

ANDROMEDIA



10 YEARS OF WOW-SOMENESS

THE 'WOW' MAGIC... SPREAD IT!

Dear Parents,

I hope you have read the first issue of our school newsletter- "**AndroMedia**". Thank you to the parents who have contributed articles and comments. You too can be an active contributor to our newsletter.

On 5th September, the School management will host the lunch for our teachers. On 10th September, students and PTA will arrange an appreciation programme and lunch for our teachers. In keeping with the School's endeavour to reach out to the underprivileged, the student council has prepared heart-shaped cards for Teachers' Appreciation Week. The cards will be sold to the students for Rs. 10 each. The proceeds from the sale of cards will be donated to an orphanage in Parel, Our Lady's Home. You are requested not to gift our teachers with gifts, flowers or ready-made cards but to generously support the student council by buying their cards. Last year, the student council collected Rs. 22,000 and the teachers contributed Rs. 23,000.

On 12th September, we have our annual pilgrimage to Mount Mary Shrine. I invite you to join us. For more details, please visit our new website ...

www.saintandrewschoolbandra.in

Festive greetings to you and your family. God bless!

Yours sincerely,

Fr. Magi Murzello



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From the Principal's Desk



Fr. Magi Murzello
Principal

The word "Cancer" strikes horrible fear in everyone's heart. Medical sciences are still battling CANCER. It is one disease that everyone wants to avoid at all costs. One of the definitions of CANCER in the Oxford Dictionary is "something evil or destructive that is hard to contain or destroy."

It is rather unfortunate to note that CANCER has afflicted stakeholders- especially parents of many schools. Even the parents of St. Andrew's High School have not been spared from this terrible malaise. The CANCER that I write about is CRITICISM and if it is left untreated, it kills school initiatives & commitment of teachers just as cancer kills its victims.

Parents may immediately react and say it is totally untrue that they are the worst critics of teachers. Take the example of Parent-Teacher interaction days. The purpose of these interaction days is to identify and recognise the areas where the child needs extra attention and needs to improve. In reality, the Parent-Teacher interaction days are dominated by the big Co-Criticism, Complaints and Condemnation. The parents find faults with the paper setting and paper corrections, criticize the teaching methods and disapprove everything that the teacher does. The teacher is projected as the rival of the tuition teacher or the coaching classes.

Unwarranted criticism acts as a demotivator for the teacher. Parents fail to realize that they along with their son's teachers are partners with a common mission of their child's happiness and success. The parent-teacher relationship is a partnership and not rivalry. The plague of criticism can be destroyed by a joyous epidemic of encouragement and appreciation. The project, MISSION SUNSHINE, seeks to increase the appreciation quotient of our staff and students. It is now time for parents to be part of MISSION SUNSHINE.

OUR ACHIEVERS: Rankers

RANK	NAME	MARKS	PERCENTAGE
First	Khan Mohd. Avvaz	501/550	91.09
Second	Pachauri Vaidik	500/550	90.9
Third	Shetty Gaurav	496/550	90.18

SUBJECT TOPPERS:

SUBJECT	NAME	MARKS OBTAINED
ENGLISH	Saburwala Hasnat	86/100
	Pachauri Vaidik	86/100
	Suryod Avad	81/100
MARATHI	Pachauri Vaidik	81/100
HINDI	Pachauri Vaidik	87/100
MATHS	Lakhani Reza Ali	147/150
SCIENCE	Shetty Gaurav	98/100
SOCIAL STUDIES	Kalyankar Atishan	96/100

S.C.C. RESULTS 2010-2011

APPEARED	96
FAILED	05
PERCENTAGE PASSING	94.79
PASSED	91
DETAINED	05
DISTINCTION	27
1 ST CLASS	35
2 ND CLASS	25

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TanQ, Mr. Joseph Pereira,
for bringing the error to our notice.
- Editor

Mission Sunshine (2010 - Still going strong)

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From the Principal's Desk

Have you heard the story of the fly on the end of the cow's tail? The fly said, "Cow, I am about to leave you." The cow looked over her shoulder at the tip of her tail and said, "Oh, really? Why, I didn't even know you were there."

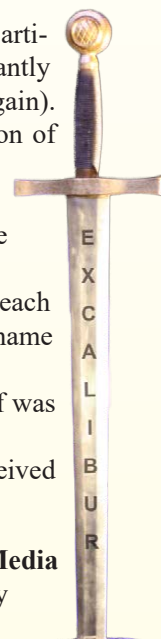
In 2001, I was appointed at St. Andrew Church while I completed my B.Ed course at St. Xavier's Institute of Education. I was haughtily informed by a member of the hierarchy that I should not aspire to ever be appointed at St. Andrew High School because I didn't have the calibre(?). In 2002, I was transferred to Infant Jesus Church, Ghatkopar. At St. Andrew Church, no one missed me. Many did not even know that I had spent the year here... just like the fly on the cow's tail.

In 2009, I was once again appointed at St. Andrew Church, this time as Principal of St. Andrew High School as well. When I entered the School campus, I was shocked to see various church associations, commercial ventures, private clubs, and sports coaching classes misusing the facilities. In Marathi, one of them even threatened to break my bones if I stepped out of the campus. I retorted, in Marathi, that he may be from Ratnagiri or Kolhapur but I was "a true son of the soil – Mee Mobaikar! My ancestral village, Gorai, has a Mumbai pin code – 400091. Touch me and my village will finish you." I walked out of the campus with him on to St. Dominic Road. He came within a hair's breadth and abused me in the filthiest Marathi but did not dare attack me. However, I must commend his courage. He said it to my face.

In my 12 years here, anonymous letters, threats, negative posts, hate mail, RTIs, news articles planted in community newspapers, signature campaigns and slander have constantly come my way but I have persisted with Mission MAGA (Make Andrew's Great Again). This 10th anniversary issue of **AndroMedia** highlights the MAGical transformation of St. Andrew High School and cannot be denied by even my worst detractors. There are many things that are not shared with you like...

- My financial contribution to St. Andrew Church by way of my salary during these 12 years is more than Rs. 80 lakhs.
- In that first year, I was "akksed" by some "senior teachers" from Bandra not to teach English. I did not know if my calibre scared them. After all, I had 8 degrees to my name including an M.A. and an M.Phil in English.
- Last year, Mission Sunshine celebrated 10 years. Each member of the School staff was gifted Rs. 10,000 for their enthusiasm and dedication towards the project.
- This year, **AndroMedia** completes 10 years. Once again, each staff member received a bonus of Rs. 10,000.

I invite you, dear well-wisher, to browse through this anniversary issue of **AndroMedia** and discover more MAGA secrets. You will agree that MAGA has been very successful. The stone that was once rejected... had the **X**-calibre in it!



Fr. Magi Murzello



And This is How We Began School

In 1780, having felt the need to start a school, Fr. Francisco de Mello, the then-Vicar of St. Andrew Church, started the St. Andrew Parish School mainly to teach catechism to the children of the Parish. In 1864, the structure was enlarged and more benches were added as the School prospered. As time went by and the number of students increased, a Mestre Henriques, a lay teacher, was engaged to teach reading, writing and grammar. Later on, around 1850, the Vicar was allowed two assistants, Fr. Manuel Anthony Fonseca and Fr. Elias Fernandes, who took over the task of education.



The old building being inadequate for the growing needs of the Parish, a new building was erected in its place in 1911 with a generous donation from Mrs. M. Cardeaux in memory of her husband and with the help of church funds and public subscription.

In 1913, Fr. Roque Fernandes took charge of the School and got it recognised by the Government as a High school in 1916. Towards the end of 1919, it was formally registered as a High school and affiliated to the Bombay University with the first batch of students appearing for Matriculation in 1921.

The School building, yet being inadequate for the growing number of children and classes, had to be accommodated in three separate buildings, the present Bosco Hall being devoted to the higher standards. In 1924, efforts were made to secure land. Hence, Msgr. Dominic Desa negotiated with the Salsette Catholic Housing Society and, in exchange for various scattered plots, obtained four acres of land, the fifth being purchased.



Construction of this iconic stone building was completed under the direction of the then-Vicar, Msgr. Dominic de Sa.
(Photo source: St. Andrew High School Annual 1935)



The foundation stone was blessed by Rt. Rev. Msgr. S.O. Xavier, Administrator of the Diocese, and laid by Sir Norman Macleod, Chief Justice of Bombay, on 28th April, 1926. On 4th December, 1927, at a cost of little over 2 lakh rupees, the stone building, now endearingly called “Dagdi School” (stone building), was declared open by Leslie Welson, Governor of Bombay.

St. Andrew's was a coeducational institution till the boys' section was shifted to the new building in 1927, although both boys' and girls' sections were under the control of the same Principal. In 1944, for better privacy and space, the girls' section was shifted to a building on the land now occupied by Apostolic Carmel Congregation and segregated from St. Andrew School in 1954.

Thanks to the efforts of Mr. Stephen D'Mello, Secretary, St. Andrew High School committee, the High school was built on the new site and not in the Church compound. This resulted in the School today boasting of a vast playground that is the pride of the School.

From a mere 125 students in 1882 to a strength of over 1000 students; from Pre-primary to Std. 10, St. Andrew High School has progressed. Acknowledging this history, Fr. Magi ensures that all boards and publications highlight the School's contribution to education as a "Pioneer School".

As the School moves towards its Centennial celebration in 2027, it does so with the new additions of hockey and football turfs, a turfed terrace and a specially designed HypeCourt for basketball. Principal Fr. Magi Murzello's dream has become a reality and today our school boasts of a sporting facility par excellence. Fr. Magi is known for his bright ideas that create magic, bringing in the much-needed sunshine and warmth creating a welcoming atmosphere in the drab school environment. The games room, the nature room, the e-sports arena using the Xbox concept, the robotics lab, an English lab, a cyber library and an expressive art room are some of the learning tools used to evoke a positive and healthy response in students urging and coaxing them into attending school every day. Buzz boards for every division from Stds. 5 to 10 inspire students to gather information on topics ranging from sports to entertainment to news and trivia. All-round development is ensured in this process.

In the years to come, we look forward to many such changes that will help St. Andrew High School retain itself as a pioneer school that believes in change, change for the better.

(School Handbook 2019 – 20)

Dear Fr. Magi, 1st September, 2011

Kind regards.

I write to thank you for a copy of the campus bulletin (**AndroMedia**) of my Alma Mater. It took me around 81 years back. I enjoyed being at St. Andrew's. I was the most mischievous student and it was said that Msgr. Henry Remedios' hand marks remain on my tender bottom.

I am happy to note that after school and college, Msgr. Henry used to proudly say: "He is my boy."

A good and interesting bulletin. Please put me on the monthly list.

With prayers and love.

God bless you!

Mr. Johnny Alves

The eX-factor

I am 86 years old and was in this school from 1933 to 1941. My school was a small house on Chimbai Road next to St. Andrew Church and we were 12 boys and girls in a whole class in this school. Our school was also known as the "Dagdi School". We had to learn to read and write for about two years and then appear for an exam. Each bench had three children on it and there were three inkwells. So, the maali would come every morning and fill ink with his ink kettle. After Std. 2, all the girls were shifted to St. Andrew School which is presently known as the Bosco Hall. Std. 8 was the Matric. We had to do maths, physics, chemistry, French and English. If there were any programmes or functions, then we would move to the big school. We had the routine inspections every year by a British Sir.

Well, this is all I remember about my great school, yet the song 'Andreans All' rings in my ears. There must be lots to say but that's enough for the moment as there is not much to remember at my age. Thank you.

(Mrs. Elsie D'Silva, AndroMedia, December 2011)

The Front Façade

While the School was receiving a facelift, Principal Fr. Magi ensured that the land around the building was not left out. Clearing up the road facing space in front of the School was quite a task but Fr. Magi ensured it took on a look that was worthy of its heritage. Neatly laid out lawns and a pathway with paver blocks were part of the new look. In 2012, the Batch of 1979 donated a statue of St. Andrew which takes pride of place on the front lawns along with a cannon whose origins are yet unknown. This cannon along with its twin was found buried on the front grounds of the School. While one has gone missing, the other is now prominently displayed. Thanks to these renovations, the entrance of the School now features in many advertisements, TV serials and Hindi films bringing fame to the School. May our school always flourish under the patronage of good St. Andrew!



Blessed by Our Lady

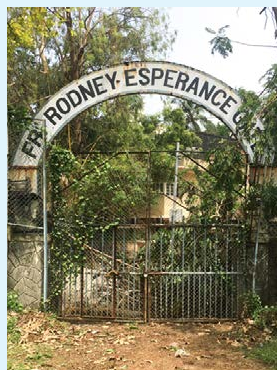
In January 2011, Fr. Magi Murzello built a grotto in honour of Our Lady on the lawns of the School under the shade of a mango tree and a jackfruit tree. The Grotto, constructed out of repurposed stones, has bestowed many a miracle on the School. Shortly after its construction, there was a large inflow of funds in the form of scholarships and donations. Alumni, retired staff and well-wishers began to give generously for the betterment of the School. The School staff, with much faith in Our Blessed Mother, light candles whenever her intercession is needed especially when the students are answering their SSC Board exams. Every feast day and special occasion sees the Grotto decorated with flowers while the staff of all faiths come together to recite a rosary.

May Our Lady continue to shower blessings on the School!



Honouring Past Principals

In recognition of their contribution to St. Andrew High School, Principal Fr. Magi named the four main gates of the School after past Principals. Thanks to the efforts of **Fr. Roque Fernandes** (1913 – 1920), a son of the soil, St. Andrew Parish School was recognised as a High School, the first one in Bandra. **Mr. J.S. Pereira** (1927 – 1931) was instrumental in planning all the details that went into making the stone building, a modern English school. **Fr. Rufus Pereira** (1969 – 1974) gave sports in the suburbs a huge boost when he opened the School grounds to other suburban schools. They were invited to hold their annual sports days as well as coach their football and hockey teams on the huge grounds. He also ensured that School land rented out for cultivation was returned and, today, St. Andrew's College stands proudly on that same plot of land. **Fr. Rodney Esperance** (1977 – 1981) will always be remembered for his dedication to education and sports. He was instrumental in setting up the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) through which many students benefited. He was a great visionary and St. Andrew's College bears testimony to it.

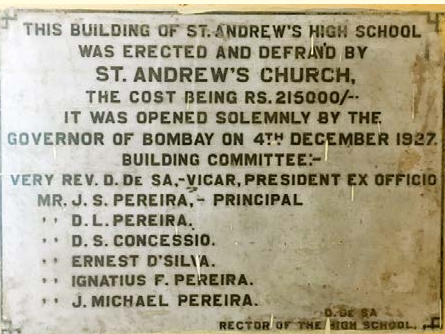


A Welcoming Lobby

In keeping with the Sunshine theme, Principal Fr. Magi had the School foyer repainted in bright colours. On the right is the Wall of Fame dedicated to those individuals who have left an indelible mark on our school and society at large. Mr. Francis D'Sa was instrumental in helping Fr. Magi retell the School's glorious history on its walls. All visitors to the School, from the parents to postmen, are offered a cup of steaming hot tea or coffee. During the monsoons, parents are most welcome to walk in and request one too.



Ms. Priya Dutt learns the St. Andrew's Cross Handshake



Principal Fr. Magi now insists that the students enter and exit the School through the main entrance. His presence in the lobby is visible by his readiness to shake hands with every boy. But this is no ordinary handshake; it is the special St. Andrew's Cross Handshake.



New Stage for the Boys

During fair weather, St. Andrew High School has a tradition of holding morning assembly on the School quadrangle. On days when the younger students conducted the Assembly, they would be made to balance precariously on a stool so that they could be seen by all, even the students sitting right behind. On identifying this problem, Principal Fr. Magi Murzello set about putting a solution in place. Thus, the stage in the Quadrangle was built without disturbing the original façade of the School. Inaugurated in 2010, the stage is now the venue for not just morning assemblies but also special functions like Republic Day, Maharashtra Day and even entertainment at fêtes like Androtsav.



The School Hall gets a Makeover

When the Primary building of St. Andrew High School was loaned to the Hospitality department of St. Andrew College, the School had to move to shift timings. This meant early mornings for the older students and late evenings for the younger ones which affected their schedules and academic performance. Fr. Magi therefore repurposed the School Hall to hold 3 laboratories and 4 classrooms so all could attend school at the same time. Now that the divisions are fewer, the laboratories and classrooms have moved to the lower floors. The School hall has been given a cheerful yellow and white facelift and is also air-conditioned.



Old Hall



Renovated AC Hall



Andrean Child Centre... A Class Apart

WOW! A new arena! A new classroom!

Yes, this is what the academic year 2015 - 2016 has surprised our little Andreans with. A bright, freshly painted, tiled classroom to go with the colour of the Mission Sunshine theme, two air-conditioners and flannel boards with colourful displayed charts caught the eyes of our little ones. Nothing opens a child's mind more than curiosity. At the Andrean Child Centre, we make sure that the child's mind is exposed to the right mix of fun and education in his formative years. Our home-like care and a combination of the activity-based curriculum help children achieve their full potential. Almost daily visits by our Magician, Fr. Magi Murzello, whose handshake and warmth brings glee to our boys who await his presence patiently.

Each academic year brings with it new challenges, new accomplishments and new goals. To introduce our Junior KG parents to the vibrant child-centred curriculum that gives each child the space for a holistic development, a parent orientation was held on Saturday, 25th July. The parents were introduced to the innovative methods of teaching and even experienced what their child would learn during the academic year. They received a token of love made by their child as part of the Parents' Day activity.

For some excitement during the rainy weather, our little ones were taken outdoors for Monsoon Masti. It was a joy to see them splash in puddles, feel the raindrops, sail paper boats, view some rain creatures through a magnifying glass and even enact a story, Storm in the Garden. 31st July being Guru Purnima Day, our children showed their love, respect and gratitude to our Principal and to the teachers by presenting floral tributes.

A spirit of freedom and a sense of pride were felt by our patriotic Andreans as they came dressed in traditional clothes to celebrate India's 69th Independence Day. The National Anthem was sung and the Pledge was recited.



Children enlightened us on some of our national symbols like peacock, tiger, banyan tree, mango, lotus and hockey. Wearing tricoloured headbands, they sang patriotic songs like We Shall Overcome, Oh India, Nanha Munna Rahi Hoon, Chodo Kal ki Baatein and Hum Honge Kaamyaab. They also enjoyed marching around the class in unison.

All of this would not have been possible without the dedication of the staff who work together tirelessly towards high quality education given to our little Andreans providing them the wind beneath their wings to soar high...

(M'am Giselle Demello, Pre-Primary Coordinator, AndroMedia, September 2015)

The Andrean Child Centre Abuzzzz...

Buzzzzzzzz...
What's that??

Buzzzzzzzz...
Oh! the humming of
bees.

Yes friends, the second term once again saw the Andrean Child Centre buzzing as usual. The little children were amazed to see the makeover of their classroom with bees buzzing around, a huge beehive, a bee clock and the Birthday Buzz as well. Truly, their classroom is Un'BEE'lievable!!!

(M'am Giselle Demello, Pre-Primary Coordinator,
AndroMedia, November 2015)



Sunshine Nursery Added



Sunshine Nursery is added to the Andrean Portfolio

(AndroMedia, September 2016)

The New Andrean Child Centre

Our school boasts of another feather in its cap. The Andrean Child Centre now has its own little space. Housed adjacent to Annexe Andrea, each new classroom boasts of a projector, air-conditioners and child-friendly furniture. There is even an in-house toilet facility.



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Classrooms Get a Facelift

Dear Fr. Magi,

‘Shukran’, ‘Abhari’, ‘Gracias’, ‘Salamat’, ‘Danke’, ‘Nandri’, ‘Merci’. A ‘Thank you’ in all the languages of the world would not be enough to express my gratitude. What a change! The bright yellow theme of the class took my breath away.

From drab to bright and shiny, it is a change that won’t go unnoticed. New flooring, new fans, new benches. I am so glad I belong to this school.

Proud to be an Andrean. St. Andrew’s is truly a world class school. I wish I had more time to spend in my new classroom. Nevertheless, I am glad that the students coming after me would have access to such world-class facilities. Fr. Magi, I am truly moved by your thoughtful gesture. The least we can do in return is promise to study hard and get good SSC results.

TanQ!!!

(Afroz Rehman, 10B, AndroMedia, December 2015)



Dear Fr. Magi,

First and foremost, my chest swells with pride to be an Andrean. I am so lucky to have you as my Principal, dear Father. We, your sons, as you fondly refer to us, have grown under your care and nurturing.

You have truly let the sunshine in. I am overwhelmed by the beautiful new classrooms for the Std. 9 and 10 students. Words cannot express my gratitude. The uniform black sweaters for all of us, with the beautiful school logo on each sweater... how thoughtful of you!

Father, you are truly the Yellow Santa for St. Andrew School. Each day spent here is a blessing. TanQ and God bless!

(Vighnesh Kapadia, 9A, AndroMedia, December 2015)



Dear Fr. Principal,

As I dragged myself back to school, after a long vacation, I had no inkling of the surprise that awaited me. On entering my classroom, not only was I surprised but was utterly and truly amazed at the changes that I encountered. I said to myself, “Is this really my classroom or have I entered some wrong class?” A shiny new flooring, yellow benches, a new coat of paint, six fans, LED lights etc. made it the most awesome classroom in the world.

Fr. Magi, you really are a magician with a magical wand. The next few days that I will spend here, will be etched in my memory forever. Words cannot express the gratitude that I feel for your genuine love towards us, your sons.

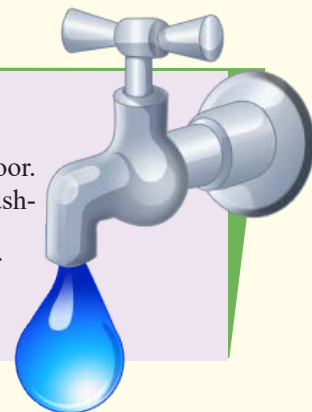
TanQ!!!

(Ashley Furtado, 10A, AndroMedia, December 2015)



New Washrooms on Every Floor

Not only were the classrooms revamped but new washrooms were added on each floor. Instead of having to leave the School building every time the boys needed to use the washroom or get a drink of water, they could now walk to the nearest end of the corridor and use the facilities there. This ensures that the facilities are adequate for the number of students present and they waste less time outside the classroom.



St. Andrew's Robotics Lab

Robotics is a multi-disciplinary tool that motivates, excites and inspires children about science and technology. Robotics Learning System (RLS) is a world-class robotics education platform implemented at St. Andrew High School through setting up of a robotics lab.

Our daily life is made easier because of the robots that surround us. Hence, a new subject for Stds. 5 to 9 has been introduced which is activity-based learning. Students, through building and programming robots, explore the fundamentals of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).



The RLS takes children beyond text-based study and teaches through the process of discovery. The hands-on way of learning gives them visual grasp

of mathematics and science. RLS helps build logical thinking and enhances problem-solving skills fostering creativity and innovation.

The course material has been systematically designed and graded for different classes. This is a promising and fruitful course for the students as robotics is already playing a pivotal and cutting-edge role in diverse sectors such as manufacturing, avionics, medicine, defence, automobile and entertainment. As technology becomes increasingly important in today's world, it is invaluable to not only learn how to use technology but also to understand how to create it. Technology is the future and today's children are tomorrow's technologists. We thank Fr. Magi, our Principal, for his foresight.

(Sir Ashutosh and M'am Cynthia, AndroMedia,
September 2012)



E-library - Developing the Reading Habit

The objective of every school library is to inculcate the habit of reading; children are introduced to the library and books right from the Kindergarten level. The corridors of the School are lined with open bookshelves with age-appropriate books.



Students can browse through them at leisure and even take them home to read. They realise the joys of reading as well as the importance of books in their formative years itself.

However, St. Andrew High School has gone a step further. The School also boasts of an e-library where books are available in the digital format. Given the attraction of screens, this library is proving to be even more popular than the good old-fashioned library. Principal Fr. Magi has no complaints. As long as the idea lures the students into reading books, he is happy.

From the Principal's Desk

Recently, a senior teacher suggested that we stop rewarding students with book vouchers since the students were not redeeming them at the local bookstores. They simply did not bother. Today, recreational reading is a lost cause. Gone are the days, when youngsters would greet each other, "Hi! What are you reading?"



As a young lad, I was a voracious reader. Unfortunately, books then were very expensive and school libraries were cold morgues. The librarian was usually a bored person who hated kids. Nevertheless, we kids had our own micro-circulating libraries. Our personal treasure troves had story books and comics that we got as birthday gifts or rewards on prize distribution day. The exchange system for our personal treasures would easily put the National Stock Exchange to shame. If you wanted to read an Asterix comic, you needed to trade 15 comics of Phantom or Mandrake. Enid Blyton's Famous Five books were exchanged for 5 Chandamamas/ 8 Tinkle comics/ 6 Amar Chitra Katha comics. Each book had its own exchange rate. Recreational reading was possible because we were not running from one place to another for different practices or subject tuitions. We were not glued to screens.

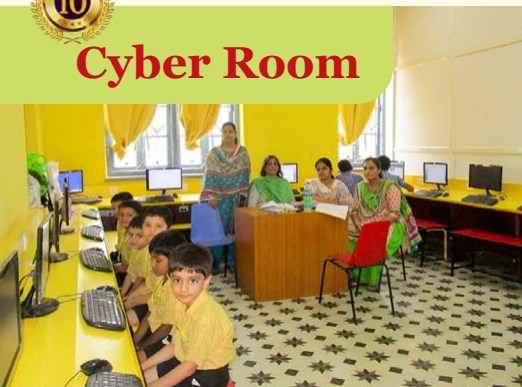
Recreational reading also called leisure reading or pleasure reading differs from academic reading or functional reading. Recreational reading empowers the reader and is a stepping stone to reading fluency. Reading enjoyment relaxes the reader and reduces stress. The myriad benefits of recreational reading are lost to meaningless pursuits in free time.

Hence, this vacation set aside at least 20 minutes every day to read a book of your choice. Let this time slot be the same every day. Students can even come to the School library during office hours and pick up books of their choice. The cyber library facility too can be utilised.

Grab a book! Enjoy Reading!

(AndroMedia, April 2017)

Cyber Room



At St. Andrew High School, the emphasis is on quality education and this tradition is reflected very clearly in the Computer Department, popularly known as the **Cyber Room**. The School ensures that children keep abreast with the fast-paced changes in the computer world rather than follow a stereotypical computer syllabus. This method nurtures creative and thinking minds that are forever exploring new realms in the computer arena.

(School Website)

3-D Laboratory

Another feather in the cap for us Andreans is our **3-D Laboratory**. What an awesome experience! Most of the classes have observed science lessons here since the lab was set up and every child's face has lit up in wonder.



Each lesson comes alive thanks to this amazing technique. The Digestive System for Std. 7 and Respiration for Std. 10 was akin to taking a boat ride through the body. The recap in class showed that retention capacity of the students had improved considerably. Students who hardly participated otherwise were enthusiastic to answer.

Fr. Magi invited parents to experience the lab and educated them about the impact of this method of learning. Our Supervisor, Sir Michael Lopes, was also present. Both, Fr. Magi and Sir Michael, answered their queries. Many parents complimented Fr. Magi for always bringing in innovative ideas.

Thanks to Fr. Magi, this technology will undoubtedly make learning fun.

(AndroMedia, 2019 – 20)



Solarium

The Solarium is the nerve centre for spreading sunshine. It houses a 'coun-solar' to appreciate and encourage the students. Principal Fr. Magi says, "Many youngsters are wary of meeting a counsellor. Their first thought is that they are being reprimanded and advised in a very stern manner. The coun-solar attends to students' needs on a one-to-one basis without parental interference. They instilled positive thoughts and appreciation for the student before solving their problems that ranged from personal issues to family pressure."



Expressive Art Room

A mini-stage, drapes, microphones, reading stands, stage lights, costumes, props, percussion instruments, a mini library, painting easels, craft materials and an array of other interesting paraphernalia fills a room on the second-floor level adjoining the hall. The creative use of fabric, string and foam sheeting on the walls and ceiling offers an instantly inspiring environment. This unique space is the School's new Expressive Arts facility set up in collaboration with ex-Andrean Carl Mendes whose company, Performers Platform, has been involved with the creative arts for nearly two decades.

Through this latest endeavour, our Principal Fr. Magi aims at offering the students a unique opportunity for holistic development through Expressive Arts i.e. theatrical and other creative activity. The goal is to balance the body and mind using artistic creativity to reach, teach and set out on the road to improvement.

The students will be offered opportunities through various activities and exercises, to



stimulate imagination and hone creative thought even while understanding the need for self-management, accountability and discipline. Sessions would include creative writing, impromptu speech/ acts, individual/ group presentations, mime, short film making, storytelling, thematic art installations, craft projects/ displays, photography and exhibitions.

Possibilities abound as growing minds explore and understand uniqueness of self and recognise worth through empathy and understanding... qualities of selfless leaders and optimism for a better tomorrow!

In the words of the great philosopher, Socrates: "Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel."

(M'am Theresa Aguiar, AndroMedia, June 2012)



Each year, Mr. Carl Mendes also trained the boys for their grand Annual Day productions

Language Lab

To further opportunities for the boys to enhance their English language skills through audio visual means, the Language Lab was founded by Principal Fr. Magi Murzello. The students have access to various modules that are pre-loaded for them. Parents are also welcome to use the language lab to better their own language skills.



Earth Crusaders in Action

So many types of pollution affect our environment, air pollution, water pollution, noise pollution and so on! But is there something being disturbed as well and we do not know much about it? Maybe we are even standing on it right now! Yes, one of the major ecological problems this world is facing is soil pollution.

Well, what is soil pollution? Soil pollution is caused by the presence of chemicals or other impurities in the natural soil environment. Soil containing more manure is said to be healthier soil. Earthworms play a very important role in keeping the soil fertile. They eat the nutrients and dead matter of organisms leaving behind good manure.

However, if the soil contains dry waste materials like plastic, paper, etc. the process of vermiculture can be greatly disturbed.

Independence Day was a week away. Preparations for Independence Day programmes were on in all schools. But were they forgetting something? Yes! Independence Day has its own beauty and magnificence, but somehow the next day it is indeed a really miserable sight to see so many of our tricolours lying on the ground. Along with showing complete disrespect to our nation, it contributes a lot towards soil pollution. The plastic and paper flags contaminate the soil and block the passage of water through it. Because of this, earthworms do not get enough to eat and hence are not able to produce manure.

The Earth Crusaders of our school had to do something to spread awareness about this problem. However, it wasn't feasible for us to print awareness advertisements or send our message through radio. But being school students, we could simply spread this message at least through our neighbouring schools. Five members of the nature club were selected to represent the school in our programme to spread awareness. We had to go to our neighbouring



schools, St. Stanislaus, Apostolic Carmel and St. Joseph's Convent. To make this message more meaningful and interesting, we created a short stop motion movie of an earthworm and soil being polluted using clay models made by us. We had to prepare ourselves to speak confidently as we were speaking to a big crowd. After receiving permission from the schools, on 13th August, we set out to deliver our message to Apostolic Carmel High School. After meeting the Principal, we learnt that due to some technical error, we couldn't do a video conference programme as only two classes at a time could see us. Hence, we were requested to make our presentation in all the divisions of Stds. 8 and 9. Accepting the challenge as we called it, we spoke to so many classrooms and the girls showed so much concern as we spoke. That ended our programme for that day. The next day, we left for St. Joseph's Convent High School and reached there early. The Principal greeted us and then sent us to the School hall where we were to present our message. Then, all of a sudden, we come to know that there is no projector installed for our presentation! This got us a little nervous as the girls too began filling up the hall with around eight classes! Even after a new projector was installed, the

video did not play. We did not lose courage; I started the programme and we went with the flow. After several tries, the video finally played! But sadly, without audio... It was a prayer song... But hurray! The whole crowd was familiar with the song and they start singing it! In the same way, the whole presentation happened beautifully. The Principal and teachers were in awe of us boys as, even without any teacher to help us, we managed to conduct the event amazingly!

Unfortunately, we could not make it to St. Stanislaus due to certain timing issues. But our project was completed! Our part to do something to save soil was



done! I, the present captain of The Earth Crusaders Club, thank each and every one who helped in making this successful! More projects to come, more green for us to be! Let's go green!

(Carlton Rodrigues, 10B, AndroMedia, December 2014)

AndroZone

During the monsoon months, students at St. Andrew's are allowed to use AndroZone, the games room, during their break time. The room is fitted with a foosball table (generously sponsored by the Batch of 2012), Xboxes and television sets (sponsored by Mr. Amrish Daftary of St. Andrew's Turf Park), and games like chess and carrom too.



Change in School Timings

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Happy Mornings – WOW!

Mission Sunshine. The ‘WOW’ magic... spread it! Fr. Magi and his team have given us a chance to say ‘WOW’ yet again! The change in the Primary school timings is a great step on the School’s part. We understand that the School authorities and teachers had to make major adjustments to cope with this big change. However, it has been a welcome change that students and parents have accepted with open arms, wide smiles and fresh early morning faces.

Kudos to Fr. Magi and his wonderful staff and teachers who work diligently towards imparting true education. We can’t thank you all enough!

(Mrs. Afra Porbunderwala, mother of Anas, 3B, AndroMedia, September 2016)

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From the Principal’s Desk

Change is inevitable. Nothing is as constant as change. Heraclitus, the ancient Greek philosopher, summed it up well. “Panta rei” which means “everything changeth.” Heraclitus saw change not only as something that we must accept but we must also celebrate change. Remember, if nothing ever changed, there would be no butterflies. I am sure that after reading this article, you will not be the same person. Either you will resent what I have written, or you will agree with me.

Our hockey ground was a grass jungle for more than a decade. No one ventured to walk in for fear of snakes and rodents. Today, Andrew’s has a turf instead. It is a great pleasure to see the transformation. A welcome change! A change that is being copied by other schools. In the previous issue of **AndroMedia**, the Primary parents expressed their joy and gratitude for changing the School timings. They embraced change with joy.

Sometimes, we do not welcome change. We resist and complain about changes. Yes! Change is stressful because it is comfortable to stay with the familiar. Change resisters focus on what they have to give up rather than what they or others have to gain. Unfortunately, if we don’t change, we don’t grow. We ossify and petrify eventually becoming fossils.

Although, St. Andrew High School began in 1780, a pioneer school, it is not an educational dinosaur. Here is a small example of our school marching with the

times. St. Andrew’s is the only school in India that has lockers for student mobiles. A welcome change for students and parents.

I am happy to announce more changes. Andean Child Centre and Sunshine Nursery moves into newly-built modern air-conditioned classrooms. The new timings are:

Senior KG: 9 am to 12 noon

Junior KG: 9 am to 11.45 am

Nursery: 9.30 am to 11.30 am

I am very sure that parents are going to rejoice at these changes. From the suggestions received from the Secondary parents, the School management has decided to change the Secondary section timings.

Secondary section: 8.15 am to 2 pm

Reasons for the change in timings are numerous. Earlier, we had the ‘shift’ system. Now the Primary section attends school in the morning and instead of rushing to school at 7 am every day, the Secondary students will have sufficient time to attend to their personal needs. The students who attend sports coaching classes will now not miss classes.

When we embrace the revolving door of change, we welcome life in all its fullness. The opposite of change is static, routine, boring. Hence, let us appreciate change... **celebrate change!**

(AndroMedia, October 2016)



Sleep... Just a little longer...

The change in Secondary section timings brought in positive and negative comments. But as they say, majority wins. Most of our parents lauded the idea of letting their wards sleep just a little bit longer to wake up fresh and face a new day at school. Here are some of their comments.

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I would like to thank our Principal, Fr. Magi Murzello, for the change in school timings. My child attends coaching in sports and is now able to concentrate better. He is more relaxed now. The timing has also benefitted students who travel to school from distant places or have to walk to school on dark, winter mornings. This timing has also made it possible for children to spend time in recreation and play, thus helping them have a healthy body and mind.

(Mrs. Gracy D'Souza, mother of Melvin, 8B, AndroMedia, December 2016)

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It is a very good decision taken by the Principal as it is a comfortable timing for students of all ages. It helps prevent overcrowding around the School premises as there are a good number of schools in close proximity to each other. The new timing also helps to bring about discipline. A big benefit is that children now get more time to prepare themselves for school.

(Prof G. T. Kedar, father of Ayush, 8A, AndroMedia, December 2016)

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I would really like to convey my heartiest thanks to the School management for the change in school timings. This change has brought in many benefits. My son gets enough sleep which is a must for growing children. He can concentrate better in class and I am sure his academic performance graph will be an impressive one as he will be more focussed on his studies. As a mother, I too stand to benefit as I can now cook a healthy lunch for my son which was difficult for me earlier. On a lighter note, we parents too get some much-needed sleep due to the change in school timings.

TanQ Fr. Magi Murzello!

(Mrs. Dilshad Chunara, mother of Abir, 5B, AndroMedia, December 2016)

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St. Andrew's Turf Park



From the Principal's Desk

Six years ago, I had displayed on the notice board, my plans to cover the hockey ground with turf. The hockey ground was used only once a year for an inter-parish tournament. For the rest of the year, it was a weed jungle that drew many complaints from the neighbours. I even put a 'turf tile' on display for students to feel the difference, to dream with me. Credit goes to Mr. Allwyn Quadros for inspiring me to dream the seemingly impossible dream.

Investments were huge and requests to ex-students, sports organisations and corporates drew a poor response. All hope was not lost. The Almighty answered our prayers by sending **Fr. Aniceto Pereira** and **Adv. Joaquim Reis** to keep our dreams alive. To ensure that Andreans did not live on dreams alone, Mr. Amrish Daftary came on the scene to fund the Project. The unstinted support of Fr. Caesar D'Mello, Mr. Ivan Mendonca, Mr. Cornel Gonsalves, Mrs. Karen D'Mello and Mr. Asif Zakaria made the Andrean Dream come true. A big TanQ to all of them and our well-wishers.

We have extended the use of our turf grounds to the neighbouring schools free of charge. We sincerely hope that Bandra is once again the cradle of sportspersons. Come alive, Bandra!

(AndroMedia,
May 2016)



Fr. Magi is awarded a trophy by MSSA
for giving impetus to hockey.
(AndroMedia, September 2016)

Mission 1 Million Accomplished

Under the Mission 1 Million initiative of our country, the FIFA Under-17 Football World Cup was organised on our school turf on 5th September, 2017 wherein the School trained around 920 students in 2 hours, the aim of the state of Maharashtra being to have all schools all over the state undergo such training on one particular day. It was a hectic schedule but was planned and executed well by Sir Vinod Nalawade who saw to it that all students got a taste of football frenzy. The presence of Mr. Dino Morea, ex-model and Hindi movie actor and a football aficionado added the much-needed enthusiasm. (AndroMedia, October 2017)

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Terrace Turf

On 30th November, 2018, Fr. Edwin D'Souza SDB, Rector, Shrine of Don Bosco's Madonna, Matunga, inaugurated St. Andrew's Fitness Centre. A mini turf on the terrace of our Institution, the fitness centre has a yoga section along with sporting activities like carrom, chess, table tennis and a cross-fit gymnasium which provides the students some much-needed exercise for the mind and body. It sees a steady stream of students rushing to partake of the sports activities that help keep them in good health; both, mentally and physically.

Even the students of the Andrean Child Centre took the opportunity to go right up and enjoy a fun-filled morning as they played indoor games. They even sat through a picture talk session and seemed attentive in the new arena.

A big TanQ to our Principal, Fr. Magi Murzello, for this innovative and unique recreation facility.

(AndroMedia, 2018 - 19)

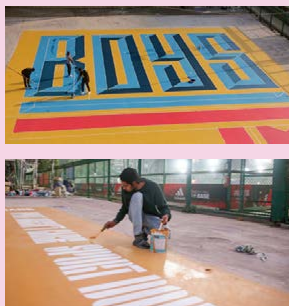




A New Basketball Court for the School

Our newly designed basketball court was unveiled on Saturday, 7th March, 2020, the eve of Women's Day, and was blessed by His Lordship, Bishop Barthol Barretto.

St+art India Foundation, in collaboration with Adidas and Asian Paints, worked towards creating a unique urban arts intervention on the basketball court of our School. The typographic artwork by Khatra, a New Delhi-based artist, was meant to celebrate the spirit of inclusivity and equality in sports. With the bold and insightful claim that 'sports doesn't care', the artwork highlights the fact that sports is and should be non-discriminatory. That is why the design on court reads 'Boys = Girls'.



Our School boys can look forward to enjoying an exciting game or two during School hours on this new Court once School reopens while the neighbourhood will use this facility during the evening hours. Stadium lights have been fitted all around to make maximum use of this facility.

(AndroMedia, 2019 – 20)



Honouring the Catholic Ethos

St. Andrew High School traces its history back to 1780 when it was set up as a parochial school to impart catechism in the Catholic faith. The School aims at the education, primarily of the Catholic community of the Parish (point 3 page 3 of the School handbook) and therefore Catholic values and beliefs cannot be ignored. It was with this thought in mind that Principal Fr. Magi Murzello began to commemorate important Catholic feasts in the School.



How can one celebrate Christmas without the heart of the celebration, the **Christmas crib**? In 2010, the School set up its first crib and has continued to do so every year even during the pandemic.

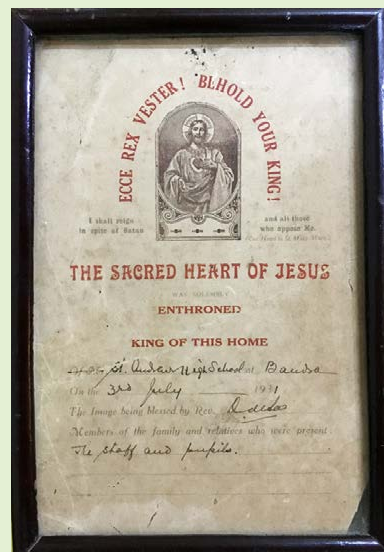
Festive lights are another aspect that add to that Christmassy feeling. With every street and building in Bandra lit up, Fr. Magi decided that the School too would embrace the spirit of a Bandra Christmas and be lit up despite the financial costs. Today, Bandraiters make it a point to walk past the School at least once during the season to admire both, the lights and the crib.



While clearing up the frontage of the School in 2011, Fr. Magi found a faded piece of cardboard thrown in one corner of the garage. On closer inspection, it was found that the School had been dedicated to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus** in 1931.

From 2012 onwards, Fr. Magi and the Parish fathers have faithfully rededicated the School to the Sacred Heart

every June, the start of the academic year. A short prayer service is held in the lobby followed by all rooms and classrooms being blessed with holy water.





30th November is the feast of patron saint, **St. Andrew**. His story is featured on page 2 of the School hand-book along with a full-page coloured photograph on the facing page. **Children's Day**, the birthday of Chacha Nehru, is also celebrated in November. In 2011, Fr. Magi decided to celebrate both these occasions with **Androtsav**; a morning of fun and laughter open to all students of the School. With rides, game stalls and a variety of food stalls put up by the parents and staff, the students would spend a wonderful morning. In 2019, Fr. Magi made it an even grander celebration. Spread over two days with

a dance competition and stage entertainment, the event was also thrown open to the community.

Come early-September, if you are in Bandra, you cannot miss the crowds making their way to the **Basilica of Our Lady of the Mount**. Each of the Archdiocesan schools in Bandra would also organise their own pilgrimages during this week. Given that the

Catholic presence is so strong in Bandra, Fr. Magi decided to organise a common pilgrimage for all schools. In 2014, Archdiocesan schools from Mahim, Bandra and Santacruz came together to walk for world peace. In 2019, Fr. Magi added another dimension to the pilgrimage.



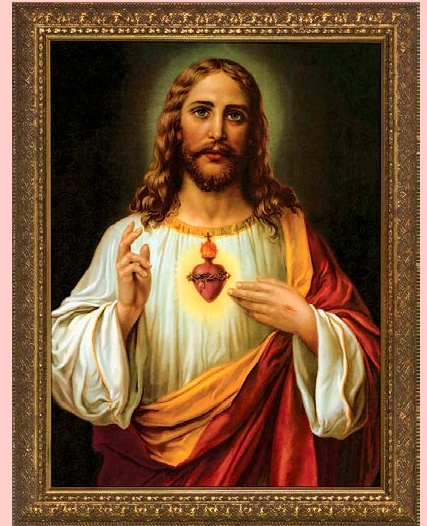
CareerGyaan 2019, a career awareness programme, was organised in collaboration with Archdiocesan Board of Education and Diocesan Youth Centre for students of Stds. 9 and 10. Schools from all over Mumbai attended, making the programme a resounding success.

In addition to this, the School continues to hold First Friday Masses, regular Confessions, recollections for senior students and even Way of the Cross during Lent.



Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

28th June, 2019 was a day of celebration at St. Andrew High School, as it is the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Our School was consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on this day in 1931. This year, the special prayer service was conducted by Fr. Clarence Fonseca, Parish Priest of St. Andrew Church and Manager of our School. Principal Fr. Magi Murzello and Asst. Parish Priest Fr. Anthony Alphonso joined Fr. Clarence in blessing the entire school premises. This was followed by a Mass invoking God's blessing on St. Andrew High School for the new academic year 2019-20.



(AndroMedia,
2019 – 20)



1700 Kids Walk for World Peace in Bandra

Around 1,700 students came together for the Bandra inter-school pilgrimage on Tuesday at Mount Mary Church.

Students from 15 different schools gathered to pray for world peace. The students from Mahim and Santacruz were brought by bus, whereas the students from Bandra walked till Apostolic Carmel High School and Junior College. The procession started at 7.45 am from Apostolic Carmel High School and Junior College till Mount Mary Church. The Mass was held at 8.30 am. The idea was initiated by Fr. Magi Murzello, Principal of St. Andrew High School. Bishop Bosco Penha led the prayer service.



Sr. PearlAnne, Principal, Apostolic Carmel High School and Junior College, said, "This is the first time that so many students have come together for a peace prayer."

Sherryann Shirname, Std. 10 student at Apostolic Carmel High School, said, "I have attended this Mass for the first time. This has been a wonderful experience."

(DNA Newspaper, 17th September, 2014)

Ave Maria – A Walk to Meet the Divine

8th September is celebrated throughout the world as the birthday of our Blessed Virgin Mother Mary (Mother of Jesus Christ). Nine days prior to this day, Novena Mass services are organised by all Roman Catholic churches where people pray and seek the blessings of our Blessed Mother. Mount Mary Basilica is one of the divine destination landmarks in Mumbai. The story of the shrine goes like this - the statue of Mother Mary was brought by a Jesuit priest in the 16th century and a chapel was built. In the 18th century, pirates attacked this chapel to get hold of the gilt-lined object held in the hand. They disfigured the statue by cutting the right

hand. In 1760 the church was rebuilt and the statue substituted as Our Lady of Navigators in St. Andrew Church. A koli fisherman dreamt that he would find a statue in the sea. The statue was found floating in the sea between 1700 and 1760 and the church was rebuilt 'Mot – Mauli' - The Pearl Mother.



Devotees from neighbouring regions come to offer their prayers and put forth their various petitions to the Blessed Mother who intercedes with her Son, Jesus. Bandra Feast is truly the feast of the people of Bandra . This feast begins on the first Sunday after 8th September and is carried on for a week. Schools located in Bandra have been maintaining the rich culture and tradition of going on an annual pilgrimage with their staff and students.

This year, on 14th September, the schools affiliated to the Archdiocesan Board of Education (ABE) came together in solidarity for the pilgrimage to the Mount. Planned and organised by Fr. George Athaide and executed, conducted and coordinated by our Principal, Rev. Fr. Magi Murzello, we saw approximately 1500 students from most ABE schools participating in this solemn celebration. The Mass was celebrated by Bishop Agnelo Gracias.

We hope that this tradition stays alive and continues year after year with the same zest and zeal. We intercede with our Mother Mary to bless us and our Motherland India.

(M'am Sameerah Khatkhatay, AndroMedia, October 2017)

Marian Pilgrimage 2018

The ABE Marian Pilgrimage was held on Tuesday, 11th September, 2018. All students, with their respective teachers, were asked to assemble at Apostolic Carmel High School, Bandra by 8.30 am. More than 1700 catholic students from 32 schools participated. These students walked in a procession to the Mount under the supervision of the teachers, reciting the Rosary and singing hymns. Bishop John Rodrigues, along with 12 concelebrants, celebrated the Mass for these students at 10.30 am. Fr. Principal, ably aided by the staff and parents of our School, co-ordinated the Programme. After the Mass, snack boxes were distributed to all the attendees.

(AndroMedia, 2018 – 19)



CareerGyaan 2019

On the morning of 13th September, 2019, the students of Stds. 9 and 10 attended the Marian Pilgrimage organised by ABE to the Basilica of Our Lady of the Mount where they joined 800 students and teachers from different schools. After embarking on a spiritual journey through the Mass that was celebrated by His Lordship, Bishop John Rodrigues, the students then proceeded to Apostolic Carmel High School for a career guidance programme.

‘CareerGyaan 2019.... launch yourself’. This novel idea was conceptualised by none other than our Principal Fr. Magi Murzello and organised by Diocesan Youth Centre. Eminent speakers like Mr. Viren Rasquinha, former Olympic Hockey player, and Mr. Vishaal Rasquinha, the super cool Emcee, shared their life experiences. Fr. Godfrey D’Sa SDB helped broaden the students’ perspective with regards to various career options. Mr. Luis Miranda encouraged the students to look beyond. Students were given a book titled ‘Build the hero within you’ written by Fr. Alfonso Elengikal SSP. The take home message for our students was – Do whatever makes you happy but do it well. There is no shortcut to success.

The students expressed their gratitude to Fr. Magi for a truly enriching experience. His Lordship, Bishop Barthol Barretto, appreciated the work done by our Helping Hands parents in maintaining order and discipline.



(AndroMedia, 2019 – 20)



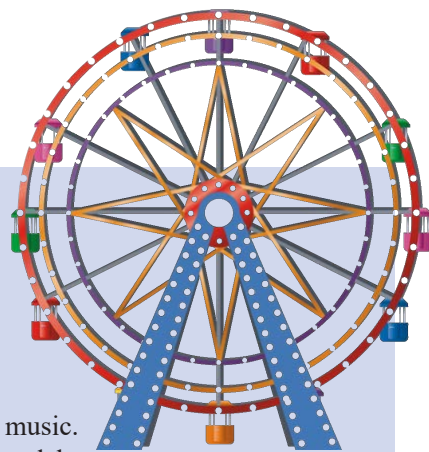


Androtsav 2011

‘All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy’
With this in mind, the students of St. Andrew High School were treated to a morning of fun and frolic on 19th November, a belated Children’s Day celebration.

ANDROTSAV, as it was called, was a kaleidoscope of food, fun, colour and music. Loud voices beckoned from the different stalls selling sandwiches, noodles, gulab jamuns and cold drinks. The game stalls (Trick Track, Aim n Dart, Minute to Win It, Can Shooter, Pepsi Dhamaka) were filled with shrieking children asking for one more chance. Students of Stds. 9 and 10 danced to the pulsating music played by Sir James on centre stage. Kudos to Fr. Magi and his team of teachers, parents and students who put up such a wonderful show.

(Akbar Gandhi, 9B, AndroMedia, December 2011)



Androtsav 2013

The feast of St. Andrew on 30th November started on a very positive note. The morning commenced with a holy Mass celebrated by His Lordship Bishop John Rodrigues. A lovely homily on St. Andrew, the disciple of Jesus, was followed by a meaningful PowerPoint presentation on the life and struggle of St. Andrew by M’am Livia D’Sa. The angelic choir was led by M’am Felicia and the boys.

After the Eucharist, His Lordship blessed and inaugurated the new rooms prepared by our Principal which included the Nature Room, the Herbal Garden, the newly-airconditioned Mission Sunshine classroom, E-library and Androzone. The gathering ended with a small fellowship in the parlour and a group snap of the entire staff with His Lordship.

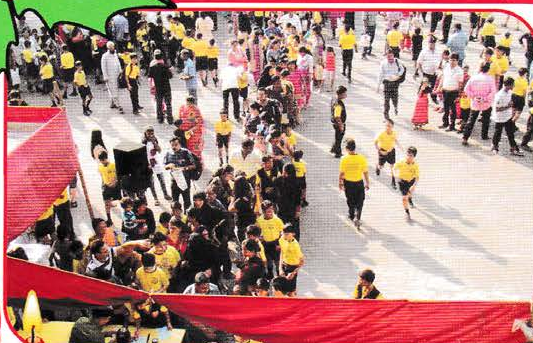
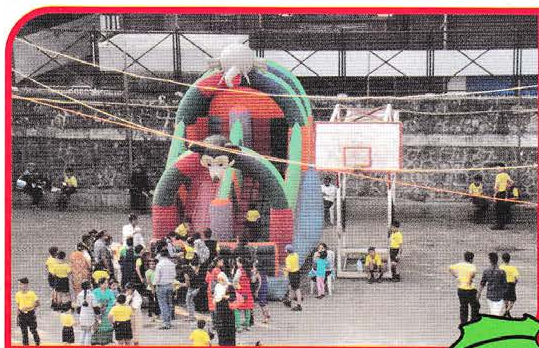
ANDROTSAV, organised by the teachers and the student council in the School quadrangle, was inaugurated by His Lordship. Each class put out a stall comprising two fun-filled games. Students patronised the game stalls overwhelmingly. To add on, there were many eatery stalls and a talented DJ with the latest Hollywood and Bollywood numbers which made the dance floor go wild. The wonderful morning ended at 11.30 am as everyone left with a smile on their faces and a feeling of contentment.

Hats off to our Principal Fr. Magi and his team of dedicated teachers. The hard work and dedication put up by the whole school truly matches the School’s motto, ‘Where there is a cross, there is light.’ The cross that the students carry is heavy but with the warm light of appreciation, the burden can be joyfully carried.

(Sir Charles Miranda, Secondary, AndroMedia, December 2013)



Androtsav 2015



Androtsav 2019

To celebrate the feast of our patron saint, St. Andrew, the School organised **Androtsav**, a fun fair held over 2 days i.e. 29th and 30th November, 2019. The word, Androtsav, is a blend of Andrew and Utsav (festival). Announced a few weeks earlier, the fair generated much excitement among our boys as they were invited to participate in a dance competition with grand prizes to be won in the solo as well as group categories.

29th November couldn't arrive soon enough as the eager boys filled the School's basketball court. The event was inaugurated by Fr. Frazer Mascarenhas SJ (Parish Priest, St. Peter Church and Manager, St. Stanislaus High School). Also present were Fr. Clarence Fonseca,



Fr. Magi Murzello, M'am Vivette D'Mello and M'am Giselle Demello to light the samai. There were fun rides for the little ones, a variety of entertainment, and stalls with a range of cuisines and knick-knacks for everyone. Spot prizes announced every few minutes kept everyone alert. Not only did InfraRed provide lots of entertainment with their performance, but they also brought along their fantastic sound system that only heightened the experience.

The dance competition on 30th November had the boys cheering on their friends and classmates who competed against students from the neighbouring schools. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to showcase their dancing skills. Our compères did a stellar job of holding the event together. We were blessed to have X-Andreas Ivo D'Cruz and M'am Sarita Manchanda compère the event. The organisation and management of the event would not have been possible without the parents of the Helping Hands team who made sure everything went off smoothly.





From the Principal's Desk

One of the most popular customs associated with Christmas celebrations is the Christmas crib. St. Francis of Assisi is credited with creating the first crib in 1223 at Greccio, Italy. At that time, the idea was so radical that St. Francis wrote to Pope Honorius III for permission to go ahead with his plans.

The first Christmas crib in our school campus was put up in 2010 by the supporting staff and office staff. It was an inter-faith crib because the staff members belonged to different faiths. They wanted the parishioners who attended the Christmas Vigil Mass on our School grounds to welcome the Prince of Peace in their hearts as they returned home. Unfortunately, some radical students of our school vandalised the crib. The disturbing news made it to the international scene. The sentiments of the Christian

community were hurt. What was very shocking was that there was no remorse among the radical students or their parents. Keeping with the Christmas spirit, we forgave them.

Come to think of it, Christmas is radical too. 'God-with-us' is a radical notion. 'Peace and goodwill to all' is radical too.

Join us on 28th December at 6.30 pm to welcome parishioners as they visit our school crib. This year, our crib has been selected as one of the stations of the Nativity. We are greatly honoured.

Have a radical 'Crib'-mas... spread the message of peace to the hate-driven world.

(AndroMedia, December 2015)



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Photo courtesy: Ryan Demello, X-Andrian, Class of 1989

MISSION SUNSHINE: BORN 2010 – STILL GOING STRONG!

“A new baby is like the beginning of all things – wonder, hope, a dream of possibility.”
- Eda J. LeShan

From the Principal's Desk

Although I was privileged to conceive the idea of **Mission Sunshine**, the concept proved to be life-changing thanks to the encouragement and invaluable feedback given by my college guide, Dr. Geeta Shetty, every step of the way. It was she who convinced me that my brainchild had the power to transform school consciousness. She nurtured my bundle of joy with her profound thinking as well as her inspiring embodiment. **Mission Sunshine** was finally born on 31st July, 2010. I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to her. TanQ M'am for inculcating in me the importance of appreciation... the WOW magic!

I am grateful to Mr. Verus Ferreira for spotlighting the launch and growth of **Mission Sunshine** in national magazines and newsletters. The logo was beautifully designed by Mr. Francis H D'Sa. To both these godfathers, my heartfelt thanks.

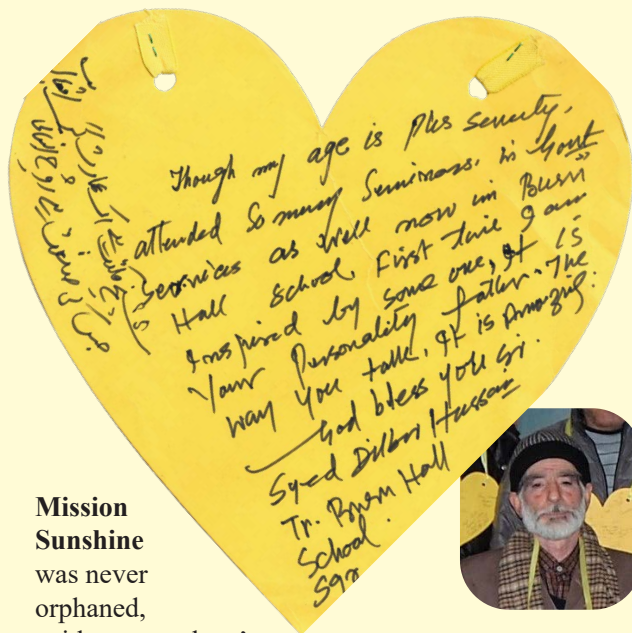


I must also acknowledge Fr. Reuben Tellis who introduced me to the world of teachers' workshops in Punjab and Haryana. His constant encouragement gave me the courage to share **Mission Sunshine** with more than 300 schools across India. My first invitation was extended by Sr. Gail Alphonso from Meerut. I was anxious but the teachers joyously adopted my pet project as it took nervous baby steps towards them. They convinced me that **Mission Sunshine** was not a test-tube baby or a designer baby but a 'miracle baby' as I witnessed the first miracle there. A teacher had lost her only son while he was an army officer-in-training. She was shattered and went into a shell. On the first day of the workshop, she was just a passive observer. The next day, there was

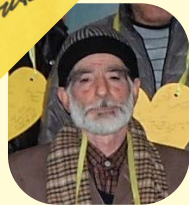
a slight smile. On the final day, she was back to her earlier joyful self. Wow-llelulia! Her colleagues could not believe their eyes. That evening, her army husband came to thank me. The "Nice, Nice Baby" later got me an international award and a hard-earned Distinction in my M.Ed course.



The most recent miracle was in Kashmir when I was invited by the teachers for the second time to their school. Their warm welcome made me forget the freezing temperatures and lurking terror. At the end of the day, a very senior teacher came up to me and gave me a big hug. On a paper heart that I had earlier distributed to the teachers, he wrote words of appreciation and blessing for me in Urdu.



Mission Sunshine was never orphaned, neither at teachers' workshops nor school leaders' seminars nor at a lawyer's conference in Shimla. At that conference, I





had the honour of rubbing shoulders with chief justices from Sri Lanka and Himachal Pradesh, judges of the Supreme Court and

high courts, vice-chancellors from various universities and human rights activists. **Mission Sunshine** qualified me as a child rights activist because I was passionately promoting it across various schools nationwide. When I addressed the august audience, I appreciated their efforts in making the Right to

Education (RTE) a fundamental right for children. However, I pleaded with the legal fraternity to evolve further and ensure that every child also had the **Right to Encouragement** (appreciation), the **Right to Evaluate** (give feedback) and the **Right to Employment** (after completing education). Like the iconic Lion King scene in the song 'Circle of Life', I too held up **Mission Sunshine** and introduced them to the Circle of Appreciation. **Mission Sunshine** made me an instant celebrity at that conference.

Mission Sunshine is unequivocally a miracle of Life! Neither King Herod nor King Kansa can slaughter it as it has a noble mission to make schools like Oscar Wilde dreamt it to be... Schools should be the most beautiful place in every town and village; so beautiful that the punishment for undutiful children should be barred from going to school the following day.

TanQ to every stakeholder of the school for making **Mission Sunshine** a nation-building success.

With deep gratitude to God, I pray that **Mission Sunshine** continues to make a vital contribution to the arising of a new consciousness. It is in appreciation that we are lovingly connected to God.

(AndroMedia, 2019 – 20)



Fr. Magi Murzello receiving the 'Educator – Innovator' Award and cash prize for MISSION SUNSHINE from Dr. Robert J. Saunders and Dr. Sunita Gandhi, co-founders, Council for Global Education – USA at the 5th International Round Table Conference.

(AndroMedia, December 2011)

Metamorphosis at St. Andrew's

“**G**ratITUDE makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.”

Today, education is child centred. Gone are the days of 'Spare the rod and spoil the child.' The world today has changed and with this in mind, St. Andrew High School has adopted the old policy of the CARROT rather than the CANE. The project of **MISSION SUNSHINE**, the brainchild of Fr. Magi Murzello, has been introduced and has gone a long way to change the atmosphere in St. Andrew's, making it a happy learning-teaching process.

the faces of the children, teachers, staff and parents. The colour yellow was splashed everywhere: in attire, on boards, in decoration and so on. Honourable Member of Parliament Smt. Priya Dutt, chief guest of the day, inaugurated the project.

St. Andrew's has now changed Reel into Real by bringing in the magic of appreciation in the teaching-learning process. Children will no longer sing, "Give me sunshine, give me rain, give me another chance to grow up once again."

At St. Andrew's, we believe that faith transcends reason, and we are out to make the Impossible Dream a Possible Reality.

(M'am Theresa Aguiar, AndroMedia, August 2011)



The inauguration of the project was done on 31st July, 2010. The day was dull and gloomy but the brightness of Sunshine reflected from the glow of happiness on

Mission Sunshine travels...



Meerut, April 2009



German delegation - Mumbai, February 2014



Punjab, September 2015



Arunachal Pradesh, January 2018



Jammu, July 2018



Delhi, March 2019



Our Lady of Nazareth High School - Bhayandar, Thane, June 2019



Kashmir, March 2019



Indian Association of Secretaries and Administrative Professionals - Mumbai, August 2019

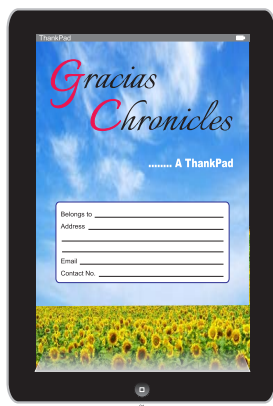


St. Teresa Convent High School - Santacruz, Mumbai, June 2019

... as well as many other schools in Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Vasai, Virar, Thane, Nashik, Panchgani, Himachal Pradesh (Kalka, Shimla), Punjab (Barnala, Bhatinda, Ludhiana), Chandigarh, Haryana (Karnal), Uttar Pradesh (Hathras, Meerut, Saharanpur), Rajasthan (Ajmer, Bikaner, Mount Abu, Jaipur, Jodhpur, Kota), Gujarat (Ahmedabad, Gandhidham, Gandhinagar), Goa, Karnataka (Mangalore) and West Bengal (Chittaranjan, Kolkata).

The ThankPad Magic 2013

Apple, one of the most popular mobile companies is making a lot of money. Almost half the world is craving to be the owner of an iPad. Not only the iPad but many other electronic tablets in the market are being sold in huge numbers daily. But is only an iPad or any other tablet that can make a person

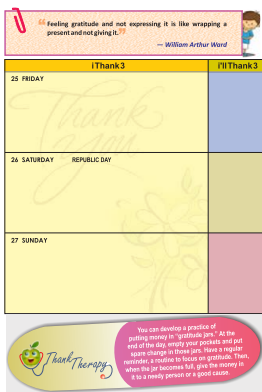


sort of thing? Maybe yes... but not this one! The name of this book itself sounds interesting – the **ThankPad**! The cover of this book also makes it look like an iPad with its screen printed on its front cover. On the screen there are application icons such as iThank, i'llThank3, DankeThank, TanQ notes, calendar, holiday list, etc. Well, as you know, this is a book and not a tablet, the 'app' icons on the front cover are nothing but the contents of the book. What exactly makes the book interesting? The whole book itself is interesting!



The iThank is an everyday activity that has to be done by us students... we have to write three people we thanked in a day in the columns. This helps us to appreciate even the smallest deed done to us in our daily lives. For example, we can thank the milkman, the peon of our school or our parents. The TanQ notes are small sheets to be given to the one you appreciate with a message to be written on it because in this pad you don't need Bluetooth to share your feelings! The calendar in it is a normal 2013 and 2014 calendar. The Thank Therapy in the book is a small message and appreciative activity on every page of the book. It is like health treatment for the soul! And the medicine given by it is "just being appreciative!" And one of the most unique things on every page is the TanQ Lingua; it is simply 'Thank You' written in different languages on every page. You may not travel the whole world to use all types of 'Thank You' but saying it in different languages to people is fun, isn't it? You could also say that this book is a product of MISSION SUNSHINE, the project we all know about because it is all about spreading the WOW magic!

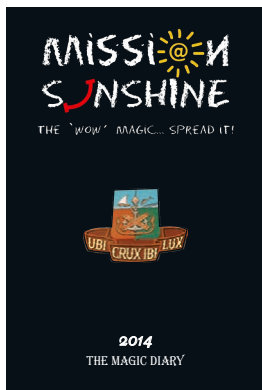
Obrigado Fr. Magi! Dhanyavaad Fr. Magi! Spasibo!
(Carlton Rodrigues, 9B, AndroMedia, October 2013)



happy? The answer to my question is obviously a big "NO!" There are many more things that can put a smile on a person's face! One of them is designed by our Principal, Fr. Magi Murzello. It is a book for students. Now isn't a book supposed to be a boring

The Magic Book 2014

“Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, but today is a gift! Hence, it is called the ‘present’.” Well, this tells us how special each day is to us. We get so many opportunities in every single day of our life. Wise men always say a day is never good or bad, but it is we who make our day good or bad. Though every day should be taken as a good day, but how? Aren’t there so many negative things happening with us? Happening with people around us? Well, as I said, it is we who make our day happen! If we keep both-
 ering about the bad things happening around, there is no chance of our day going as a good day. Writing a diary is a good way of remembering all the good things that happened to you in a day. However, for most of us students writing a simple diary is a little boring. How could this problem be solved?



dedicated to an Indian, February to a neighbour, March to a friend and so on! To make the diary more interesting, on the top of every page is a different ‘body fact’ that tell us amazing things about a human body as we go through the diary.

Also, on the bottom of each page, we have quotes by different great people somehow focusing and connecting to the person that the month is dedicated to. How was your day? You can even rate it! Just above the quotes, there are five little smileys where we can rate our day out of those five smileys. Next to those five smileys, you mention at what time you slept at night because Irish proverb says, “A good laugh and a long sleep are the best cures in the doctor’s book.” There’s even a Wow word for the week; in that way we learn new words to appreciate people! And finally, the main column to write what your day was like, the day on the upper right corner and the month and year on the upper left corner, So, now what else to say?

A BIG TanQ to our Principal for inventing another commodity that can bring about more sunshine in our world.

Fr. Magi has spent nights working on this diary which has resulted in such a fantastic book! So go on! Write your diary, rate your day, read a fact and the most important... WOW somebody!

(Carlton Rodrigues, 10B, AndroMedia, August 2014)

01 WED January 2014

Do you know that our stomachs have such powerful acid that it can even soften the knife blades made of steel!

I Wowed another Indian by

RATE YOUR DAY ☺ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ LAST NIGHT I SLEPT AT _____ p.m./a.m.

India is the cradle of the human race, the birth place of human speech, the mother of history, the grand mother of legend, and the great grandmother of tradition. Our most valuable and most instructive materials in the history of man are treasured up in India only!

- Mark Twain

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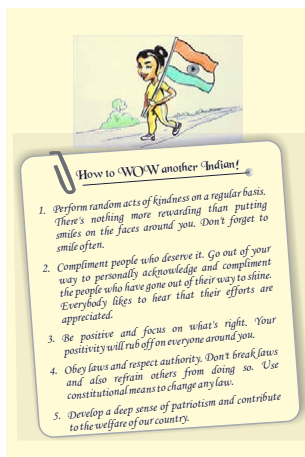
On average, every human generates nearly one liter saliva after every 24 hours. Not only does it help you in digesting down the food but it also wash down your teeth as well.

I Wowed another Indian by

WOW word for the week: incredible!

RATE YOUR DAY ☺ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ LAST NIGHT I SLEPT AT _____ p.m./a.m.

The art of Navigation was born in the river Sindhu 6000 years ago. The very word Navigation is derived from the Sanskrit word NAVAGATIH. The word navy is also derived from Sanskrit 'Nau'.



Luckily, our ‘Wizard of Andr-OZ’ had a surprising solution like always. He designed this special diary that can bring a smile on its user’s face whenever he wrote in it. Magic, isn’t it? Therefore, he even named the diary as **The MAGIC Diary**. As it is a part of **MISSION SUNSHINE**, it has a black outer cover and

then bright yellow inside. Now, what is so special about this diary? Well, it is also called the ‘WOW’ diary. Why? Because every month of this diary is dedicated to a person that we have to ‘wow’, in other words; appreciate!

Each day that we write our diary, we are told to write about how we wowed that dedicated person in a column given on the starting of the page. January is



Magic Diary 2014

In the **Magic Diary 2014** distributed to students and well-wishers, September has been designated as the month to **WOW** teachers. There are five ways in the **Magic Diary** by which students can **WOW** their teachers.

1

Arrive in school on time. Being tardy to school shows irresponsibility, so aim for being early.

2

Sit at the front of the classroom whenever possible. This will prevent you from fooling around during class and it helps you focus better than if you were in the back. Studies show that generally teachers tend to prefer students that sit up front because those students have the self-control not to fool around.

3

Go to sleep on time. Get enough sleep. If you're in a class that's not too exciting, being sleep deprived won't help. Make sure you're sleeping well at night, you should try hard to go to sleep for at least eight hours. (Hence, the Magic Diary insists that the students write the next day what time they went to sleep.)

4

Do your homework. Manage your time and do your homework as early as possible. This will not only keep your grades up but also make your teacher glad that you can do what he/she expects of you.

5

Answer questions. Participate. If you know the answer to a question, put your hand up. It's ok if you don't answer the question correctly. Your teacher will be happy you made the effort.

Even parents can **WOW** teachers by treating them with respect and acknowledging them as educational experts. Parents who value education and are supportive of education strategies harnessed by teachers inspire them to make a difference in the lives of their children.

“Teachers appreciate being appreciated, for teacher appreciation is their highest award.” – William Prince

So go ahead, parents and students, and **WOW** our teachers. Bring sunshine into their lives!

(AndroMedia, September 2014)

Sunshine Diary 2017

THE MAGICAL MISSION SUNSHINE DIARY

The Mission Sunshine Diary is like a spell cast by the Magician and Bee Boss of St. Andrew High School, Fr. Magi Murzello. It has brought about a transformation in my behaviour. Each time I write down my gratitude for different people in this diary, it reminds me of the smile on the faces of people whom I have thanked. Gratitude has now become the way of life. The words ‘Thank You’ come out very easily and it brings me great joy when I see the joy being reflected to all those I come in contact with. It is indeed a magical spell that binds people together and connects their hearts. As I go through life, I feel grateful for all the blessings that come my way when I appreciate a good deed wholeheartedly. Thank You Fr. Magi for giving us such a brilliant diary.

(Aayush Kedar, 8A, AndroMedia, April 2017)

MY THOUGHTS, MY FEELINGS, MY DIARY

Every year, we look forward to the amazing diary that our dear Principal, Fr. Magi Murzello, gives us with a new theme and a new look. Not only has this year's diary lived up to the high standards but it has gone a step further in becoming better and more user friendly. The theme of appreciation continues. The outer cover has multiple meanings. Creativity at its best!

This diary has made me appreciative of a lot of things that I would previously take for granted. One thing that I learnt through my years at St. Andrew High School is that, if you appreciate others, it comes back to you. It creates joy and brings in a sense of well-being. Thank you, Bee Boss Fr. Magi, for teaching me to appreciate everything in life. I will forever be grateful to you.

(Ahmed Shaikh, 8A, AndroMedia, April 2017)

THE ANDREAN DIARY – AN EXPRESSION OF FEELINGS

Writing a diary helps in pouring out your innermost thoughts and gives expression to your feelings. It also inculcates a sense of discipline in everyone. The Mission Sunshine diary with such a unique concept makes a person realise the potential that one has to change situations and people around us with just words of gratitude and a smile.

I can see a massive change in my son's behaviour after he has started writing the diary. He has become more appreciative of everyone and everything. In today's materialistic world, when you still see children growing with values, your heart indeed swells with pride. With deep gratitude, I would like to thank Principal Fr. Magi Murzello for implementing such innovative and fruitful ideas in the minds and hearts of students. They will go out into the world not only as good students but also as good human beings.

(Dr. G. T. Kedar, father of Aayush, 8A, AndroMedia, April 2017)

Best Class of the Month

Each month, we recognise the students of a class that have excelled in overall performance with the "Best Class of the Month" award. Students receive "Stars" for individual merit, winning quiz competitions, keeping the notice boards updated, good behaviour, etc. Indiscipline too has its downside with sun-spots deducting points. The class with the highest number of points receives many benefits

including the Class Teacher who also receives an award.

In the month of August 2014, Class 5B received this recognition. Congratulations to the students and their class teacher Mrs. Jessie Dodti.

(AndroMedia, September 2014)



Buzz Boards

Do you want your daily dose of positivity? Then look no further than the Buzz Boards decorated by every division of the School. The Boards are displayed in the corridors and are meant to appreciate the different areas of life. A theme is given by Principal Fr. Magi Murzello along with a deadline to put up the appreciation board. Points are given and added to class scores for the Best Class of the Month. Birthdays of the classmates are also celebrated through these Buzz Boards.



The Yeh-Lo Santa Project

Care-n-Share

A **YELLOW SANTA...** Have you heard of one? Surely not!!! Let me share the experience a few teachers of the Andrean Child Centre, Principal Fr. Magi Murzello and our support staff had on a social outreach to the Society of the Helpers of Mary, an orphanage for girls, on Sunday, 5th January, 2014. In the true spirit of giving, our large-hearted parents left no stone unturned and generously contributed items like biscuits, chocolates, food grains, stationery and toiletries towards the **Yellow Santa Project**. It was not about charity but giving from the heart.

When we reached the orphanage, we were welcomed by girls of different ages with broad smiles. Our Principal, along with our **Yellow Santa**, handed over the items to them and explained that the **Yellow**

Santa comes with surprises post-Christmas. The girls were very happy and enthralled, and entertained us with feet-tapping songs. Since the next day was Fr. Magi's birthday, they wished him Happy Birthday with songs and loud applause. He said it was his **BEST BIRTHDAY** and he would treasure these memories for years to come.

The Andrean Child Centre definitely helped make a difference to many lives. In the process, we learnt the importance of generosity and kindness. It made us happy to know that we brought a Ray of Sunshine to those precious girls in the orphanage.

(M'am Giselle Demello, Pre-primary Coordinator, AndroMedia, August 2014)

Yellow Santa Project 2015

Ho! Ho! Ho!
"Yellow Santa, please stop here!
Fill our hearts with joy and cheer!"

On Friday, 16th January, 2015, our Principal, Fr. Magi Murzello, along with the staff of Andrean Child Centre, set out on an outreach project to Our Lady's Home, an orphanage for boys in Parel. We were warmly welcomed by Fr. Elias D'Souza who is in charge of the Home. We met children from Stds. 1 to 4 who entertained us with a welcome song and other feet-tapping songs. Fr. Magi got the children to enthusiastically participate, showing them the different claps like the Hyena clap, the Pepsi clap, the Basketball clap, the Bubble Gum clap and how to ride a bike taking Santa along. The boys enjoyed and clapped with joy at Fr. Magi's spontaneous and entertaining "act".

The most memorable moment was when **Yellow Santa** arrived. Fr. Magi explained to the children what the project was all about. He said that our little Andrean boys had received a box

of goodies from Santa at the Christmas Party. With the large heartedness of the parents, the children returned their boxes filled with biscuits, chocolates, food grains, stationery and toiletries in a true spirit of giving.

The Andrean Child Centre with their generosity, kindness and warmth have brought in Rays of Sunshine to those precious boys.

(M'am Giselle Demello, Pre-primary Coordinator, AndroMedia, February 2015)



Santa's Care-A-Van

Santa's Care-a-van, this year's Yeh-lo Santa programme, was held on Sunday, 13th January, 2019 at St. Andrew High School, Bandra for the children of Bal Bhavan, an orphanage in Andheri West. Parents of the School's Helping Hands group and members of the Women's Cell of St. Andrew Parish warmly welcomed the girls and stayed with them through the day taking care of all their needs.

(AndroMedia, 2018 – 19)



Christmas SurpRice

Students returned to school with much joy on 3rd January, 2020. That day, all students received a gift from Principal Fr. Magi – a jar filled with goodies. They were invited to return the jar filled with rice which would be given to poor families towards ‘helping Yeh-lo Santa in his mission to feed all’. Our boys and their parents gave generously to the project. The rice collected was distributed among several poor children and orphanages.

(AndroMedia, 2019 – 20)



CHRISTMAS SURPRICE!!!
HELP YEH-LO SANTA IN HIS MISSION TO FEED THE POOR.



Through this campaign, we shall ensure that several needy families will receive rice and spread the Christmas cheer.
Collect an empty jar from Sarita, fill it with 2 kgs of uncooked rice grains and return it by Monday, 20th January, 2020.

Please contact Sarita: 892884 (9 am to 4 pm),
Andean Network for Dynamic and Inspired Educators (ANDIE)

Santa Kaun-spiracy

This year the theme of the Yeh-Lo Santa project was ‘Kaun Banega Santa? – Join the Santa Kaun-spiracy’; the concept being ‘Will you be the courageous one and reach out to those in need? Do not let the fear of the virus stop you from being generous.’ Each Andrean was therefore gifted with a Happiness Jar with Santa’s PPE kit inside. The students could wear/ use the items as they went about distributing joy. They were also asked to return the jars to the School filled with goodies for the girl child which would then be distributed to orphanages.

Fr. Magi and his staff were overwhelmed when reports of the students’ generosity started coming in. Not only did the students form a network to ensure that their needy classmates were taken care of but their magnanimity also shone through when the jars were returned to the School. Toys, personal care products, hair accessories, clothing, stationery, etc. came in large quantities. Many also did not restrict themselves to the size of the jar but gave sacks of items for the girls.

The concept of the Santa Kaun-spiracy was also shared with the community around as well as benefactors of the School. From past experience, the organisers learnt that their generosity could be abused. In 2019, under the Santa SurpRICE, jars were filled with eatables worth more than Rs. 200. Members in the community took the jars promising



to return them with uncooked rice but did not do so. This time, there was a charge of Rs. 100 per jar even though the goods were worth far more than that.



However, there were other generous souls who, even without receiving a Happiness Jar, went out of their way to contribute. Fr. Magi even had well-wishers from Australia and Canada logging on to Amazon and D-Mart to order basics for the orphanages. He was simply amazed, having never imagined that the idea would touch so many hearts!

On Saturday, 30th January, 2021, the Women’s Cell and Fr. Magi set out to distribute the goodies to the orphanages across Mumbai. Because of the pandemic, it was not possible to interact closely with the children but that did not stop the children from greeting the group with a welcome song nor turning up in their Sunday best. Seeing the children’s excitement and the sisters’ gratitude made the entire exercise a worthwhile one.



Editorial

Christianity suffers from poor advertising! Instead of us being exclamation marks for Jesus Christ, most of us are question marks. We are rather poor salespersons who cannot attract, magnetise, invite, persuade, convince or even snap the attention of others to Jesus Christ. Instead of joyful songs, we are singing funeral dirges. We prefer to be secret agents which is against the Master's wish. Light under the bushel 'sin' drome? Even the Cross has been downsized to mean depressive hardship. It has tragically been reduced by the younger generation to a fashion accessory. The Cross no more means commitment. There is something wrong and that something is the way we understand Christ and the Cross.



It is against this bleak scenario of misunderstanding and misgivings that the parishioners of St. Andrew Church have galvanised themselves into positive action through **Mission SONshine**. Taking a cue from the successful implementation of Mission Sunshine in the Parish school, the Parish council felt that a similar project would inject booster doses of spiritual joy into the Parish life. Mission Sunshine works hard to instil the attitude of appreciation and encouragement in every stakeholder of the School. On the other hand, **Mission SONshine** is Christ-centred appreciation and encouragement. It is all about shining the light and love of Jesus to all!



In the Gospels, one cannot miss the fact that Jesus was a 'faith hailer' and not a 'faith healer'. May miracles, many cures of Jesus were preceded by these words, "Your faith has healed you." Jesus appreciated the faith of the centurion: "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith" (Matt 8:10). To the woman who touched the



Team SONshine

fringe of his garment: “Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace” (Luke 8:48). Even you and I were appreciated by Jesus in the Gospels. Jesus said to Thomas: “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe” (John 20:29). The sermon on the Mount appreciates each one of us living our faith in difficult conditions (Matt 5: 1-11).

Mission SONshine recognises that Appreciation and Encouragement were two important facets of Jesus’ life. Armed with this revolutionary knowledge, **Mission SONshine** launches the powerful F4s from its arsenal – Family, Foot-soldiers, Faith and Faithful. For instance, the Good News and Confirmation catechesis can teach children and youth to appreciate their Faith. Rather than lamenting and grumbling about lapsed members, we appreciate and encourage the Faithful. Foot-soldiers like catechists, Eucharistic ministers, link persons and others need to be appreciated for their voluntary services. Families are encouraged to be “domestic churches on a mission”. Every association, every movement in the Parish seeks to be the Light of Christ. “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven” (Matt 5:16). In the light of these words, our ‘Zonals’

have to undergo an introspection. Are we called to be pepper of the earth (‘shock and awe’ entertainment) or salt of the earth (glowing witnesses of Christ)?

Mission SONshine is not on a killjoy mission but on a mission to radiate the complete joy of Christ (John 15:11). The senior citizens group could perhaps transform their trips and events to bring SONshine to the homebound and bedridden. A small memento or prayerful remembrance of them at the places the group visits will brighten the lives of those unable to join them.

The questions that each one of us should ask ourselves are: “Am I Titus (name means nurse)? Like him, do I bring joy, cheer, encouragement and Good News to those whom I come in contact with? Am I Barnabas (name means son of encouragement) or Barabbas the notorious thief?”

The keystone verse for **Mission SONshine** is John 3:16 ‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only SON, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life’.

May SON shine through your heart!

(Andreas Notes, Newsletter of St. Andrew Parish, September 2012)

From the Principal's Desk

A scam here, a scam there, a scam everywhere... Not even the poor farmer is spared. Latest to hit our shores is the irrigation scam. Damn! Still many more scams on the way to wreak havoc on *aam aadmi*. Looking at the ‘scam’ulous state of affairs in our country St. Andrew High School has injected VAT into its genetic code. VAT simply means Value Added Teaching.

Values are the thread that sews the fabric of the community. The ultimate success of a society is determined by the quality of its values. The ultimate success of children is determined by the quality of values. Quality Value Added Teaching is assured only when the teacher is personally committed to values and is a role model of his/her students. Through VAT, my team of teachers is treating the malaise of value distortion and have created a value nurturing climate in the school.

MISSION SUNSHINE bears testimony to Value Added Teaching. Our earnest hope is that our students have the right value orientation and keep the “caught” values alive... always.

Good News! MISSION SUNSHINE has been adopted by the parishioners of St. Andrew Church. Our project has been adapted by the Church as “**Mission SONshine**”. It is all about Christ- centred appreciation and encouragement. We wish them success. God bless!

(AndroMedia, November 2012)





Annual Sports Meet

For the first time, our Annual Sports Meet was held over 3 days i.e. 18th to 20th December, 2018. Despite regular school in the morning, our students turning up undeterred to play football, hockey and cricket matches (and even participate in athletics) in the evening. Enthusiastic and full of vim and vigour, our students from the under-8 age group right up to under-16 played, ran, cheered and made the most of the 3 days.

Mrs. Dipika Murthy, former international women's hockey player was our chief guest on the first day. On day 2, we had Mr. Adrian D'Souza, former hockey Olympian, gracing the occasion. For the grand finale on day 3, we had our X-Andreas, Dr. Naeem Jagani.

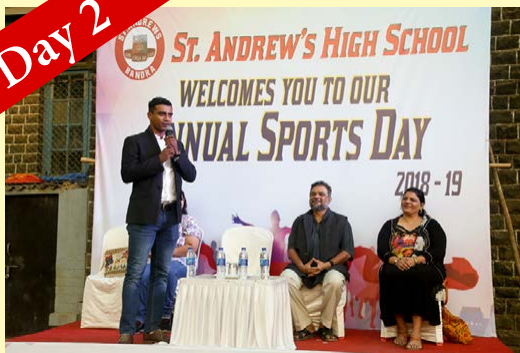
Day 1



All 3 days were filled with an air of competition and activity. The March Past had a whopping 45 students from each of the 4 houses participating with the Garcia house winning the coveted trophy. The dance performance by students from Stds. 2 and 4 brought some light moments into the arena that was overflowing with excitement. Overall, the Garcia house emerged victorious with a tally of 1667 points.

(AndroMedia, 2018 – 19)

Day 2





Gratitudation Day

From the Principal's Desk

"To speak gratitude is courteous and pleasant, to enact gratitude is generous and noble, but to live gratitude is to touch Heaven."

– Johannes A. Guertner



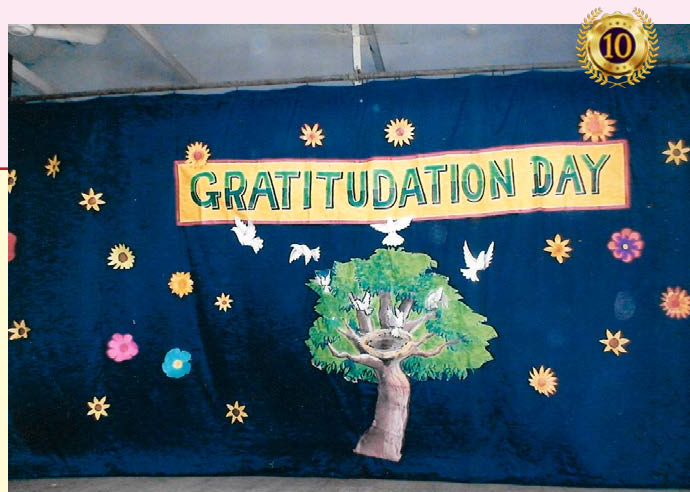
In the beginning of this academic year, a mother of a student who had just passed his SSC exams entered my office with a small box of sweets. I was deeply moved as she appreciated all the good work done by me and my team of teachers. She empathised with me as she recounted how her son's batch had broken the crib statues, toilet doors and wash basins despite me treating them as sons.

I was overwhelmed! This was the only parent that had come to thank me. Where were the other 99? As the parent was leaving, she turned around and asked me whether she would get admission for her youngest son in the Junior KG. Immediately, my bubble of joy burst. The box of sweets turned bitter.

Why is genuine gratitude a scarce commodity? Is it always adulterated with vested interests? Is it bundled with strings attached? Do we know the power and benefits of the two simple words 'Thank You'?

These two words when used with sincerity have the power to transform our health, happiness and success. Did you know that grateful people are stress-resistant people? It is actually physiologically impossible to be stressed and thankful at the same time.

"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow." – Melody Beattie



Make 2012 a year of miracles by tapping the power of gratitude. I sincerely pray that the present SSC students cultivate gratitude. **"Gratitudation Day"** instead of SSC Farewell is a positive step in that direction. Wishing them and us "all the best with grateful hearts".

"If the only prayer you said in your whole life was thank you, that would suffice." – Meister Eckhart

(AndroMedia, February 2012)



Gratitudation Day 2012

SSC Farewell is meant to wish the students “all the best” as they journey through life. It is a very emotional moment. However, it has been noticed that the students take great pride in damaging school property or making a nuisance of themselves. It is like prisoners that have been set free and have gone on a rampage.

Gratitudation Day is an antidote to ‘break-free’ farewells. Every SSC student was given Rs. 100 by the School management. The student had to use the money wisely to appreciate all those who had helped him grow in understanding and maturity. An account of the money spent and people appreciated had to be submitted to the School panel. Once approved by the School panel, the student along with his parents would be invited to the **Gratitudation Day** on 18th February 2012.

Here are some excerpts from the student reports:

Std. 10 A

- Min Thapa presented his friend Masood with a hockey ball in appreciation for all his assistance and help.
- Adnaan Shaikh made and presented hand crafted cards to show his appreciation for his parents, his Maths Sir and language teachers.
- Karan Mistry appreciated his neighbour’s family for helping them when his mother was ill.
- Taufiq Monghal appreciated the Principal and all the schoolteachers who had helped him grow to what he is today.
- Ujwal Devkar thanked the Principal for inculcating the joy of giving and appreciating.
- Aditya Bangera thanked his parents for all that they have done for him and presented a mug with their family photograph. The rest he gave as an offering to God who always blesses him and looks after him.
- Jibran Shaikh thanked his neighbour for being there for him.

Std 10 B

- Ethan Campbell bought two novels for a maid who wanted to improve her reading skills in English. He hopes that these books will help



make a difference and prays that she does not have to work as a domestic help forever.

- Nikhil Devkar used the money to appreciate his tuition teachers by giving them Thank you cards.
- Jawad Khan bought old textbooks for his watchman’s son and was happy to see a smile on his face.
- Madan Kutla bought a flowering plant to appreciate what his father had done for him all through his life as it would not die and his father would be happy every time he saw the plant.
- Rahim Musani bought a gift for his doctor in order to appreciate what he had done for him over the past two years.
- Saurabh Parab gave gifts to his mother, brother and two friends but he said he had learnt through this deed that “making others happy is the true essence of man”.
- Vijay Patil bought gifts for his tuition teachers and felt it was a good experience as he was happy to see a smile on their faces. He was also thankful to Fr. Magi for inculcating this value of appreciation in them at school.
- Paresh Solanki bought gifts for his teachers and family. He says, “Their happiness was a great gift to me.”
- Nikhil Tenge has thanked Fr. Magi and wrote that he is proud to be an Andrean and a student of ‘St. Andrew’s World Class School’. He wrote that our school made a difference because if each boy thanked five people, their class could thank at least 410 people and make them happy.
- Amir Sayed thanked Fr. Magi for a wonderful year as they had done something special with a difference.

Many students thanked their parents, siblings and friends for the invaluable guidance, assistance and help they received from them. It was really touching to note that all the students of Std. 10 sincerely thanked Fr. Magi for giving them Rs. 100 to appreciate someone.

(M’am Arlene D’Mello and M’am Lorraine Fernandez, AndroMedia, February 2012)

In Gratitude

Every year, a new batch of Std. 10 students moves out into the open world in search of newer pastures; higher education and independence. This year, we, 76 students of St. Andrew High School, have appeared for the SSC Board examinations. Most of us have been in this school as toddlers since the age of three and today, as we mature into teenagers, we look forward to moving into a world that beckons us. As per tradition, our Principal and teachers, bless us on our onward journey. At St. Andrew High School, it has been a trend to have a **Gratitудation Day** for the SSC batch. A day that marks a farewell is also a day to be grateful for the beautiful years that we have spent here at school and the wonderful time that we have had with our friends and teachers.



A Keepsake



Panoramic Resort

This year's **Gratitудation Day** was amazingly different and truly awesome as it was celebrated on 17th February at Zara's resort, Khandala. A solemn prayer service followed by a programme put up by our teachers made our day. The highlight of the evening was the much-awaited event every year – the Andean King. The students participated with much zeal and enthusiasm. This year the

Andean King crown went to Saqlain Sethia. The first and second runner-up position went to Tushar Budhwani and Jaffer Mohd. Hanzala respectively. It was indeed a night of fun and frolic. But the fun did not end here. Next day, we proceeded to Panoramic Resort where we had a day of relaxation with our younger Andean friends from Stds. 1 to 9.



Andean King Contest Winners

Thank you, Fr. Magi, for giving us such a wonderful **Gratitудation Day**. We will cherish these memories for a lifetime. TanQ!

(Saqeeb Wasaikar, 10B, AndroMedia, April 2017)

It's Time to Say Goodbye

It is said that school is the second home of a child. It is the school where a child nourishes himself and cherishes the glorious days of his life. On 10th February, 2018, our school arranged a farewell party for our outgoing SSC batch (2017-18). Farewell just doesn't mean send-off or goodbye but it is a day to happily wish them 'All the Best' for the future.

These same students who were forcibly brought to school some 10 -12 years ago are now happily going out to live lives of their own. The hearts of our students were filled with lots of school memories. There were happy and fun-filled moments of joy and sorrow and lots of tears in their eyes which showed their gratitude towards their school.

The most amazing thing about this farewell was that the parents of our students were allowed to be a part of it. This tradition of a 'parent-student' farewell was started by our innovative and dynamic Principal, Fr. Magi Murzello. It is a unique experience for not just the students but also the parents and teachers.

We wish our students and their parents a bright future. May they shine in all that they do.

(M'am Sameerah Khatkhatay, AndroMedia, March 2018)





So Long... Farewell

It is a tradition in all schools to bid farewell to the students of Std. 10 as they leave the safe environment of their school where they have spent close to 12 years of their lives. The young gentlemen were filled with mixed emotions as they gathered along with their parents in the Conference Hall for the occasion.

The Emcee for the day was X-Andrean Franklin Lewis (Class of 2010), full of confidence and calm, currently working with a waterproofing and structural repairs firm. The programme began with a prayer service followed by the felicitation of the 2 judges, both X-Andreans, Puneet Raj Bhatia (Head Boy, Class of 2001) and Rudolph Pujari (Class of 2002). Also present for the occasion was Deacon Joseph David.

2 of the parents, Mrs. Karnik and Mrs. Pednekar, expressed their gratitude to Fr. Magi Murzello, who has been Principal for nearly all of their children's school life, for all that he has done for the betterment of the school and its students. They also appreciated the teaching and the non-teaching staff for their guidance and support.



Head Boy Kapish Shetty then gave the vote of thanks. He spoke of his experience in the KG, his fear of school and the sadness felt on leaving. "Today I am here, not ready to leave this school, this lovely group of friends, awesome teachers and, of course, the bestest Principal I could have ever had, Fr. Magi Murzello."

Franklin got some of the council members to groove to a Hollywood number along with him and got everyone in the mood to dance. Despite his busy schedule, Fr. Magi took time to bid farewell to his sons and spoke to them for the last time as their Principal giving them advice and guidance especially for their forthcoming exams. The khichdi to biryani example brought smiles to everyone's faces. He also thanked Bro. Joseph for his assistance in the school and wished him well for his priestly ordination.

The Andrean King contest which followed had almost all the young lads on the stage vying for the coveted title. It took a good 4 rounds before Judah Furtado was crowned the Andrean King for the year 2020 with Kapish Shetty as 1st Runner-up and Ganeev Singh as 2nd Runner-up. Both judges shared their days at school. The treasures received from their Alma Mater will remain with them always. It was truly a **Gratitudation Day**.

As we bid farewell to our SSC students, we wish them the very best for their future. May God bless and guide them on the path of life in the days to come.

(AndroMedia, 2019 – 20)



The 'I CAN' Global Summit, Rome

Friday, 19th July, 2019 was a time of great joy for the Andrean family, especially the 'I CAN' teams, as Fr. Magi announced that St. Andrew High School would be participating in the 'I CAN' Global Summit in Rome in November 2019.



When the 'ICAN' Challenge was first explained by Fr. Magi, the students were greatly enthusiastic and came out with different ideas which would help save the environment. Many of the ideas failed to take off for various reasons. The students were dejected as the day of submission drew near. It was Fr. Magi who kept encouraging the boys to carry on and assured them of his support. Kevin D'Costa with 'The Saviour of Water Bodies', a 'water purifier gizmo', set the wheels rolling, and soon Vivek Jadhav came up with the 'Fish-o-Ponics' project. 2 teams were formed under the guidance of M'am Jacinta Furtado. The students put in a lot of time and effort to complete their projects and submit them.

In November 2019, 11 students of Std. 10 left for Rome to participate in the Design For Change (DFC) Global Summit. They were Abhishek Gupta, Aryan Khan, Devesh Singh, Ganeev Singh, Heramb Pednekar, Kaif Shaikh, Kapish Shetty, Kevin D'Costa, Sagar Sharma, Shehbaaz Patel and Vivek Jadhav. They were escorted by teachers, M'am Jacinta Furtado and Sir Vinod Nalawade.



'Weaving a world without Borders' were words spoken by the Founder/ Director, Ms. Kiran Bir Sethi, for the Inaugural ceremony of the 1st 'I Can Global Summit' on 27th November, 2019 at the Palazzo Dei Congressi in Rome. It was the largest international gathering of children from over 40 countries.

St. Andrew High School was the only school from Mumbai and it was a proud moment to see our Superheroes on stage sharing their views on the projects they had submitted. The students had the opportunity to meet, interact and play games with children of different nationalities. Afternoons were spent touring the beautiful historic city of Rome.

The highlight of the event was the concluding meeting at the Aula Paulo VI where the gathering was graced with the presence of the Holy Father, Pope Francis. His Holiness gave a message of encouragement to the children as well as to teachers and parents.

The students received their participation certificates from Principal Fr. Magi Murzello when School reopened on 3rd January, 2020. It was he who motivated and encouraged them throughout their year-long journey to be the change in the world and create a positive impact on society. The Superheroes will forever be grateful to him for this opportunity.

(M'am Jacinta Furtado, AndroMedia, 2019 – 20)



St. Andrew's Among Top 100

Dear Fr. Magi,

It was indeed a curtain call when I received the note from you regarding the 'I Can' trophy and certificates. It took us back to the amazing time we had in November 2019. We remember with much gratitude the efforts taken by you to accomplish this Herculean task of sending 11 students and 2 teachers for the 'I Can Global Meet' in Rome.

With Covid-19 still raging on, we can truly say we were blessed to have made it to Rome and back safely, to have enjoyed the beauty of this great historic city in all its fullness, for, within a short span of time, Italy was the first country to be severely hit by the pandemic.

Receiving the certificates and the trophy was a moment of immense pride especially for the team, Abhishek Gupta, Ganeev Singh, Kapish Shetty, Kevin D'Costa and Shehbaaz Patel, as their project was selected for the **'100 MOST INSPIRING STORIES OF CHANGE'**.

On behalf of Sir Vinod and the team, I would like to say a big **'TanQ'** for all that you have done to make this dream come true for us, the memory of which will stay with us for a lifetime.

God bless you always.



With sincere gratitude,
M'am Jacinta Furtado

Lockers for Student Mobiles

Mom, this history class is really boring

Going by the adage “If you can’t beat them, join them,” St. Andrew High School, Bandra, has decided to allow schoolkids to bring mobiles to school on condition that they be kept in lockers, which they have to hire for about Rs. 50 a year per student.

According to school authorities, phones will come in handy for students from Class 5 to Class 10 to call parents in times of emergency or the other way round. The School believes that students will be encouraged to keep the phones in lockers and not smuggle it to class and play games while the class is on or take pictures of the pretty teacher of romantic poetry. Or call up mom from class and tell her what a continuing drudgery history lessons are!



Students are expectedly ecstatic. Afroz Rehman, Std. 9 student at St. Andrew School, said, “Most of the time students bring their phones, play mischief and innocent students are punished. Hence the school has come up with the really good idea of keeping the phones safe in lockers with minimal charges. I am going to apply for a locker.”

Karanveer Dixit, another student, said, “I liked the idea of keeping the phones in the locker. Most schools or colleges don’t even allow phones in the campus.”

Prashant Redij, spokesperson Maharashtra Principal Association, said, “It is very good idea. Because the crime rate has increased in the city, it is important to keep phones with children especially girls. If the School has taken this initiative with the approval of the Parent-Teacher Association then they may not face any problem.”

Though many would say that this is a modern approach to a perennial problem, there are naysayers as well. Jayant Jain, President of the All-India Federation of Parent-Teacher Association, said, “I would not recommend that schools encourage children to bring mobile phones into the campus. Schools can provide landlines for students.”

Either way, it can be said that St. Andrew’s is trying to dial in to the future.

(DNA Newspaper, 14th September, 2014)



There are 72 lockers now available and each can store 5 or 6 phones. Students can pool resources to hire lockers and split the annual cost of Rs 200 per locker.

Fr. Magi Murzello, Principal of the School, said, “We have noticed that whenever students bring phones to school, they either keep it outside in a shop or hide it in school toilets. This

idea has been mainly initiated, so that students don’t misuse mobiles in classrooms to play games or click their teacher’s picture to upload on YouTube.”

According to the Principal, parents too have evinced interest in the locker system and many applications have been received. The management is willing to admit that phones are now an important source of communication between parents and their children. Also, many students go directly for tuition from school and parents can keep track of their kids and see that they stick to the straight and narrow.

“The locker will also be helpful for us at the time of Board exams. The candidates who come for Board exams keep phones in bags and they get stolen. So, this locker will be useful for these students also during examination time.” Murzello said.

Technology Upgrades

School Website

We are pleased to welcome you to the revamped website of St. Andrew High School. This site is designed to provide students, parents, alumni, staff and other stakeholders timely updates and information about the School. We would welcome your feedback and insights on how we can make this site better.

We do realise that in our busy lives, we do not have enough time to login and check for information. To bring the school to you wherever you go, we will also be shortly launching a mobile app. Watch out for more information.

(School Website, July 2014)



is now available on the Apple Store. This app has been designed for the iPhone, iPad and iPod touch supporting iOS version 7.0+

Parents, students, staff and other stakeholders can download this app now to get all school related information easily through a mobile device.

The app includes all the information you really need to know – News, School Calendar, School Council, contact lists and links to useful resources. There are also critical alerts for news that just can't wait.

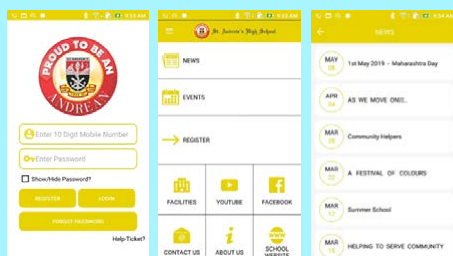
The App provides you the following information:
– News @ St. Andrew High School, Calendar of Events, Faculty profiles, Principal Message, Roll of Honour, Videos of school events and more.

The app can be downloaded from the App Store by searching for “St. Andrew’s School Bandra”.

It remains our constant endeavour to enhance education through the effective use of technology.

(School Website, September 2015)

Andean Mobile App



To coincide with the celebration of Teachers’ Day, our institution has launched the Android mobile phone app on the Google Play Store. You are encouraged to download the app to your Android phone. This app is the continuation of our endeavour to use technology to enhance communication and education at our institute.

(School Website, September 2014)

iOS version of App Launched

On the eve of Teachers’ Day, St. Andrew High School is pleased to announce its very own iOS app

Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Attendance – SMS activation

The RFID-enabled cards have been tested and are working well. We will start sending SMS to mothers (and fathers in case mother’s number is not available) of absent students as per the mobile numbers in the student database. In case you receive an SMS and you think your child should be in school, do not panic. Please call the front desk at +91 22-2642-3144. We will verify if your child has come and call you back if he has not. Kindly make sure that your son swipes his card each morning to ensure attendance is recorded every day.

(School Website, March 2016)



Cashless Fee Payment

Sunshine Nursery, Andrean Child Centre and St. Andrew High School are proud to announce another innovation. For the academic year 2017-18, our school will be going **CASHLESS**. All fees will now be collected online. As a convenience to parents, fee payments can be made 24 hours a day from their homes (no need to visit the school or bank). Payments can be made via credit card, debit card, Netbanking, PayTM, Reliance Jio money and Airtel Wallet. With so many options, we are sure parents will appreciate this digital feature now being offered. No more fee books and visits to the bank to make fee payments. Parents, please make sure you obtain one of these payment methods so that, at the start of the new academic year, you are prepared for this cashless revolution. We will have online help documentation to assist you in the transition.

(AndroMedia, April 2017)



Online Gateway

As our country marches ahead towards digital technology, our school too, in its own way, encourages parents to keep abreast with the digital world. Principal Fr. Magi Murzello addressed parents about the need to be technology savvy and briefed them about the online fee payment option that is on offer that will save a lot of their time. Parents were in awe of the modern methods being implemented year after year and were indeed proud to belong to an institution that believes in learning and teaching something new time after time.

(AndroMedia, October 2017)

Cashless Andrew's

St. Andrew High School is proud to announce that it is the first ABE school to go totally cashless with fee payments. Introduced in the last academic year 2017-2018, this revolution was greatly appreciated by parents and guardians. There is no need of personal visits to the School office or bank. Fee payments can now be made online from the comforts of homes of students 24x7. Since fee payments are not accepted in cash or cheques, the entire process is cashless, faceless and paperless. This is one of the professed roles of Digital India.

For payment of fees online, please visit the School website: www.saintandrewschoolbandra.in

Various modes of digital payment are available. Once payment is done, you can download the fee receipts for your records. The fee receipts will be available throughout the year and can be downloaded any time.

A Fee Payment page Help manual has been created. Click on link Fee Payment Manual – St. Andrew High School, Bandra for details of the process.

In case you face any difficulty while using the Fee Payment System, you can send a message to sasbdr@intelli-schools.org and the team from our digital partner will help you. Depending on the nature of the problem, it can take 24 – 48 hours to resolve.

Proud to be an Andrean!

(School Handbook 2018 – 19)

The Mother – Child Picnic

The mother – child picnic has left a wonderful and lasting impression on the hearts and minds of mothers and children alike. Yet again, Fr. Magi and his staff have made us realise that despite the rat race of a life that we live today, if we take a few halts to appreciate the most beautiful and precious gift God has blessed us with, in the form of our children, we find that the beauty of living is in the joy of giving.

While we are still learning to be parents, let us join hands and cooperate with our school to make this golden period in the lives of our children one they can look back with fond memories.

I sincerely thank Fr. Magi and his staff for everything they have done and are still doing. May God bless you all and reward you.

(Mrs. Afra Porbunderwala, mother of Anas, Sr. K.G. Marigold, AndroMedia, August 2014)

A Picnic Ahoy!

There was much excitement on 27th February, 2019 as the Pre-primary went for their annual picnic. It was indeed special as the parents accompanied their children. It was meticulously planned and organised by the school management in collaboration with Adventure Tours.

The children, along with their parents, assembled at 8:30 am to travel in 5 buses to Kids Magica Fun City at Infinity Mall, Malad. There was a much singing and dancing en route. Everyone then devoured the sumptuous breakfast that was served.

On reaching the venue, the Andrean family entered the play zones with enthusiasm and had a whale of a time on every ride possible. The highlight of the day was when some Fun City volunteers got our boys and parents to shake a leg to some foot-tapping music. By then it was lunch time and everyone enjoyed the complimentary McDonald burger generously given by Adventure Tours.

All good things come to an end and so did this most awaited day. We returned to school with wonderful memories to treasure as our hearts wished it was picnic-time every day.

(AndroMedia, 2018 – 19)



A Fun-filled Outing

Thursday, 30th January, 2020 was a most exciting day for the parents and children of the Andrean Child Centre as they set off for a picnic to Bacha Party, Thane. Everyone assembled at 8 am and left for an enjoyable day ahead. En route, a sumptuous breakfast was served which got all into action as they sang and danced along energetically. The laughter and joy that was witnessed was beyond words.



On reaching the venue, everyone scattered in the indoor playscape. It was not only children who had a great time but parents and teachers as well who couldn't resist letting loose the child in them. After a fun-packed morning, it was time to relish the yummylicious food that was served. This was followed by some thumping DJ music which got everyone dancing.

All good things must come to an end. We reached back safely at 4.30 pm. The picnic was a much-needed break from the regular schedule. It was a wonderful opportunity to strengthen bonds among children, parents and teachers.

(AndroMedia, 2019 – 20)



The X-Andrean Association

From The Beginning

When the St Andrew's X Students Association was founded in 1923, the main idea was to keep the ties of the old school by celebrating the feast day of St Andrew with a Solemn High Mass followed by an Annual General meeting and a social.

It was only in 1929 that the Constitution was framed. It was subsequently revised in 1935, 1960 and 1996.

The main object in those years was to help the poor students of the school by way of money or distribution of textbooks and this was achieved from the funds collected from dramas held, socials and appeals to members. In 1941, the Association donated to the school a scholarship of Rs. 280/-

To enable members to know each other better and to maintain interest in the Association, Cinema shows, picnics and socials were organized from time to time. In 1936, the Association entered teams for the Lewis Cup and the Gwalior Cup tournaments. The Literary activity side was not neglected either. Debates were held from time to time, and an ambitious project, which was given glowing press coverage, was the **Symposium held in 1943 with the Chief Justice of Bombay presiding and eminent speakers taking part in it.**

The financial stability of the Association, as well as the various activities in the past, was in no small measure due to Msgr. **Dominic DeSa**, the first patron; Msgr **Henry Remedios**, one time patron and Chev. **J S Pereira** who was President for many years, for their generosity and advice.

From 1943 till 1959, the Association was dormant until **22nd December, 1959** when Msgr. **Nereus Rodrigues**, the then-Principal took the initiative to call up a meeting of ex-students with a view to reviving the activities of the Association. An adhoc Committee was formed, with Msgr. **Henry Remedios**, the then Vicar of St Andrew's Church as Patron; Msgr. **Nereus Rodrigues**, the then-Principal of the School as Chairman and Mr. **Joe D'Mello** as Secretary.

A General Body Meeting was held on 3rd March, 1960 and a new adhoc Committee elected, with the specific object of enrolling members and revising the Constitution. The Patron was Msgr. **Henry Remedios**, President was Mr. **Agnelo Fernandes**, Vice President (ex-officio) was Fr **Nereus Rodrigues**, being the Principal of the School and Mr. **Joe D'Mello** was the Secretary.

On the 19th March, 1960 a General Body Meeting was held for members at which the Association was legally revived and a new Managing Committee elected. Msgr. **Henry Remedios**, Patron; Mr. **Agnelo Fernandes**, President; Mr. **Mick D'Souza**, Vice President; Fr **Nereus Rodrigues**, Vice President (ex-officio) and Mr **Joe D'Mello**, General Secretary. The Annual Thanksgiving Mass was held every year on the first Sunday after the feast of St Andrew, which is on 30th November.

The Association again remained dormant for sometime and was revived once more in 1996 by the then principal Fr **William Athaide** and continues to remain active under the dynamic leadership of Fr **Magi Murzello** (2009), then-Principal of the School and **President** of the X-Andrean Association, and Mr. **Ray Fernandes** as the Secretary.

The new X Andrean Association office was inaugurated by Fr **Magi Murzello** on 26th January 2010.





Our new website is ready. Log on to: www.saintandrewschoolbandra.in
Link: Alumni

Dear Andreans

Trust this finds all of you well.

The **X-Andrean Reunion** will be held on December 9 2012 at St Andrew's High School Quadrangle at 7.30pm. You are requested to attend in large numbers. Requesting you to collect your invitation pass @ Rs 50/- from the Association representatives mentioned below or from the school office.

The **THEME** for this year's Reunion is '**BANDRA BURGER**'.

The entire School will be kept open and lit up, enabling X-Andreans to reconnect and refresh past memories in the walk-thru.

There will be a **live band** playing your favourite tunes on request.

X-Andreans will relive their memories on stage.

An **AUDIO-VISUAL** of the school's achievements and events will be screened throughout the function alongwith flexes and standees.

Student of the Year and Ex-Student of the Year will be felicitated.

Do not miss out!!! Make it a point to attend and celebrate your success in life from where it all began.



EVENTS & HAPPENINGS AT OUR SCHOOL

The large Statue of St Andrew encased in glass sponsored by the Batch of '79 is placed in the garden in front the main entrance.

The 88 year 'mysterious' Cannon at the garden has been mounted and given a fresh look. Efforts are underway to trace it's history which will be plate embossed on the stand.

The New Robotics Lab

With a view of robots making life easier for us, our school has set up

a Robotics lab that motivates, excites and inspires children about technology and science.

The RLS (Robotics Learning System)

is a world class Robotics Education platform that is being implemented here.

This is a new subject for students of 4th to 9th and is activity-based.

The RLS takes children beyond text based study and teaches through the process of discovery. The hands-on way of learning gives the students a visual grasp of mathematics and science. RLS builds logical thinking and enhances problem solving skills fostering creativity and innovation.

Fr Magi needs to be appreciated for his foresight.



Of Paper Boats and Mango Shoots

Hopefully listless, I sit by the window of my room at Holy Family Hospital, Bandra, confined to four walls and uncertain prospects. I gaze at the strong and sturdy “dagdi school” ... my school – St. Andrew’s, Bandra. There it stands, its pointing in pristine white offset by the stony grey, set amidst lush freshly rain-soaked massive grounds – truly a monolith a child, an Andrean, would forever cherish. I peek through the closed doors and windows and my mind and heart cartwheels into glorious memories of all sorts; and yes with the pitter-patter of the rain, paper boats and mango shoots.



For starters, I see the assembly hall on the second floor, with my friends and I leading the morning prayers with a frame of Our Lady of Good Counsel to guide us, and then belting out the School and National Anthems. Then I hear Master John asking

us not to “give chamman gotta” on the heads of students who had received a haircut. From the corner of my eye, I spy Msgr. Nereus Rodrigues standing on the first floor landing and the military discipline and straight lines filing into the classroom just happens – pin drop silence.



In a moment with attendance being called out, the familiar sounds of an all-boys’ school wafts through; the guffawing, with the occasional shrill call of a lady teacher, rapping the desk with the duster. A whisper “a, a, Father aaya..” and you could imagine you are in a chapel – hush... O glory...!!

A tiffin box clangs to the floor and the knowing naughty eyes could tell a tale of what’s going on – a sampling of mom’s yummy tiffin – from another boy – not forgetting the eagerly awaited recess time hot chutney wada, boras, aam papad, golas and other kid favourites.

Monsoon time and it was yucky time.... soiled, chickal clothes, shoes covered in grime, the playground the stuff of dreams for any student and, on the flip side, more elbow grease for poor mom in the laundry – not forgetting extra ‘neel’ to snow-white the shirts.



On the way home, in full downpour, out came the carefully prepared paper boats. We’d dash for the nearest gutter and 1-2-3 launch our crafts into ‘em gushing torrents, only to see our creations disappear even before a cheer left our lips. Oh darn! No hassles, we’d live to race another regatta again and there will be a winner, you bet!!

One of my clearest memories is that of finding a freshly sprouted shoot from a mango seed... this was simply miraculous to our straight or cockeyed eyes. After all, didn’t we see that on



Years later, when I was ordained a priest – a proud moment for my parish and school, it was the late Fr. Austin Cerejo who invited me to celebrate Holy Mass in school on a First Friday, and it still warms my UBI CRUX - IBI LUX Andrean heart as I look at the memento he distributed to all the students that day which holds pride of place in my Breviary.

Here's to everything Andrean and, of course, paper boats and mango shoots. Hail my Alma Mater – St. Andrew High School, St. Dominic Road, Bandra West, Bombay - INDIA.

**(Fr. Austin Norris, X-Andrean, Class of 1974,
penned on 12th June, 2021)**

URGENT APPEAL

Requesting X-Andreans to sponsor
current students' fees during the
pandemic.

**Recognise your privilege
and pay it forward.**

the teacher's desk and have it explained in detail and then had to mark it as homework? One day, I actually stuck that seed and shoot on my book and then couldn't for the life of me shut that book... talk of trying to impress your teacher. Phew!

Paper boats and mango shoots aside, I saw, now through priestly eyes, the journey of my Andrean school life. Through studies, sports, interclass games, debates and elocution, drama, kneeling outside class, cuts on the knuckles and the behind, Fr. Rufus Pereira's out-of-the-box dabbling in local Indian games and HAM radio station, what also emerges are the First Friday Sacred Heart devotion, the Consecration of the School to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the first School Mass of late Fr. Leslie Ratus, the annual retreat in the Church with free time spent on the Chimbai seashore, the kind mentoring of teachers and the motherly touch of a Mrs. Martha Rodrigues in Class 5 where I first sensed the stirrings of a priestly call... sweet, sweet Lord!

X-Andrean Reunion

The X-Andrean Association held its reunion on 8th January, 2012 on the School quadrangle. As it was a day of festivities in various parishes, the turnout was less than expected.

To many of the X-Andreans who attended the function, the most happening event was the walk down memory lane, literally, as we wandered down the corridors of the School with the kind permission of Principal Fr. Magi Murzello. Some of us reminisced with our classmates the fun and mischief we had in the good old days. Pointing out the teacher's room, the Principal's office, the School office, we wistfully narrated stories of our escapades to our families. A child of an X-Andrean asked his father why he could not attend St. Andrew's now and wanted to be enrolled there.

The foyer and the bright yellow walls were appreciated by all; the handiwork of our current Principal, Fr. Magi, who, along with the brightness on the walls, has also brightened the lives of the boys and the teachers with his innovative ideas.

The social was compered by Ms. Agnes Patrick, a professional compere, and she was complemented by the lively music provided by Arden. Matson Katerers warmed everyone with their piping hot snacks. The buffet was simple but delicious.



Fr. Rufus Pereira, an ex-student as well as ex-Principal, and Fr. William Athaide, presently Parish Priest of Mount Carmel Church and ex-Principal who revived the Association, also graced the occasion.

Everyone dispersed with fond memories of their school days.

**(Mr. Evarist Pereira, Vice-President, X-Andrean
Association, AndroMedia, February 2012)**



Teacher Appreciation Week

From the Principal's Desk

The word “cancer” strikes horrible fear in everyone’s heart. Medical sciences are still battling CANCER. It is one disease that everyone wants to avoid at all costs. One of the definitions of CANCER in the Oxford dictionary is “something evil or destructive that is hard to contain or destroy.”



It is rather unfortunate to note that CANCER has afflicted stakeholders – especially many parents of many schools. Even the parents at St. Andrew High School have not been spared this malaise. The cancer that I write about is CRITICISM and, if left untreated, it kills school initiative and commitment of teachers just as cancer kills its victims.

Parents may immediately react and say it is totally untrue that they are the worst critics of teachers. Take the example of parent-teacher interaction days. The purpose of these interaction days is to identify and recognise the areas where the child needs extra attention and needs to improve. In reality, the parent-teacher interaction days are dominated by the big C’s – Criticism, Complaints and Condemnation. The

parents find fault with the paper setting and paper corrections, criticise the teaching methods and disapprove everything that the teacher does. The teacher is projected as the rival of the tuition teacher or the coaching class.

Unwarranted criticism acts as a demotivator for the teacher. Parents fail to realise that they along with their son’s teachers are partners with a common mission of their child’s happiness and success. The parent-teacher relationship is a partnership and not rivalry. The plague of criticism can be destroyed by a joyous epidemic of encouragement and appreciation. The project, **MISSION SUNSHINE**, seeks to increase the appreciation quotient of our staff and students. It is now time for parents to be a part of **MISSION SUNSHINE**.

(AndroMedia, August 2011)



Budding Creativity!

The assemblies at St. Andrew’s are getting more colourful. Singing, acting, painting, even magic tricks, our boys have it all. Many a Teachers’ Day has come and gone but this year’s show will be fondly remembered. The **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**, beginning with the lunch hosted by the management and culminating with the parents’ programme, was an enjoyable celebration. A special thanks to Fr. Magi and the management for the Cyber room for teachers. It is indeed a blessing.

Bravo, students for the entertaining 10-minute capsules per class. The efforts were greatly appreciated. With the Onam theme, games and heart-warming speeches, the parents really made us feel extra special. The programme was well-planned and executed. The respect received overwhelmed the teachers. With such an enterprising and supportive P.T.A., St. Andrew High School is sure to scale new heights.

(Editorial Team, AndroMedia, September 2011)



From the Principal's Desk

When society looks at us and says our schools are troubled, what they are really saying is that society is troubled and, by implication, they are saying, "Help us, dear teachers, you are our hope." – Linda Holt, Hawaii Teacher of the Year 1995

Teachers are the hope of every community, of every society, and of every nation. Teachers are moulders and shapers of the destiny of every nation. All human progress begins with teachers. These 'Hidden Stars' live in the shadows of reflected glories, holding the flame so that others don't stumble in the dark. In today's age of coaching classes and tutorials, these 'Hidden Stars' are eclipsed into obscurity. Teachers' Day attempts to recognise and appreciate their contribution to society. However, at St. Andrew's, we do not limit ourselves to a one-day felicitation but have an entire week dedicated to our teachers – **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK.**

Our teachers do not accept any gifts, readymade cards or flowers. Instead, the students' council prepares cards based on the theme chosen for the year. Last year, the theme was Mission Sunshine.

This year, they have chosen 'Teachers – Heartbeat of the Nation'. The cards are cut in the shape of hearts. One cannot but notice the creativity that is unleashed by the students when they presented their cards to the teachers.



What is noteworthy is that the proceeds from the sale of cards support a social cause. Behind the student council's endeavour is the wholehearted support of our teachers – our 'Hidden Stars'. Last year, teachers and students contributed Rs. 45,000 to an orphanage – Our Lady's Home, Parel.

Our teachers serve as an example to those teachers who have sacrificed their personal integrity at the altar of greed when they accept costly gifts from their students. They forget that the motives for giving the gifts are greater than the gift.

I salute you, my dear team of teachers – the 'Hidden Stars'. Keep shining! All hope is not lost!

(AndroMedia, September 2011)

Teacher Appreciation Week

The theme for Teachers' Day this year was 'Teacher – Our Guiding Star' which was introduced by our Principal, Fr. Magi. The week started with a daylong outing to Royal Gardens, Naigaon. It was a day of bonding and fellowship. The teachers had a gala time. The next day, the staff danced to the tunes of 'Dhwani', a musical programme at St. Andrew's Auditorium. On Friday, the teachers found a more airy and bright staff room. Gone were the old steel lockers. The new wall cabinets, a new refrigerator and a microwave added a touch of class. A special Mass celebrated by Fr. Vincent D'Cruz for teachers of all faiths further cemented the bond.

On Saturday, 8th September, it was the turn of the students to show their appreciation. The students presented the cards which were indigenously

prepared by the student council. The creativity of the students, unleashed in terms of materials used, innovative patterns and heartfelt words overwhelmed the teachers. Later during the day, the P.T.A organised a programme. The fun-filled games brought out the child in every teacher. Every corner of the hall was filled with resounding laughter. A sumptuous lunch followed. The grand finale to the grand week was a movie on Monday.

Just when the teachers thought the celebrations had come to an end, there was one more treat in store for them. On World Teachers Day, 5th October, Fr. Magi presented the teachers with a personalised mug.

Kudos to our magician, Fr. Magi!

(M'am Cynthia Gonsalves, AndroMedia, November 2012)

From the Principal's Desk

"One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feelings. The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of the child."

- Carl Jung

Our school does not celebrate Teachers' Day only once a year. The celebration is right round the year. Every time an X-Andrean walks into the school to meet his teachers, it is definitely a celebration. Very often X-Andreans come to my office and introduce themselves to me. They invariably tell me that the School has transformed remarkably. They are proud of their alma mater. After sharing some nostalgic memories, X-Andreans politely request my permission to meet their teachers. I readily give them permission and they joyously go out to meet their teachers. However, sometimes they are disappointed when they find out that some of their teachers have retired; whereas fortunate X-Andreans take out selfies or snapshots and soon social media is abuzz with their visit. Their visit is a celebration of gratitude and appreciation for their teachers. There are no gifts, no promises, no strings attached...

simply unadulterated appreciation.

I must confess that I am guilty of conveniently forgetting my teachers who taught me. Marvelling at the joy that the X-Andreans bring into lives of their teachers, I decided to make it a point to meet my schoolteachers. My personal journey of Mission Sunshine has been full of adventure. Some of my teachers failed to recognise me but those who "remembered" me could not believe that I am a priest now. With great pride, they introduced me to their students and friends. Like the giving tree, they bestowed their blessings and assured me of their prayers. I am grateful to the X-Andreans who have taught me an important lesson in life. Teachers' Day celebration is a lifetime celebration! Whatever I am today I owe it to my teachers. Alexander the Great rightly said, "I am indebted to my father for living, but to my teacher for living well." Incidentally, his teacher was the legendary philosopher, Aristotle.

Celebrate Teachers lifetime!

(AndroMedia, September 2015)



TEACHERS
ARE OUR
SUPERHEROES



Pre-primary Staff



Primary Staff



Secondary Staff

From the Principal's Desk

Silver medallist P.V. Sindhu and bronze medalist Sakshi Malik made India proud at the recently concluded Rio Olympics. They received a rousing welcome or rather, a 'rockstar' welcome when they returned. While the new stars basked in the sunshine, the coaches smiled proudly in the shadows.

My attention was drawn to Sindhu's coach, Gopichand; a soft-spoken person who prefers to keep a low profile. Not many are aware that he has singlehandedly changed the badminton scenario in our country. By grooming world-class talents (Saina Nehwal, Parupalli Kashyap, Srikant Kidambi, P.V. Sindhu, Arundhati Pantawane, Gurusai Dutt and Arun Vishnu), he has turned India into a formidable force in the arena of badminton. He was the first to slay the demons in the Indian players' minds about the Chinese being formidable.

To build his academy, Gopi mortgaged his home for Rs. 3 crores. The five acres of land given to him by the government for winning the All-England Championship was used to set up an international badminton academy. He could have easily made commercial gains from the property but his aim was to produce Olympic medallists. Gopi took a Rs. 5 crore donation from an industrialist promising to get an Olympic medal for India. Instead he won two; a bronze medal at the London Olympics 2012

by Saina Nehwal and recently a silver medal by P.V. Sindhu who lost to World No. 1, Carolina Marin.



A minister at a felicitation ceremony offered Sindhu the services of a "foreign" coach but she politely turned down the offer. "For me, Gopi Sir is the best coach. I don't want to say anything else. Carolina Marin played really well. It was her day," she said. Her tribute to her coach outshines all the accolades that he has so far received (Dronacharya Award, Arjuna Award, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna, Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan and more).

I am reminded of a student who was a top scorer at the SSC exams. I invited him to speak at the morning assembly to inspire other students. To my utter dismay, he began to advertise for a particular coaching academy that he had joined. Not a word of gratitude to any of his teachers! Shakespeare rightly said, "How sharper than a serpent's tooth is to have a thankless child."

Let us be inspired by Sindhu and thank our teachers... our life coaches.

Celebrate teachers!

(AndroMedia, September 2016)



TanQ Sir Michael Lopes (Secondary), M'am Vivette D'Mello (Primary), M'am Giselle Demello (Pre-Primary) for managing your respective sections efficiently.

Without you, I would not have been able to say yes to other responsibilities.

With deep gratitude,
Fr. Magi

Upgrading Staff Facilities



When Fr. Magi took over as Principal in 2009, staff facilities were scattered across the School. While High School staff had their staffrooms on the first floor of the main School building, they were forced to use restrooms on the second floor built under the staircase leading to the terrace. Primary staff had a separate staffroom in the other building.

To ensure better coordination, the staffrooms were brought down to the ground floor. It was now also easier and more convenient for parents to meet their son's teacher.

While the ladies have attached washrooms, the gents need only cross the corridor to theirs. Later, Fr. Magi installed air-conditioning and constructed individual workstations for each teacher. Plans were afoot to provide each teacher with their own desktop computer when the pandemic hit in March 2020. Fr. Magi believes that staffrooms are breeding grounds for negativity. His aim was to detoxify them and transform them into "sunshine staffrooms".



A Mission Sunshine Miracle

When Principal Fr. Magi entered St. Andrew High School, he found that the School support staff were like 'secret service agents', always hiding in the woodwork never seen during daylight hours. But Mission Sunshine and its pillars of Appreciation and Encouragement brought about a sea change in their attitude in the years that followed.

Today, anyone walking into the School lobby is greeted by the warm, welcoming smiles of these smartly uniformed men and women. The School is not just their workplace but their second home. They are always around, working quietly in the background ensuring the School runs smoothly. Rain or shine, they ensure every child is out of the gate safely in the hands of his parent, before they tidy up the premises for the next working day. One can see the pride they take in their work and their responsibilities.



This has only come about because of the dignity and respect awarded to them and their labour by Fr. Magi. He befriended them, ate meals once a fortnight with them seated on the floor sharing their home-cooked tiffin, his contribution being a delicious dessert of ice-cream or kulfi. This would be followed by a visit to the cinema either the same day or later that week.

They have a 'staffroom' of their own equipped with a microwave and other facilities for their own comfort. They are also sent on their own separate annual picnic, not with the teaching staff. They pool together the tips received from wedding celebrations, film shootings and dance classes held on the School premises and go on a family vacation every two years. Destinations range from Mahableshwar, Goa and Nainital to Dubai.

Fr. Magi wanted the support staff to have a sense of belonging to the institution that they serve so loyally. Mission Sunshine has definitely succeeded on this front.



From the Principal's Desk

This monsoon along with the heavy rains, Andreans also experienced cool showers of awards and appreciation... Mayor's Award, IDF Award, Player of the Year Award, etc.

downgraded themselves to 'sit and talk'. Decades of teaching with a basic qualifying degree has been the bane of our education system.



When M'am Bonifacia was appointed Headmistress of the Primary section by the ABE in 2011, I had recommended that she complete her DSM. The diploma course is in Marathi and is certainly not a cakewalk. There was no need for M'am to complete the course, but she took up the challenge. Against all odds (death of her ailing father and later the tragic death of her husband), she completed DSM with distinction. M'am was the cynosure of her professors and her interactions with them was the launching pad for the Mayor's Award that she truly deserved.



Awards are given to make the person feel valued, to build self-esteem and to create motivation. The greatest impact of the Award is when the awardee receives appreciation from peers, co-workers and those whom the awardee serves. Everyone has a role to play in the recognition process. I vividly remember a Std. 4 student proudly tell me that I am the "Best Principal". I was very amused and asked him the reason. The young Andrean replied, "My father says that you have many degrees, that's why!" I laughed. But when I got back to the privacy of my office, I began to reflect. Every degree that has been awarded has come because of my hard work and personal sacrifices. Why did I do it? When I completed by B.Ed in 2001, I was immediately appointed by His Eminence Ivan Cardinal Dias as Principal. I realised I am responsible for my own personal growth and that teaching involves a continuous learning process. A teacher never ceases to learn. I wish that the basic qualifying degree for us educators came with an expiry date. It is very sad when analog teachers have not upgraded themselves for the digital world. Instead, these 'chalk and talk' teachers have

As I wrote earlier, everyone has a role to play in the recognition process. Your role depends on your reaction. Is your reaction negative? Sour grapes? Jealousy? Killjoy? Demands for treat? Sneers? Or is your reaction positive? Wow? Appreciation? Sense of pride? Encouragement? Inspiration?

I sincerely hope that you are motivated to excel, that you are **INSPIRED**.

Be inspired!

(AndroMedia, October 2013)

St. Andrew Open School



St. Andrew Open School, under the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) (formerly known as National Open School (NOS)), was set up by Fr. Rodney Esperance in the late-1980s. It was only the third centre to be recognised in Mumbai and was the only one between Matunga and Andheri. Therefore, all the Bandra open schools i.e. St. Joseph's, St. Aloysius', St. Stanislaus', BAF Petit, Little Angels and even Drishti, Andheri had to register under St. Andrew's. As a result, even the 500 seats allotted to St. Andrew's would fall short.

When Fr. Magi took over as Principal in 2009, the Open School staff were not considered part of the School nor did they receive the recognition accorded to teachers of a High school. He saw the efforts and trouble taken by the staff and ensured they were appreciated too. Teachers' Day celebrations, Christmas gifts and regular outings became part of their academic calendar as well.

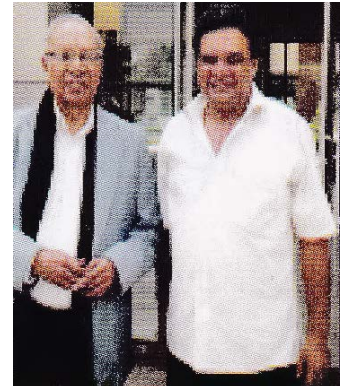


Despite NIOS not paying dues to the tune of Rs. 3 lakhs for a couple of years, St. Andrew Open School continued to function until the Ministry of Human Resources and Development (MHRD) used false pretexts to shut down many centres like Don Bosco, Matunga, Dominic Savio, Andheri, Regina Pacis, Byculla, Holy Family, Chakala and St. Andrew's as well.



NIOS News

The NIOS regional director specially invited Fr. Magi Murzello for a national seminar and silver jubilee celebration in Delhi from 22nd to 23rd November. St. Andrew Open School has had the highest enrolment for three consecutive years. Fr. Magi, Coordinator, was given the privilege of rubbing shoulders with other educationists at the national level. Fr. Magi was fortunate to interact with the founder chairman of NIOS, Fr. T. V. Kunnunkal. An eminent educationist and social activist, Fr. Kunnunkal is a pioneer who built the foundations for a strong, open and distance education system in India. Today, NIOS is the largest open schooling system in the world. At the seminar, Fr. Kunnunkal spoke of "demonetising" education. Commercialisation of education has diluted the basic essence of education. May his tribe increase!



(AndroMedia, December 2013)

Principal's Tenure



From the Principal's Desk

Six! Six! Six! Yeaaaah!

“What is the excitement all about? Is it a cricket match?” “Well, it’s Fr. Magi completing six years as Principal.”

Since 1969, only two Principals of St. Andrew High School have completed six years in office. They are Fr. Austin Cerejo (may his soul rest in peace) and Fr. Evan D’Souza (recently appointed as Parish Priest of Our Lady of Health, Sahar). I too have completed six years as Principal of this esteemed school and I feel honoured. Proud to be an Andrean Principal.

I look back with gratitude at the rich legacy bequeathed to me by the previous Principals. Nevertheless, St. Andrew High School cannot rest on its laurels. It cannot continue as a ‘sweet potato school’ where all the good is underground neither can it continue as a ‘doughnut school’ where there is a lot of cosmetic change but at the core there is nothing.

St. Andrew High School boasts of Mission Sunshine. I have been to nearly 200-odd schools in different parts of the country sharing our award-winning project with educators. Recently, I was in Jaipur and Kolkata conducting workshops for educators of different schools. Many of our Mission Sunshine initiatives have been adopted by these schools. How to Wow and How of Wow have made these schools WOW! schools. We even had a group of German delegates visit our school to get first-hand information about our Mission Sunshine project.

As St. Andrew High School gets global recognition, I am gratefully indebted to every stakeholder of this proud and proactive school.

TanQ!

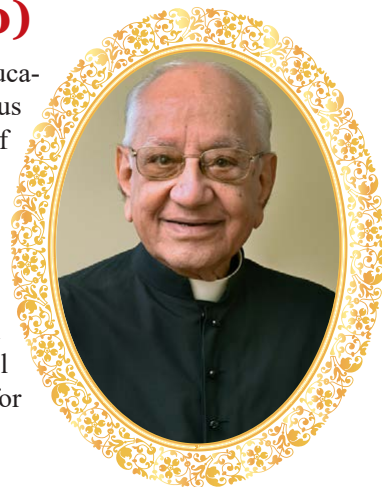
The ‘WOW’ magic..... spread it!!!!

(AndroMedia, May 2015)

Msgr. Nereus Rodrigues (1923 – 2020)

Given Msgr. Nereus Rodrigues’ immense contribution to the field of education, it was suggested that St. Dominic Road be renamed Msgr. Nereus Rodrigues Road in Andromedia, 2019 - 20. Thereafter, the Trustees of St. Andrew’s Educational Foundation requested that the chowk at the junction of Hill Road, St. Paul Road and Chimbai Road opposite St. Andrew Church, Bandra (West) be named “**Msgr. Nereus Rodrigues Chowk**”.

Mr. Asif Zakaria, Municipal Councillor, Ward 101 – Bandra West and ex-student of St. Andrew High School submitted the proposal to the Ward Committee where it was approved. As per MCGM rules, the proposal will now be forwarded to the Works Committee (Suburbs) followed by MCGM for final approval.



Roll Of Honour



1927—1931	Mr J S Pereira
1931—1932	Msgr Dominic DeSa
1932—1941	Msgr Henry Remedios
1942	Fr A Dharmai
1942	Fr Theophilis Gomes
1943	Msgr Vivian Dyer
1943—1954	Fr Frank Lobo
1954—1959	Msgr Henry Remedios
1959—1969	Msgr Nereus Rodrigues
1969—1974	Fr Rufus Pereira
1974—1975	Msgr Jonathan Dias
1975—1977	Fr Sydney Fernandes
1977—1981	Fr Rodney Esperance
1981—1982	Fr Alex Rebello
1982—1988	Fr Austin Cerejo
1988—1994	Fr Evan D'Souza
1994—1995	Fr John Rodrigues
1995—2000	Fr William Athaide
2000—2002	Fr Anthony D'Souza
2002—2005	Ms Genevieve Tauro
2005—2009	Fr George Athaide
2009—2021	Fr Magi Murzello



Rector of St. Andrew's Educational Foundation

With great pride we announce this good news.
Fr. Magi Murzello, our school Principal
has another feather in his cap. Fr. Magi

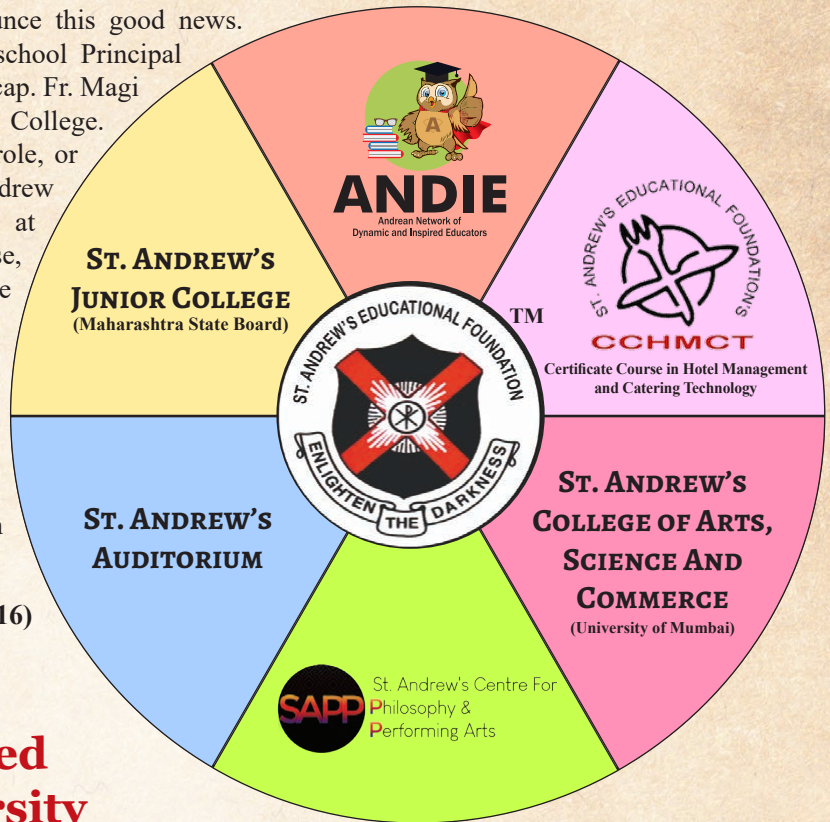
is now the Rector of St. Andrew's College.
Fr. will now be performing a dual role, or
rather a triple role – priest at St. Andrew
Church, Principal and Headmaster at
St. Andrew High School and, of course,
an additional new role of Rector at the
College.

Congratulations!

God Bless!

We assure you, Fr. Magi, of our
constant support as you embark on
this new journey.

(School Website, May 2016)



Fr. Magi Nominated to Mumbai University Senate

For his work in the field of education, Principal Fr. Magi Murzello was nominated by the Governor to the Senate of Mumbai University in August 2017. Congratulations!

Principal Of
St. Andrews school
**Rev. Fr.
MAGI
MURZELLO**
nominated
by Governor as
**SENATE MEMBER
of MUMBAI
UNIVERSITY**



THROUGH
**GOD'S
BLESSINGS**

*Initiative
for
Innovation*

Fr. Magi Becomes Editor of EduFOCUS

In 2017, the Archdiocesan Board of Education (ABE) relaunched their in-house newsletter under a new name, **EduFOCUS**, with Fr. Magi Murzello as Editor. One of the aims of **EduFOCUS** is to enable ABE schools to share knowledge and ideas with each other. It could be innovations in teaching methodology, schemes or projects that improved their surroundings, outreach programmes undertaken, or even a unique solution to an age-old problem. Fr. Magi also encourages the ABE Reporters to send in information about events, jubilee celebrations, etc. taking place in their school.

The first issue of **EduFOCUS** was launched on 29th June, 2017 at the annual general body meeting of the ABE held at St. Andrew's Auditorium, Bandra. Published thrice a year, it has been receiving tremendous appreciation from the teaching community for its ground-breaking content.



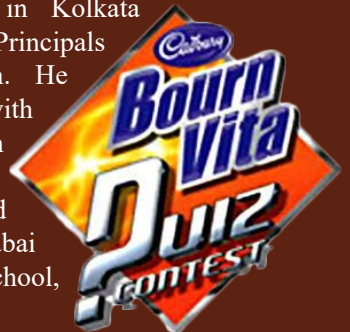
Bringing Bandra Schools Together

In 2011, Fr. Magi was responsible for bringing together the schools in the Bandra deanery of the Archdiocese of Bombay. The Principals would meet regularly to update each other on the happenings in their respective schools. Working together paved the way for smoother functioning and decision-making across the board.



Did you know...

Fr. Magi Murzello participated in the Bournvita Quiz Contest in Kolkata as part of the Principals – West Zone team. He is seen here with Mr. Derek O'Brien and M'am Sandhya Balakrishnan, retired Principal of Bai Avabai F. Petit Girls' High School, Bandra.



Evolution through Revolution

“Let us, in education, dream of an aristocracy of achievement arising out of a democracy of opportunity.”

This is very true of St. Andrew High School, Bandra, a school that is well-known for its brilliance in every field right from its conception. Principals of great stature have come and gone and each one has contributed to raising the School to the standards they dreamt of, JUST THE BEST.

St. Andrew High School was doing well in all spheres. In 2009, St. Andrew, our patron, gifted the School with a magician, none other than Fr. Magi Murzello, who took the baton from Fr. George Athaide and never looked back. A revolutionary by nature with a grand vision for the future, he dreamt of the School becoming a ‘World Class School’ and with his wand of creative ideas and technology, he marched ahead.

Through his hard work, determination and the support of staff, he went ahead and brought about great changes.

“Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine.” Fr. Magi Murzello strongly believed in this and brought in sunshine through his project Mission Sunshine. The objective is to bring out the best in the children and staff through appreciation as he believed that the “attitude of gratitude is the best beatitude.”

“Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow.” – Anthony J. D’Angelo
Fr. Magi, a man with technological knowledge, installed computers and projectors with modules for

every subject in every class for audio-visual teaching thus helping children understand abstract topics and develop a liking for the subject. The assemblies went on air and students now faced the camera confidently. Academics now became e-learning.

Security for the child and the School was the need of the hour and thanks to the prompt action taken, CCTV cameras were fitted in all classes and corridors. The School also has its own security system.

‘Catch them young...’ is our motto. St. Andrew High School strongly believes that the child should be given the best right from the early years and, every year, new ways were planned to impart knowledge. This very year, the Andrean Child Centre has started child-centred activity-based education. Lessons are imparted through audio-visuals, handmade aids, dramatization, role play, nature walks, field trips, etc.

The Language Laboratory goes a long way in building the child’s communication skills effectively with emphasis on pronunciation and diction.

Performing where one can be seen is always a boost for the performer. Keeping this in mind, a stage has been built for the performer where his talent can be seen and acknowledged by the spectators.

“The reason why the Universe is eternal is that it does not live for itself; it gives life to others as it transforms.” – Lao Tzu and this is what St. Andrew High School is all out to do. Giving life through transformation of the child into the gentleman he must grow to.

(Rahim Musani, 10A, AndroMedia, August 2011)

Proud to be an ‘Andrean’ Parent

To begin with, I am really grateful for having been given the opportunity to give my feedback. The students at our school are thankful for the amazing, innovative, creative, useful and wonderful things that the School does for them, right from the drawstring backpacks to stationery to the memorable diaries which will last them forever and why not? Every gift is specially thought of and planned. I, being a parent, am pleased to be a part of the Andrean family. These students are blessed to receive these gifts from the School.

Every student at St. Andrew High School is very proud to be an ‘Andrean’ and every parent too is proud to be an ‘Andrean’ parent. The love and care that Principal Fr. Magi Murzello and his staff shower on the students is indeed commendable. I have no words to express my gratitude. TanQ Father!

**(Amrita Karnik, mother of Asmi, 7B,
AndroMedia, April 2017)**

Proud to be an Andrean

Shifting from a remote village for the purpose of education to a metropolitan city like Mumbai was a million-dollar question. My son got into St. Andrew High School (Bandra). It was a change for the better. Initially, the first year was a difficult one, as if he had entered an ocean, especially when his parents both medicos were occupied round the clock.

But the changes observed in the last few years were marvellous, academic level was positive, as with the syllabus he was well kept up to date with the latest change in the environment, studies, extra-curricular activities and computerised teaching. The graph of his knowledge slowly went upwards with the cosmopolitan touch of the management and staff always ready to cooperate in the hours of crisis. In sports, he did well in chess, but after getting into such a school with a vast playground and efficient staff, he tasted football.

As far as academics is concerned, the efficient staff groomed him to speak out at elocutions and various competitions which made him outspoken and bold, and he can now address a sizeable crowd confidently.

Strict discipline and easy mingling with all the communities have made my son more generous and cooperative with others. Sunshine book grading has made him more punctual and devoted to the studies. We, as parents, are also thankful to Fr. Magi Murzello who has always been encouraging and optimistic towards the School. The School has always been a boon to my child. The School will always be in his sweet treasure of memories. And today, as he enjoys being a part of the School, he can say with his head held high, 'I AM PROUD TO BE AN ANDREAN.'

(Mrs. Arjumand N. Tungekar, mother of Mohammed Yoosha Tungekar, 10, AndroMedia, August 2011)

Dear Fr. Magi Murzello,

I hope that this email finds you well. I am Mohammed Yoosha Tungekar, and I am an alumnus of St. Andrew High School having passed out in the year 2012. I had the pleasure of learning from you from Grade 8 to Grade 10. I have completed my graduation as a mechanical engineer in 2019 and, today, I am in the process of applying for my Masters in the USA. In fact, with your blessings, I have already received admission letters from a few universities.

I am writing this email as I wanted to express my gratitude to you for the positive impact you made in my life and, of course, on the lives of many students.

You started your journey in St. Andrew High School by incorporating a very astonishing and unique way of introducing the art of appreciation and expressing gratitude amongst everyone. Mission Sunshine taught us to practically implement moral values which was beyond the scope of books in any school. I am writing this email especially in the holy month of Ramadan as I cannot dare to forget the day when you organised an iftar party for us in Shalimar restaurant. These are the memories which have imbibed a sense of inclusiveness and compassion in us. Whenever I

sense disappointment around me due to the darkness spread by the politics of human nature, the foundation you have established in us reminds me of who we are and the difference that we can choose to make the world a better place. Today, as I look into my treasure of memories, I wish to appreciate every person in St. Andrew High School that has helped me, through their indefatigable zeal, to become the person I am today. I pray to God so that I may talk to every teacher of the School, whether working or retired, and tell them that they have been an inspiration to me.

Words cannot describe my experience as a student at St. Andrew High School. I am ending this email while wishing you and all the teachers safety during this harsh time of the pandemic.

Yours Sincerely,
Mohammed Yoosha Tungekar
(via email, April 2021)



I was pleasantly surprised to receive this email so full of positivity and gratitude during the pandemic.

Fr. Magi



Appreciation from St. Xavier's Institute of Education Interns

In 2001 – 2002, when Fr. Magi was a trainee-teacher at St. Andrew High School, he and his batchmates had a very traumatic experience. Therefore, as Principal, he went out of his way to ensure that the trainee-teachers were respected by all. They were under his special protection, and he ensured all their needs were met. They were allotted a staffroom of their own, all meals were free of charge and woe betide any student who flouted rules or showed disrespect when the trainee-teacher was teaching. Fr. Magi also sponsored lunches and movie outings at least once per batch. The messages below feature the gratitude and appreciation towards the School which was their second home for that academic year.



What do I say about this place that has given me so much? Bee Thankful and Bee Grateful!

From the Principal to the teachers to the support staff, all of them have been very accommodating to all the 10 of us. I can say that I have practically lived here for a term and have etched my name somewhere in the hearts of students.

It all started in July, when we arrived not just to give lessons but also to understand the way in which we handle and run a school. From the first week, the respect the students showed us and care that the Principal and supervisor along with the teachers gave us was something I will cherish for the rest of my Teaching Career.

Every lesson began with a challenge, different students, different ideas, different thoughts and their expectations. But the teacher's guidance and suggestions helped in the future lessons.

Now as I look back to the way things were and are, I will surely miss these few moments which will very soon turn to memories. I will cherish the advice and guidance provided by the English teachers. I am obliged and wish to thank all the supporting staff and canteen staff for making us feel at home.

And finally, I wish to say that all these days at St. Andrew High School and Jr. College would have never been so smooth and lovely without Fr. Principal. Thank you for always being there and for your constant appreciation of our presence.

St. Andrew's has been a wonderful experience to hold and a memory to cherish.

(Macjoyle Barretto, AndroMedia, October 2016)



As I pen down my memories of the internship at St. Andrew High School, I recall those moments when we were warmly greeted by the Principal, Fr. Magi Murzello. Fr. Magi and the staff made us feel at home with their support and their friendly gesture. I would like to specially note down a few instances. The Principal went out of his way to make us feel at home by instructing all his staff and students to support us in all respects. Fr. Magi Murzello saw to it that we were provided with snacks which catered to our physical nourishment during the breaks. The teaching staff gave us one-to-one attention thus helping us to complete the duties assigned to us. The students were advised to lend us all the respect and attention as it

was our first assignment. This really boosted my confidence and helped me to give in my best performance. I am truly thankful to the Principal and the staff for being with me throughout this journey in the teaching process to make me feel comfortable.

(Liselle D'Cruz, AndroMedia, April 2017)



St. Andrew High School, Bandra has been my first ever hands-on experience in a Secondary school and, without a doubt, it has been fabulous. The vibe of the School from the moment I stepped in was upbeat with a lot of “Sunshine”. The Principal, Fr. Magi Murzello, was our pillar, always supporting us. In all my interactions with Fr. Magi, I experienced warmth. There was an aura of a parent who was always there to look after us and care for us. Fr. Magi, you guided us just like a shepherd who leads his flock and never made us feel like visitors or ‘interns’ but welcomed us affectionately into the Andrean family. Thank you to each one of you for all the care.

(Marishka D’Souza, AndroMedia, April 2017)



A successful organisation or institute is identified by the leader who guides it and ensures its progress. St. Andrew High School is one such example. The leadership strategies of Fr. Magi Murzello are remarkable and truly splendid. I admire his attitude, charisma and determination. I love the way the School welcomes new modifications and is always zealous about innovations. A great learning experience which will be cherished forever in my heart.

(Fatema Sangotwala, AndroMedia, April 2017)



It is a very special feeling coming back to St. Andrew High School. It is the exact feeling that one experiences after coming back home after a long vacation. The magnetic pull that this school possesses in terms of its quality of compassion is phenomenal. Every individual in this school, right from the nursery to the supporting staff is pleasantly greeted by the Principal. This indeed gives a feeling of oneness and sense of belongingness to each person in the School. This I shall treasure in my heart forever and cherish it for a lifetime. To sum it up, “Where there is Appreciation, there is Sunshine.” I cannot but admire and thank the School and its stakeholders for introducing and nurturing the tradition of APPRECIATION.

(Jini Varghese, AndroMedia, April 2017)



Each minute spent in the School becomes a learning experience for the student and the teacher and so it was with me. It was a remarkable and memorable experience for me at St. Andrew High School. I enjoyed the harmonious and loving atmosphere of the School. I always admired the ways things were handled by Principal Fr. Magi Murzello. What inspired me the most was the appreciation and encouragement given to each student. I shall forever cherish the positive response of students towards my teaching mission. In this cheerful journey with St. Andrew’s, I have discovered the joy of sharing whatever I have.

(Reshma Lakra, AndroMedia, April 2017)



I felt positive vibes when I entered the School on the first day itself. All the students in St. Andrew High School were well behaved and respected us even though we were not full-fledged teachers yet. All the staff members were very supportive. I had a fruitful experience. I learnt a lot and will cherish this internship for life as I was never exposed to a school setting before. Last but definitely not the least, a big thank you to the most wonderful and kind-hearted Principal, Fr. Magi Murzello, for making us comfortable in your school.

(Larissa D’Mello, AndroMedia, April 2017)



My fourth semester internship at St. Andrew High School provided me with a cumulative opportunity to integrate all I had learned at St. Xavier's Institute of Education and apply it in a practical setting. During our first visit to the School, prior to the beginning of our internship, we were warmly welcomed by the Principal, Fr. Magi Murzello, and the staff. That warm welcome translated itself into an amazing experience for us here. The teachers were very helpful and went out of their way to accommodate our requests. The pupils too made our experience wonderful. They were very responsive and cooperative. I really liked the hands-on approach that Fr. Magi employs. His constant encouragement and involvement with the pupils and innovative ideas of the pupils are some of the things that I will always remember. Such things, while seeming small, are very important for building a rapport with the students and will definitely be helpful to me.

(Shalom Fernandes, AndroMedia, April 2017)



Assemblies are an integral part of a school. What makes it special and meaningful at St. Andrew High School is that the individuality of every child is acknowledged. This builds up confidence in them from a tender age. The interaction of the Principal, Fr. Magi Murzello, with the students and staff was very inspiring.

(Freedal D'Cunha, AndroMedia, April 2017)



This school has taught me so much. Right from Bee Boss (Principal) Fr. Magi Murzello to the teaching and non-teaching staff as well as the students, everyone made our internship at St. Andrew High School a memorable one. All of them welcomed me with open arms once again. I will never forget the experiences of my first lessons here. This school will always be remembered by me as my first teaching school. I couldn't ask for a better school than St. Andrew High School which somewhere considers me as a permanent member of their 'Bee Andrean' family. I would love to thank Fr. Magi Murzello and all the teachers for their support and guidance in this journey of mine. Thank you every single one of you.

(Stefan R Fernandes, AndroMedia, October 2017)



Life in St. Andrew High School is always what I will cherish. "Fr. Magi Murzello, You Really Are The Best." I have learnt a very precious Bee-attitude from Fr. Magi Murzello and that is, in giving all that one can and treating all equally. TanQ so much dear teachers too for correcting us when it was necessary and to the students too for your cooperation.

(Steffie Dabre, AndroMedia, October 2017)



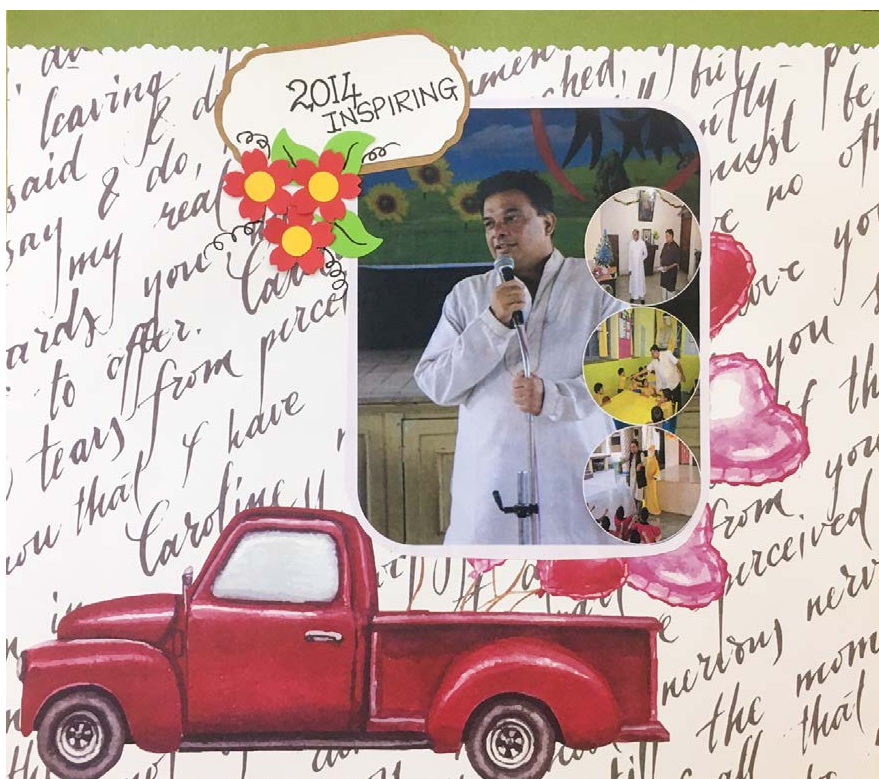
The positive atmosphere welcomed us into the campus of St. Andrew High School. As we entered, I felt the warm hospitality of the Principal, Fr. Magi Murzello, who always greeted us with a broad smile. The teachers, students and also the non-teaching staff were supportive and cooperated with me throughout my internship. The journey at St. Andrew High School has made me a part of them and I will always cherish this learning experience forever in my heart.

(Shefali Rodrigues, AndroMedia, October 2017)

Exuberance Extraordinaire

As we look back, we are reminded of a gentle giant – none other than our very own Fr. Magi Murzello who entered the portals of St. Andrew High School (Bandra) 12 years ago. His vim spoke volumes of his zest for life as we saw the zing in all he did.

Some people are born great, others have greatness thrust upon them while many achieve greatness. Fr. Magi is among those who achieved greatness through his simplicity and tenacity. We doff our hats to dear Father as he donned the crown of a faithful priest, a dynamic and generous principal, a humble rector, a respected member of



the Senate and the brainchild behind SAPP (St. Andrew's Centre for Philosophy and Performing Arts) and ANDIE (Andean Network of Dynamic and Inspired Educators).

Though a man of few words, Fr. Magi is well read and keeps abreast of all that is happening in the world around him. With almost every year gone by, there were new heights to scale and ambitious dreams to be realised. His constructive approach to any novel or challenging circumstance especially the technological evolution is indeed praiseworthy. He always believes that technology can transform and empower individuals, thus ensuring that

St. Andrew's took quantum leaps in the digital age. Guided by him, the staff and students embarked on an exciting journey of discovery and self-learning.

From his vantage position as our Bee Boss, he exuded a spirit of dedication, determination and commitment to the fullest measure in order to bring St. Andrew's to a state-of-the-art institution. Under his leadership, we witnessed great changes over the years, be it the Gratitude Chapel, Solarium, a welcoming lobby, the bright and airy School hall, comfortable staffrooms, well-maintained classrooms with overhead projectors, clean washrooms, a well-



stocked library, science laboratory, computer room, language laboratory, robotics laboratory, nature room, expressive art room, games room, a turf park, sports fitness centre, a revamped basketball court, CCTV vigilance, an official website and so much more!

The introduction of the Mission Sunshine project, now having completed a successful decade, not only exhorts the WOW MAGIC but brings in Sunshine through appreciation and encouragement to every stake holder. Father pushed the envelope further with his innovative idea of bringing in 366

Bee-attitudes, an initiative that sought to help our children metamorphose into WOWsome and Amazing bees helping them to bee-lieve in themselves and positively pollinate the world around us. As we bask in glory, we applaud Father's effort and credit the lion's share to the gigantic strides he took. The dusk of the academic year 2020 - 21 has brought to a close his 12 glorious years at St. Andrew's featuring immense hard work and groundbreaking initiatives. We can't help but beam at our Principal who is a 'powerhouse' in his own right.



We surely don't want to say goodbye but simply thank Father for all that he has done for us as we wish him well with a heavy heart on his transfer to Sacred Heart Boys' High School (Santacruz). We pray that the Almighty always shine His light on Fr. Magi as he continues to work tirelessly in His vineyard and may He shower His blessings in abundance.

Au Revoir!!!

(M'am Giselle Demello, M'am Nazia Eisa, M'am Roshni Jadhav and Sir Darryl Loyola, Pre-primary section, May 2021)



Farewell Fr. Magi

(Primary section, May 2021)



DEAREST FR. MAGI,

AS WE BID YOU FAREWELL, WE WANT TO
SAY 'TANQ' FOR ALL YOU HAVE BEEN TO
US. WE SEND YOU THIS IRISH BLESSING AND
WISH YOU ALL THE VERY BEST.

MAY THE ROAD RISE UP TO MEET YOU,
MAY THE WIND BE EVER AT YOUR BACK.

MAY THE SUN SHINE WARM UPON YOUR FACE,
AND RAIN FALL SOFTLY ON YOUR LAND.

AND UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN.....
MAY GOD HOLD YOU IN THE HOLLOW
OF HIS HAND.

WITH OUR LOVE

VIVETTE
BRINAL
REBECCA
DOLLY
FELICIA

AND YOUR SPECIAL GIRLS,

VINOD
AND
VINEET

MAY 2021

Dear Sons,

I have always addressed you as 'sons' or 'gentlemen'. I remember how tickled the Pre-primary students would be with the word 'gentlemen'. Once, an arrogant official from the Department came to school to demand seats in the Junior KG. I took him to the class to show him how impossible it would be to oblige. Being recess time, on seeing me, my little sons ran joyously towards me to shake hands and, in the ensuing melee, they dropped me to the floor. I survived but that official fled from the scene never to trouble me again. If the 'baccha party' could throw their Principal to the ground, he'd better not hang around.



In the 12 years that I have been here, I have raised neither my hand nor my voice. Yes, I was angry when some of you vandalised that first Christmas crib. I was hurt when your parents too did not show remorse. But that did not stop me from being generous every Christmas. Along with the canteen staff and the Parish's Women's Cell, I would sit late through the nights packing your gifts. Through the Yeh-lo Santa Project, I encouraged you to be generous to the marginalised and you did not disappoint me. I remember your parents complaining about Santa SurpRice, "Father, hamara dil bada hai aur dabba chota hai." They generously donated sacks of rice to the orphanages. I was overwhelmed. Last Christmas, for the Santa Kaun-spiracy (Kaun banega Santa?), you and your parents formed a network and distributed essential goods to needy parents during the lockdown.

When my father died, you came to meet me. Your parents advised me to stay at home with my mother. "Your mother is alone and is a heart patient," they told me. "She needs you more than us." That night, my father must have rested in peace knowing his "beloved son" was in safe company.

Another time, my mother came to school at noon to meet me. You were going home while I was still in a Headmasters' meeting. One of you asked her, "M'am, may I help you?" On realising she was my mother, you got your classmates together and entertained her with 'lungi dance' and Bollywood songs till I returned. She had a wonderful time. When I asked you why you hadn't gone home, with broad smiles you replied, "Your mother is our mother too. Besides, we got a lot of your 'naughty' secrets from her." TanQ, sons, for adopting me as part of your family. I am blessed!

I am proud of you when you address adults as "Sir" or "M'am" not "Uncle" or "Aunty". I am proud of you when I see your honesty. I cannot believe my eyes when you come to my office with lost property – expensive watches, items found on the turf, or wallets or handbags found on the road. A parishioner once told me how you found a mobile phone outside Café Andora and waited there till she collected it. She wanted to reward you but you ran away. In an emergency, you were allowed to take money from my office to travel home or to eat at the School canteen. No records were kept. Yet the money would be returned to Mr. Sudhakar the next day. Amazing!

My sons, don't forget the 'Andrew's Handshake'. I would take the trouble to shake hands with you when you entered or left the campus. Whenever we meet in future, don't tell me about your mischief or the rules you broke or the nicknames you gave your teachers for that would hurt me. Instead, give me the 'Andrew's Handshake' and tell me how you spread the "Wow" magic. You, my son, will make me and Mission Sunshine proud.

At the beginning of every academic year, at the annual general body meeting of the PTA, I would thank your parents for the extension I got. While others were plotting, your parents would pray that I be here till you finished schooling. We, priest-principals, do not get a school farewell because our transfers are announced after the final exams end. Five years from now, I retire. You, my sons, and your parents are invited to my retirement party for you are my family.

To quote Mahatma Gandhi: There are no goodbyes for us. Wherever you are, you will always be in my heart.



Fr. Magi
Bee Boss

People are often unreasonable, irrational and self-centred.

FORGIVE THEM ANYWAY.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives.

BE KIND ANYWAY.

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies.

SUCCEED ANYWAY.

If you are honest and sincere, people may deceive you.

BE HONEST AND SINCERE ANYWAY.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight.

CREATE ANYWAY.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous.

BE HAPPY ANYWAY.

The good you do today, will often be forgotten.

DO GOOD ANYWAY.

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough.

GIVE YOUR BEST ANYWAY.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God.

**IT WAS NEVER BETWEEN YOU
AND THEM ANYWAY.**

- Mother Teresa -

