Contemplating the Face of Christ…

Jesus,

As I contemplate your face, let me experience your great love for me. Reveal your saving grace and give me a grateful heart. Heal me of my weaknesses and sin and fill me with compassion for others. Give me the gift of the Spirit and encourage me to be a faithful witness to the gospel.

Amen.

Dear Parents and Guardians

I draw your attention to the following information which I have taken directly from a newly published information flyer for teachers which has been sanctioned by Mr Ron Dullard the outgoing Director of Catholic Education in Western Australia.

Living the Vision…and so Our Journey continues. We in Catholic Education seek to create environments that enhance learning, nurture young people and empower them to live the Catholic faith in the spirit of Jesus Christ by:

- Building communities centred on prayer, stillness and reflection
- Developing a hunger for the learning adventure
- Challenging each other to seek truth and justice for all, especially the most vulnerable
- Capturing the joy in the mystery of the created Universe
- Embracing the diversity of the Earth and its people
- Walking together in a spirit of reconciliation and forgiveness.

Catholic Education Profile… All Catholic schools are accountable to the Bishop of the Diocese and are bound by CECWA policy statements. Currently there are 107 Catholic schools in the Diocese of Perth. Our Archbishop is The Most Reverend Timothy Costelloe SDB and the Auxiliary Bishop is The Most Reverend Donald Sproxton.

Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia (CECWA)... The chair of the CECWA is Monsignor Michael Keating. He has been appointed by the Bishops of Western Australia. The Commission generates office and state wide policies to foster the continued improvement of Catholic Education. The spokesperson for the CECWA is the Director of Catholic Education, Mr Ron Dullard who retires in November, 2012.

Catholic Education Western Australia... There are 73,000 students attending Catholic schools. (3.5% are Aboriginal, 3% of students have a disability and 23% are non - Catholic). There are 5,500 teachers in the system and system wide there are 3,500 other staff which includes office staff, groundsmen, teacher assistants, bursars etc. There are 158 schools in the Catholic system in Western Australia and 278 staff are employed by the Catholic Education Office. Catholic Education is growing by the day as increasing numbers of parents study the educational sector.

God bless you

Warren Smith
Interim Principal

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK:
Year 1 Note – Chickenpox
Years 5&6 Human Growth & Development Night (2nd copy)
Interschool Lightning Carnival

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.*

CARPARK: Please be advised that the traffic in the school car park can be quite dense immediately after the dismissal bell rings. If you do not have to be somewhere after school then it makes it easier for yourself and others if you pick up 5 – 10 minutes after the bell. We as drivers in control of heavy and dangerous machinery need to make calm and considered decisions. It is best to drive in and park in a bay rather than sit in the main entrance of the driveway causing other vehicles to bank up on Victorsen Parade. Alternatively, you could go around to the end of the drive through and park outside the hall. Patience is a virtue!!

YEAR 5 AND 6 HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT TALKS: On Wednesday 13 June we had the pleasure of hosting guest speakers from the Catholic Family Planning Centre when they presented talks to our Year 5 and 6 students and parents on the themes of ‘Becoming a Man’ and ‘Becoming a Woman’. The presentations were excellent and both the parent and student feedback has been wonderful.

ATTENDANCE RECORDS AND WHY THEY ARE IMPORTANT: The school day officially begins at 8.20am each morning. On Monday, Tuesday and Friday all classes from Pre-Primary to Year 6 attend morning fitness on the oval or basketball courts. The Education Act prescribes that a daily attendance record be kept by every classroom teacher. Children who have not arrived at school by 8.40am, which is when Specialist classes commence, are recognised as being ABSENT and an entry is recorded as such in the classroom Attendance Register. Should a child enter the school LATE (after 8.40am) they are expected to go to the office to receive a LATE Note. On entering the classroom this note is handed to the teacher who marks the child as LATE in the attendance register. Every year as part of a School Data census the attendance percentages for each year level and the school overall are calculated. The attendance register is a legal document and over time it builds an accurate record of your child’s school attendance. Please consider whether you are getting your child to school on time. It is legally important but also teaches them about promptness.

2012 YEAR OF GRACE- STARTING AFRESH FROM CHRIST: The year of grace is the Australian bishops’ gift to the Church to celebrate and renew our faith and life as Catholics. It began at Pentecost (The Sunday of Confirmation) and is an exhortation to “Start Afresh from Christ.” It comes from the bishops’ reflection over a number of years on Pope John Paul II’s Apostolic Letter Novo Milenio Inuente (At the start of the New Millenium). The letter recalls the events in Rome during the Jubilee year of 2000 and the Pope’s challenge to the whole Church to “contemplate the face of Christ.” More information is available on the Year of Grace website [www.yearofgrace.catholic.org.au](http://www.yearofgrace.catholic.org.au/). Recently we sent home Year of Grace prayer cards.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE SCHOOL: We have undertaken the Woolworths ‘Earn and Learn’ Program and the Coles ‘Sports for Schools’ Program. Please join in!

A MESSAGE FROM SISTER WENDY, rsj: ‘The weekend of Confirmation that has recently passed also welcomed the Year of Grace in the Australian Catholic Church. As I witnessed the dedication of the teachers, school and students over the preparatory few months, and as I encountered the faithfulness of parents and sponsors at workshops and masses, my reflection was that grace was in the good will of all who were part of this particular time. Thank you for working with us to make this a special time for the students. Even when preferred workshops or mass places ran out, or any other challenge arose, you were gracious in your response. As the students now bear also the name of their chosen saint, may your child also be guided by you in her or his continuing journey. May I ask for your continued prayers for each other, and for our community of faith in the parish, the schools and our families. May God bless you. St Andrew, pray for us. St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, inspire us.’
MUSICA VIVA – A BIG TIME, FUN LEARNING EVENT: On Monday 11 June we had a visit from ‘Adam Hall and the Velvet Players’. Adam’s band is an amazing collection of musicians and they are awesome entertainers. The children had a great time listening to the music that was featured and joyfully taking on all opportunities to interact. My thanks go to Mrs C. Mulholland and Mrs A. Phillips for organising this top quality incursion.

ON LINE SAFETY STRATEGY FOR KIDS: Over the next few weeks we will share seven key messages which we believe form the basis of an online safety strategy for kids – **Message 3: Treat online passwords like your house key.** Teach kids to keep passwords guarded at all times. Young people can be incredibly trusting of each other, which is to be encouraged. However, there are some things, such as online passwords that they don’t share, not even with their best friend.

EAT PROPERLY AT BREAKFAST AND DURING THE SCHOOL DAY: It is vitally important that school aged children eat a healthy and filling breakfast every day. The foods eaten should energise their bodies and brains so that quality and sustained learning occurs. Several staff have expressed to me that they are concerned about children in their classes regularly arriving at school having not eaten breakfast. On investigation they then find that it is often the same children who either eat inappropriately at recess and lunch or consume limited or select foods. Please help us to get the best from your children!

LAPS TO LONDON UPDATE: Miss Watkins has reported that during a very wet and windy Week 7 the children ran 1460 laps which converted to 292 kilometres. We have now run to Islamabad, in Pakistan.

THE 2012 NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS WEEK: This week is National Cyber Security Awareness Week. It's an annual Australian Government initiative held in partnership with public and private sector organisations to help internet users better understand the importance of cyber security and safety, and the simple steps they can take to protect themselves online.

What is it all about? Australians are being encouraged to take 10 simple steps to improve their online security and safety at home and at work.

- Install and update your security software and set it to scan regularly.
- Turn on automatic updates on all your software, particularly your operating system and applications.
- Use strong passwords and change them at least twice a year.
- Stop and think before you click on links or attachments.
- Take care when transacting online – check the supplier and use a safe payment method.
- Only download “apps” from reputable publishers and read all permission requests.
- Regularly check your privacy settings on social networking sites.
- Stop and think before you post any photos or financial information online.
- Pay attention to what your child is doing online, including on their smartphone or mobile device.
- Report or talk to someone if you feel uncomfortable or threatened online – download the Government’s Cybersafety Help Button.


LOST PROPERTY: A second hand jumper (with Caitlyn Adams name) belongs to C. D’Costa. Please check your child’s clothing in case it has been picked up by mistake and return to the office.

PARISH NEWS

LATE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN – THANK YOU: On behalf of the St Andrew’s Parish Music Ministry, I would like to firstly congratulate all those children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation recently and secondly, to thank the children in the Parish Junior Choir who sang so beautifully throughout the three Masses. They are: Amelia and Sarah Reid, Julian Jacquin, Julia Vrlic and Kaelena Smith. The children bring much joy and enthusiasm to the choir, and have added that ‘extra special element’ to the Liturgies. My heartfelt thanks to the parents of these children also, for without their support and commitment, the Parish Junior Choir would not be possible. The St Andrew’s Parish Junior Choir is for children from age 8 to 14 to participate in the special occasions that are held in our Parish throughout the year. These being: The childrens’ sacraments of Confirmation, First Holy Communion and Reconciliation, as well as other special Celebrations such as St Mary MacKillop’s Feast Day (August), St Andrew’s Feast Day (November), Carols by Candlelight and the Childrens’ Masses. If you have any enquiries regarding your child participating in the Parish Junior Choir please contact me on 0432 551 428.  Helen Smith - Choir Mistress - St Andrew’s Parish Choir

COMMUNITY NEWS

Living in Yanchep? A family from St Andrew’s Catholic Primary School would like to car pool. If you are interested please call Emma 0419 664 935 or 9561 1258.
During Maths we have been using concrete materials to complete addition sums. We had to apply this to our Space investigation. Our challenge was to create 6 addition sums with the same answer so that our rocket would blast off.

Absent* Cayden, Indigo, Shaye

I enjoyed using blocks to help me create addition sums. Zac

I liked being Neptune in the ordering of the planets. Lily

I liked the Space songs. I learnt that there are lots of planets. Lucy

I learnt how to find number facts so that our group’s rocket could blast off. Taylor

I learnt about all of the planets in Space. I liked Saturn with the rings. Stella

I learnt that all of the planets together make the Solar System. Adam

Space is really interesting. I loved every activity we did. Aidan

I learnt what order the planets went in. Declan

I learnt that addition sums can be turned around and you get the same answer. Joyce

I learnt about the order of the planets through two songs on the smart board. Ajak

I learnt that Saturn has a ring. Noah

I learnt how to make addition sums using concrete materials. Hannah

I learnt about all the planets. Joshua

I learnt by using blocks how to work out an addition sum. Aman

I learnt how to write an addition sum correctly. Georgia

I liked putting our friends in order so that the planets were correct. Nicholas

I liked learning exciting songs about Space. Ellie

I liked being one of the planets. Abbey

I learnt lots and lots of things about space. It was really fun! Lucas

I learnt about Jupiter. That one is my favourite. Revis

I learnt about the planet Neptune. It is cold there. Jesse

I learnt about all of the planets. They are interesting. Rosemary

I learnt that we can use blocks to help us with adding. Chiara

I learnt that Jupiter is the biggest planet. Lachlan

Planets are big and round. There are lots of them. Ella