 and Shorthand (speed writing). Students can study the units

online over summer, December to February, or during 2020 in either the Autumn or Spring semesters. For further information please see [www.jschool.com.au/singlesubjects](http://www.jschool.com.au/singlesubjects) or phone 1300 85 99 75 or email [info@jschool.com.au](mailto:info@jschool.com.au).

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**Careers Coordinator Irena Yevlahova**

## **YEAR 11 CHEMICAL ANALYSIS AT VSSEC**



All Year 11 Chemistry students attended a full-day program covering Area of study 2: Chemical Analysis which relates to our Unit 2, AOS 2 conducted by the Victorian Space Science Education Centre (VSSEC). Students were able to have hands-on experience of using the Atomic Absorption Spectrometer, the UV Visible Spectrometer and the High Pressure Liquid Chromatograph. All instrumental analysis was performed directly by the students including the calibration of the instruments and the preparation and use of standard solutions and samples. Students were thrilled with the use of sophisticated instruments that they were able to use and handle. Overall, a great learning experience for the students which also prepares them for Year 12 Chemistry.

**Louis Fernandes**

VCE Chemistry Teacher

## **WE SAY A SAD GOODBYE TO OUR SENIORS**



It's always sad to say goodbye to the people and places that have long been a big part of your life. That was the feeling amongst many of the students and staff at the recent farewell assembly given to our Year 12 students who had graduated and were leaving the College to move on to the next chapter of their lives.

It was a great opportunity for Senior students to receive a goodbye badge and balloon from this year's Prep students and also have the opportunity share memories and funny moments in their College life. A number of students also spoke about their hope and dreams for the future.

God Bless Seniors, thank you for our times together - ***you will be missed!***

## FINAL VCE EXAMS SUCCESS

It was a very successful exam time for all of our VCE students thanks to their preparation, their hard work throughout the year and the diligent guidance of Mr Presant, Mrs Farmer and the Senior School teaching team.

When all said and done, many students realise the value of intensive study, rigorous assignments and a few late nights to get the best result.

Well done everyone, a great effort.



There was even a furry friend to help release the pressure and ease those pre and post exam nerves.





# Middle School

Year 5s panning for gold at Sovereign Hill, Ballarat.

## VALUE CHAMPIONS

In Middle School, our passion is to develop **faithfully devoted servants of Christ**. On a regular basis, we love to celebrate our VALUE CHAMPIONS; the people who live out our values on a daily basis.

Well done to the following students:

**Faithfully** Honouring Commitments (Matt. 25:14-30) – It's about being faithful in the small things.

- Pablo Lopez (5F) collects the homework books everyday.
- Roshan Bernice Firme (5F) for closing the iPad cabinet every afternoon
- Daniel He (6C) for coming up with good ideas for the energy survey.
- Krish Gupta (7H) for always being on time to class.
- Nicholas Kho (7C) for always doing his work on time and doing extra work
- Wesley Forward (8C) for being organised and ready for class

**Devoted** to Growth (1 Tim. 4:14-15) – It's about seeking the small improvement one day at a time.

- Adina Liang (5S) for diligently writing her letter to the farmers
- Katie Yee (5S) for taking on the most dramatic role in drama
- Alyssa Kong (6L) for always trying her best at everything she does
- Noah Crotty (7H) for trying his best to carve mjolner patterns during art
- Helena (7H) for trying her best in math
- Beatrice Andrew (8C) for handing in her Science poster early

**Servant Heart** (1 Peter 4:7-11) – It's about taking action to add value to others.

- Ethan Tang (5S) for handing out books
- Oliver Lim (5S) for encouraging others in their work
- Alannah Li (6L) for giving others resources when they are away
- Sam Bird (6L) for being a nice person to talk to and helping others when they find things hard
- Matthew Wu (6C) for always being there to help when you need it.
- Matthias Goh (6C) for always opening the door for everyone
- Emily Yeng & Helena Ritter (7H) for helping Mrs Heading to pick up the cloths from the washing.
- Henry Liu (7C) for helping others in Chinese
- Egan Nallathamby (8C) for respecting everyone in the classroom
- Kevin Wang (8K) for always being a loyal friend whenever others need help
- Timothy Adam (8K) for helping others with their work during lunch

Keep up the great work!

Mr Lee

Head of Middle School

## GOING FOR GOLD AT SOVEREIGN HILL





It was gold fever all the way when the Year 5s headed off for their 3-day camp at Sovereign Hill, Ballarat. The students had a fantastic time learning about gold mining, gold smelting and the important role gold played in the history of Victoria.

They even got to step back in time and see how the people lived in Victorian times. How did they survive without ipads?

## 2019 VICTORIAN PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE



Some of our award winning students were:

**Standing:** Jessica Masciantonio, Abigail Lim, Egan Nallathamby, Jeremy Ly.

**Seated:** Tylor Zhu, Victor Samuel, Summy Yee, Ella Zhang

Congratulations to our St Andrews students who completed the 2019 Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge and

received a congratulatory Letter and 'Certificate of Achievement' from Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews.

This year, almost 113,000 school students and young Victorians joined in the fun and completed the challenge. Together, they read more than 4.3 million books - an incredible achievement.



Premier Andrews congratulated everyone who took part in the Challenge with special thanks given to the parents, families and teachers for their ongoing support of the program.

## 1ST PLACE FOR OUR CSEN DEBATING CHAMPS



We are very pleased to report that the St Andrews Debating team won the CSEN Debating Championship and Shield at the finals. Our first team consisting of Aruvi Gopesh, Ruby Muggeridge and Melissa Yao debated students

from Lighthouse Christian College on the topic *'That we should prohibit building homes in areas prone to natural disasters'*, taking the affirmative side while our second team consisting of Caitlyn Smith, Julia Pajor, and Reese Firme debated students from Waverley Christian College on the topic *'That we should prohibit public statements that are offensive'*, taking the negative side. Sarah Farmer and Isabelle Smith chaired the debates. In addition, 'Best Speaker' awards were won by Aruvi Gopesh and Reese Firme. Thank you to Mrs Kishnan for her support of the Year 7 team. All in all, a fantastic year for Public Speaking and Debating at St Andrews.

## YEAR 7 SCIENCE EXCURSION



All Year 7 Science students were able to attend a full-day program covering Area of study: Classification and Adaptation. Students visited the IMAX to watch an educational movie titled "AUSTRALIA: THE WILD TOP END 3D. Far Northern Australia is a land of extremes, from bushfires to torrential floods. Students explored the wildlife and met the people in Australia's wild top end, from the Kimberley coast through to the mysterious Arnhem Land, and deep into the world's oldest rainforest in Cape York. Students learnt about the lives of the

inhabitants of this ancient landscape, following the life cycle of the saltwater crocodile and the hunt for new frog species. They also explored a living cave with ancient Indigenous artwork and observed the deep connection first Australians have with their land and country. Students also visited the Melbourne Museum where they conducted a generalised viewing under teacher supervision. Special thanks to the following staff members: Mrs Wong, Mrs Cloete and Ms Whittaker for accompanying us for this excursion.

**Louis Fernandes**

Year 7 Science Teacher

## **GREAT RESULT FOR OUR PRIMARY CHESS TEAM**



On 6th November, the St Andrews Primary Chess Team competed in the state championships at Balwyn North Primary School and came in 10th overall.

Well done to the boys who all competed.

St Andrews Primary Chess Team;  
Julian Bernau, Nathan Miao,  
Joseph Cho, Joshua Deng, Zachary Lim

## **YEAR 8 KANGAROOBIE CAMP**



It was all fun and games for the Year 8s at the Kangarooie Camp Bush Camp, situated along the Great Ocean Road. Every day was filled with activities and excursions that kept the Year 8s active and busy.

It's not very often that by days end excited and active young people are looking forward to bed and more than happy to hit the sack. PHEW! Well done teachers.

## **ST ANDREWS WELCOMES NEW STAFF FOR 2020**

## **AND SAYS GOODBYE TO MUCH LOVED OTHERS**

Dear community,

I would like to inform you of some staffing changes in Middle School for 2020.

Dan Ferguson (Year 5) will be taking a 12-month leave of absence to finish his Master of Theology degree from MST. It's a really exciting time as Dan continues to pursue God's call on his life.

Rebecca Lim will be reducing her teaching allotment for Chinese. We're thankful for all that she has contributed and will continue to do so in the future.

I am pleased to announce that the following appointments have been made for 2020:

Natalie Nheu will be working in the 5/6 Team and Nikki Miao will be teaching MS Chinese. Here's some information about them:

*Hi there! My name is Natalie Nheu and I am so excited to be teaching at St Andrews next year. I've recently completed a 4-year double degree (Bachelor of Education and Bachelor of Music) at Monash University and am so grateful that God has given me this opportunity to teach a wonderful group of Year 6 students. I've attended the same church since I was a child and have served in Sunday School, youth ministry and the praise worship team for 4 years now. I particularly love working with my Grade 5/6 Sunday School class and designing innovative ways to engage them with the Gospel. When I have spare time, I love to be crafty! I love to make jewellery (especially funky earrings), paint pottery, embroider and attempt sewing. I also love being in nature, being with animals, playing social netball, making music, travelling with my best friend and spending time with my Heavenly Father. I am super excited to be working at St Andrews because I love journeying with God's children and watching them grow more independent and convicted in their faith.*

#### **Natalie Nheu**



*Hello, my name is Lin Miao and I am a caring teacher who graduated a Bachelor of Pharmaceutical Science at University of South Australia and a Graduate Diploma of Teaching in Secondary at University of Adelaide. I was in Holy Trinity in Adelaide and Evangelical Students in Uni Adelaide. I am now involved in women's fellowship and leading young adults' group in Holy Trinity Doncaster (Mandarin Congregation). I used to teach in Bacchus Marsh College for two years as a Chinese teacher and tutored Science subjects back in Adelaide. In my spare time, I love being outdoors, spending time with friends (&*

*feeding them), watching movies and documentaries. I am so excited to be teaching at St Andrews next year and to work in God's plan, to use the gifts He gave, to serve others as He said, to influence the lives of next generation for His glory!*

**Lin Miao**

We look forward to seeing both of them join our College community in 2020!



## Junior School

St Andrews Junior School 'Helping Hands' team

### **10,000 PLUS BOTTLE TOPS FOR HELPING HANDS**

The Helping Hands project concluded last term with the Primary students collecting 10,000 bottle tops and raising \$170 to go towards helping children who have lost hands being provided with prosthetic hands made from recycled bottle tops. This project was initiated by Akesh Weerakoon in Year 2 and the Year 4 House Captains ran the collection and '**Crazy Hat and Hand Day**' to conclude the project. Their aim was to raise 1000 bottle caps for two prosthetic hands, they raised 10,149! This will produce 20 hands for children in need! we are so proud of our students and their heart for helping others.

**Mrs Hughes**

### **ST ANDREWS CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION**



Unfortunately St Andrews had a minor break-in recently, however that didn't stop the Year 4s from trying to solve the crime. Coincidentally, the Year 4s happened to be studying crime scene investigations, and were able to experience a real life situation that occurred a few classrooms down. At first the students thought it was a set-up by Mrs Hughes but then realised it was all too real.

What a real CSI experience.

A BIG THANK YOU to the Knox Police officers for their patience and their time spent with the students while trying to investigate the crime.

## 'STARS OF THE SEA'



The Prep classes loved learning about some of the amazing sea animals our God has made. We were visited by Tia from Reptile Encounters who showed us many fish and invertebrates. We enjoyed touching sea stars and thought calling them “cookies” was very appropriate. We “met” the gorgeous “PJ” a Port Jackson shark, held some sea snails, hunted for seahorses as

they swam among seaweed, marveled at the (very poisonous) puffer fish, learnt about "Sandy" a leather jacket fish and didn't get too close to "Pinchy" the crab. Lots of fun in Prep!

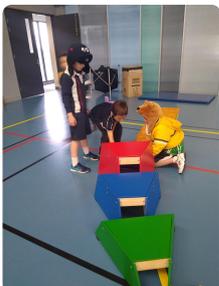
**Sonia Sires and Shellene Pillifeant**

Prep Teachers

## 'STAY LATE' MEANS HEAPS OF FUN!



The Year 2s enjoyed their 'Stay Late' event on Friday the 8th of November. It was an afternoon jammed packed and full of fun including mug painting, sequins Christmas balls, play-dough making, STEM, sport, soccer and ending in a scavenger hunt and a sausage sizzle!





## Arts

### St ANDREWS TRAINING BAND DOES US PROUD



On Tuesday 12 November our Training Band participated in the Victorian School Music Festival in the Beginner Concert Band section. This was first time an ensemble from St Andrews had participated in this event so it was very exciting. Our Training Band has been running since May of this year, and is made up of students mainly in Years 3 - 6 but we even had two of our percussionists from Year 1 and 2.

We arrived quite early so we got to see some of the other bands perform. They were all much bigger than us, many of them in Year 7 programmes with bands of over 70 students, and they played really well. But we knew that we were just as good and our brilliance was just more concentrated in smaller people and fewer of us!

We were the last to play in our section so we had to wait for about 2 hours. We played our two pieces really well and the adjudicator was very impressed with how well we did. Everyone was very happy that we got to bring back a certificate for school to display. We can't wait to go again next year.



### **Instrumental Tuition:**

Music - Instrumental Lessons for 2020. Please note that if your child has participated in instrumental lessons in 2019 and wishes to continue lessons in 2020, ALL CURRENT STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO RE-APPLY FOR 2020. No students will be automatically rolled over from 2019. Please also let us know if you do not wish to continue lessons in 2020. Completed forms can be returned to Reception or emailed to [hmetcalfe@standrews.vic.edu.au](mailto:hmetcalfe@standrews.vic.edu.au). If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

**Helen Metcalfe** - Instrumental Music Coordinator

### **"THIS IS A TEST"**

*On the 12th of November, just before our exams, our year 10 theatre class held a small performance at our school's drama space and presented the final product of our hard work during the school year's second semester to some of our teachers, friends and family. Our small production is a play called "This is a test" and is written for a large, flexible group. It was chosen by our drama teacher, Mrs Elbourne, and I thought that it was a great choice since it suits our class and challenges our abilities as well. The play is about a student who is nervous about an upcoming test and sinks into a state of complete frustration and insecurity while undertaking it. This performance enables us to perfectly demonstrate the skills that we've acquired and developed through theatre studies. One of the things we've been discussing in theatre studies is that all theatre is about communication and telling people's stories, and often theatre involves raising questions and ideas, and then letting the audience think about what is explored. With exams coming up, "This is a test" explores how much*

*students can allow the outcome of a test to influence how they see themselves, and questions whether this is what should be.*

*In our theatre class, some of us have never performed in front of a large group of people before, or haven't done it for a very long time (myself included), which makes us jumpy with the thought of performing for people, but also excited at the same time. During our final rehearsals, some of us were so nervous that we had major mess-ups, but thanks to Mrs Elbourne's prayers and words of encouragement to each other, we managed to make it through the official performance confidently, delivering a flawless presentation to our audience.*

*What I loved the most during the process of our production is being able to perceive our development through the process of communication and cooperation between each other, especially when people had to fill the parts of others was just incredible. I enjoyed working with all of my talented classmates and I also learned a lot about the preparation of an official performance. The amount of effort and enthusiasm we put in a production is a huge factor in how a show would turn out, becoming a reflection on what we've achieved through our struggles and a myriad of experimentation.*

*Here, I want to take this opportunity to thank our lovely audience again on behalf of the entire theatre class, for supporting us and for giving our small production a chance!*

**Jenna Weng** - Year 10

## **WALK A MILE IN MY 'CERAMIC' SHOES**



The Year 7 students recently held a 'mini exhibition' in the Library to display their ceramic creations. The purpose of the exhibition was for their multi-coloured, multi-styled ceramic shoes to represent the many and varied paths the students walk in life. Viewers were challenged to see if they could match the students quote with a specific shoe. Well done year 7 students, amazing creativity.

**Marina Heading** - Head of Creative Arts

## YEAR 7s 'PASSION PROJECTS'





### **A Project with Purpose**

We are created in the image of our Creator God. He has gifted us for a purpose – to live for and serve Him. But the adventure of life can be hard and it's important to build resilience along the way. God's Word can equip us for every good work, so we look to Jesus to help us. How can we do good work? How can we shine for Him? We **MUST** walk with Him!

So, this Passion Project supports students to travel through a process, to find their SPARK – the something that they love and that God has placed in their life to bring joy and confidence - soccer, archery, birds, playing, a love of the Bible, music, interior design, fighting for a cause. This is their island of confidence, discovered through art. Students journal the process in their visual diary. They consider a mentor artist and a way of being creative to express their passion. Along the way they struggle, resist, fail and overcome. They trial, develop and hone creative skills, then work to a timeline. The result is a visual diary full of exploration, annotation and personal journeying.

The artwork and objects you see throughout the year are the students' expression of this theme.

### **Some Project Titles:**

Never Look Back, Laugh, Be Brave, Play, Save the Turtles, Fight the Good Fight, Wonder.

### **Some Materials Used:**

Timber, balsa, clay, ModRoc plaster, wire, plastic, paper clay, textile, pencil, acrylic paint, oil paint, glass, found objects, tennis balls, iPads, leather, live plants, felt, beading, cameras, spray paint & many more!

### **Some Processes/Techniques Used:**

Sewing, drawing, digital art, ceramics, painting, woodworking, embroidery, jewelry-making, armature, sculpture, photography.

**Marina Heading** - Head of Creative Arts



# Sport

St Andrews boys take on NBL Team SE Phoenix

## SSV RECOGNITION AWARD FOR MR FARMER



Congratulations to Mr Farmer for being selected to receive a 2019 School Sport Victoria Recognition Award.

He will be presented with the award at the School Sport Victoria (SSV) Region Conference on Monday 2 December 2019, at Maribyrnong College.

School Sport Victoria (SSV), is part of the Department of Education and Training (DET), and the award recognises the outstanding achievements in the field by a SSV

coordinator in schools and volunteers in providing high quality inter-school and interstate school sport opportunities to students across Victoria.

They acknowledge those providing high quality opportunities for Victorian students to participate in school sport and to follow their dreams of being successful both in the school community and on the sporting field.

Well done and well deserved Mr Farmer.

## CSEN QUALIFYING CHAMPIONSHIPS



On Friday October 25th St Andrews took our qualifying athletics team to the CSEN Championships where they were able to compete against students from around the state. It was a great day with lots of medals being won in a great display of the students God-given talents'. Among our winners was Leilani Beovich (Discus), Jack Moody (800m), Callum Andrew (1500M), Jensen Waldron (High Jump) & our U14 girls relay team. Well done!

## GIRLS SUPER 8 CRICKET



St Andrews Year 8 girls had their first Super 8s Girls cricket game playing against Belgrave Heights Christian School. It was a great success and enjoyed by all players who found the format engaging and challenging to their skill set. Teachers found it was easy to score and the actual game was over in just over 45 minutes. Thanks to all involved. Additional Year 9/10 games between St Andrews and Waverley Christian College will be scheduled very soon.

## FINALS EXCITMENT FOR ST ANDREWS NETBALL



As we near end of the netball season we are so excited to announce that we have had 3 teams make the semi-finals. Congratulations to our U/13 Thunderbirds, U/13 Mockingbirds and U/15 Vipers. As with all of our players these girls have all had a fabulous season working hard on improving their skills and becoming better netballers who well under pressure.

Our U/11s have a big weekend ahead with their end of season round robin tournament this replaces finals for U/11s and they will play 4 games across 2 hrs with a medal presentation to follow. Congratulations to our U/11 Jets who finished 1st on the ladder for their section.

Registrations for 2020 are now open so get your registrations in quickly before Monday 2nd December. Registrations are open to new and existing players from 8-18yrs old.

Next year St Andrews Netball Club are also moving their Saturday games to MDNA (Mountain District Netball Association) in Ferntree Gully, this is an exciting change for us as we move into an association that is closer to the school and in Knox City Council.

Once again, I would like to thank our sponsors Advantech for their ongoing support.

Please contact Lauren Gaschk with any enquires at [netball@standrews.vic.edu.au](mailto:netball@standrews.vic.edu.au)

## A TOUGH DAY AT JUNIOR SCHOOL ATHLETICS



*On Friday 1st November the Junior School went to Knox Athletics Track for the Junior School Athletics Day. The weather was quite hot! The Year 3s and 4s did events such as long jump, high jump, shuttle relay and vortex. The Preps, Year 1s and 2s did long jump, vortex, beanbag throw, shuttle relay, egg and spoon race and sack race. We all had so much fun participating in the different events. At the end of the day, Mr. Farmer announced the scores – Parkes came 3rd, Barton came 2nd and Deakin came 1st! Then we rode the bus back to school and had icy poles.*

By **Erica D** and **Joanna K** (JS Deakin House Captains)

## **St ANDREWS HELPS BREAK WORLD RECORD**



Mr Farmer and six students headed off to Woodlea in West Melton to attempt to help break the world record for the biggest soccer lesson ever with 835 players at one time. It was a very windy and wet morning and things were looking a bit uncertain at first, however a world record was eventually achieved and recorded. Year 8 and 9 students were assistant coaches and were brilliant at their assigned tasks. Everyone had a tremendous time and the event was covered by Channel 7 News.



# Library

## LIBRARY NEWS

**Library Staff:** Lynne Marks, Anita Little, Wai Peng Heath

Email: [library@standrews.vic.edu.au](mailto:library@standrews.vic.edu.au).

### OPENING HOURS

Middle/Senior Library:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays: Open from 8.15am

Monday to Friday: Recess and Lunch

After school:

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays until 4pm.

Wednesdays until 3.45pm.

### Junior 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 Senior Library for access and loans.

### Farewell

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Jan Wiltshire, who has been helping us for the past few years. Jan has cheerfully given of her time on Wednesdays to help shelve books. We wish her and Liz Romney all the very best for their move to Darwin.

Goodbye and thank you very much for all your help over the years.

## **THESE DATES IN HISTORY**

### **- Remembrance Day 11th November, 1918**

On this date, at 11 o'clock, the armistice which signalled the end of World War 1 was declared. This year marks 101 years since that time. Many countries will pause at this time to remember those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice. Find out more at the War Memorial site.

<https://www.awm.gov.au/commemoration/remembrance-day>

### **- Apollo 12 Moon landing- 14th November, 1969**

[https://www.nasa.gov/mission\\_pages/apollo/apollo-12](https://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/apollo/apollo-12)

This was the second manned mission to land on the moon.

The astronauts left fifty years ago on this date.

### **- Robert Louis Stevenson died on 3rd December, 1894.**

125 years ago, the author of Treasure Island and Kidnapped died in Samoa. Read more about his life and works at <http://robert-louis-stevenson.org/>

### **- Anne Brontë born on 17th January 1820.**

<http://www.annebronte.org/>

Anne Brontë, the youngest of six children, was born 200 years ago. Her novels include Agnes Grey and The Tenant of Wildfell Hall. She is not as well known as her older sisters, Emily and Charlotte.

## **OF INTEREST**

### **Project to digitise ancient Christian manuscripts.**

Some of the earliest Christian gospels from St. Catherine's Monastery in Egypt, are being digitised to make them available online. To find out more about the project go to

<https://reut.rs/32XRI5H>

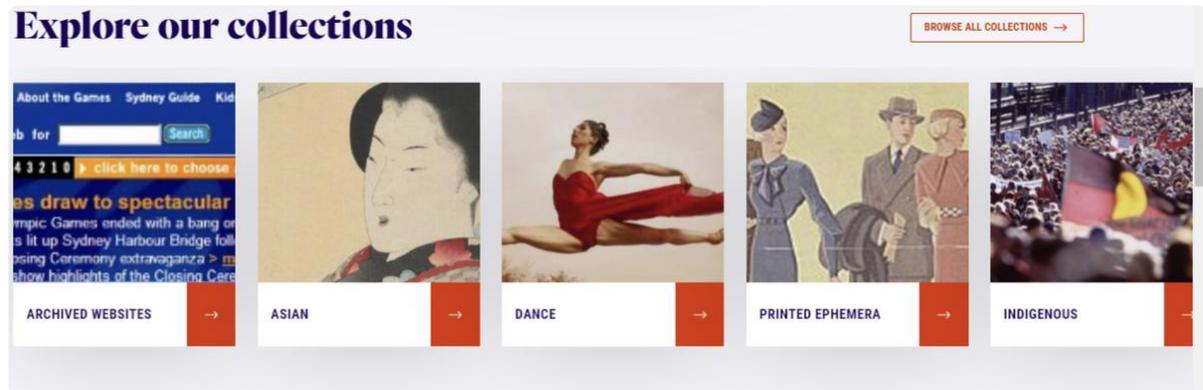
Or <http://sinaipalimpsests.org/palimpsests-and-scholarship>

### **New e-resources portal for the National Library of Australia**

The NLA (National Library of Australia) has updated its e-resource portal to make searching easier, more flexible and more efficient. Membership is free and requires a valid Australian

residential address. Members are able to use the card to access the licensed databases on the website. There are, however, a number of free resources available as well.

<https://bit.ly/35d5ddl>



# Community

## SU SUMMER CAMPS



Gippsland Lakes.

Camps are filling up fast and your students could enjoy a week of outdoor adventures; sailing, water tubing, canoeing, swimming, archery and climbing/abseiling. It is an excellent

SU Victoria runs summer school holiday camps for primary and secondary aged students at Camp Coolamatong on the



opportunity to make new friends and explore the Bible through small group activities.

All SU Victoria volunteers are Working with Children Check compliant and ChildSafe trained.

For more information about

SU Summer Camps and to register go to [www.suvic.org.au/camps](http://www.suvic.org.au/camps) or call (03) 9487 5700.

Sibling discounts are available.

## 'DARE TO DREAM' HOLIDAY BOOT CAMP



A collective of Australia's leading entrepreneurs with a mission to **educate a million young entrepreneurs by 2030.**

**dream it,  
dare it,  
do it.**

**8-13 yr olds  
Jan school holidays**

**Build a business in just 2 days!**  
Book now for early bird tickets!

## Calling all mini dreamers...

**After our sold out school holiday bootcamp in August, we have decided to run some more!**

The 'Dare to Dream' 2 day school holiday bootcamps are especially for 8-13yr olds. Over the two days our mini business owners get the opportunity to be inspired & educated by some of Australia's top entrepreneurs, and then take part in a fun and exciting real business challenge where they will race against the clock to launch a mini business.

This bootcamp not only introduces young people to entrepreneurship, but boosts confidence, public speaking skills, self belief, removes limiting beliefs and prepares them for the future of work.

**Limited tickets  
Early bird on sale now  
South Melbourne**

## JETBACK BASKETBALL



**WANTIRNA  
JETBACKS BASKETBALL CLUB**

## JUNIOR JETS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Junior Jets program is specifically designed for primary school aged children (both boys and girls) from Prep through to Grade 6. It has been developed to help children of all abilities to learn the fundamental skills of basketball in a fun and supportive atmosphere and prepares them for junior domestic competition.

Children that complete the program also receive their season registration and a FREE loan uniform for their first season with Wantirna Jetbacks for only \$30... **Thats a \$250 saving!!!**

Visit [wantirnajetbacks.com/juniorjets](http://wantirnajetbacks.com/juniorjets) for upcoming session dates.

FREE six week program

Register online at [wantirnajetbacks.com/jnrjetsregistration](http://wantirnajetbacks.com/jnrjetsregistration)

State Basketball Centre  
(291 George Street, Wantirna South)

For more information visit [wantirnajetbacks.com/juniorjets](http://wantirnajetbacks.com/juniorjets) or email [aussiehoops@wantirnajetbacks.com](mailto:aussiehoops@wantirnajetbacks.com)





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