School prayer

Loving God,
As the community of St Andrew’s we thank you for your guiding hand
and ask for your continued blessings upon us.
May our school be a place where we value truth, justice,
kindness and the special gifts of one another.
May we have the strength and commitment
to meet life’s challenges, with St Andrew as our guide.
Amen

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We celebrate St Andrew’s Day next Wednesday, on the feast day of St
Andrew, but how many of you know who St Andrew was?

“St Andrew, like his brother Simon Peter, was a fisherman and is known
as the patron saint of fishermen. He became a disciple of St John the
Baptist, but when John pointed to Jesus and said, ‘Behold the Lamb of
God!’ Andrew understood that Jesus was greater. He left John to follow
Jesus and was his first disciple.

He brought his brother Simon Peter to join Jesus and for a time they
continued to carry on their fishing trade and family affairs. However, later,
Jesus called them to stay with him and promised to make them ‘fishers of
men’, so they left their nets for good. When Jesus was crucified, it is
believed that Andrew went to Greece to preach the gospel. He is said to
have been put to death on a cross, to which he was tied, not nailed. He
lived two days in that state of suffering, still preaching to the people who
gathered around their beloved Apostle. Two countries have chosen St
Andrew as their patron – Russia and Scotland.” Source: Saints and
Angels – Catholic Online

You are welcome to join us at 9.00am for our school Mass on St Andrew’s Day. It will be followed by
our THANK YOU morning tea to parents and volunteers and a morning of activities that the children
will enjoy with their buddies. At 1.05 we will be flying the kites that the Preprimary to Year 3 children
will have built during the morning.

God bless you.
Eileen Climo
Principal

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK:
Thank You Morning Tea for Parents & Christmas Concert Times

VISION STATEMENT
St Andrew’s CPS offers an education that acknowledges, respects
and nurtures the uniqueness of each person.
Within a framework of Catholic values and teamwork,
the students will be challenged and supported to recognise their gifts
and develop their potential as they learn and contribute to their community.
### DATES TO REMEMBER

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### SCHOOL MATTERS

**Congratulations to those children who have celebrated their birthdays recently.**

*K Rosie, S Sanders, A Carpene, O Peskett, A Poett, A O’Dowd*

**THANK YOU MORNING TEA FOR PARENTS**

In recognition of the assistance and support received from parents throughout the year, staff are inviting all parents who have assisted in any way during this year, to morning tea after our St Andrew’s Day Mass, on Wednesday 30th November. The morning tea will be held in the Hall and we look forward to thanking you for your support this year.

**SCHOOL BOARD AGM**

You are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the School Board on Tuesday, November 29, 2011 in the school library. The purpose of the meeting is to present the Board Chair and Principal reports, the budget for 2012 and to elect members to the Board. There are two positions available on the Board for 2012. Nominations for these positions must be received in writing by Friday, 25th November, 2011.

**GIVING TREE FOOD DONATIONS**

Thank you to those people who have donated food so far to our St Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal. From this week on, we are looking at donations of Christmas foods/items. The following items would be most welcome: tins of ham, fruit mince pies, Christmas puddings, tinned fruit, sweet biscuits, savoury biscuits, jellies, soft drinks, cordials, cartons of custards, candy canes etc.

Bridget Jones (Assistant Principal)
UNIFORMS
There are many lost property items in the cover area which need to be claimed. Please check the names on your children’s clothing.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT – WEDNESDAY 7TH DECEMBER
There will be no tickets this year. We understand families have work commitments but would like to encourage families with younger children to come to the 1.30pm concert to free up seating for the evening performance. Preprimary children perform at the 1.30pm concert only.

ST ANDREW’S PARISH

ST ANDREW’S FEAST DAY
The Feast of St Andrew, our Patron Saint is being celebrated at all Masses this weekend 26 and 27 November. The Liturgy Committee would like to show their appreciation and support, and invite all those who celebrated any of the Sacraments this year: in Marriage; Baptism; First Reconciliation; First Holy Communion and Confirmation. At the Sunday 9.00am Mass singing will be led by the St Andrew's Parish Junior Choir and a surprise visit at the end of Mass by the Haggis Bashers Bagpipes.

Please stay for Refreshments after the Mass.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
St Andrew's Catholic Church, Clarkson presents:
Carols by Candlelight
Friday 9 December 2011
7.00pm - 8.00pm
To be held on the grounds outside of St Andrews Church
Bring your own rug/chair (please, no picnics)
Come and experience the 'true meaning of Christmas'.
Led by:
St Andrew’s Parish Choir
St Andrew’s Parish Junior Choir
St Andrew’s Primary School Choir
St Andrew’s Children’s’ Liturgy

COMMUNITY NEWS

OSHCLUB - HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
Thursday 15th December - Friday 23rd December 2011
Monday 9th January - Tuesday 31st January 2012
Please book for the OSHClub holiday programme at www.oshclub.com.au now to avoid disappointment. A copy of the holiday programme is available from the office. This information is available on the St Andrew’s website.
2B has been learning how to say “Happy Christmas” in other languages around the world. See how many you can say!!

**Samoan:** La Maunia Le Kitisimasi Ma Le Tausaga Fou

**Italian:** Buon Netale e Felice Anno Nuove

**Hebrew:** Moadim Lesimkha Shan

**Polish:** Wesolych Swiat Bozego Narod Zenia

**Malay:** Selamat Hari Natal

**Korean:** Sung Tan Chuk Ha

**Norwegian:** God Jul og Godf Nyttar

**Latin:** Natale Hilare et Annum Nuovo

**Irish:** Nollaig Shona Dhuit

**Hawaiian:** Mele Ka lik Naka and Hauolimkahi Hou

**Greek:** Kala Christougenna Kieftihismenos O Ken Ouiros Chronos

**Japanese:** Shinnem Omededlo Karis Limusu Omedet

**German:** Froehliche Weihnachten Undein Gluckliches Neues Jahr

**Trakeese:** Neekirissimas annim oo iyer seef feyiyeed

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Ruby and Angelikah

Caitlin Arends

Amara, Amelia and Carmelo

Nyandeng and Phoebe S.

Virginia and Alek

Will and Lachlan

Ludwig and Emilio

Isla and Amity

Regan and Kaela-Paige

Liam and Connor

Phoebe K, Bella and Ashley

Akor

Charlotte and Hannah

Andreia and Jennifer