Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you: I have been away from school on Catholic Education Office business for several days over the past two weeks and would like to thank Fintan Archer, Warren Smith and Nicky Sullivan for their leadership during this time, in particular Nicky, who in the absence of Fintan, Warren and I has had sole responsibility for the school. It is good to know that we have a depth of leadership that enables everything to keep running smoothly. Fintan and Warren are currently attending the ACEL conference in Melbourne. This conference is at the cutting edge in presenting innovations in education from around the world and is highly motivating for those who attend.

Kindy Interviews: I am halfway through interviewing new families for Kindy 2014 and meetings are being held on June 5th for families with children already attending St Andrew's, whose children will be attending Kindy in 2014.

Playgroup: for Kindy 2014 children begins in early August and operates on Fridays from 9 – 11am. We are looking for a volunteer to organise and run this group and would appreciate expressions of interest being left with Lesley in the school office. You would be assisted in the start up by others who have led Playgroup in the past. You would work off your P & F levy very quickly if you took this on!

Reconciliation Commitment Masses: A final reminder to families of children receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year, that the commitment masses are this weekend. Each child must attend one of the four masses and present their commitment card to Father. The cards will be at the back of the church for collection when you arrive. Masses are Saturday at 6.00pm, Sunday at 7.30am, 9.00am and 5.30pm.

Pupil Free Day Reminder: Friday, 31st May

God bless you.

Eileen Climo
Principal

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK: Biggest Morning Tea
Walk to School Day
DATES TO REMEMBER

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SCHOOL MATTERS

AUSTRALIA’S BIGGEST MORNING TEA - THURSDAY 23RD 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. This year, the emphasis of our morning tea is on healthy food, as a healthy diet reduces the risk of all cancers and heart disease. We are encouraging you to bring in a small plate of healthy food for morning tea. 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. Bring in a small plate of healthy 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).

INTERNATIONAL BASKETBALL CARNIVAL

Last Friday 16 of our Year 6 students participated in the Northern Independent Primary Schools Basketball competition. We had one team of boys and one team of girls. The students were great participants! Quite a busy energetic day for them – they played 6 games in the tournament, 16 minutes each game with great results.

There was some outstanding play from all 16 players but 3 students deserve a special mention – Keely G, Ciaran B and Emily E. They played with such enthusiasm and gusto, giving everything they had to the final minute, never giving up. Well done. Congratulations to all 16 students for a fantastic effort.

Dawne Peacham [Physical Education Teacher]

INTERNET SAFETY TIPS: Keeping your kids safe online is easy with a few simple precautions.

1. Reassure your child that they can tell you anything, without fear of losing the laptop or internet access.
2. If they get a message or email that's threatening or rude, they should 'STOP, BLOCK, TELL'. First step is to tell your child to stop responding to the abuse and then block those people sending threatening or rude messages if they continue. Let your child know that if they are being bullied, or know someone else who is, they should tell a trusted adult.
3. Never click on any links that are contained in emails from people they don’t know. As well as sexual content, they could contain a computer virus.
4. If you suspect your child has been contacted by a predator, try to save a copy of the chat log (or whatever form the contact takes) for evidence. Call Crime Stoppers 24-hour line 1800 333 000 to make a formal complaint.
5. Your child will be using computers and the technology for the rest of their lives – you’re in the great position of being able to get them off to a safe, positive start.
Our Bushland Rangers (also known as the GREEN TEAM) received recognition at assembly recently and continue to raise awareness of environmental matters throughout the school. Thank you to: Jacob, Zayde, Aly, Jackson, Jaylon, Alexi, Niall, Sam, Zac, Lance, Chelsea, Caleb, Casey, Declan, Dylan, Briana, Monica, Taylor, Kaelena, Nerize, Jaxon and Zane for their work. Our vote of thanks also goes to Mrs Karen Young who co-ordinates the work that these students do. We appreciate all you do for our school.

Their duties include:
- Maintenance of the bushland area at the southern perimeter of the school
- Supervision of students using the bushland, following the Carer’s Code and reporting misuse to duty teachers
- Occasional presentation of Green Lunch Box Awards at assemblies
- Occasional visits to classrooms to explain the Green Lunch Box Award and present anti-waste information
- Spend occasional recess and lunch times checking lunch boxes and tallying points
- Ensure composting is done on a regular basis
- Tidy gloves and tools in undercover area
- Provide extra assistance to school groundsmen if required.

WE’RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY, 24 MAY 2013
Well it’s that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking! Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:
- Walking with them the whole way to school.
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop.
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

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.

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au

UNIFORMS: Kindy windcheaters are available from the uniform shop for $20.00. The uniform shop is open on Tuesday afternoons from 2.30pm to 3.30pm and Friday mornings at 8.00am to 9.00am.

COMMUNITY NEWS

YANCHEP NETBALL CLUB: The Yanchep Netball club are looking for 3-4 players for our 8/9 teams. We train on a Tuesday at the Yanchep District High School and games are played at Kingsway Sporting Complex at 8.30am on Saturday. I would suit children born between 2004 - June 30 2006. Please contact Elaine 0439 733 632 if you’re interested.

P&F COMMITTEE

The P&F Committee will be providing tea and coffee after each assembly. All welcome!
We have been very busy learning many new things! We know our alphabet and can recognise all of the letters; we can say their names and sounds. We can rhyme lots of words and know how to work out the initial sounds of many different words. We are getting ready to read and write. We are amazing and our teacher is very proud of us.

- Blake: Caterpillars coughing…. c c c
- Mikala: Apple starts with A
- Gryffyth: We read Dr. Seuss’ Cat in a Hat. Bump and lump rhyme.
- Scarlett: Cat, rat, mat and fat all rhyme.
- Lachlan: Ants on the apple…. a a a
- Kayne: Rhyming words are cat and hat.
- Poppy: Tigers on their tiptoes…. t t t.
- Rhys: Mat and hat rhyme.
- Elijah: King kicked the kettle… k k k.
- Zakari (aka Zi): Z is my favourite letter. Z is for zebra, zap and Zakari.
- Joshua: Words that start with J are jellybeans, jacket and juice.
- Ben: Balls are bouncing…. b b b
  - Zachary K: Sheep and peep rhyme.
  - Laranya: Sausages are sizzling…. s s s.
  - Bianca: Tin and pin rhyme.
- Maddison: Monkey, Maddison and Matt start with M.
- Majok: M is for monkey and Majok.
- Skye: Stars and Skye start with S.
- Jack: Dolls are dancing… d d d.
- Siah: Cat, car and caterpillar all start with C.
- Elias: Eggs in the egg cup… e e e.
- Kavina: King, Kavina, Kayne and kettle start with K.
- Stephanie: Zig zag zebra…. z z z.
- Tyla-Lee: Old and gold rhyme.
- Deltra: Ant and apple start with A.
- Jaxon: Jellybeans are jumping… j j j.
- Patrick: Cat and that rhyme.
- Summer: Monkeys are munching… m m m.
- Emma: We learnt that Mat and bat rhyme.
- Zachary Y: F is my favourite letter. Fingers and fish start with F.