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28 June 2012

The Lord Our Shepherd.
You prepare a banquet for me, where all my enemies can see me;
You welcome me as an honoured guest and fill my cup to the brim.
I know that your goodness and love will be with me all my life;
and your house will be my home as long as I live. Psalm 23 V5 - 6

Dear Parents and Guardians

Next week is NAIDOC Week. NAIDOC stands for the National Aboriginal Islander Observance Committee. It is an awareness committee and the name of an Australian week of observance lasting from the first Sunday in July until the following Sunday.

History: After a time of seeking justice from the Australian government, Indigenous Australians held the first ‘Day of Mourning’ in 1938 to highlight injustices put upon them. In 1955, it was suggested that this day become a National Day with the aim to change negative views and celebrate the richness of Indigenous culture and heritage. In 1957, the first National Aborigines’ Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) was formed with the support of Federal and State governments. To mark Aborigines’ Day in Australia, on the first Sunday in July every year, NAIDOC celebrations and events happen within Indigenous Australia and invitations go out for the rest of the world to join in.

Many Torres Strait Islanders commemorate the Coming of the Light Festival the week before July 1, which is the day the London Missionary Society first arrived in the Torres Strait.

NAIDOC activities that are held during the week long celebrations include historical, cultural and educational activities in schools, public displays and the NAIDOC Ball which is held in each city across Australia. This significant event celebrates the achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and ends the week of festivities with Indigenous foods and bands.

On Thursday June 21 and Friday 22 June the children of Saint Andrew’s Catholic Primary School were engaged in activities that revolved around Indigenous sand art, dance and the singing of indigenous songs. Those parents and guardians who have attended Thursday morning assemblies in the past three weeks would have noticed the beautiful work on display. This work was completed as part of the NAIDOC Week theme that has been developed and facilitated by Mrs A. Parata and Mrs J. Birchall. The display includes: play dough Echidnas, coloured feather birds, The Torres Strait Islander Flag, The Aboriginal Flag, boomerangs, didgeridoos, conical hats, fish fossils, rock paintings, paperbark canoes, armbands, rock paintings and paintings of the Wandjina. Thank you everyone!

On Monday July 2 the Year 3 and 4 classes are welcoming ‘Cultural Infusion: Culture in Education’ who will present a day filled with aboriginal art, storytelling, cultural history and boomerang demonstrations. On Wednesday July 4 we will complete our NAIDOC Week celebrations with a school Mass. I extend an invitation to all parents and friends to attend this significant liturgy.

God bless you

Warren Smith
Interim Principal

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK:

P&F Note
Oshclub – Holiday Programme
Year 6 – Whooping Cough
Year 3 & 1 – Chickenpox
Lifelink
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

**Friday 29 June**
Uniform Shop Open 8.00am – 9.00am
Lightning Carnival Yr 5 and 6

**Monday 2 July**
Aboriginal Culture Day Incursion

**Tuesday 3 July**
Staff Meeting
Uniform Shop Open 2.30pm-3.30pm

**Wednesday 4 July**
NAIDOC Week Mass

**Thursday 5 July**
School Cross Country Event
No Assembly
Road Safety Committee – Hall 6.00pm

**Friday 6 July**
Last day of Term – Reports Sent Home

**THURSDAY 19 JULY**
UNIFORM SHOP OPEN 9.00am-11.00am (School Holidays)

**Monday 23 July**
FIRST DAY OF TERM 3 – STAFF

**Tuesday 24 July**
FIRST DAY OF TERM 3 - STUDENTS

SCHOOL MATTERS

*Congratulations to those children who have celebrated their birthdays recently.*


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CARPARK: Please remember to be patient and keep our children safe.
LIFELINK FUNDRAISING DAY HOSTED BY YEAR 6W AND 6B: The year 6 students and teachers did a marvellous job of organising and raising funds for Archbishop Costelloe’s Lifelink charities. Well done and thank you Year 6. Everyone had fun and I know that the money you raised will go to great Catholic causes. St Andrew’s raised $394.00 for Lifelink. Well done children!

MAKING JESUS REAL IN OUR LIVES: WELCOME
Whenever we go into a strange or new place and meet new people we always feel at ease if they welcome us with a smile or a pleasant “G’day”, “Hello” or “Good morning”. The question we could ask of ourselves as we come to school each day and our classmates walk through the door is:

“Do I say G’day to people at school each morning?”
“How many people did I speak to this morning?”
“Did I have a welcoming smile on my dial (face)?”
At the Sydney Olympics in 2000, the wonderful Australian habit of saying “G’day” was highlighted. Listen for the people who say “G’day” and hopefully imitate them.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA: A message from Caritas to us all – ‘Dear Staff and Students, Thank you most warmly for your generous donation to Project Compassion, 2012. We truly appreciate it. It will most certainly assist our projects supporting the poor and disadvantaged in developing communities’. The Perth Caritas Team.

END OF SEMESTER ONE REPORTING: The teachers have spent many hours preparing student reports. These will be sent home with your child on the last day of Term 2 (July 6). Window On My Work/Magical Moments will not be sent home with your child’s report.

ON LINE SAFETY STRATEGY FOR KIDS: This week we continue with the sharing of the seven key messages which we believe form the basis of an online safety strategy for kids – Message 5: Don't reply to harassment. Bullies can retain proof of your response, which can further be spread around. Besides responding to bullying behaviour often simply encourages the bully to continue.

LAPS TO LONDON UPDATE: Miss Watkins has reported that during Week 9 the children ran 2264 laps which converted to 460 kilometres. We have now run into the country of Ashkhabad, Turkmenistan. Year 5B ran the greatest distance of 401 laps. Well done Year 5!

NEXT WEEK IS NAIDOC WEEK: Week 11 is the week that we celebrate NAIDOC Week. On Monday 18 June the Governance Team at Saint Andrew’s Catholic Primary School (Mr Smith, Interim Principal Term 2, Mrs Judith Birchall, School Board Chairperson and Mr Michael McGarry, President of the Parents and Friends Committee) hosted the Governance teams from the many Catholic schools in the North Coastal and North Eastern Regions. Mr Ron Dullard, Director of the Catholic Education, Office of Western Australia was also in attendance at this important meeting. Many samples of student work were on display in readiness for our celebrations and Mr Dullard made comment that he thought the display was wonderful.

JUNE 29 LIGHTNING CARNIVAL: Please be advised that representing the school at this Year 5 & 6 sporting event is a privilege not a right. Children who have been well behaved, beautifully mannered, sportsmanlike in attitude and who have displayed the finest traits of the Making Jesus Real programme will be sent as representatives of the school. These are the ambassadors we want within the broader community. Put your best foot forward and you might get on the bus. Events being held include Aussie Rules, boys and girls Soccer, Netball and Rugby Tag. Even at this late stage in preparations Parent volunteers will be greatly welcomed. Please see Miss Watkins.

SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE: Mr McGarry, the P & F President has advised that there will be a meeting of parents who are concerned about ‘Road Safety’ as it pertains to the main roads in the vicinity of the school and the school car park and driveways. This meeting is scheduled to be held in the school hall at 6pm on Thursday July 5.

CAR POOL: If you would like to car pool to St Andrew’s and live near Merriwa, please call Katie on 0400848671.
Wondering at the variety of beauty across the world

In religion we worked in groups to produce a poster highlighting the many forms of beauty in creation. Each group chose a continent and illustrated landforms; animals and the diverse range of colours that are found all around the world. Below are the comments of the students of 5 Blue-

In North America they have lots of beautiful and pretty flowers and they take good care of their land.

*Jazminblu & Siobhan*

The most amazing thing about Antarctica is the waterfalls and they make the place beautiful.

*Keely, Zayde & Kaelena*

In Africa there is over 35 species of whale and dolphins off the southern coast of Africa.

*Zac, Jackson, & Miguel*

We found in New Zealand they have a plant called a fern that symbolises New Zealand.

*Kiera & Chelsea*

We like the Laos Xieng Khuan in Buddha Park because it is a sacred place where people go to pray.

*Zane & Tea*

Deep in Brazil is the world’s largest river called the Amazon.

*Jacob, Jaylon, Caleb, Aly & Casey*

Mt. Etna, found in Sicily is the tallest active volcano in Europe.

Antarctica is the highest continent on earth with an average height of 2300 metres above sea level. There are also thousands of icebergs.

*Alexi & Briana*

In Europe we found true beauty in Medjugorje in Western Bosnia where they are known for the appearance of Mary to 6 children in a field.

*Julia & Nerize*

We found out about the Taj Mahal and Samuel did a legendary drawing of it!

*Sam, Taylor & Dylan*

Christ of Peace is in South America and its other name is Cristo de La Concordio and is in Rio.

*Mikayla, Charlotte & Claudia*

Africa is the world’s second largest continent. Much of its centre is covered by dense, tropical rainforests. The north and south of the rainforest are savannahs and deserts.

*Hannah & Jake*