Dear God,
The holidays are over and we return to school for a new year. May it be for us all a new start: a chance to surprise ourselves at what we can achieve, a new opportunity to make friends and to make this school a community where everyone can feel welcomed. Amen

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to St Andrew’s for 2010. I hope you all enjoyed your holiday break and are refreshed and ready for what will be another busy and fulfilling year for your children. It was wonderful to see so many parents here on Monday to meet the teachers and settle their children in to school.

Sacramental Programme: Father Andrew Albis is our new parish priest and he is looking forward to spending time with staff, students and parents of our school and working with the students, particularly in the Sacramental programme for Years 3, 4 & 6. Accompanying this newsletter is an information page with the relevant dates for each of the sacraments. The first date is the Parent Information Meeting on either 23rd or 24th February. All children must be represented by a parent at this meeting but children do not attend.

Protective Behaviours: ‘The Right to Feel Safe’. Staff participated in the Protective Behaviours workshop on Friday 29th January and this programme will be implemented across the school this term. I strongly recommend that parents attend the Parent Workshop that is being offered on Wednesday, 10th February from 7.00 – 9.00 pm so that you are aware of the content of the programme. The Protective Behaviours programme ‘is a preventative, life skills program which enables people of all ages and walks of life to develop skills which promote resilience and empowers them to deal with all forms of difficult, unsafe or abusive situations’. If you are not able to attend the workshop, please read the information that comes home with your child progressively throughout the term and discuss the strategies that are presented.

School Board AGM: Wednesday, 10 February at 6.30pm. This immediately precedes the Protective Behaviours workshop and I look forward to seeing a great turnout of parents to support the work of the Board. There is a position vacant on the Board so if you are interested in being involved in the school through participation on the Board, please let me know.

P & F AGM: This will be held on Wednesday 17th February at 7.00pm. All positions on the P & F are vacant. We need the support of parents for the P & F to continue its function of providing social activities for our school community and fundraising for class resources.

God bless you,

Eileen Climo
Principal

NOTES ACCOMPANYING NEWSLETTER
Year 6 Camp
Term 1 Planner
Sacramental Programme for 2010 - Years 3, 4 & 6
Behaviour Management of Students – Policy

Swimming Lessons Years 1-3
NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK
School Fee Accounts: These will be sent out on Monday 8th February. As advised at the end of 2009, there is only one account for the year, so don’t get a shock when you see the total! All costs of educating your child at St Andrew’s for 2010 are included in the account, with the exception of swimming (Yrs 1-6) and camp (Yr 6). Please read the information sheet accompanying the school fee account and decide which method of payment you wish to use for the year. You need to advise the school of your preferred method of payment by 19th February. As usual, if you are experiencing financial difficulty, please make an appointment to see me, after reading the information sheet.

Myschool Website: [www.myschool.edu.au](http://www.myschool.edu.au) The launch of the Myschool website has created much discussion in the media and I encourage you to visit the site and to read the background information that is provided by ACARA.

The site does confirm what we already knew about the students at St Andrew’s, when compared to students in a similar socio-educational area, namely that:

- Literacy is strong and the programmes that we are implementing are effective in improving student progress. This will be seen more clearly as longitudinal data becomes available over the next few years.
- Mathematics is an area of concern in upper primary. We had recognised this and maths was a target focus area in 2009 and will continue to be so in 2010 and beyond. We are already seeing the results, at a school level, of the increased staff / student ratios in this learning area plus a more positive attitude among students about mathematics. A positive attitude towards any learning area leads to improved outcomes. Over time, the NAPLAN will also reflect this improvement.

I would like to congratulate the staff for the work they do with your children and to thank you for your support of the school and your children’s education.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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**Happy Birthday!**

*Congratulations to the children who have celebrated their birthday recently.*

Nyitur Dongrin, Jayden Allen, Marial Pan Mading, Taylor Ellis, Ellyannah Mesiti, Ruby Roache, Tahnaya Francis, Tiah Courtney, Benjamin Johnson, Joyce Warren, Jessica Mullins, Megan Buckland, Ben Beissel, Martin Rozenkiewicz, Nipun Anand, Baylee Gregory, Nakeisha Smith, Bryony Peters, Brandon Branch, Anthony Galea, Zach Dennis, Millie Stones, Jayden White, Katie Hart, Caitlyn Adams, Nikita Estrella, Keira O’Flaherty, Cleo Gregory, Areta Davies, Joshua Ryan-Sprowson, Julia Vrlíc, James Boggan, Caitlin Cummins, Spike Stroh, Maya
Callaghan, Noah Ellery, Indigo Ellis, Hayden Bullard, Lochie Page,
Hailey Wellsted, Caitlin Wellsted
Jessica Bartlett, Sean Anain, Alyssa Asplin, Jake Stefanetti, Kona Kirchner

Making Jesus Real

YEAR | STUDENT NAMES
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2  | Jake Dyke
3  | Mikayla Fernandez, Julia Vrlic
4  | Swimming
5  | Kampbell Roe, Caitlin Wellsted
6  | Kona Kirchner, Brendon O’Brien

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.

Merit Certificates

YEAR | STUDENT NAMES
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PP | Ellyannah Mesiti, Heer Umaretiya, Tighe Warren,
   | Raquelle Mazzardis, Maximus Davies, Sarah Ried,
   | Bethany Robertson, Shane Lavery
1 | Jackson Roache, Millie Mazurak, Cate Hickey, Kaela-Paige
   | Clarke, Angelikah Ryder, Lachlan McGarry, Charlotte Mullins
2 | Ayden O’Flaherty, Cleo Gregory, Hayden Colyer, Ruby Walsh
3 | Saloni Bhimjiyani, Louis Phiri, Mikayla Adams, Eva Mettam,
   | Monica Maloney
4 | Swimming
5 | David Brooke, Martin Rozenkiewicz, Dylan Stevens,
   | Isaac Maloney, Erin Carpenter, Emily Glover, Jordan Bramwell
6 | Cara Bain, Jessica Checkland, James Su, Tyler Walsh,
   | Shania Sullivan

Wednesday 10 February, 2010
6.30pm Board AGM
7.00pm-9.00pm Protective Behaviours Workshop
   In the Library.