St Andrew, pray for us.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

**St Andrew’s Day Mass:** We had a great turnout of parents at this Mass which was celebrated very respectfully by our students. Thank you to all staff and students involved in preparing and participating in it. The St Andrew focus was impressive. Thank you, Year 1, for the fish. Great work.

**Thank You Morning Tea:** It was wonderful to welcome so many parents and volunteers to our morning tea and I again thank them (and others who could not attend due to work commitments) for their generosity of time and energy for the betterment of our children and school community. Thank you also to our hard working staff members who provided the food for the occasion.

**Buddy Activity:** Despite some initial difficulties, as staff worked out how to make the kites, we had great success with this endeavour and the children enjoyed kite flying time on the oval after lunch when the breeze was just about perfect. Thank you to the Year 4, 5 & 6 students who ably assisted the younger students in the making and flying of the kites. Great ‘community service’ for you.

**School Board AGM:** Thank you to all who attended this meeting. The Board remains virtually unchanged for 2012, though we welcome Gordon Jansen as the Parish representative to the St Andrew’s Board. My thanks goes to all Board members, on your behalf, for their work and commitment to our school in 2011. Judith Birchall’s Board Chair report, and my Annual report to the Community are on our website and you are invited to read them if you did not attend the AGM.

God bless you.
Eileen Climo
Principal
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SCHOOL MATTERS

**Congratualtions to those children who have celebrated their birthdays recently.**
B Cordiano-Stringer, E Estrella, J Purvis, J Montagnon, C Connolly, L Montagnon, A Dongrin, L Murray, J San Miguel

**VINNIES FOOD DONATIONS**
Well done to all those who have given to our food appeal. We have gone from collecting staple food items to collecting Christmas treat items. We would love to see mince pies, tins of ham, crackers, Christmas puddings, cartons of custard, Christmas biscuits, jars/tins of fruit, savoury crackers etc.
Thank you. 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.

**END OF YEAR EVENTS**
- Graduation: For all Year 6 students and their families on Monday 12th December at 6.30pm.
- Newsletter: There will be no newsletter next week. The final newsletter of the year will be sent home to all families on Monday 12th December. It will contain the Term1 2012 calendar and the staffing for 2012.
- Class Changeover: Students will be advised of their classrooms and teacher(s) for 2012 on Tuesday December 13th. They will spend an hour in their ‘new’ classroom and bring home to you a note about their placement. The changeover will occur between 10.45 and 11.45 am.
- Christmas Mass: The final Mass of the year will be held on Wednesday 14th December at 8.45am. Pre-primary to Year 5 children will attend this Mass to which you are invited.
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.

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Quinns Rock Blue Light Disco

Date: Saturday 10th December 2011
Location: Gumblossom Hall, Tapping Way, Quinns Rocks
Time: 6.30pm – 9.00pm: Ages 8–13 years
Tickets: $6 inc GST
Notes: Due to safety reasons, enclosed shoes must be worn at all times, and all children must be picked up at the conclusion of the event by a parent or guardian. Parents are encouraged to stay at events if they wish.
Our class really enjoyed participating in St Andrew’s Day activities yesterday. We have also learnt some interesting facts-

Saint Andrew is the Patron of Scotland and St. Andrew’s Day is celebrated by Scots all around the world on the 30th of November. (Mikayla)

St. Andrew’s Day marks the opening of Christmas Markets. (Aleisha)

St. Andrew’s Day is connected with Advent which begins on the nearest Sunday to 30th of November. (Claudia G.)

The night before the 30th, if a young woman prays, they may see their future husband in their dreams. (Anders)

Saint Andrew is the Patron Saint of Scotland. (Ryan)

St. Andrew died on a cross. (Baylee)

St. Andrew’s day marks the opening of Christmas Markets. (Jacinta)

Many midwinter custom and folk superstitions are also connected to St Andrew’s day. (Jack)

The flag of Scotland is the cross of St. Andrew and this is widely displayed as a symbol of national identity. (Nikita)

St. Andrew is the Patron Saint of Scotland. (Chevi)

St. Andrew also looks after gout, singers, sore throats, stiff necks, unmarried women, women who wanted to be mothers, fish dealers, fish mongers, old maids and more! (Claudia M)

Around midnight on November 29th, it was traditional for girls to pray to St. Andrew for a husband. (Tapiha)

St. Andrew’s Day is often a celebration of general Scottishness with traditional food, music (especially bagpipes) and dancing. (Monique)

The Scottish flag is the cross of St. Andrew also known as the Saltire. It is said to be one of the oldest national flags of any country dating back at least to the 12th century. (Naomi)

St Andrew’s Day marks the opening of Christmas Markets. (Friday)

St. Andrew was believed to have died on a diagonally transverses cross. (Kate)

The flag is known to be one of the oldest national flag of any country. (Demi)

Saint Andrew is the Patron Saint of Scotland. (Joshua)

St. Andrew died on a X shape cross. (Lia)

German Folklore advises single women who wish to marry, to ask for St. Andrew’s help on the night before the 30th of November. (Ben)

The flag of Scotland is the cross of St. Andrew. (Anthony)