Rodica Lenghel:

Last Friday we were deeply saddened when informed of the passing of Mrs Rodica Lenghel, much loved mother of Miriam and Marco, Year Seven 2009 graduates. Rodica had been ill for quite some time but she was an amazingly positive person who never complained and soldiered on, raising her three children in a beautiful manner. The staff who attended her funeral were deeply moved by her husband Alexandru’s eulogy.

Let perpetual light shine upon her and may she rest in peace.
Amen

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Commitment Masses: Many families attended Masses over the weekend to commit themselves and their children in preparation for receiving the Eucharist in the last weekend of May. Thank you for your attendance The Eucharist workshops, which all children must attend with a parent, are being held on Tuesday 11 May and Wednesday 12 May at 5pm & 7pm. You signed up for one of these workshops at the Commitment Mass. Please keep these families and children in your prayers.

NAPLAN: The assessments for literacy and numeracy are held in Week 4 of this term, from Monday 10 May to Friday 14 May. Students in Years 3 & 5 sit these assessments. If your child is sick and unable to effectively sit the assessment, please keep them at home and advise the school. All assessments will be completed in the mornings. Please change any appointments that you might have that involve your Year 3 or 5 child to later in the day.

Uniforms: I am impressed at the way children are wearing the winter uniform, and remind you that everyone is to be in this uniform from Monday, May 3rd. Boys and girls from Years 3 – 6 wear the school tie. May I also remind you that the colour of scrunchies, elastic ties or ribbons is sky blue or navy blue and that any scarf worn is to be plain navy blue. Check your child’s diary for details about this.

Early Years Education: There are significant changes currently occurring in regard to early years education (children from 0 – 8) and new accreditation requirements for all organisations working with children from 0 – 5. This includes our Kindy and Preprimary year levels which are now subject to new requirements under the legislation. I will update you about this as more information is received. One website that provides parents with all the basics on raising children aged 0-8 is www.raisingchildren.net.au

God bless you.
Eileen Climo
Principal

NOTES ACCOMPANYING NEWSLETTER
Footy Colours Day for Cystic Fibrosis/Goodgrief
NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK
Interschool Basketball Carnival
Letter for Year 1W and 1B Parents

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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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.

Jaylin Wynne, Georgia Branch, Tom Englebert

WALK TO SCHOOL SAFELY

Walk Safely to School Day is a national event to encourage all primary school children to walk safely to school. This event promotes road safety, health, public transport and the environment. All Western Australian primary school students, parents and carers are asked to participate in the national Walk Safely to School Day on Friday, May 7, 2010. St Andrew’s Catholic Primary School is encouraging our school community to get involved in Walk Safely to School Day by asking families to walk to school. All students who walk to school on Friday, May 7, will receive a participation award and a sticker.

CHAIRS:
Surplus chairs stacked in the UCA are for sale @ $5.00 each. Please pay at the school office before taking any chairs.

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

As you head towards the finish of primary school remember that Jesus and Religion are very much part of the fabric of our everyday life because they are a:

Way of Life.

Jesus is especially present in the small important interactions in each day, eg. smiles, saying “Hello”, waving, inviting people to “Come and sit with us”, giving High Fives, saying “Please” and “Thankyou”, telling someone that they have “done well” or that they are “Awesome”, “Fantastic” or “Cool”, etc.

It’s so easy; every time we do these actions we are living our Religion.

Remember these small things are easy to do.

Live your religion everyday in what you think and say and do.
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.

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

WORLD KIDS COLOURING DAY
2010
WWW.WORLD-KIDS-COLOURING-DAY.COM.AU

Be a part of World Kids Colouring Day 2010 and register NOW on www.world-kids-colouring-day.com.au if you haven’t done so yet. Many schools in Australia and around the world have already committed to support Save the Children by organising a colouring session at their school. Children in Australia are invited to colour and at the same time raise money to help disadvantaged children in Australia. Almost 12% of Australian children fall below the poverty line. They don’t need to.

So please, join us TODAY to help children in need – Register by Thursday 29 April 2010 at the latest to receive a FREE starter kit including info material & STAEDTLER coloured pencils to inspire your students’ colouring activities. There is even a beautiful 9 piece Australian map mural that can be downloaded, coloured and displayed on the classroom wall. Fun for the whole class! Also available are teaching resources and information to plan lessons about Australia. Ideas for World Kids Colouring Day also include themes for a colouring day or colouring workshop, or a colouring event at which the artworks are exhibited and/or auctioned. The possibilities for creativity are unlimited. Further information and fundraising ideas can be found at: www.world-kids-colouring-day.com.au.

Don’t forget World Kids Colouring Day is on May 6th 2010 but it doesn’t have to be just on this day – taking part is far more important. Put a reminder in your calendar now! Don’t hesitate to contact us at contact@world-kids-colouring-day.com.au if you have any questions.

Thank you in anticipation of your support!
Your World Kids Colouring Day team
In commemoration of Anzac day Five White read and reflected on the story ‘Simpson and his Donkey.’ The story clearly conveys the Anzac spirit and illustrates the astounding courage of the ANZACS, their allegiance to their country and their commitment to their fellow soldiers. The ANZACS taught all Australians the importance of courage and ‘mateship.’ Today this Anzac spirit is still alive in our society and the students reflected on ways that they display courage and ‘mateship’ in their own lives.

I was courageous when...

...I left my home and came to Australia. Chok
...I had to play saxophone in the school band for the Christmas concert. Shannon
...I had to complete a hard test. Flynn
...I told the teacher that someone was being mean to another student. Zac
...I read at a school mass even though I was nervous. Jordyn
...I helped my family through a hard situation. Marial
...I did the cross country. Trevor
...I started swimming lessons. Grace
...I did a reading at church. Fernanda
...I tried a new sport. Byron
...I told the truth when I did something wrong. Claudia
...I sang a song in front of thousands of people. Bryony
...I swam in the school swimming carnival.fish
...I had a dance concert. Lillie

I can display mateship when...

...I cheer my friends on at the sports carnival. Miles
...I play with someone who is alone. Connor
...I help someone with their school work. Jessica
...I welcome people into games when I’m playing. Nyitur
...I help my friends with their work. Michael
...I keep my friends company. Marshil
...I am positive and turn a friend’s frown upside down. Jimmy
...I help an injured friend. Raymond
...I take an injured friend to the office. Matthew
...I cheer on others. Caitlin
...I teach someone a new sport. Erin
...I am fair and take turns. Jaydan
...I put others first. Emily
...I help someone who has fallen over. Ketkee
...I share my things with others. Jordan
...I encourage my friends at the interschool sports carnival. Connor