This is an excerpt from our Anzac Day Service held today with children from PP to Year 6.

Even though most children here today have been fortunate enough not to have been part of any war, we are gathered here today to remember events that happened many years ago far from our shores. There was lots of damage during World War 1. Towns and farms were destroyed, forests were burned and the ground was cratered from all the bombing and rain. One thing did survive. In Spring, thousands of small flowers called poppies, started growing everywhere! Lieutenant Colonel McCrae wrote a poem called *In Flanders Fields* when he saw them.

> In Flanders fields the poppies grow  
> Between the crosses, row on row.

Anzac Day was originally set aside for us to recall the brave Australian and New Zealand soldiers who fought at Gallipoli in 1915, during World War 1. ANZAC Day is now a time for us to recall all men and women who have represented our countries in the many wars that have since occurred. Today, Australian and New Zealand service men and women are still serving in countries such as Afghanistan and Iraq.

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We hear stories of selfless courage, of dedication to duty, of love for one’s mates, of respect and fair play towards one’s enemies. These stories and many more remind us of what we value as Australians. Today we accept our responsibility to carry on the ANZAC tradition. Let us all remember.

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Jesus said” Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons and daughters of God. God, we ask you to grant eternal peace and happiness to all ANZACs who fight courageously and bravely for those who were suffering from injustice and oppression. Mother Teresa once wrote” So let us radiate the peace of God and so light his light and extinguish in the world and in the hearts of people, all hated and love for power”.

Amen
THREE WAY CONFERENCES
These will be held in the next two weeks for parents of children in Year 1B, and Years 2 to 5. Please make an appointment on the booking sheet outside your child’s classroom. Your child attends with you, but if possible please do not bring other children from your family into the conference. This is your child’s time with you. It is an opportunity for you to discuss your child’s progress with the teacher and to recognize the wonderful things that your child does at school. The purpose is to enhance the child’s learning and to encourage and support your child. If you have issues that should not be discussed in front of your child, please make an appointment for an alternative time.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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Tuesday, June 8th is a PUPIL FREE DAY – a four day weekend for you!

SCHOOL MATTERS

Congratulations to the children who have celebrated their birthday recently.
Ami Rose Kennedy, Ayden O’Flaherty, Martina Veneracion,
Paige Richards,
Ethan Churchill, Hayley Dyke, Shane Lavery, Alana Wilburn

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Merit Certificates

Making Jesus Real Awards

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SEASONS FOR GROWTH
Seasons for Growth is a programme based on the belief that changes, loss and grief are a normal and valuable part of life. Children need the opportunity to examine how issues such as death, separation and divorce have impacted on their lives. In a peer group, setting children are able to share their journey and learn how to deal with the pain that accompanies such changes in their lives. Stories of healing the pain of grief can be linked to the elements of the seasons. Feelings of shock, anger, disbelief, denial and emptiness can occur through the season of grief. The intensity of these feelings fluctuates and so too do the seasons come and go. Seasons for Growth programme will be offered to children this term. If you think, your child can benefit from this programme, please contact the school office next week on 9407 8000 registering your interest. Sr Wendy will commence the programme during school hours in two weeks.

MAKING JESUS REAL
Another phrase in Search for the Hero is: KEY TO YOUR LIFE

It is a life long journey searching for the Key to your life. It is really asking what makes you happy. We all strive for that. We want to be happy and content.

A good question is what makes me happy? Is it receiving gifts from my parents, e.g. TV, computer games, mountain bike, stereo etc, or is it seeing joy in others when I give them a smile, encouraging word or including lonely children in games? One is being a taker – the other is being a giver. While we like to receive presents, the thrill only lasts a short time. Where is the Christmas present you received when you were in Year 2? You have probably forgotten what it was, or it is broken. The joy of giving of ourselves could be a Key to Your life.

Questions:
Do I give of myself in small ways?
When did I last give of myself:
At School?
At Home?

SAINT ANDREW’S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: HELPING OTHERS.
Cystic Fibrosis WA (CFWA) was established in the 1970’s by a group of concerned parents. Their mission is to contribute to the social, physical and emotional well being of those affected by Cystic Fibrosis and to assist in the promotion of research. They provide education, counselling, recreation and home care services. In recent years CFWA have expanded their services to provide home nursing and physiotherapy services to enable early discharge from hospital.

We at Saint Andrew’s Primary School would like to fundraise for this much deserving group. As such we have nominated Friday May 7, 2010 as a:

Footy Colours Day.

For the cost of a gold coin donation we encourage all children to wear the uniform and/or colours of their favourite team; whether it be Aussie Rules, Soccer, Rugby Union or Rugby League at international level, national level, state level or local neighbourhood level.

SCHOOL BANKING
At assembly we had a visit from Jenni Lee and Dora from the Commonwealth Bank. The bank is encouraging us to participate in school banking. Each time a deposit (regardless of the amount) is made into the students account they earn tokens. These are then exchanged for prizes such as bookmarks, erasers, pencil cases and backpacks. We also have a special prize of $20 that will randomly selected and credited to one of our school bankers this term. Over the year the school is in the running for great prizes such as cricket sets and sports equipment. The school receives $5 for each account opened and 5% of the total amount banked is then matched by the bank and given back to the school. This money is then used to buy more resources for the school. If you are interested please ask the office for an application pack. There is also a great website with heaps of games and competitions for the students- www.commbank.com.au/dollarmites. Please note that school banking is on a Monday but should Monday be a public holiday, banking will be done on a Tuesday. Happy Banking!
AFTER SCHOOL SOCCER PROGRAM
Total Football Academy will be giving demonstration lessons to the Pre-Primary – Year 4 students on
Friday 30 April during school time.

They are promoting an after school soccer program which will run on Fridays for 6 weeks commencing on Friday 7 May from 2.55-3.55pm. The students will be supervised from 2.45-2.55pm.

Flyers will be sent out on Friday 30 April after the demonstration lessons. If you are interested in the program the registration forms will need to be returned to the school or faxed to the Football Academy.

Thank you.
Dawne Peacham – Physical Education Teacher

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

P&F CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER
St Andrew’s P&F is having a chocolate drive for Term 2. This fundraising is for your child/children who benefit in many ways. Please notify the office before Wednesday May 5 if you are unable to sell a box of chocolates. All other families that do not make contact will receive a box of chocolates on Friday May 7.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ST ANDREW’S NETBALL TEAM – PLAYERS NEEDED
We are 1 player short and would prefer 3 players for a Year 6 team. Unfortunately, if this is not possible the team will not be able to play.

BRIDES SELECTION – Holy Communion Gowns
Our 2010 collection of Holy Communion gowns are now in store and we would like to extend an invitation to your students and families to visit Brides Selection. Our experienced consultants will make the task of finding a Holy Communion gown easy and enjoyable.

Holy Communion gowns are available to purchase in a range of sizes and styles and delivery times can vary from 1 week to 2 months for special orders. Our opening hours are Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm. Thursday evenings from 9am to 8pm and Saturday 9.00am to 4.00pm. If you require further information please contact Karen at Brides Selection on 08 93819600 or www.bridesselection.com.au. Our address is: 142 Northwood Street, West Leederville.

MERCEDES COLLEGE- OPEN DAY
MERCEDES COLLEGE, a Catholic secondary school for girls, founded in 1846 by the Sisters of Mercy, is having an OPEN DAY on Sunday, 23rd May from 11.00am – 1.30pm.
Throughout this time there will be conducted tours (last tour leaves at 1.00pm), displays, drama and music performances. Come and see how the building programme is progressing and view our refurbished canteen. Refreshments will be available. All are welcome. For more information: www.mercedes.wa.edu.au

BLUE LIGHT DISCO
Date: Saturday 24th April 2010
Location: Gumblossom Hall, Tapping Way, Quinns Rocks
(turn into Quinns Road off Marmion Ave and right at the roundabout)
Time: 6.30pm to 9.00pm, Doors open at 6.15pm
Age: Children aged 8 – 13 years of age will be admitted
Tickets: $5.50 (inc gst) available at the door.
Notes: Due to safety reason, 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.