Dear Parents and Guardians,

WELCOME back to St Andrew’s in 2011. I hope that you all enjoyed a long, restful break and that you are refreshed and enthusiastic about the coming year. I also welcome 57 new Kindy children and 24 new students from Pre-primary to Year 6, and their families, to our vibrant school community. We hope to see many of you at our Welcome to St Andrew’s Night on Friday, February 25th. Returning to St Andrew’s from maternity leave are Mrs Susanna Lo Faro, Mrs Alex Arundale and Mrs Dannielle Stumpfoll. All are in Kindy and we are happy to see you back again. Congratulations go to Mrs Donna Troman (Donna Winters) and Mr Matthew Sharpe, both of whom were married on 8th January (not to each other!). We wish you all the best in the future.

SAD NEWS: It is with sadness that I have advised parents of children in Year 2 and 3 of the death of Liam and Mitchell Bird’s dad. He will be sadly missed by his family and our prayers and thoughts are with them. Let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen

COMMUNITY HALL: You can see that the Hall is nearly complete. We are waiting on the City of Wanneroo to inspect it and authorise practical completion before using it. Our assemblies on Thursdays will be held in the Hall and it will be used for dance and other school and community activities and events.

P & F LEVY: The details of this are being sent home on Friday with the school fee accounts. Please read it well and retain the tokens that are included. The focus of the P & F for 2011 is on community building and we look forward to a great turnout of parents at the P & F AGM on Wednesday, February 9th at 7.00pm in the Library.

God Bless You
Eileen Climo
Principal

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK
P & F AGM Meeting
Letter for 2W and 3B
Swimming for Years 3/4/5

NOTES ACCOMPANYING NEWSLETTER
Bank information PP-Year 1

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

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Congratulation to those children who have celebrated their birthdays recently.
Nyamatar Maker, Nyitur Dongrin, Tyler-James Arena,
Jayden Allen, Marial Pan Mading,
Stuart Kennedy, Ellyannah Mesiti, Tahnaya Francis, Tiah Courtney

SCHOOL MATTERS

PUPIL FREE DAYS: A reminder that Tuesday 8th March is a pupil free day as are Thursday 31st March and Friday 1st April. Staff are completing professional development on these days.

CANTEEN: The canteen will not be open until it moves into its new home in the Community Hall. I hope that the move will take place on Friday of this week and that the canteen will operate from Monday 7th February. We will let the children know on Friday if this is the case. A new canteen menu will be sent home soon. You will see that food for both recess and lunch must be ordered as children will not be going up to the Hall to purchase items. Orders for recess and lunch must be in separate bags. Volunteers to work in the canteen with Maria are always welcome and this is a great way to ‘work off’ the P & F levy. You need to sign up for the day you are available and can do this at the canteen or by phone to the school on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays when you will be put through to Maria.

STUDENT ABSENCES: We are trialling a new system of recording student absences and as part of this, you should receive an SMS message if your child is absent and we have not been informed. This is for your peace of mind, so that you know your child is at school as expected. Please make sure your contact details are up to date.

CAR PARKS: As expected the car parks were over full yesterday, so please remember that you can use the church car park and the Anthony Waring car park when ours is full. The safety of our children needs to be of the highest consideration so please be patient and remain calm when driving in and around the school. The procedure for the Kiss ‘n’ Ride is as follows:

- Is in two sections – western and eastern - and is marked on the ground.
- Is a one way traffic system only.
- Is a drop off and pick up in the western section of the ‘Kiss and Ride’.
- Is for waiting only in the eastern section. Children should not leave or enter the vehicle in this section. When there is a space in the western side of the designated ‘Kiss and Ride’, you move over and drop off or pick up your child.
- Is an area where no driver leaves a vehicle. If your child needs assistance then do not use the ‘Kiss and Ride’. Park your car in a parking bay.
- (Western section), is an area you stop in for a maximum of 30 seconds when dropping off children. They should be ready to get out of the vehicle when you stop. If they cannot do so, then use a car park bay instead.
- Is not a place where you sit and watch your child enter the school grounds. If you wish to watch your child enter the school ground, park in a car park bay to do so.
SCHOOL BANKING: School Banking starts again on Monday 14th February. The ‘Dollarmites’ program encourages regular banking through weekly deposits (the amount is irrelevant, the child gets rewarded for regular savings). The child receives tokens which are collected to gain certificates and prizes. Your child’s bank deposit book is sent to the office in the class message bag and then given to our parent volunteer to process. Packages have been sent home today with Pre-primary and Year 1 children. If other children are interested in joining the program please pick up a package from the front office.

SCHOOL FEE ACCOUNTS: These will be sent out on Friday. You need to advise the school of your preferred method of payment by Friday, 25th February. Families that do not pay in full by 25th February (5% discount) or advise us of their method of payment will be contacted by Mrs Rafferty or Mrs Durtanovich. All families must make regular payments to their school fee account, with the first payment due on or before 25th February. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please make an appointment to see Mrs Climo to discuss your options.

UNIFORMS: Please ensure your child has the correct hat and shoes. The type of shoe required is a school shoe, pictures of which can be found on our website and in the information board outside the school office. Slip on shoes without ankle straps are not appropriate school footwear. Please note that diaries, desk mats, portfolios and Kindy uniform items are now available from the uniform shop.

SWIMMING: Year 3, 4 & 5 swimming starts on Monday and runs for two weeks. The cost is $90 and this needs to be paid by Friday, 4th February as advised in 2010.

EDGYM: Years 1 & 2 need to wear sports uniform on Fridays from 11 February to 11 March inclusive, in addition to their regular PE days, as they will be participating in the Edgym programme each week.

NETBALL: Following some issues that occurred with netball during the 2010 season, the School Board has decided that netball will only operate in 2011 under the following criteria:
- a committee of at least 6 people,
- coaches for each team, each of whom must hold a Working with Children Card
- a staff member on the committee

To this end a meeting will be held in the school library on Monday 14th February at 2.15 pm, to form a committee and to find coaches. All families who expect their child to play netball through the school in 2011 need to have a representative at this meeting. If you are unable to attend due to work commitments, but expect your child to play netball, you need to let me know in writing before the 14th February, with information regarding your availability to coach (must have the WWC) or willingness to be on the committee.

LOST: If you find a hat with Naomi Capon name written it, please return to the office.

This is the last newsletter that we will be sending home with your child.

In future, the newsletter will be available from our website on Thursday afternoons. www.standrews.wa.edu.au

Please note changes to the Term Planner will be made on this site.

If you are unable to download a copy you or your child may pick up a hard copy from the office on Thursday afternoon.
Protective Behaviours – a personal safety programme

In 2010, all children were involved in this programme which was originally developed as a child abuse prevention programme but has a broader application today including empowerment, communication, self-esteem, resilience, social skills and other life skills. All children will be reviewing some aspects of the programme in the next few weeks. You are encouraged to discuss these with your children and reinforce the messages that we are sending.

SECRETS AND SURPRISES
Sometimes people ask us to keep secrets. We might feel excited or it might be fun to know that we are keeping a secret. Surprises are one type of secret that other people ask us to keep. Examples of surprises might be a present or a birthday party. A surprise is a secret that we feel good about and that we know will make somebody else happy. We also know that everyone will know about the secret as soon as the surprise is over.

Sometimes, someone might ask us to keep a secret that we don’t feel OK about. We might be asked to keep the secret to ourselves and never let anyone else know the secret. These are secrets that might give us our body signals*. If someone asked us to keep a secret and our body signals told us that we weren’t comfortable with that secret, then we may need to tell someone else that secret in order to help us feel safe again.

If we are not sure about keeping a particular secret, we can ask somebody we trust on our network to help us decide. Our network is on our ‘HAPPY HAND’.

HAPPY HAND
The people on your network (HAPPY HAND) are people who
- listen to you
- believe in you
- help you to feel safe again

Your children will be bringing home invitations for the five people they have chosen to be in their network. Please make sure they are distributed as the child requests.

*OUR BODY SIGNALS - EARLY WARNING SIGNS
Early warning signs are the physical sensations which we feel in our bodies when we do not feel safe, or when we are in an exciting or challenging situation.
- Early warning signs may differ from one person to another, but we all have them. Children need to learn to identify these signs in themselves.
- Early warning signs can be fun and enjoyable when we have choice and control over what’s happening to us.
- If we ignore our early warning signs and don’t do something to make them go away, we may develop short-term or long-term health problems caused by the physical effects they have on our bodies.

From: Protective Behaviours WA: The Right to Feel Safe