Giving to the poor.

‘Giving to the poor can make up for sin, just as water can put out a blazing fire. Anyone who responds to others with acts of kindness is thinking of the future, because he will find help if he ever falls on hard times.’ Sirach 3 V 30-31.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

One of the primary objectives of a Catholic school is to act as an instrument of love and Christian outreach. Saint Andrew’s Catholic Primary School regularly creates opportunities for our children to reach out and help others. Frequently, we facilitate Catholic mission work for the poor who are hungry, sick, jobless or homeless. Often we offer assistance to Caritas Australia, Saint Vincent De Paul, the McKillop Foundation and directly to hardworking priests, nuns and laity who work both in Australia and overseas. Most recently we have donated money to the parish to help those in need at Easter. Further, we often raise money for select secular charities. Examples include the Cancer Council. Next week we will hold our version of Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea. In the past we participated in Jump Rope for Heart in order to assist the National Heart Foundation.

Very soon we will raise money for Lifelink, the Perth based agency set up by our recently retired Archbishop, Barry James Hickey. The key agencies that comprise Lifelink are – Centrecare Skills and Training, CrossRoads Community, Samaritan Projects, i.d. entity.wa, Centrecare, Catholic Migrant Centre, Anawim Women’s Refuge, Djooraminda Care Centre, Catholic HIV/AIDS Pastoral Care, Natural Family Planning, Catholic Association for Deaf and Hearing Impaired People (WA), Emmanuel Centre and most recently Emmaus Community which provides shared community housing for adults living with mental illness, many of whom have faced the challenge of homelessness and addictions.

In supporting Lifelink, children learn why we should take responsibility for those less fortunate than ourselves, why the Church answers the call of those in need, what Lifelink social agencies do, who the Lifelink agencies help, what our community would be like if we did not provide this valuable care and what students can do collectively, and individually to make a difference.

I realise that times are very tough for many of our Saint Andrew’s community families. However, when we do help out for Lifelink, every donation builds spirit and is money that Archbishop Costelloe and Bishop Sproxton would not be able to otherwise use to make a difference in the lives of people just like you and me! Through LifeLink, we can make a difference.

God bless you

Warren Smith
Interim Principal

Notes sent home this week:
Biggest Morning Tea
Walk Safely to School

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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SCHOOL MATTERS

Congratulations to those children who have celebrated their birthdays recently.

Monique N, Coco B

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: This is just a reminder to everyone that we have a basket in our office area for food donations and it is looking very hungry at the moment. Tins and packets of food are gratefully received and then donated to St Andrew’s Church Vinnies group. They then distribute the food to needy families in our parish. Next time you’re shopping, add an item or two to your basket and donate to this worthy cause.

Bridget Jones (Assistant Principal)

ONGRATULATIONS CLAUDIA: It is with great pleasure that I announce that Claudia McDermott, a student in 6W, has been awarded the “Prendiville Catholic College Academic Scholarship for 2013.” This prestigious scholarship is awarded to the student who excels in a formal scholarship test and then meets all the essential criteria at an additional interview. All of Claudia’s Year 7 – 12 school fees are covered by the scholarship. On behalf of the Saint Andrew’s school community I congratulate Claudia on her achievement.

CONFIRMATION NEWS: The candidate/parent workshops were held in the hall on Tuesday and Wednesday evening 8 and 9 May. The next events in the Confirmation calendar are the candidates ‘Retreat’ on Friday 25 May. Confirmations will be taking place at the 6.00pm mass on Saturday 26 May and the 9.00am and 5.30pm masses on Sunday 27 May.

QUALITY CATHOLIC SURVEY: Thank you to the parents who took place in this major system wide survey. All hard copy surveys have been sent to Insight SRC in Melbourne. The collective data will be processed and sent back to the Principal in the coming months.

BEFORE SCHOOL ROUTINE: It is vital that all parents read this note. If you drop your children off at school between 8.00am and 8.20am then they must come to the undercover area to be supervised by the rostered duty teacher. Should you personally walk your children in at this time then you are responsible for them if you choose to wait outside the classroom. No school aged children or siblings are allowed on the playground equipment before school. The undercover duty teacher is the only one on duty before school. All other teachers are readying themselves for the school teaching day which commences at 8.20am.

INTERNET SAFETY PRESENTATION: Saint Andrew’s CPS is committed to helping students develop appropriate behaviours when using digital technologies, both at school and at home. Mrs A Phillips, our school ICT teacher has organised a Cybersmart Outreach – Internet Safety Awareness presentation. The presentation is planned for Tuesday, 29 May, 2012 between 1.40pm and 2.40pm in the school library. This meeting is relevant to all parents with school aged children. Try to attend and then pick your children up straight afterwards!

CURRAMBINE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NAME CHANGE: The Salvatorian Family in Australia, Priests and Lay are extremely happy to announce that Currambine Catholic Primary School has been given permission to change its name to Father Francis Jordan Catholic Primary School. This is a first for schools across all countries in the world to have Father Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan as patron.
OTHER’S DAY WRAP-UP: Last Thursday’s class assembly was beautiful! Year 4B did a wonderful job of entertaining the large audience. The children sang, danced and shared reflections they had written about their Mum’s. The Mother’s Day Raffle was a resounding success. I extend my gratitude to Mrs L. Stainton and Mrs N. Jaschinsky who sourced, purchased, packaged and delivered the gorgeous raffle prizes. Well done ladies!! Thanks also go to Mrs K. Mesiti who liaised between the school and P&F and drew the raffle prize winners. We hope all Mum’s had a great Mother’s Day!

RESILIENCY ROBBERS: Number 5: Let’s give in too easily. Resilient learners link success with effort. They don’t give up because they don’t like a teacher or when confronted with multi-step or more complex activities. Similarly they don’t bail out of a sporting team half way through the season because the team is not winning or they are not enjoying it. Resilience notion number 5: Encourage kids to complete what they have started even if the results aren’t perfect.

AUSTRALIA’S BIGGEST MORNING TEA: On Thursday the 24th of May, our school will be participating in Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea. All money raised goes towards the Cancer Council. The funds raised are dedicated to research, education and prevention programs, support services and advocacy to protect the community from cancer risk factors.

Each class will be holding their own morning tea from 10:00 to 10:30. Parents are invited to join their child’s class at this time with tea and coffee being provided. 1 in 2 Australians will be diagnosed with Cancer before the age of 85. Help us in the fight against Cancer! Together we can find a cure! We ask for your help in the following ways:

1. Send in a small plate of food to be shared with your child’s class.
2. Make a gold coin donation to the Cancer Council (By both parents attending and students).

ABSENTES: Please advise the office if your child is going to be away. Should they be away more than one day, please ring the office staff again unless you have already advised them previously. Please call or text 0458 558 780.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY ON FRIDAY, 18 MAY 2012: Well it’s that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking! Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic. Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 18 May 2012!

PARISH NEWS

Children are invited to join St Andrew’s Parish Junior Choir and sing at the celebration of Confirmation on Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 May 2012. Rehearsals to be held in the Church on Friday 11 and 18 May at 5.30pm to 6.30pm. The final rehearsal will be on Friday 25 May at 7.00pm. Enquiries: Helen Smith 0432 551 428 St Andrews’ Parish Music Ministry.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER BY HOSTING A SHORT TERM EXCHANGE STUDENT

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2012 for a short term of only 3 months. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Denmark, Norway, Finland and Sweden will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

SHCLUB’S BIGGEST AUSTRALIAN TEA ON FRIDAY 25 MAY

To support the Cancer Council of Australia we will be hosting OshClub’s biggest Australian Tea on Friday 25th in the after school session. If your child is booked in that day you are invited to join in the fun when you collect your child, please give yourself plenty of time as your child will be your waiter/waitress and will serve you a hot or cold beverage and a selection of yummy food that we will have made. All we ask is that you bring a GOLD COIN DONATION for this very worthy cause.
2B Preparing for National Reconciliation Week

The Sea of Hands

'\nThe Sea of Hands' is commonly used during Sorry Day, Reconciliation week and NAIDOC celebrations as a colourful reminder of the commitment of the Australian people to genuine reconciliation and as a gesture of respect for Aboriginal culture and tradition.

Our 2B students worked beautifully with their 6B buddies to create 'The Sea of Hands' in preparation for our NAIDOC celebrations. They coloured and glued two hands together and attached them to a stick.

The Sea of Hands will be put in the ground outside our Community Hall during Reconciliation Week.