Help us, in the forty days of Lent to remember what you suffered for us, because you wanted to save us.

Help us in the forty days of Lent, to pray more and to remember your suffering and dying on the cross, because you wanted to save us.

AMEN

Dear Parents and Guardians,

**Project Compassion:** The Church season of Lent is rapidly drawing to a close. This coming Sunday is Palm Sunday, which commences the key events of Holy Week. Easter Sunday officially signifies the start of the Easter season of the Church. We remind all families that we would appreciate the return of Project Compassion boxes by Holy Thursday, the last day of school term. Could you please return monies in the box sent home to each family. If you require a receipt kindly fill in the details on the flap of the collection box. All monies will be sent directly to Caritas.

‘Caritas Australia’ is the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development and they do a magnificent job of:

- promoting sustainable development so that communities can help themselves out of poverty.
- responding to emergencies by providing shelter, nutrition and healthcare.
- working in Australia to change the structures which perpetuate poverty.

**Kindy 2011:** I am concerned that of the 40+ applications for Kindy in 2011, only 11 are from siblings. I fear that there are many families expecting a place in Kindy in 2011 who have not completed enrolment forms (38 of the children in Kindy this year are siblings). I am interviewing new families from early May and will be offering places to families in June. It is vital that you complete an enrolment form before the holidays if you have children in the school already and expect your child to be in our Kindy in 2011.

**Environmental Progress Report:** Some new environmental initiatives have been implemented this year to ensure our school continues to foster positive attitudes towards preservation of our natural resources.

- Composting of all fruit and vegetable scraps.
- Establishment of a vegetable and herb garden.
- Recycling of old mobile phones and spectacles.

The trees that were planted on National Tree Planting Day 2009, continue to thrive, and are being regularly monitored and sprayed to ensure their future health. A Reflection garden is to be established outside the Year 6 classrooms. This is currently in the planning stages. The school continues to support Brother Ollie Pickett and his dedicated team of volunteers by collecting vast amounts of ring pull can tops to make wheelchairs for children in third world countries. Our paper recycling has made a substantial impact on the amount of rubbish we dispose of as a school. The solar panels on the roof of the library are fully operational, and contribute some free energy, both to the school and the local electricity grid. The Environmental Committee would like to thank all parents and students who so enthusiastically support all the initiatives that have been implemented.

God bless you,
Eileen Climo
DATES TO REMEMBER

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Congratulations to the children who are celebrating their birthday soon.


SCHOOL MATTERS

ST ANDREW’S NETBALL CLUB

Registration is due now.
Play begins May 1.
Training has already begun.
Please ring Bernadette on 0414 772 848 for more information.

MAKING JESUS REAL

SEARCH FOR THE HERO INSIDE YOURSELF

A few years ago Australian singing star, Delta Goodrem, released a very popular song called ‘Search for the Hero Inside Yourself. ’ The words to the song included the phrase only you can build a bridge across the stream. If we wait for others to do things for us, then we will never succeed – it is really backing up the old Australian motto of: ‘Have a go’.

Questions:
Who are some heroes? (Remember family members can be heroes).
Do you have any Australian Heroes?
What are some of their qualities?

HEAD LICE: NITS are an ongoing problem for some families as their children are constantly being reinfected. It is imperative that you check your child’s head when the NIT NOTE comes home and that you treat the child’s head effectively if necessary. Please advise the school office when your child does have NITS so that we can follow up by sending home letters to parents. The school nurse has run information sessions on this in the past but they are poorly attended. She contacts families directly when we are aware of particular children whose heads are not being treated.
UNIFORM SHOP OPEN ON MONDAY 19 APRIL
The uniform shop will be open on Monday 19 April between 10.00am – 12.00pm.

SCHOOL BANKING
We are looking for volunteers to help with the school banking. If you are interested would you please contact the office.

AUSSI OF THE TERM
The Aussi of the Term award is presented to children who demonstrate outstanding personal qualities that enhance the lives of others. This term’s recipients are Tyler Walsh, Joseph Slodowy, Sarah Reid and Raquelle Mazzardis. Tyler and Raquelle were presented to you last week and Joseph and Sarah are today’s Aussis.

Joseph Slodowy:
Joseph is a sensible and mature student, who always tries hard in everything he does. Joseph was awarded Aussie of the Term because he shows maturity in all he does. He takes on responsibility well; he takes his role as a student councillor seriously, responsibly and completes these tasks diligently. Joseph is a quiet well spoken student who puts 100% effort into all his tasks. He is always respectful of those around him and is a great role model.

Sarah Reid:
Sarah is a kind, caring and helpful student, who is always ready to help those around her. Sarah was awarded Aussie of the Term because she always offers her assistance to her teachers; she loves to help her peers with their activities and has continually got a beautiful smile to share with those around her.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

EASTER RAFFLE
Please return all raffle tickets (sold/unsold) to your class teacher by Monday 29 March. Thanks to all the wonderful families that have kindly donated Easter eggs. The Easter raffle draw will be held on Thursday 1st April in the MPA after the Easter Service. We are still keen to collect any unwanted baskets.

COMMUNITY NEWS

WORRIED ABOUT YOUR CHILD’S WEIGHT?
Many parents care about their child being overweight but don’t always know what to do about it or if they should do anything about it. Children who are overweight are more likely to suffer from emotional problems such as low self-esteem and bullying when in school. They are likely to be overweight as adults and have a higher risk of diseases such as heart disease and diabetes.

Your local community health service is offering a program called Lifestyle Triple P which can help you. It’s free and is for parents who have a child who is overweight aged between 5 to 10 years old. Parents will need to attend ten group sessions. You will also receive four telephone sessions to help you tailor the program to suit your family.

Not sure if this will work for you or your family? Please call community health nurse Andrea Zulch and Kate Brewer on 9400 9500 to discuss the program and its suitability to your family. Program starts: 12 May 2010
Register by: Wednesday 5 May 2010
FREE PARENTING SEMINARS
Flyers are on the St Andrew’s Catholic Primary School community notice board or phone: 9400 9551
In Term One, we have been learning all about ourselves. We found out that we may seem alike in that we have eyes, arms and legs. We also found out that we are different in many ways – some are shorter or taller than others, some have blonde, black or brown hair, and some have blue, hazel or brown eyes. However, no matter what colour eyes, hair or skin we have - We all are special in our own little way.

**I am special because …**

… I love my boys and my mummy and my daddy – Abbey

… I’m five – Aidan

… I love my daddy so much – Alistair

… I play nicely with cars – Angus

… I like my friends and play nicely with them – Cambell

… I got two eyes – Carlos

… I play nicely – Chiara

… I take turns and play nice – Declan

… I like my happy face – Drew

… I am good – Dylan

… I play nice – Ella

… I love my mummy – Ethan

… I do share – Hannah

… I love to draw. I love to paint – Jesse

… I have a special Papa – Joshua

… I have my mum and dad – Lucas

… I love my daddy – Luke B

… I just love my mum and I love my sisters – Luke G

… I love my mummy and daddy – Mahlia

… I like to dance – Maper

… I play with my friends – Matilda

… I play nicely – Nicholas

… I love my mummy – Sienna

… I play with my girlfriends – Stella

… I love my brother – Storm

… I play nicely. I play with my friends – Taylor

… I love my twitch in my nose – Xavier

… I like my eyes. I play nice – Zac