Alleluia, alleluia! “Let the children come to me: the Kingdom belongs to them” Alleluia!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to a new school year, to both returning and new families. I have spoken to a number of children this week and they have related their joy at spending leisurely days during the heat of January. Many expressed their happiness at coming back to school. Several parents commented that they too were happy! As Principal I look forward to a year in which, with your support and encouragement, your children continue to grow and develop at Saint Andrew’s. By working together, we provide the best learning opportunities and experiences for your child.

I also welcome our new staff: Mrs Liz Waddell (5B), Mrs Alison Campbell (5W), Miss Kelly Luby (4W), Mrs Gabby Parrotte (2W) and Mrs Julie McMillan (1W). I know that they will love working with our wonderful school community.

Morning Routine: Staff members are on duty from 8.00am in the Undercover Area. On arrival at school, all children (Years 1 - 6) should come to this area where they remain until the 8.20am bell is rung. At that time, the duty teacher sends them to their classroom, where the classroom teacher greets them. No children should be at the classrooms prior to this time. Parents of Pre–primary children usually ‘deliver’ them to the teacher at 8.20am but once your child has settled into school full–time, please avoid going into the classroom.

Drop and Go: Parents and guardians of Year 1 – 6 children are asked to avoid going into the classroom before school. Please DROP your child in the Kiss ‘n’ Ride, at the gate or at the UCA each day and GO. Children need to organise themselves each morning and they need to develop the necessary skills to do this. These skills include making their way to the UCA and the classroom, unpacking their bags and following class routines for themselves. For some parents this is difficult, but it is in your child’s interests in the long term.

Car Parking and Kiss ‘n’ Ride: There has been a lot of work completed in the Front Car parks during the holiday period. The Kiss ‘n’ Ride has been extended by several metres and this is indicated by the gold line markings. If you wish to use this area to drop off or pick up please stay on the school side of the gold line. The island has been removed and this has ‘opened up’ the drive way area to allow freer movement into the Kiss ‘n’ Ride and a clear lane for cars to drive down to look for stationary parks or to drive through to the exit. Please note that it is not acceptable to enter the Kiss ‘n’ Ride by turning right from the northern end of Victorsen Parade and thereby selfishly blocking through traffic. The trees that were along the paved area at the Kiss ‘n’ Ride have been transplanted to the periphery of the oval. Hopefully they will take root. Bollards and a chain have been installed as an indicator that the Hall car park can only be entered and exited from the southern driveway nearest the Church. The chain will be in position each day between 7am and 3.30pm. Let us all pray that these works create a better environment for all members of our school community.

God bless Warren Smith Principal

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK
Year 6 Camp
Welcome to St Andrew’s Night
Information Booklet Years 1 & 2
Map of the ‘Kiss ‘n’ Ride’ Area
Data Collection Form for Year 3 & 5
Canteen Menu
SCHOOL NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER

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Recess and Lunch Play in 2014: This is a repeat of an announcement made in Newsletter No. 37 2013. A significant number of children spend too much time eating their morning recess and lunch, instead of running and playing during these times. Some children have too much food in their lunch box, some of which is not a healthy option. With the goal of encouraging children to spend most of recess and lunch time playing and moving around, children will play first and then eat their snack or lunch. Recess play will be from 10.20am – 10.35am and they will then have five minutes to eat ONE item of food - preferably fruit or other healthy option. The Canteen will not be open at recess. Children must bring a snack from home. Lunch play will be from 12.20pm – 12.50pm and children will then have 15 minutes to eat their lunch. Please provide a reasonable amount of healthy food. All Canteen items must be ordered on the brown bag at the beginning of the day on canteen days (Monday, Wednesday and Friday). Children may not visit the Canteen at lunch time. The Library will no longer be open at lunch time, except on Fridays for Chess. We will evaluate the changes at the end of Term 1 and advise you of any changes that we might make.

KINDY 2015: For children born between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011. Kindy interviews for 2015 take place in a few weeks. We have only a few places left and I believe there are a number of current families that have not yet submitted applications. You may miss out if you do not have your application in urgently, as once the interview process has been completed, offers are sent out and places are filled.

Heath Care Card: School fees will be sent home this week. If you have a Health Care Card please bring it to the office so your school fees can be amended.

School Banking: School banking is available on Monday’s. Information is available from the office. Banking will be done on Tuesday’s should Monday be a Public Holiday.

P&F NEWS

A "Planning meeting for Welcome to St Andrews Night will be held on Friday 7th Feb at 1.45pm in the School Hall Boardroom. Everyone is welcome! We need volunteers to assist us in making the night a success."

The AGM of the P&F Committee will take place in the School Hall at 6.30pm on Monday 10th February. All enquiries go to The Committee through the office.
## ST ANDREW'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
TERM 1, PLANNER 2014 - Parents

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See newsletter for details of events
School Returns for Term 2 on Monday April 28.
Please Note that the Easter period falls during the holidays.

## PARISH NEWS

The St Andrew’s Catholic Parish, Clarkson offers a Parish Religious Education Program for Catholic children in Years One to Seven.

Start Date: 5th February 2014
Time: Wednesday 3.45pm-4.45pm
Venue: St Andrew’s Catholic Church
Cnr Victorsen Parade & Belleville Gardens, Clarkson
Contact: Louise Rhodes (Co-Ordinator)
Email: louiserhodes@iinet.net.au

**Altar Server Training Years 4 – 6:** Saint Andrew’s Parish, which includes St Andrew’s School, is seeking new Altar Servers to train and serve in school and weekend Masses. Father Robert is organising training sessions in coming weeks for students in Years 4 – 6. At this stage, training will be offered both in and out of school time. Ideally, those who are trained will also serve on weekends on a roster basis. If you and your child are interested, please let Mr Archer. Father Robert, Father Rainier or your child’s class teacher know as soon as possible. Dates and times of training sessions along with any further details will be announced very soon.
Busy Bees in 5B!

What a busy start to the school year we have had in 5B! We have been hard at work writing our class agreement book and our golden rules to allow us to have a happy and successful time together. We have reflected on our feelings about starting Year 5 and what we are hoping to achieve this year…

Joshua – Being in Year 5 is exciting because I can make new friends and I want to improve my handwriting and make it neater.

Ludwig – I feel really excited about starting Year 5 because I will learn new things in different subjects.

Emilio – I am looking forward to learning new things in Year 5 and achieving new goals in life.

Simon – I am looking forward to making new friends this year.

Ryan – I am looking forward to new work challenges and doing them with new friends!

Lucas – I felt really excited and happy when I started in 5B. I am looking forward to the sports carnivals this year.

Chelsea – I will get to do Geography this year which I am happy about.

Andrea – I am really looking forward to experiencing all the joys of being in a new class and having new friendships. By the end of the year I want to be able to do lots of good writing with good spelling.

Ruby – I am really excited about Year 5 as I have a really awesome teacher and I enjoy making new friends.

Tykera – I want to achieve good results in my grammar this year and I feel happy to be in Year 5.

Isla – I am excited to be in Year 5 because I get a new teacher, new friends and new activities.

Phoebe K – I was really excited to come into Year 5 and can’t wait to improve my reading and writing this year.

Madi – I am very excited to be in Year 5 because I am excited to learn new things and I have an awesome teacher and I have my best friend in the class too.

Elizabeth – I like being in 5B because I was very excited to have Mrs Waddell as my teacher and I like Year 5 because I think it will be fun times with my classmates and Mrs Waddell.

Millie – I am most looking forward to all the carnivals that are coming up, especially the lightning carnival.

Erin – By the end of the year I hope to have improved my maths and my spelling. I am going to work harder and try my best in everything.

Skylar – I was scared coming into Year 5 but that changed when I met my new teacher.

Rosie – I am happy to be in Year 5 to learn new things and try new things.

Charlotte – Coming into Year 5 was nerve-wracking but at the same time I was excited to meet my new teacher.

Holly – By the end of the year I would like to have made new friends and had fun in the classroom. I am sure that we will have fun!

Jelyn – It is spectacular being in Year 5 now because I can’t wait to learn new things and earn lots of Dojo points!

Phoebe S – On the first day in 5B I was nervous but then I met all of my classmates and Mrs Waddell and I made new friends with Casey and felt much calmer and happier.

Ashley – I am looking forward to having Mrs Waddell as my teacher and having a new room, and new classmates too.

Casey – I was really nervous starting my new school and in my new class but things are becoming easier now that I am making friends and getting used to a new place.

“Showing off some of our class agreement pages!”