‘We call on all involved with our schools to look to Jesus for the nourishment and energy they need for their educational work, and to strive to appreciate his message more deeply.’

BISHOPS’ MANDATE LETTER

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Arts Open Night: Congratulations to all performers and staff who were involved in the Concert last evening. What a great turn out of parents. Thank you for supporting your children and the school in this way, and for purchasing books from the Book Fair in the Library. Books will be available from the Library or School Office until next Tuesday.

Performing Arts: Congratulations to the following students who received awards during the festival: Claudia McDermott – Clarinet (Honourable Mention); Keely Gillingham – flute (Honourable Mention); Shannon Carr – Saxophone (Certificate of Merit); Tapihia Mason – Saxophone (Certificate of Merit). The School Choir also performed last week and again last evening at the Arts Concert. The adjudicator commented: ‘A beautiful, crystal clear sound. Lovely unison singing. You looked wonderful and followed your conductor dutifully. A lovely performance’. Congratulations.

TOM: The team managed to pull it all together for last Saturday! The adjudicators comment was ‘Congratulations, St Andrew’s’. A fun presentation. Watch your timing and make sure your solution is clear right from the start!’ Being part of this team is a huge learning curve for students as they are required to do everything without interaction with teachers. A big challenge so well done team.

National Teaching Awards: A big thank you to all those involved in my nomination for the NEITA 2011 Inspirational Teaching Award. The purpose of the national award is to identify and recognise inspirational teaching and leadership throughout Australia and New Zealand and to raise community confidence in the teaching profession. I am honoured that the community respects what I do enough to undertake the work required to nominate me. Thank you for your faith in me as the leader of your school.

Christmas Concert: All children from Pre-primary to Year 6 will be involved in this concert which will be held on Wednesday, 7th December, from 7.00pm. Please book this evening into your calendar now.

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK
Year 2 – Home Readers
Summer Uniforms for 2012 Kindy & Preprimary

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Eileen Climo
Principal

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

Friday 2 September  
Father’s Day Morning Tea 7.00am – 8.15am  
Uniform shop open 8.15am-9.00am  
Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off

Saturday/Sunday 3/4  
Reconciliation Commitment Masses

Tuesday 6 September  
Uniform Shop Open 2.30pm – 3.30pm  
Staff Meeting

Wednesday 7 September  
4W Liturgy  
Graduation Photo 8.45am

Thursday 8 September  
3W Assembly

SCHOOL MATTERS

Congratulations to those children who have celebrated their birthdays recently.

Ella McDonald, Lachlan McDonald, Harrison Kerr, Noah D’Avoine, Mikayla Fernandez, Jake Porter-Smith, Shalese Mash-Wilder, Chloe Ripon, Erin Carpener, Geoff Jones, Galgalu Badolicha

CHILD PROTECTION WEEK, 4-11 SEPTEMBER 2011

The White Balloon Day is held as an Awareness Raising campaign about Child Sexual Assault. It commenced in 1997 in Australia and has been held each year since. Each year Bravehearts (an advocacy group working to stop child sexual assault), facilitates the White Balloon Day. This day is widely supported by commercial, government and community sectors. In addition White Balloon Day enjoys overwhelming support and encouragement from the media, schools, churches, health practitioners, emergency services, the legal fraternity and community organisations. The aim of this national campaign is to protect children against sexual assault. Child protection is everybody’s business. By showing support for White Balloon Day schools and churches will help ‘give a voice to those touched by this evil as well as protecting the innocence and sanctity of childhood’.

Bravehearts theme is BREAK THE SILENCE. We simply do not know how many children in our schools and in our churches are silent victims of crime. When you arrive at school during Week 7, you will observe white balloons attached to the gates. These balloons remind us of the need to Educate, Empower and Protect our Kids.

FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST: Thank you for the brilliant response to our Father’s Day breakfast invitation! We can no longer accept bookings as our food rations have been submitted with a local supermarket. We look forward to hosting over 115 Dad’s or significant other males and their children this Friday morning. The Hall will be open for Father’s Day Breakfast from 7.00am – 8.15am.

GOODS FOR SALE: There are a number of items in the Undercover Area that are for sale. They include all the cabinets from the old canteen (offers), some trestle tables ($25.00 each), a stainless steel canteen table ($250.00), shelving ($25.00 each). Please take a look and if there is anything that you would like please talk to Jacqui or Muzzie in the office.

VACSWIM HOLIDAY PROGRAMS: It is vitally important every child learns to swim properly and develops essential water safety skills. Your child will benefit from taking part in VacSwim with qualified instructors who will teach them all the necessary skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water. Enrol in VacSwim October and December/January programs now. For further information and to enrol visit: W: det.wa.edu.au

FOR SALE – SKELETON COSTUMES: We have a number of skeleton costumes for sale. AGES: 3/4, 5/6 and 7/8. If anyone would like to purchase a costume [Halloween is coming up!], they are $15.00 each. Please see me if you would like to purchase one of these. Thank you. Mrs Peacham

COLES VOUCHERS: If you are able to cut the Coles vouchers on the dotted lines, it would save Mrs Kerridge a lot of time.
Vegetable Garden
YEAR 5

In Term Two the students in Year 5 planted a variety of vegetables. We have now harvested the lettuce and the broccoli. We have really enjoyed looking after the vegetable garden and watching the plants grow. In class we have been learning about plants and their importance in producing oxygen for the environment as well as the health benefits of fresh vegetables. We were lucky enough to take home a sample of our produce to enjoy! We are looking forward to watching our carrots, capsicums, potatoes and tomatoes grow over the next few months.

Book Week Assembly

Thank you all for attending our Book Week assembly on Thursday 25th August and joining in with all the fun. The children looked amazing in their dress up costumes and it was also wonderful to see so many teachers in their costumes. Thank you Mrs Parody and Mr Smith for helping out with the displays and the assembly item. We all had an exciting day!

THING 1 - Mrs Graffin
5 WHITE

Last week St Andrew’s celebrated Book Week. Year Five White would like to share with you some of their thoughts about Book Week and reading.

I love reading books because it takes me away into another world and I feel very happy and relaxed when I read a good book. Sophie
I love Reading groups because we all cooperate. Phoebe
My favourite part of dress-up day was when Mrs Graffin, I mean Thing 1, did a dance at assembly. Ethan

I like reading ‘Gulnara’ during Reading groups. Chloe
I loved making our Book Week poster. I made the rocket and I like the shiny alfoil. Shalese
I like reading action books because it makes me feel like I’m actually there. Ryan
I enjoy reading books because you get to use your imagination. Lochie
I like to read because I learn new and interesting words. Troy
I like reading because I get a lot of ideas for my own stories. Victoria
My favourite author is J.K. Rowling because she writes good books. Sam
I like reading because I get to imagine the settings. Aiden
I absolutely love Stephanie Meyer because she is an amazing writer and I love all her books. Millie
I will always remember 2011 dress-up day because of Mr Smith’s hilarious jokes and Mrs Graffin’s memorable dance. Mary

My favourite author is Andy Griffiths because he writes the best books ever. Jayden
My favourite character is Damon from ‘Vampire Diaries’ because he started off as a bad vampire but then became good. Marianne
I really admire Hermi Granger because she is a go-kart. She is always helping and never gives up. Caitlin
I love to read because it takes me to another world and books are always there for me when I need to have a rest and read. Leisel
On Thursday I dressed up as the White Queen from ‘Alice in Wonderland’ because I really liked the book and that character. Emily
I like reading because when I am bored I can just pull out a book and start reading. Ashlynn
I enjoyed Mrs Graffin jumping out of the box. Garth
I dressed up as a witch because I love reading about witches because they’re scary and the books are interesting. Elaina

My favourite book is ‘Diary of a Would Be Princess’ because it is a very good and funny book. I give it a rating of 10/10. Jessica J.
My favourite author is Roald Dahl because his books are funny. Jessica S.
I enjoyed dress-up day because of Mrs Graffin’s memorable dance. Makur.
I love to read adventure books because they are really exciting. Anita
The best author is Morris Gleitzman because he writes really good books like ‘Once,’ ‘Then’ and ‘Now.’ Jessica D.