Sing and dance with joy to the Lord

Dear Parents and Guardians,

My Holiday: My husband and I have enjoyed ten weeks meandering our way through Turkey, England, Ireland and Italy, concluding my long service leave with a two week cruise in the Mediterranean. During the cruise, we went ashore in a number of places including Izmir, Mykonos, Athens, Naples and Barcelona. It was the first time I had been on a cruise and it is certainly a restful way to holiday with the biggest decision of the day being where to eat! Certainly a bit different from my life at school.

One of the highlights of our holiday was spending several days on the Gallipoli Peninsular visiting some of the dozens of memorial sites and graveyards there, along with thousands of Turks, for whom the peninsular is as important as it is to ANZACs. It is well worth a visit some time in your life. Another wonderful experience was visiting the ruins of Ephesus. There is extensive archaeological work taking place there, with plans for the next 20 years +, and the excavations are extensive. A truly beautiful part of Turkey.

Thank you: I would like to thank Mr Warren Smith for holding the fort during my absence and Mrs Bridget Jones for assisting him. I appreciate the support that Warren and Bridget received from staff and the school community, during what was a very busy term. Term 3 looks to be as busy as Term 2 was, with the Performing Arts Festival beginning this week, the Interschool Cross Country next week and many children preparing for their First Eucharist which takes place in September. The Eucharist Commitment Masses are this weekend and next weekend (at any Mass), and all candidates for the sacrament must attend one Mass.

Open Afternoon: The Open Afternoon on Thursday 23rd August is from 2.30pm – 5.30pm. Parents and friends are welcome to wander through the school and view the displays in the rooms. The teachers will be available for a brief chat, and the children’s workbooks will be on their desks for parents to view. The Open Afternoon will not be followed by a Performing Arts Concert, as has occurred in previous years.

Pupil Free Day: A reminder that, as previously advised, Friday 24th August is a pupil free day.

God bless you
Eileen Climo
Principal

NOTES HOME THIS WEEK:
Regional Cross Country
Year 3B – Assembly, Change of Date
Road Safety Survey
5 Week Planner for Term 3
Year 3 – Chickenpox
Speak Up Competition
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Disco Note
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**Congratulations to those children who have celebrated their birthdays recently.**

Asha S, Poppy D, Tylah G, Kate J, Alexis L, Taylor C, Elizabeth M, Brooke P

**SCHOOL MATTERS**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Saint Andrew’s Young Vinnie’s Society has begun with 78 keen students from Years 4 – 6. It is wonderful that there are so many children willing to give their time and energy to make a difference in the world. Thank you to Mrs Caryn Tenney and Miss Brooke Mallon who have undertaken the establishment of a Young Vinnies at St Andrew’s.

**PLEASE KEEP SUPPORTING ST ANDREW’S**

We are still collecting the Coles ‘Sports for Schools’ vouchers. This has been extended until 14 August. Coles are giving two vouchers for every $10.00 spent.

**SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY SURVEY - Welcome from your School Road Safety Committee**

St Andrew’s has started a School Road Safety Committee and we are looking for more members. This Committee currently consists of Kirsty Murray, Robert & Valarie King, Anna Ohrman, and representatives from the School Executive, Board and P&F Committee.

The committee members, with your help, will be identifying and addressing local road safety problems around our school. To do this task effectively we ask that you complete the School Road Safety Survey that has been sent home with your eldest child and needs to be returned by no later than Friday 3 August. For more information please contact the school on (08) 9407 8000.

**MERRIWA DENTAL CLINIC**

Merriwa Dental Clinic would appreciate if families would not send sick children to the clinic. Please call them and they will be more than happy to make another appointment for you.

**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.