May is the month of Mary
Hail Mary, full of grace
The Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women
And blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God
Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen

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SCHOOL MATTERS

Congratulations to the children who have celebrated their birthday recently.
Piper Starr, Vasco DaSilva, Jesse Dennis, Maper Maker Makur, Trent Knight, Monique Noble, Isabelle O’Brien, Emerlin Tsouris

PLAY EQUIPMENT
The climbing frame between Year 4 and the Junior Primary block is for Year 2 and older children only, as it is too high for younger children. Please note that children may not play on this equipment before or after school as there is no teacher supervision in this area at that time. Thank you for assisting us in keeping your children safe at school.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

Thank you to those families that have already sold their chocolates and returned their money. It is wonderful to see community spirit from so many families to help our children at St Andrew’s. Chocolates/money to be returned will be extended a week. Would all chocolates/money be returned to school by Friday 21 May, 2010.

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.
ZERO WASTE LUNCHES

School lunches can mean everything from drink containers to banana peels and plastic wrap left lying on the ground once the kids are finished, but it doesn’t have to be that way.

We will be promoting and encouraging a Zero Waste lunch, with no wrap, foil, plastic bags or pre-packaged foods. Instead reusable lunch bags or boxes, containers and a long-life water bottle are the way to go.

A Zero Waste Lunch contains no throwaway packaging and produces no food waste. It also reduces the amount of litter.

How to Pack a Waste Free Lunch

- Provide your child with a reusable lunch bag or box (not a throwaway, single-use plastic or paper bag).

- Use reusable containers for packing food (no plastic wrap, foil, plastic bags, single-serving containers, pre-packaged foods). Hard plastic food containers or reuse of plastic tubs are suitable options.

- Also use reusable drink containers e.g. Thermos, or reusable bottle (no single-use pop cans, water bottles, juice boxes). Recyclable containers are discouraged but acceptable as long as the student ensures they go into the recycling bin.

- Provide non-disposable cutlery (silverware) and a cloth napkin.

**PACK:** Lunches in reusable containers.

Avoid: Lunches packed in plastic bags, foil, wax paper and paper napkins.

**PACK:** Drinks in reusable containers.

Avoid: Pre-packaged lunches, disposable drink boxes, pouches, cans, cartons and bottles.

**PACK:** A reusable lunchbox.

Avoid: Pre-packaged single serve lunch items disposable forks and spoons.

**PACK:** Cloth napkins, reusable utensils when needed.

By bringing less waste into schools we can minimise litter, reduce waste to landfill, save money and develop healthy eating habits.
Friendly School & Families Programme

This year we are revisiting the Friendly Schools & Families Program. The aim of the program is to help schools and parents prevent bullying. We implemented the programme in 2008 and parent information was added to the newsletter at that time. We are picking up the parent information from where we left off at that time. Copies of the newsletter from 2008 are available on our website.

Some of the goals that we will be working towards include:

- Providing all students with opportunities to develop and practise getting along with other children through classroom learning activities;
- Creating a more positive social environment within our school which actively discourages bullying;
- Modification of the school grounds and supervision during recess and lunch times to discourage bullying;
- Continuing to encourage all staff, students and parents to treat all school community members with respect and tolerance;
- Implementing a clearer and more consistent approach to managing reported bullying incidents; and
- Providing parents with resources and strategies to help them communicate more effectively with their children about bullying.

Understanding Discipline

The aim of discipline should be to guide children to take responsibility for their own behaviour.

What happens at school?
Our school has a Behaviour Management Plan designed to create a safe and friendly school environment. This plan is designed to encourage children to take responsibility for their own actions and develop self-discipline. The Behaviour Management Plan informs parents, teachers and students what is expected and outlines rewards and consequences of behaviour. Copies were sent home in Term 1 and are available from the office.

What can parents do?
By working in conjunction with the school, parents can provide their children with consistent expectations and boundaries both at school and at home.

- Set consistent firm limits and rules. Children like to know where they stand.
- When family rules have been set ask your children to tell you the rules in their own words.
- Be consistent with consequences and rewards.
- Acknowledge good behaviour.
- Model desired behaviours to your children.
- Supervise your children so you know where they are and what they are doing.
- Become familiar with your school’s Behaviour Management Plan so your children see you are actively involved.

Show lots of love and affection. You are the most important person in your child’s life and your time and attention is the most powerful reward you can give them.
2B on Cystic Fibrosis Day

Last Friday, all the children at St Andrew's CPS dressed up in their favourite footy colours to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Organisation. Cystic Fibrosis is a common life threatening recessive genetic condition that affects approx 3,000 people in Australia today. It is a condition that seriously affects breathing and digestion.

Here are some photos of the students from 2B dressed in their favourite footy colours.

Alayna, Emilie, Amelia, Murray

Amelise, Harry, Millie, Conall

Lourd, Sean, Conner, Kaman, Mitchell

Emysen, Adiyah, Caitlyn, Lucas

Kaitlin, Julian, Ciara

Jacques, Cleo

Absent: Maya

Ayden, Bianca and Thomas