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# St Andrews Christian College Newsletter 2023

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## Principal's Message

*Dear Friends,*

It has been a long term for everyone and we have come through it, because we have all worked together!

*I want to acknowledge and thank you all!*

Thanks to our staff, students and parents/carers for all your hard work, patience, creativeness, collaboration, flexibility and encouragement of each other throughout the term. This is the body of Christ at it's best! All of us working together in our various gifts and talents and doing our part for our children and for God's purposes and glory.

As I have mentioned before, education is about 'change' and our walk with God is about 'transformation'. As we all work together for His purposes and for His kingdom (not for our own purposes or glory) we grow and become more like Christ.

Take heart, for most people change is difficult and forced change even harder. In all the constant changes happening around us, whether in our families, work, church or school, we can rest on our unchanging God. He is there guiding us through each day, in all the bumps and deep crevasses of life.

Charles Spurgeon wrote a beautiful analogy of God's unchanging and ever present love:  
*"You know in a wheel there is one portion that never turns round, that stands steadfast, and that is the axle. So, in God's providence there is an axle which never moves. Christian, here is a sweet thought for you. Your state is ever changing. Sometimes you are exalted and sometimes depressed, yet there is an unmoving point in your state. What is that axle? What is the pivot upon which all the machinery revolves? It is the axle of God's everlasting love towards His covenant people. The exterior of the wheel is changing, but the centre stands forever fixed. Other things may move, but God's love never moves. It is the axle of the wheel and will endure."*

May we all know that love; respond to His love and live each day sharing His grace, love and hope.

You may have already seen **The Blessing** that originated from many churches in the UK. May you be blessed with the Aussie version:

*Every blessing,*  
***Catriona Wansbrough***



## SACC News

Year 5 & 6 teachers dressed for first day back in term 2

### *Dan Lee is leaving St Andrews Christian College*

I am sad to inform you that our Head of Middle School, Mr Dan Lee will be finishing at St Andrews Christian College as from Friday, 26th June (last day of Term 2). Dan has been with us for 11 ½ years, first as a classroom teacher and in the last 4 ½ years as Head of Middle School.

Dan is a really friendly and kind man; he is funny and can laugh at himself! He is passionate about developing people in their giftings and has successfully empowered his staff in extraordinary ways.

Dan has a sharp, logical mind and a gift for strategic planning and leading others in this area, as he has done for the ELT over the last couple of years. He has a deep love for St Andrews Christian College and in his integrity and humility has fully affirmed and supported the executive decision to move to a Primary/Secondary model for 2021.

Dan plans to use the rest of the year to undertake further study (MBA) and to seek God's guidance as to his next venture in life with his beautiful wife, Charlene and children, Zara and Josiah.

We will certainly be excited to hear what God has in store for Dan in the future!

Please all join me in thanking Dan for all he has done for the College! Together we wish Dan the best for his future and blessings over him and his family.

*Catriona Wansbrough*  
*Principal*



## **FASTEN YOUR PINK RIBBON -**

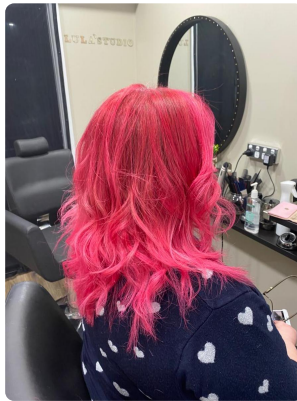
### *Mrs Farmer's ACTUALLY TURNED PINK!*

As reported in the last newsletter, June is the National Breast Cancer Foundation's (NBCF) fundraising month. As a survivor of breast cancer, living with the trauma, the scars and the fear of it returning, it is something that means a lot to me. Currently in Australia, 8 women lose their life to breast cancer every day.

I wanted to do my bit to give back to the medical professionals who helped me avoid being one of those 8 per day women. So in honour of all women who are currently going through the trauma of breast cancer, all who have gone through it and all who have lost their lives...



**Yesterday I dyed my hair pink!**



With help from our amazing St Andrews community and others, I have so far raised \$2,313 smashing my target of \$1000.

All of the money raised is being directed towards;

- i) research that can identify genetic defects and other DNA anomalies that can cause breast cancer,
- ii) equipment that can improve screening so that cancers are detected earlier and
- iii) development of new technologies and techniques that can also improve and enhance screening processes and treatments.

I would to say a special thanks to parent Naagla Iskandar who did the transformation to *PINK!* It is certain that all of the students who've been told off about uniform and hair colour etc by me would have loved seeing the brightly pink topped Mrs Farmer “break

the rules” for this good cause. *Please understand, however, that this is ONLY for this good cause and a one-off, nor is pink hair something that students are permitted to do.*

Donations are still accepted until June 30 if you would still like to contribute to this fantastic cause at <https://fundraise.nbcf.org.au/fundraisers/nataliefarmer>.

*Mrs Natalie Farmer*  
VCE Coordinator

## *Language Competition Winners*

Education Perfect, a program used as part of students’ Language learning, held a Language competition recently. It was held over one week while students were doing Continuous Online Learning.

Students needed to gain as many points as they could by completing various tasks set by Education Perfect.



The following students obtained award certificates:

<u>Gold Award</u>	<u>Silver Award</u>	<u>Bronze Award</u>	<u>Credit Award</u>
Joshua Liu	Hannah Connolly	Roshan Bernice Firme Danica Pinto Louis Sun Adina Liang Azriel Gandanegara Nathan Miao	Ethan Wang Beatrice Connolly Jim Lam Julia Pajor

*Congratulations to these students!*  
*Miss Nikki Miao and Mrs Lynne Marks*

### *Lions international Peace Poster Contest*

## **PEACE THROUGH SERVICE**



St Andrews Students aged 11 to 13 are invited to enter the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Students are encouraged to creatively express what peace means to them. The 2020-2021 contest theme is "Peace Through Service". This contest allows students to share their unique images of peace with others, so that we may all have greater tolerance and international understanding.



A St Andrews winner will be selected from all our student entries and then entered in via the Lions club for judging. Posters are evaluated on three criteria at each level of judging; **originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme, "Peace Through Service"**.

## CONTEST RULES & CONDITIONS

Entries not meeting the rules and conditions listed below will be disqualified:

- The contest's theme is "Peace Through Service."
- Only a Lions club can sponsor the contest in a local school or organized, sponsored youth group, such as YMCA programs, Boys & Girls Clubs, Scouts, etc. **Note:** The contest cannot be held in youth groups that a Lions club sponsors, such as a Leo club or Scout unit. However, individual members of those groups (such as Leos or Scouts) may participate if the contest is held at their schools or other organized youth groups.
- The contest is open to students who will be 11, 12 or 13 years of age on November 15, 2020. Eligible birth dates are November 16, 2006 through November 15, 2009.
- Artwork must be no smaller than 13 inches by 20 inches (33 centimeters by 50 centimeters) and no larger than 20 inches by 24 inches (50 centimeters by 60 centimeters). Do not mat or frame artwork.
- Only one entry per student per year, and each entry must be the work of only one student.
- All artwork must be the individual student's original creation. Duplications are not accepted.
- All media are accepted. **Note:** Chalk, charcoal and pastel entries should be sealed with a fixative spray to prevent smearing. Do not laminate entries.
- Three-dimensional entries will not be accepted. Nothing may be glued, stapled or attached to the artwork in any way.
- The use of lettering or numbering on the front of the poster, in any language, is not allowed. All artist signatures or initials should be written on the back of the poster.
- Artwork should be done on a flexible material so it can be rolled for shipping in a mailing tube. Do not fold poster.



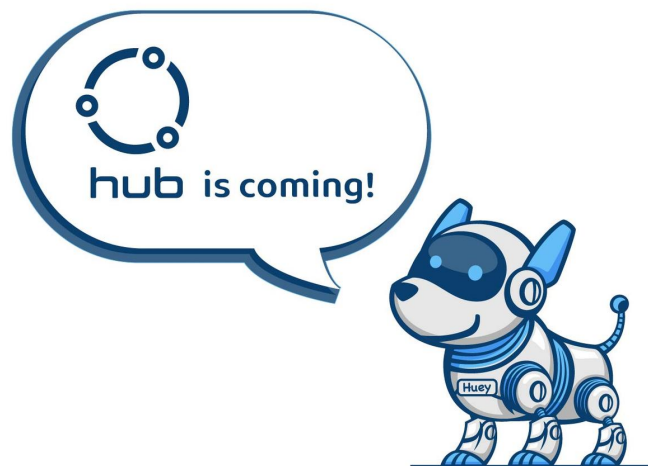
## Keep Informed

### *The Hub is coming!*

We are excited to be building closer towards opening up St Andrews' very own parent portal which we have affectionately named *The Hub*.

This platform will allow you, as parents, to be able to see work which is due in your child(ren)'s classes as well as be a central place for all College news!

We are working in the background to get this platform ready for you to access. Please keep you eyes peeled and tails wagging just like Huey here for the launch date next Semester.



## *Term 3 Arrangements*

All years from Prep to Year 12 will commence together at 9am from the 16th July, first day of Term 3.

*Junior School (Prep to Year 4) will still finish their day at 3pm but all other years (Year 5 to Year 12) will finish at 3:30pm.*

We will continue with our guidelines of hygiene (particularly that of hand sanitizing) and physical distancing where possible. No parents are allowed on College grounds until further notice.

We are prepared if there is an outbreak of COVID-19 within the College Community and want to continue to reassure you of our focus on keeping your children (and our staff) as safe as possible.

*Catriona Wansbrough*  
*Principal*

### *Flexibuzz being discontinued*

Dear Parents & Guardians,

In the last few days we have been notified that the communication app used by the College, Flexibuzz (previously called Tiqbiz), is being discontinued.

Therefore as of Term 3 2020, St Andrews will no longer use Flexibuzz for any notices or communication. We are currently in the process of developing our own school app, which will have connection to The Hub. Details of the launch of this app will be made in the near future.

From Term 3, St Andrews will continue to use email as the primary method of sending out notices and important communication.

*If you are reporting an absence for your child, please do so by emailing [attendance@standrews.vic.edu.au](mailto:attendance@standrews.vic.edu.au)*

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call (03) 8847 8300.

Kind Regards,

*Tim Farmilo*

*Deputy Principal*

## *Navigating the New Normal*

### **THE “NEW NORMAL”**

Learning to live with uncertainty is part of our world, now more than ever before. Many find it challenging that many freedoms and opportunities that we enjoyed, and perhaps even took for granted, are not possible at this moment. While restrictions are slowly easing and we are seeing life looking more like it did before COVID-19, it's still not quite the same. As a result, we may find ourselves experiencing a range of emotions: frustration, anxiety, fear or grief (just to name a few!). This can be rather unsettling.

#### *What to do with unsettling feelings such as frustration, anxiety, fear or grief*

- Acknowledge and allow your feelings.
- Remember that it's okay (and pretty normal!) to feel these sorts of emotions in this unusual season.
- Psalm 116 connects with elements of our “new normal” – read it 😊
- Tell Him what you are feeling – He will listen! (Psalm 116:1)
- Redirect your thoughts to God; look to Him. (Psalm 116:4)
- Ask God for strength, peace and joy. (Psalm 116:8)
- Remember we can still choose to thank and praise God even in the midst of challenges; make a sacrifice of praise. (Psalm 116:17)
- Remind yourself that God is in control and unchanging; He is the certainty in the midst of uncertainty and rules Heaven, Earth and even pandemics! (Psalm 46:1, 1 Corinthians 15:27)



### *Some other tips*

- Be kind – to others and to yourself.
- Look after yourself – eat well, get enough sleep and exercise.
- Think of things you enjoy that distract you from unsettling feelings.
- Think about which people are safe to talk to when you need a listening ear.
- Look after your friends and family – if they seem to be struggling, let them know that you care and offer your support.

### *Reaching out for more*

- If it would help to talk to an adult at school, ask a staff member you know and trust, or see a member of the staff Wellbeing team (Mrs deMeester, Mr Grant, Mrs Cloete, Mrs Hughes) for a chat.
- If you are really struggling, there are lots of great resources around:
  - Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800 (for a call or online chat) – see poster in homerooms
    - *Call Kids Helpline or chat with them online – it's there for people up to age 25*
    - *“Anytime Any Reason” means they are ready to listen no matter how big or small the problem 24/7*
    - *You can call to discuss what is going on for you, or even if you are worried about someone else*
  - Beyond Blue and Headspace (online chat or in person)
  - Christian Counselling Services (eg. CityLife Community Care, Crossway Lifecare)
- Turn to Psalms 46, 116, 121, 130, Philippians 4:6-7

***Mrs Jo DeMeester***

*Wellbeing Co-ordinator*



# Keep on Learning

## *Year 1 Excursion*

### **LAKWOOD NATURE RESERVE**

On Friday 12th June, the Year 1 students were treated to an exploratory walk to Lakewood Nature Reserve. To compliment our studies on the natural, managed and constructed environments in our local area, students identified different features along the way.



We spotted some of God's amazing creations like the crimson rosella, black ducks, white-faced heron and the wood duck ... alas, we did not hear or see the local pobblebonk

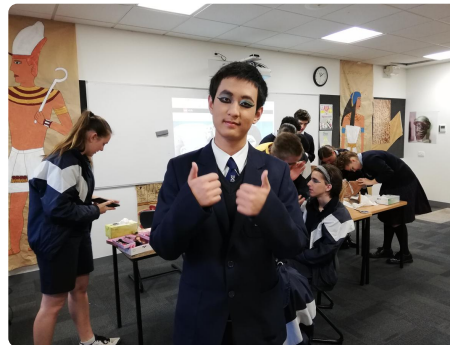
frog but will keep listening out for these funny sounding frogs!



*Mrs Lepileo*  
*Year 1 Teacher*

### *Year 11 History*

Students in Year 11 had fun reconstructing a broken "flos ollam" and experimenting with replicating Egyptian make up as observed in various artefacts found in tombs and wall paintings.

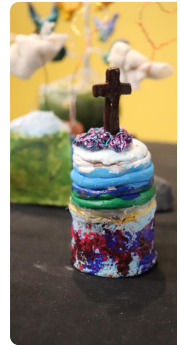
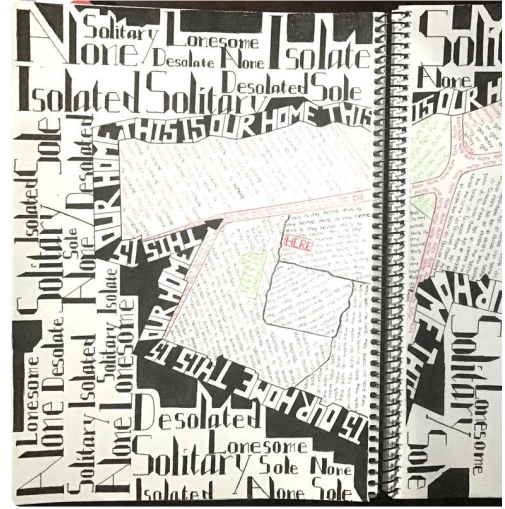
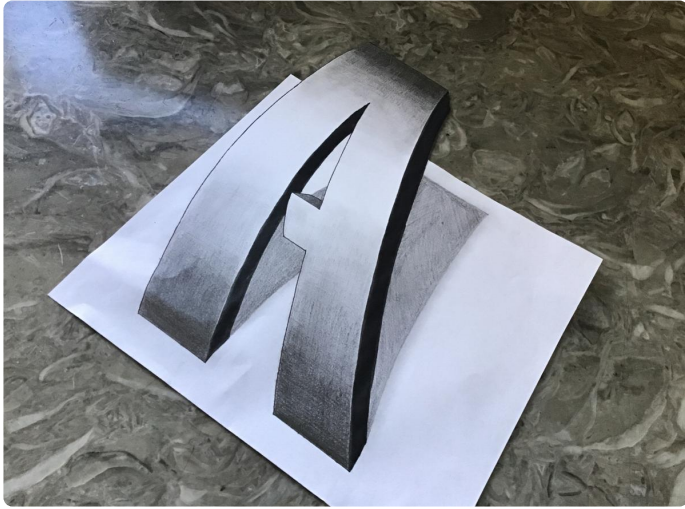


### *Middle School Art*

***WOW! I am constantly amazed at our***

## Year 6, 7 & 8 St Andrews Artists!

During Continuous Online Learning, Middle School Students were encouraged to persist with art making that reflected on this challenging time in our world. We focused our attention on how God can take a situation that seems uncertain and draw us into Himself, where we find shelter, peace and hope!



The final few weeks of this term were set aside for completing 3D work from Term 1. The results are amazing. Year 6 & 7 created ceramic sculptures that incorporated mixed-media – students had to remember their original plan and then persist and problem solve and find solutions to finishing their work. An exhibition of student work is currently on show in the Middle School Building for students to enjoy.





*This project was absolutely amazing! I loved working on it, even though it has been quite different from working in the classroom. From this project I have learnt that art is not about being perfect, it is about being free and letting your ideas flow. As Paula Scher said in in the video, spelling mistakes don't matter because this is a work of art. This is something I have overcome in this project: using white-out. Every time I made a spelling mistake, I really wanted to cover it up, but I realised that I don't have to because this is not meant to be a proper map; it's meant to convey a message, which I think it has. This project has changed my view on art, and has in a way 'loosened me up' from always 'covering up'. I loved working on this project from home, but I do look forward to coming to school and working in the art room with my classmates.*

*Aruvi - Year 8*



## *Senior Art*

### *A Display of Stunning Year 9/10 Artworks*

A display of Year 9 & 10 artworks has been installed upstairs in the Middle School building. This will be a space set aside to exhibit artworks on rotation. Currently displayed is some of the work created during our time of Continuous Online Learning. Below are a few images of some of these works with accompanying write-ups. These biographies are so insightful!

*Mr Tom Gibbs*

*“Beauty”*

*Charlotte Waldron –10P*

SCRATCH PAD

This artwork explores the theme beauty. The concept of beauty is valued in society but God invites us to not worry about our body because God loves us no matter what. The bible verse "*I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made*" - Psalm 139:14 conveys this message. This portrays the idea that God will always invite us to perfect bodies but he doesn't want us to worry about them because we are all made in a perfect image. Butterflies and flowers are there to show the theme beauty because many people associate this subject matter with beauty.



### ***“Déjà Vu: Relapse”***

## *Sophia Tran – 10P*

*OIL PASTEL ON BURLAP CANVAS*

From left to right, my artwork is a depiction of the seemingly endless cycle of humanity's pursuit of perfection. We begin colourless, trying to climb towards that level of peace and security, in which we are in full colour and crying tears of joy. But we had only found ourselves in the eye of the storm; and we fall once more. Because we are human, we will never be perfect – but God is always there with us. He loves us despite our imperfections and we can shine our best through Him. In my artwork, He is depicted as the sun, constant and irreplaceable. Traffic lights, chaos and an overwhelming amount of colour create distractions, imitations of the sun, but they will never be a match for our God.



## *“Fallen Angel”*

*Chaz Zeng —Year 9*

*WATERCOLOUR ON PAPER*

The perspective of freedom can be viewed from a vast amount of definitions, but it really depends on how you the person sees it. A faceless girl descending 327,000 feet down from space, with no reason to fear death, but to accept the fate of what she's about to receive. Desperately trying to seek this freedom, she loses her identity and gives up on life. Little does she know that the eternal fire burning in her soul still has faith in a high entity, which will help her grow these divine wings to discover this lost ambition. The bible speaks of

this as "the truth, and the truth will set you free" John 8:32, the truth as in the word of the Lord is what freedom shall be in the heavens above. God has built the foundation to give us freedom, though there are many things on Earth that blinds us from this truth, and we're given lies to sustain order in society. We must remember this "pretend freedom" is only finite, but heaven is eternal. Harmony is bound within the image, a set of wings are as the centrepiece or to bring emphasis to the flow of the mix of emotions.



## ***“The Gown”***

*Kiriaki Katsigiannis – 10F*

*WATERCOLOUR/CARD/WATER PEN*

Throughout this area of study, I wanted to explore the theme ‘Fashion’. Fashion has always interested me ever since I was a child as I drew many sketches growing up. I believe fashion has the capability to connect people. The bible verse chosen to go along with my theme is 1 Peter 3:3-4 NIV. The verse states; ‘Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewellery or fine clothes. Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God’s sight. The subject matter is a large ball gown dress with many layers in the bottom skirt half. The top of the dress is formed by many detailed flowers which is strapless and with numerous ribbons flowing from top to bottom.



## *St Andrews Drama Department*

### **COPING DURING COVID-19**

Even though this pandemic has created some logistical struggles in the drama department, we have pushed through and gotten some great outcomes in the process. As the drama teachers say and have been encouraging us, “When things get tough, creative people get creative.”

When the school moved to continuous online learning it meant that many of the normal processes of doing drama rehearsals and performances got drastically adapted as it moved into a virtual setting.

As mentioned in the previous newsletter the Year 12 show went from being a live, in person performance to a new format of doing a live 'Zoom' show called 'Digital Daisy' after its original name 'Daisy Pulls it Off.' It was amazing to see that even in this unprecedented setting we were able to all pull together something that we were really proud of and enjoyed the process of it despite our hesitations to begin with.



The Year 10's also 'flexed' their theatre muscles in their online musical 'The show must go online.' Which had them, as well as myself, film short scenes and then put them all together to create their show, creating a great and unique final product.

The school musical also had to move rehearsals online during this time, as we did Zoom rehearsals together. This was very different to what we usually do and adjusting was challenging at times but we all helped one another explore this new 'uncharted territory' together. The new setting created a great opportunity for all students to try something new and exciting and develop our performance skills in ways we may have never expected to!

As much as Zoom was a great experience, we were very excited to start up onsite rehearsals again which happened a couple of weeks ago and to be able to see everyone in person again! It is so encouraging to see how the drama department are all banding together during this unique time and are so supportive of one another. It's hard to know exactly what's going to happen in the future during these times but we know that if we trust in God it will all turn out good and for His purpose.

*Becky Schenker,*  
*Drama Captain*

## *Careers Education*

### **YEAR 10 CAREERS PROGRAM – TERM 3**

Year 10 is an exciting year and we offer our students a range of activities that help them develop new skills and knowledge.

***Year10 Engage & Empower Careers Program: 15-18 September***

- ***INTERVIEW and RESUME WRITING SKILLS*** workshops
- ***START SMART*** financial literacy workshops: Smart Choices, Earning, Saving, Spending, Investing and Enterprise
- ***VicRoads ROAD SMART PROGRAM AND METEC COURSE*** - a new education program that helps prepare our beginner drivers for a lifetime of safe driving. It includes interactive in-classroom sessions and a practical driving experience at Metropolitan Traffic Education Centre (METEC) Bayswater North.

**YEAR 10 TOUCH TYPING**

To help our students increase their typing speed, we've included touch typing in Term 3 Yr. 10 Careers and Study Skills curriculum. Lessons include keyboard skills, posture, punctuation, speed and accuracy. Touch typing is a skill that our students will have for a lifetime and the benefits of learning keyboarding skills in today's digital world are endless.



**YEAR 10 HIGH SCHOOL CANCER MASTERCLASS**

The High School Cancer Masterclasses (HSCM) is an educational program that helps Yr. 10 students develop a foundational understanding of cancer.

There are 5 masterclasses in the 2020 program. Each masterclass runs for 90 minutes and covers a specific area of study from the ACHSC's Cancer Syllabus. The Syllabus has been developed with help from leading University of Melbourne academics and mentors.

Tutors are current high-achieving university students pursuing degrees in medicine or health science.

- **Masterclass 1** - Basics of Cancer Biology (week of 20th July)
- **Masterclass 2** - Causes of Cancer (week of 3rd August)
- **Masterclass 3** - Cancer Prevention & Screening (week of 17th August)
- **Masterclass 4** - Cancer Treatment (week of 31st August)
- **Masterclass 5** - Cancer Project Planning & Development (week of 14th September)



All participating Year 10 students will receive the HSCM Student Notebook, a 50-page workbook containing explanations and questions to accompany the tutorials, as well as links to additional resources for students interested in learning more.

## CAREERS NEWSLETTER



In this careers newsletter you will discover the latest news from our leading universities as well as other careers resources.

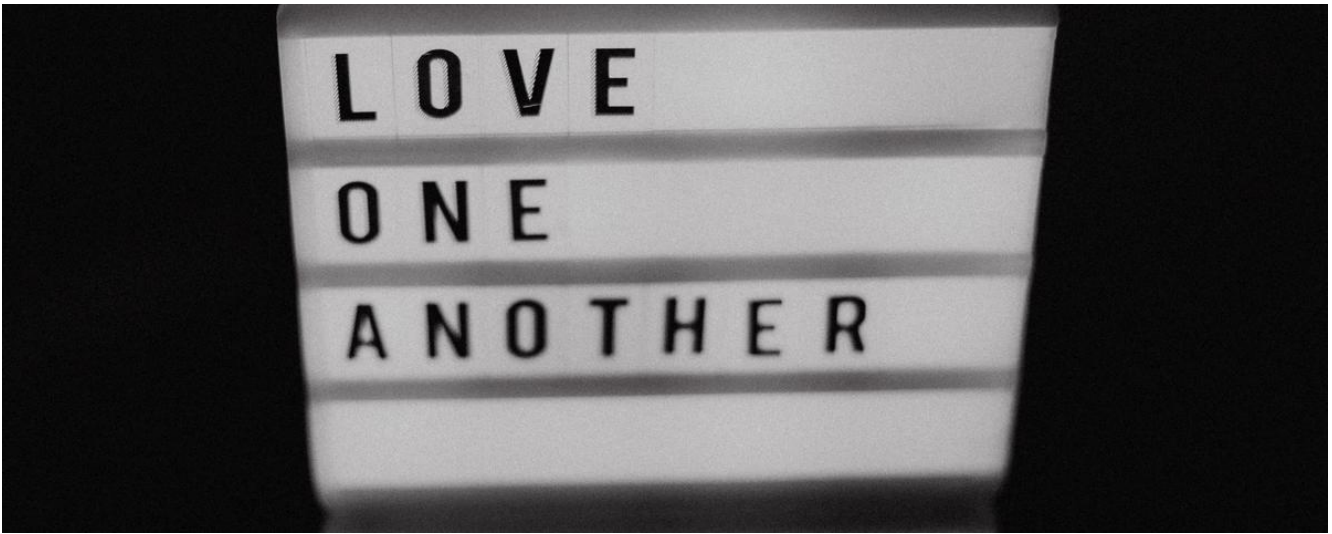
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*Mrs Irena Yevlahova*

*Careers Coordinator*



# Keep on Connecting

*A Warm and Happy Welcome*

## **WELCOME BACK YEARS 3 -9**

After 9 weeks of Continuous Online Learning, St Andrews staff and students were overjoyed to welcome back students from Years 3 to 9. The College also picked up 6 "new" students along the way. Introducing our fresh-faced pupils Ben Sheahan, Chelsea Christelow, Emily Law, Natalie Nheu, Christa Cloete, and Daniel Lee to our Middle School.





### *Preps Special Message*

## **FOR ARCARE RESIDENTS**

Students in Prep S and Prep P recently created cards along with a video of song and hello that was sent to the local ACARE residents. Watch the heart warming video below.



## *Learning, Connecting and Caring.*

It is good to reflect on how we have grown and expanded our capacity during this season of online learning, despite the challenges we have faced. As the Learning Support team have shared in recent days, there has been much to be thankful for:

- We have grown as a team, in understanding each other, in how we work together and our bond is stronger.
- We have grown in our faith and learnt to trust God as we have been stretched.
- We have all learnt new IT skills.
- We have developed a greater understanding of our students as we have 'Zoomed' and supported them remotely.

We are grateful that despite the changes that God remains the same.

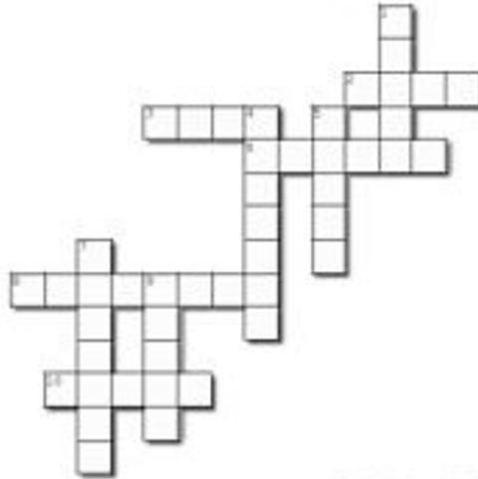
At the start of Term 2 (during Continuous Online Learning) Mrs Terrington organised a challenge to go out to some of our students from Year 1 through to Year 7. It was a very open-ended challenge to investigate an area of interest and relate it back to our School Theme for the year – *Treasures in Heaven*. Congratulations to all those who participated. Here are some extracts from some of the completed projects:

**A couple of puzzles from Marcus and Declan's Treasure Trove Challenge puzzle book -**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Treasures in Heaven

Complete the crossword puzzle below



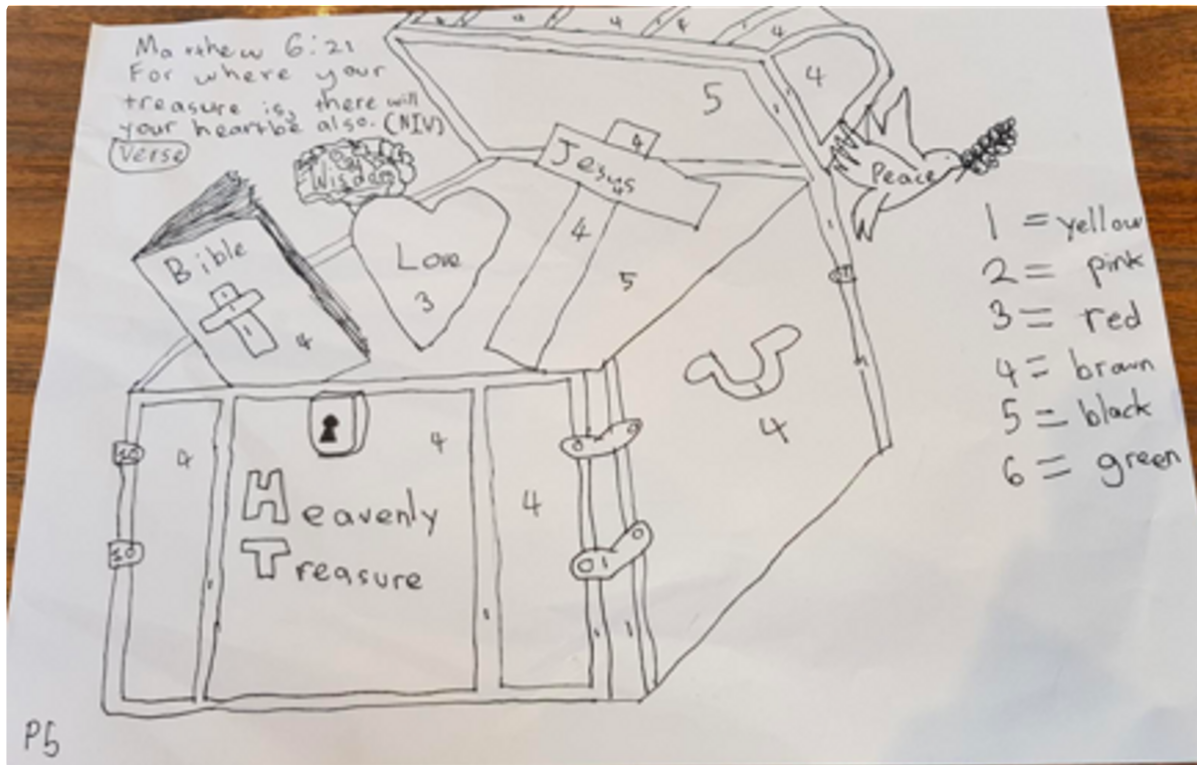
Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net

**Across**

- 2. A dull version of a butterfly.
- 3. An orange or reddish brown coating that forms on metal that has been exposed to air and water.
- 6. The place where God Lives.
- 8. Valuable or precious possessions of any kind.
- 10. To cause to come apart into pieces; smash.

**Down**

- 1. A supply kept or saved for future use.
- 4. Someone who steals.
- 5. The fifth largest planet in our solar system and the third in distance from the sun.
- 7. To ruin completely.
- 9. To take from another without permission or right.



Enquiry questions by Alyssa, Year 7 -

“How do we gain treasure if God Is telling us to give everything away?”

-why must we give everything away

- what will we gain if we give everything away
- how will we cope if we don't own anything

### Extract from a project on Rubies by Nathan Year 4 -

Rubies can be created from a lab but they aren't flawed like natural ones. They're also less expensive.

Imagine a natural ruby as god and imagine you as a lab created one.

As lab created rubies aren't flawed we aren't flawed either, as natural rubies are flawed god is different to us he has powers and so god must look after us. God does look after us, he died on the cross to save us from our sin and that's a treasure of heaven.

Let me show you some bible verses.

Proverbs 31:10-12 An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.

Proverbs 12:4 An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, but she who brings shame is like rotteness in his bones.

Proverbs 3:13-15 Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, and the one who gets understanding, for the gain from her is better than gain from silver and her profit better than gold. She is more precious than jewels and nothing you desire can compare with her.

### Extract from a project about Penguins by Isabelle Year 2 -

**Penguins remind me of GOD because, GOD made penguins . He even made the world we are living in!!! So try to worship Him every day. If He did not make us then we would not be here or doing anything so worship Him every day!**

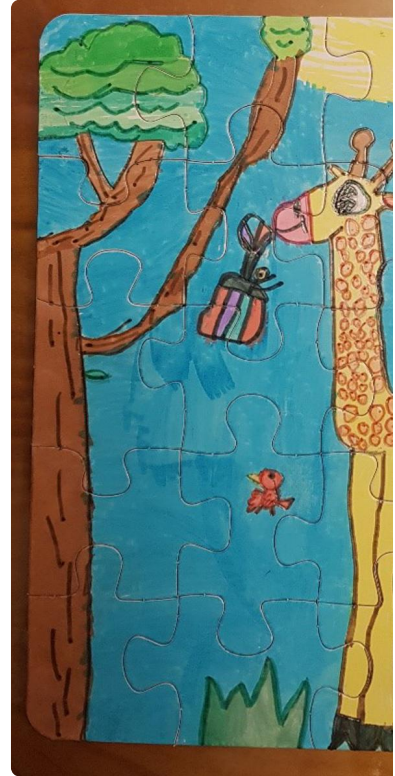


### Extracts from a project on Giraffes by Genevie Year 1 -

36. Giraffes use 16 to 20 hours eating each day.

37. Giraffes are only found in Africa.

38. Giraffes shouldn't sit down while sleeping because it is hard for them to stand up so it might be to late. They might have already been eaten.



*Shirley Gillie*

*Head of Learning Support*

## *Parents & Friends Association*

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the Parents and Friends Association (PFA) we hope that your children have enjoyed their return to classroom teaching in Term 2 and are looking forward to spending some family time together over the holiday period.

The COVID-19 social distancing and other restrictions continue to provide a safeguard to the well-being of the Community. The PFA encourages families to stay in contact with each other during this unique period of time to reduce the sense of isolation that some people may experience from reduced physical social interaction. There are a range of social media platforms through which families can stay connected and stay informed about each other's activities.

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with all families affected by the COVID-19 environment and the PFA will look to resume activities during the second half of the year



as the COVID-19 restrictions are relaxed and we believe that we can safely arrange for the Community to reengage with each other in relevant activities.

Best Regards,

*Andrew O'Brien*

*PFA President*

### *VCE Students Earn University 'Distinctions'*

A huge congratulations to two St Andrews Christian College students - Mykaela Coppens and Kassandra Lam for undertaking a first year university subject as a part of their 2019 VCE studies and each earning a 'Distinction' from Deakin University in their chosen subject.



**Makaela Coppens**



**Kassandra Lam**

This is a tremendous achievement for both of the girls and one that has made everyone at St Andrews Christian College immensely proud of you - well done!

Both Mykaeala and Cassandra enrolled in the 2019 'Higher Education Study in VCE' program and undertook a 1st Year Deakin University subject in 'Health Practice and Research'.

This accelerated program is available to all students who have done well in previous studies and are looking for an extra challenge of studying a first year University subject as part of their VCE year. A successful pass in that subject counts towards their VCE score and provides a defined pathway into a tertiary program.

If you would like to know more or enrol in this program contact Careers Coordinator, Mrs Irena Yevahova at St Andrews Christian College.

*Mrs Irena Yevahova*

*Careers Coordinator*

## *New Hope Medical*

### **GP REQUIRED**

New Hope Medical are a medical centre in Blackburn North, and grew from an initiative of NewHope Baptist Church. Our general practitioners, nurse, counselling, psychology and admin staff are all practising Christians.



We are committed to providing comprehensive care to all individuals, promoting health, wellbeing and disease prevention. Our patient numbers are growing and we are currently seeking a doctor with similar values. If you or someone you know are interested see vacancy ad below.

 [GP recruitment 0620.docx.pdf](#)

*Denise Forsyth,*

*Practice Manager*



# Keep on Caring

## *Seasons*

The world moves in a rhythm of seasons: cold, hot, light, dark, sowing and reaping, fruit, and barrenness. We see this particularly in Melbourne where we can experience up to four seasons in a day!

In Ecclesiastes 3:1, it says *“For everything there is a season...”*. In this passage, the author is talking about another kind of seasonality—life's seasons. We experience the leisure of summer, the urgency of autumn, the hardships of winter, the busyness and expectancy of spring.



For many people, this current season has had its challenges: Social distancing, remote Learning, and working from home to name a few. Even though we go through different seasons where our external circumstances may change, we can trust in an unchanging God who is in control.

John 16: 33 says, *“These things I have spoken unto you, that in me, you might have peace. In the world you shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.”* God is with us in every season of our life. When we face the unknown, we can trust that He is in control and working out every situation for our good.



*Dan Lee,  
Head of Middle School*

As my season at St Andrews comes to a close, I would like to thank the College community for the opportunity to work alongside the Middle School staff with students. It's been a wonderful privilege to see the College grow over the last 11 and a half years!

## MISSION SERVICE LEARNING -

### *Encouraging our Community*

This Term over 350 students wrote letters of appreciation and encouragement to various members of our Knox Community. It has been wonderful to be able to *SERVE* from a distance while still praying actively for the essential services within our local Community.

Last week the College Captains and I began the delivery of thank you letters along with an official letter of appreciation from the school.

St Andrews School Captains Katelyn Farmer and Theo Katsigiannis presented gratitude letters to Alan Tudge MP on Thursday afternoon.

*A big thank you to the school captains from St Andrews Christian College who dropped by today with letters from the year sixes. These amazing students have written to politicians, doctors, nurses and many others with words of support during the COVID-19 crisis. Thank you all for the wonderfully kind words. - Alan Tudge MP*



Two students from the service team Harry Rowland and Kayleb Patel (Year 11) presented our gratitude letters to the Angliss Hospital and Knox branch of Ambulance Victoria. Both services were very encouraged and thankful.



Isabelle Baxter (Year 11) and Sarah Farmer (Year 10) presented some of our thank you letters to Nick Wakeling MP. He thanked the school for looking outwards at this tough time.



Youth liaison officer Kevin Bridle from Knox Police Station visited with St Andrews Christian College Year 4 students on Wednesday 24th June to receive their gratitude

letters. The Junior School Captains got a chance to pray for Mr Bridle and his fellow local police officers and also had the opportunity ask lots of questions.



Thank you for all staff and students who took part in the Service Learning program! I believe *this* is TREASURE THAT LASTS!

Thank you,

*Mr Andrew Farmer*

*Mission Service Learning Coordinator*

### *Supporting Samaritans Purse*

## **CASUAL CLOTHES FRIDAY**

On the last Friday of Term 2, St Andrews Students had a casual clothes day - not the kind some became accustomed to during lockdown and Continuous Online Learning - rather at school amongst peers. Sanitised notes or gold coin donations were collected to help support Samaritans Purse in Cambodia - over \$1340 was raised in total.

There are a lot of people in the rest of the world that still need our help, COVID-19 or not. In fact the poorest are the hardest hit in times like these. With the financial effects of lockdown, donations to organisations helping the most needy are declining.

This is one of the projects we were able to see in practice 18 months ago. It is not related to COVID-19 but is still an important need in the slums and rural areas of Cambodia.

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org.au/what-we-do/development-projects/people-at-risk/>