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**WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE**  
**24TH MAY 2015**

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**IN NEWS**

*All that's going on  
around St Andrew's*

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# FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

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## **THE ARCHBISHOP'S LETTER TO CLERGY ABOUT SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Dear clergy,

Following my letter to you a fortnight ago, I wanted to write and let you know the latest developments with regard to the troubling decisions of the Department of Education and Communities concerning Special Religious Education (SRE) which emerged a fortnight ago.

I previously indicated that I had asked for a meeting with the Minister for Education, the Hon. Adrian Piccoli. This request was granted and the meeting took place last Friday, 15 May. I asked for your prayers for this encounter and I am grateful for your intercession on my behalf. I am also grateful for those of you, or of your parishioners, who contacted their local State members expressing concern, if not outrage, at the Department's high handed actions, especially their discourtesy in not first consulting with the Anglican Church as the Approved Provider.

I am now pleased to report that the Minister heeded my request for both an apology and a retraction, concerning the banning of two books in our authorised High School SRE curriculum, namely, John Dickson's *A Sneaking Suspicion* and Michael Jensen's

*YOU: An Introduction*, and their accompanying student handbooks. He did so willingly and graciously, once he was apprised of the facts. The Minister sent me a letter confirming that these two resources are no longer banned and this letter is available on the website of [sydneyanglicans.net](http://sydneyanglicans.net) for your interest. Your high school SRE teachers may now feel free to use these resources, as they have for many years, in the appropriate years for which they are scheduled, as per the authorised curriculum, which is published by Youthworks on their website.

While this current situation has been resolved and the Anglican Church in the Diocese of Sydney has re-established its control of its curriculum in SRE, may I draw to your attention my earlier remarks, that it is absolutely essential that only authorised curricula are used in SRE, whether it be in primary school or high school. Could I ask you to impress upon all of your SRE teachers the importance of this, as this is the basis upon which we have the privilege of entering government schools and this is not something we want either to abuse or take for granted. If all SRE teachers were asked by their school principals to sign a statement to this effect, this would not be objectionable.

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I am delighted with so many reports of the health of SRE in our schools and the faithful service of your SRE teachers. Please pass onto your SRE teachers my thanks for their faithful service, their compliance and goodwill in signing the unnecessary departmental forms concerning any use of the resources that were banned over the last two weeks. I am also delighted that the Minister has not only reversed the ban, but has also reasserted his support for SRE and his desire to work cooperatively with the Anglican Church in its delivery of SRE. This is a partnership in which we both play a part.

We have a long history of which we can be justly proud, yet we must continue to be vigilant in the defence of SRE and also in the best way to defend SRE against those sections of our community who desire its abolition. This is a matter for both prayer and wisdom. We must also continue to provide the very best practice in the delivery of SRE, using the excellent resources that have been authorised in our Diocese.

Thank you again for your prayers.

With every good wish

Grace and peace

Glenn Davies

## **PRAYER FOR THE WEEK**

Almighty God, who taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant to us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and always to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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# COMMUNITY WATCH

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## THIS WEEK

### 🕒 **Time Out - Woy Woy trip**

Fri 29th May | 9am - 3:15pm

Join us for a train trip to Woy Woy followed by an easy casual walk along the waterfront and seafood lunch at Fisherman's Wharf.

Meet at Roseville Station to catch the 9.10 am train to Hornsby. Friends are welcome.

Contact Richard Tress 9416 6416 or email [timeout@standrews.net.au](mailto:timeout@standrews.net.au)

## PLEASE PRAY

### 🕒 **Churchwide Prayer**

Thank God for an encouraging start to the Belonging course and pray that this Sunday's time together will further unite these newcomers and clarify the vision we share at St Andrew's.

Pray for the many families in our church who are caring for ageing and frail parents; that God would provide for them and sustain them in wisdom and compassion and a strong awareness of his loving care.

### 🕒 **8:30am Prayer**

Pray that Sue Lim will continue to heal and strengthen once she is home from rehabilitation following her knee surgery.

### 🕒 **10am Prayer**

Thank God that Freddie Day's adenoid surgery went very well last week and that he is recovering.

Pray for Emily Stedman and her family after the death of her grandmother. Pray that the peace and comfort of God's love in Christ will be known by all the family and sustain them.

### 🕒 **St Andrew's Ministries**

Thank God for our Ministry Staff and for the gospel faithfully preached week by week, and for the pastoral care which is given to all.

Pray for the opportunities afforded through our Community Project in the care of David Morris. Pray that those asking for help will find care and love and be led to understand God's love and compassion through those who serve in this way.

### 🕒 **Other**

Pray for our Archbishop Glenn Davies and Bishop Chris Edwards as they deal with the many difficult and responsible tasks in our Diocese. Give them wisdom as they have decisions to make that all might be to God's glory.

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## ST ANDREW'S MINISTRY UPDATE

### ☛ Meals Ministry

One of the most obvious ways of showing practical love towards someone doing it tough is to cook them a meal. It is a welcome relief of a daily necessity but much more than that, it speaks of an awareness and concern for their situation in a very personal way and shows you are wanting to stand by them in it.

We want this practical loving ministry to be a regular part of the pastoral care at St Andrew's. In the first week of each term the women from the Tuesday morning small groups join together to cook lots of meals which are frozen for use through the term. If you would like to share in the fun of these mornings please get in touch with Meredith and join us!

If you know of a situation where a meal might help and to speak of the love we know so richly from God then please contact the office.

It is so encouraging to hear of small groups helping in this way when members are sick, moving house, welcoming a new baby or struggling with demanding circumstances.

Our Kitchen Rules!

For more information on the Meals Ministry at St Andrew's please contact [meredith.hatcher@standrews.net.au](mailto:meredith.hatcher@standrews.net.au)

## WOMEN'S HIGH TEA

Photos from an enjoyable afternoon last Saturday:



*All that our missionaries  
do in and around their communities*

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# MISSION & AID

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## INDIGENOUS WARLPIRI PEOPLE



### 📍 **Tanami Desert, Northern Territory**

Pray for World Vision as they work with the Warlpiri indigenous communities in the Northern Territory.

Praise God that the new Project Facilitator has started.

Also praise God for keeping project staff safe while travelling.

Give thanks for a successful Central Australia Team Gathering in March, an important time of reflection on World Vision's christian character and role as partners in the community. This time also confirmed that World Vision staff are considered Christians and as representing God (Wapirra) as they carry out their work.

Pray for God's blessing on the program that is being run in partnership with the Australian Breastfeeding Association. The training is

being held in Yuendumu in June and will have participants from the other communities also attending.

Pray for wisdom for the project as new activities are developed with communities and piloted later this year.

Pray for God's strengthening of all the project staff and volunteers in the communities. Pray for their Christian witness as they work with communities towards positive early childhood outcomes.

Pray for God's provision of a suitable date to bring all the Early Childhood Reference Groups together for sharing, capacity building and planning.

*Words you'll need for  
today's contemporary services*

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# CONTEMPORARY SERVICE PRAYERS

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## CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have strayed from your ways  
like lost sheep,  
We have left undone  
what we ought to have done,  
and we have done  
what we ought not to have done.  
We have followed our own ways  
and the desires of our own  
hearts.  
We have broken your holy laws.  
Yet, good Lord, have mercy on us;  
restore those who turn to you,  
according to your promises declared  
to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
And grant, merciful Father,  
for his sake,  
that we may live a godly  
and obedient life,  
to the glory of your holy name.  
Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory, are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.

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## FINANCIAL SUPPORT DETAILS

### ➤ Supporting the General Ministry

Supporting the general work of St Andrew’s:

**Anglican Parish St Andrew’s**

**BSB 704 998 | A/C 100 005 413 \***

*This is our preferred method to receive your regular support.*

Cash/cheque contributions can be made via the gifts and offerings box attached to the church’s rear pew.

### ➤ Supporting the Property Redevelopment

To support the St Andrew’s Property Redevelopment, **tax-deductible** contributions can be made via:

**St Andrew’s Anglican Church**

**Roseville Donation Fund**

**BSB 704 998 | A/C 100 010 195 \***

Please include your surname and the initials “PV” (for Property Vision) in the reference field.

Donations by cheque should be made to

St Andrew’s Roseville Donation Fund.

Please mark the envelope with your surname and “PV”.

If you would like to support the Property Redevelopment but **do not** require a tax deduction, please contact the Executive Pastor, Santino Dimarco.

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