Dear Parents and Guardians

What a very busy and fun time it has been! As I reflect back over the many events that have been held this term I would be amazed if any child or family has not been impacted by more than one fantastic event that has been undertaken as part of the school educational calendar for Term 2.

Whole school focus events have included Anzac Day celebrations, the Mother’s Day event, the Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser for the Cancer Council, Walk to School Day, NAIDOC Week celebrations and the continuing of the Habits of Mind programme.

Term 2 was an extremely busy term for the Year 6 children and parents as they were immersed in the many facets of the Confirmation programme. Many classes have directly and independently celebrated a mass or class liturgy with their buddy classes this term. Mrs B. Jones together with the Year 4 teachers has already been involved in planning next term’s sacramental events. This term has seen a significant focus on Sporting events. A number of Year 6 children attended an Interschool Basketball competition, many children have trained for the upcoming Faction Cross Country event, the Year 5 and 6 children were involved in a District Sports Lightning Carnival and throughout the term all classes have undertaken Cross Country training as part of the morning fitness programme. On Thursday mornings we have been treated to some fantastic class assemblies. We have had incursions to do with Human Growth and Development, ‘Musica Viva’ and NAIDOC Week and recently the Year 7’s from Irene McCormack College visited the P-2 children to share the books that they had written as part of their high school English programme. This semester has seen NAPLAN testing, Year 6 Mathematical Olympiads and preparations for WAMSE and the Archbishops Religious Education testing taking place early in Term 3. I am aware that I have missed many other events.

This is my final newsletter as the Interim Principal in Mrs Climo’s absence. I take this opportunity to thank a number of people. Firstly, I extend my gratitude to Mrs Climo for my appointment to leadership. I appreciate the backing of Father Andrew and the Parish. I sincerely thank the School Board and the Parents and Friends Committee; both entities have been a delight to work with. My deepest appreciation is extended to the fantastic Saint Andrew’s School staff. May I say ‘You are professionally brilliant!’ To my wonderful leadership colleague, Mrs Bridget Jones who has been my confidant and chief encourager this term, ‘Thank you.’ And finally, can I thank the wonderful children and parents of Saint Andrew's who have been superb in all regards. Mrs Climo returns as Principal on Monday 23 July, 2012.

God bless you

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK:

Cross Country Carnival
P&F News - Disco
Head Lice Year 2 & Year 1
Tournament of Minds
Chickenpox Year 1
P&F – Road Safety Committee

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 or will be celebrating their birthdays soon.

Bethany R, Jack B, Sophie S, Georgia B, Samuel B, Joshua K, Tea T, Adrian G, Amy B,
Cate H, Chiara D, Brodie C, Oliver B, JAYLO N E, Joshua H, Edoardo R, Aiden Y,
Miguel D, Dylan J

P&F LEVY
For families who want to claim back their P&F Levy to please bring their completed forms back by 24 July, 2012.

MAKING JESUS REAL IN OUR LIVES
Using the BIG E WORD – ENCOURAGING WORDS
We all like to be encouraged. In any sport we see on television, players run in and encourage one another – this encouragement always lifts people and teams. The word says it all. Encourage – we are given courage by a word or smile that lifts us to do better. Use words such as ‘well done’, ‘great effort’, ‘sensational’, ‘your fantastic’, ‘that’s awesome’ etc.

Question: When was the last time I used such words – can I improve in this area at home, at work and at school?
Make a pact with yourself: I am going to build up the Kingdom of God in others by using encouraging language.

SEMESTER ONE REPORTING: The teachers have spent many hours preparing student reports. These will be sent home with your child tomorrow, Friday July 6.

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 6: Save the evidence. If kids are bullied they should keep the pictures and offending messages. These can be used as proof if the bullies are brought to justice.

LAPS TO LONDON UPDATE: Miss Watkins has reported that during Week 11 the children ran 2871 laps which converted to 575 kilometres. We have now run into the country of Baku, Azerbaijan. Year 5B (once again) ran the greatest distance in this school week. They ran 436 laps.

NAIDOC WEEK NEWS: This is NAIDOC Week. Monday was the last opportunity to visit the school hall and view the display of beautiful art and craft work that has been completed by the children of Saint Andrew’s school. Yesterday, the wonderful end of term Mass focussed on NAIDOC week.

JUNE 29 LIGHTNING CARNIVAL: My congratulations to the wonderful children of Years 5 and 6 who represented our school in last Friday’s annual Regional Sports Lightning Carnival. I was very proud of our teams. They did all they could to compete with pride whilst observing the code of good sportsmanship. It is evident to me that a lot of fun was had. Well done!!

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

SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE: There is a meeting in the hall tonight (July 5) at 6pm.
AUSSIE OF THE TERM

ASHA STAINTON  PPB
Asha is constantly looking after her peers. She makes a special effort to be kind, caring and thoughtful to all the people she meets, especially those who need extra help. She offers to help out around the room and always helps her peers when they are in need. Asha is a respectful, welcoming and cheerful student, who is an absolute pleasure to be around!

TRISTAN FAJARDO  PPW
Tristan is a perfect example of a ‘WEST’ person. He is always a cheerful member of the class and is a motivated learner- always listening on the mat and trying as hard as he can in all classroom activities. He is a respectful and reliable class member, offering help to his peers and teachers. He is always so welcoming, introducing himself to new people and making sure everyone is included.

LOTTIE FORSYTH  2W
Lottie is an adorable, well behaved student, who is constantly polite and courteous. She offers help and assistance to everyone, without having to be asked. She is a model of ICO- ‘Instant, Cheerful, Obedience’. Lottie always volunteers to assist and always puts others before herself. She has a loving heart and is consistently thoughtful of others. She is an absolute delight and pleasure to teach!!!

RUBY WALSH  4W
Ruby is a kind and caring student. She is constantly polite and always gives of herself to others. She is genuine, welcoming and respectful in all situations. Ruby demonstrates how to live in a WEST way, through her selfless acts. She has many amazing qualities that make her a wonderful role model to her peers.

MITCHELL BROWN  5W
Mitchell is a kind student who is always willing to please. He has worked hard to overcome difficulties and strives to do his best in everything. Mitchell is considerate of others. He shares with his class mates and offers assistance whenever he can. He is showing tremendous confidence in his own abilities and willingly contributes to all class discussions. Mitchell’s sensitive nature makes him highly aware of the needs of others. He tries hard to be welcoming and inclusive in all situations. We are proud of you Mitchell. Keep it up!

EMILY ENGLEBERT  5W
Emily always has a happy outlook. She is kind and considerate to all of her peers. Emily’s warm and welcoming nature are to be admired. She displays WEST qualities at all times. In class, Emily displays a mature approach to all of her classwork. She applies herself diligently and produces her best in everything she does. Emily always looks for ways to improve her work. Emily is a helpful and reliable student. She quietly goes about fulfilling any task required. Congratulations on all you do for others, Emily!
Throughout Semester 1, students have been involved in creative and lateral thinking activities, requiring both individual and group work. They have accepted these challenges and work hard to produce many dazzling pieces. Here are a few samples of their endeavours:

**CHEKS - Year 2: Term 1: Build a Farm Project/Term 2: Paper Mache Money Box (Iconic Buildings)**

**JETS – Year 3: Term 1: Build a Car Challenge/ Term 2: Paper Mache Money Box (Iconic Buildings)**

**JETS Year 4: Term 1: Build a Scarecrow Competition/ Term 2: Vegie Garden**

**JETS Year 5: Term 1: Mission to Mars/ Term 2: Tournament of Minds Lateral Thinking**

**Jets Year 6: Term 1: St Andrew's Gazette/ Term 2: Tournament of Minds Lateral Thinking**