My! How the world has changed!
I tried to fax heaven today .... but the fax machine gave me an engaged signal.
I tried to email the saints … but my computer didn’t have enough memory to cope with it all.
I tried to ring the angels on the mobile … but I couldn’t get through.
‘My! How communication has changed!’ pondered God.
‘Why don’t you just call me direct?’

Dear Parents and Guardians,

ICT Upgrade: I am not sure that computers and other technologies actually improve our lot in life! They do add frustration to each day when they don’t operate properly! We had 30 new computers installed in the library and the older ones will be used in classrooms to replace those that are unable to operate Windows 7 and Office 2010. This part of the upgrade went well. However, we also had a new server and switches installed, as well as a partial upgrade to fibre optic cable. Did it go smoothly? NO. We still have a number of classes without internet access and were unable to complete the rollout of fibre optic cables. We are working to fix this but it is frustrating for students and teachers who rely on technology more and more in learning.

Census: Just as you were required to complete the census on Tuesday this week, so the school has to complete a census, though ours is completed twice each year. Our funding from both State and Australian Governments is subject to the information provided in the census, completed in February and August. The census includes a record of the number of days students are absent during Semester 1 and the absences for some children are cause for concern. As I have advised previously, student absence of one day a week equates to 2 years of lost education over 10 years of schooling. This can have a significant impact on your child’s learning. While there are genuine reasons for student absence, parents need to be aware of the number of days their children are absent from school. All families of children who were absent for 15 days of more during Semester 1 have been advised in writing.

PUPIL FREE DAY - FRIDAY 26TH AUGUST
This is the final Pupil Free Day for 2011. Staff will attending professional development about the Australian Curriculum which will be implemented in English and Mathematics in 2012.

God bless you
Eileen Climo
Principal

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK
Performing Arts Festival – Creative Dance
Performing Arts – Christian Dance
Year 2 Home Reading
Communion – Year 4
Father’s Day Breakfast

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.
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SCHOOL MATTERS

Congratulations to those children who have had or will be celebrating their birthdays soon.
Mikayla Szczesny, Jessica Szczesny, Joshua Smith, Kaman Majak, Friday Majak, Tristan Mugridge, Cayden McDermott, Louis Phiri, Tapiha Mason, Dylan Stevens

PERFORMING ARTS

Congratulations to all performers and staff involved in the performances this week. The comments by the adjudicators include:

Liturgical Dance - Year 6 Dance Group: “What creative choreography and skilled dancing. Your movements were energetic and your ‘lines of dance’ were beautifully fluent. The stunning gowns (used effectively) added vibrancy to your prayerful presentation. Congratulations, everyone.” This group performed at our Opening Ceremony (Community Hall) recently.

Liturgical Dance - 5B Dance: “What a prayerful formation before us on the altar to begin your dance. Excellent use of level and space, with effective use of group work and layering. A moving presentation. Your ending was very special indeed.”

Instrumental Ensemble – St Andrew’s Guitar Ensemble: “Strong groove and sense of timing in the breaks. Good confident soloing. Well timed, especially as you were playing with a machine. Locked in well.”

FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST

On Friday September 2nd, the staff of Saint Andrew’s Catholic Primary School will be pleased to serve our Dads or significant family males with a breakfast in our school community Hall. This is an opportunity for us to celebrate the important role of Fathers within the family unit and for our children to spend some time at school having breakfast with their Dads.

A breakfast order form has been sent home with the eldest child in each family. This form has been printed on yellow coloured paper. We ask that you promptly fill this form in and return it so that staff can order provisions well before the date of the breakfast.

Please note that the last day for breakfast orders is Thursday August 25th. (Not August 26 as stated on the Father’s Day order form as this is a Pupil Free Day).
Warren Smith - Assistant Principal
SCHOOL PHOTOS
Please make a note in your diary that school photos will be taken on Monday 29th August, 2011. All children must be in full school winter uniform.

SCHOOL FEES
Reminder notices were sent out to all families that do not have a regular payment plan in place, as school fees for Term 3 for those who pay quarterly are now due. Also due are payments made on a semester basis. Thank you to all families who make regular payments according to their means. The extra school programmes that we operate, including JETS, CHEKS, Reading Recovery, EMU, support services and pastoral care are dependent on income received from families. If your financial situation has changed and you are having difficulty meeting your commitment to the school, please make an appointment to see Mrs Climo.

FAMILY DETAILS
Please advise the office should your family details change. On occasion the office has not been able to contact families. This would cause considerable concern should it be an emergency.

If your child is baptised after beginning at St Andrew's, please make sure we are advised and are given a copy of the baptismal certificate. Otherwise, when it comes time for your child to receive the sacraments, they can be overlooked. It also helps to keep our Catholic / non Catholic ratio more balanced.

A PUPIL FREE DAY
Please note that there is a pupil free day on Friday 26 August

Staff Professional Development

The theme for Book Week 2011 is ‘One World, Many Stories’. We will be celebrating Book Week by having a Book Week assembly on Thursday 25th August. The children will be able to dress up as a book character or a person from a different country. Please encourage your children to create their costume using what you have at home rather than hiring expensive costumes. It will be fantastic to see all the wonderful characters so please try to join in the fun!

P&F NEWS

THANK YOU
The P&F Committee would like to say a big “Thank you” for the parents that helped to make the Disco evening a success. Having a wonderful venue and well behaved children made for a very enjoyable night.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CALLING ON ALL ANGELS
Please join us to launch Light the Night 2011. Tuesday 16 August from 5.30pm – 7.30pm. Rigby’s 221 St George’s Terrace, Perth. RSVP by the 12 August to Rhian O’Leary – rsvpwa@leukaemia.org.au
Year 4 White

is learning about Ancient Egypt this term. Read some of the interesting facts we have discovered.

Egypt’s most famous pyramids are at Giza. The pyramids are about 4,500 years old and they are one of the Seven Wonders of The Ancient World. (Miguel)

The Pyramids took 20 years to build. Some workers on the Great Pyramids had curved spines. This may have been due to lifting heavy stone. (Mikayla A)

The word “pharaoh” means great house. The pharaoh was the most important and powerful person in Egypt. (Justin)

Not all of Egypt’s mummies were human. Animals were regularly mummified and buried in special cemeteries attached to temples. (Kiera)

Ancient Egyptians thought that the dead needed their bodies in a new life after death so they mummified them. (Mackenzie)

People in Ancient Egypt did not use money to buy and sell goods, they just traded. (Declan)

The writing used in Ancient Egypt was called hieroglyphics. It consists of pictures and symbols that are used to express objects and ideas. (Ethan)

When people died, the Egyptians took out their intestines, brains, stomach, lungs and liver. They left the heart inside because they believed it would go with them to the after life. (Trent)

Lucky charms were placed in between the layers of bandages when a body was being mummified. These were believed to protect the person in the afterlife. (Claudia)

Although Cleopatra was one of the most important queens of Egypt, she wasn’t even Egyptian. She was born there, but was a Ptolemy, so her origins were Greek. She was the last ruler of Egypt before it lost its independence. (Mitchell)

out. Then after 40 days, they wrapped the body up in bandages and it became a Mummy! (Mikayla F)

The Nile River travels through Egypt and is the longest river in the world. It winds its way through the deserts of North Africa and was very important to the Ancient Egyptians. (Georgia)

The Egyptians wore gold plated shoes and clothing. (Jaylon)

The Nile River use to flood its banks in July each year. The flood waters reached 10 km up the banks and left behind rich black soil used for growing crops and plants. (Sebastian)

The Egyptians believed that if a dead person had led a bad life, when his heart was weighed, a monster gobbled it up. This meant the person wouldn’t go to heaven. (Louis)

Ancient Egyptians could only visit temples for the Gods if they shaved off their eyebrows and hair. (Jaden)

On special occasions, women courtiers wore hair cones made of animal fat scented with spices and herbs. The melting fat trickled down their heads, making their hair sweet smelling and greasy! (Caleb)

Both Egyptian men and women wore makeup. They believed the makeup had healing powers. (Emily)

The Great Pyramid of Giza is 480 feet high and was the tallest man made structure in the world for over 3800 years.

It is the oldest of the Seven Ancient Wonders of the World. (Kaclena)

Egyptians invented glass, cement, the 365 day calendar and the 24 hour division of the day. (Molly)

Pyramids were built with narrow shafts that pointed to the stars.

The Egyptians believed that the pharaoh’s soul used these to travel between the world of the living and the after life. (Taylor)