Dear Parents and Guardians,

**Farewell to Father Andrew and Father Tom**: At Mass yesterday and Assembly today, we farewelled both of our priests, who are moving on to other parishes next week.

Father Andrew is moving to the Floreat / Wembley parish after three years at Clarkson. He is a quiet, dedicated man who will be missed by staff and students alike. It has been a privilege to have worked with him, in particular through the sacramental program, which he has supported wholeheartedly. He attends every event linked to the reception of the sacraments, including the Parent Information Meetings, workshops and the reception of the sacraments. He has a wonderful manner with the children, encouraging and inviting those involved in the liturgies and masses so that they feel at ease. He visits classrooms, especially sacramental classes and even attended the Fathers’ Day Breakfast in Kindy Gold last year, much to the delight of the children. Thank you for your commitment to the children and families of St Andrew’s CPS, Father Andrew, and we wish you well in your new parish. We will miss your quiet presence among us.

Father Tom is moving to St Anthony’s, Wanneroo, a parish that he has worked in before. While he has been with us only one year, Father Tom has involved himself in our school through visits to classes and his presence at liturgies. He makes sure that his homilies at the school masses engage the children and he has been very active in youth development and with encouraging the youth of the parish to attend World Youth Day. We wish you well in your new parish, Father Tom.

**Ash Wednesday** marks the beginning of the church season of Lent. Yesterday we celebrated Mass during which the children received the ‘ashes’, with the spoken words, “Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel’. Lent is a time of preparation for the most important event in the Catholic church, that of Easter, when Jesus rose from the dead. We use the time to reflect on our lives. The messages from our programme ‘Making Jesus Real’ help us to do this.

The children also received their Project Compassion boxes and I encourage families to contribute to the extent that they are able. Children often choose to ‘give up’ something for Lent. The money that they save by ‘giving up’ something can be put into the box, or they can put in money that they might otherwise spend at the canteen at recess, or make a contribution from their pocket money. The funds raised by Project Compassion are distributed in Australia and other countries such as Bolivia, Mozambique, Papua New Guinea and Cambodia, to families and communities in great need. There is more information about Caritas and Project Compassion on the box your child has received.

God bless you.
Eileen Climo
Principal
NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK:
Ash Wednesday Menu
Parent Agreement – internet usage
Year 2 Specialist Days
Update Family Information Details
Flyer – Open Afternoon
P&F Levy
Student Agreement – internet usage Years 2-6
Canteen Menu 2013
P&F AGM Letter
Flyer – P&F AGM

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 will be or have celebrated their birthdays recently.

Professional Development Days: Each year, staff members are required to attend professional development during term time. These dates are arranged in consultation with other schools and must be linked to a weekend. Please note the dates for St Andrew’s CPS for Term 1, 2013. These are the days upon which the school will be closed and you will need to make other arrangements for your children. There are also two consecutive dates in Term 3 and these will be confirmed shortly. There are no dates in Terms 2 & 4.
- Tuesday, March 5th
- Thursday, March 28th

Junior Playground: We are delighted with our ‘new’ Junior Playground and sincerely thank the Richins family for their work in transforming what had become a ‘tired’ play area. Now we have freshly painted climbing frames, a bicycle track and 7 bikes (with road safety lessons now part of the curriculum!), garden beds for each class, artificial turf in heavily used areas, swings and slides and cleared garden beds - free of plants that attract bees. Two cubby houses (one being two-storeyed), road signs and blackboards will arrive in the next few weeks. Take the time to have a look at what has become of this space. Special thanks goes to Mr Brock who made sure that all the plants and new grass stayed alive, by coming and watering each day through the hot period.
Kindy 2014 For children born between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010. Kindy interviews for 2014 take place in April and May. We have only a few places left and I believe there are a number of current families that have not yet submitted applications. You may miss out if you do not have your application in before April, as once the interview process has been completed, offers are sent out and places are filled by late May.

SCHOOL BANKING: The main purpose of the School Banking program is to give children a basic understanding of core financial values and money management skills – to help them take their first few steps towards the end goal of good money management. The first major step on this journey is to teach children the importance of saving. The emphasis of the program is on regular savings, not the value of each deposit. To support this, there is no minimum deposit required when participating in the program. By nurturing this savings habit at a young age, we believe that consistent savings behaviour will stay with them later in life. With this goal in mind, the School Banking program also includes an exciting Rewards Program designed to promote regular savings behaviour. To continue providing this service to your children, we will need more volunteers. Please contact the office if you can help with the school banking team.

PARISH NEWS

FAREWELL TO FR ANDREW AND FR TOM
The parish of St Andrew's will be saying farewell to both Fr Andrew and Fr Tom this Sunday at the 9.00am Mass. We invite you to join in the celebration and share morning tea after Mass with the parish. Please feel free to bring a plate of food along to help with the festivities.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2013
'I was a stranger and you welcomed me' - Prepared by WDP Committee France

On Friday 1 March, St Andrew’s Catholic Parish will be hosting this year’s World Day of Prayer.

The World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of all denominations and traditions, who come together to observe a common day of prayer on the first Friday of March every year.

The service is prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of a different country each year. The Country of this year’s World Day of Prayer is France and it’s theme: “I was a stranger and you welcomed me”. If you are of French heritage, please feel free to share it with us on the day, either by wearing national dress or by providing any French artefacts to be put in a display.

The celebration will take place at St Andrew’s Catholic Church on Friday 1 March at 10.00am, and will be followed with refreshments, where it will be an opportunity to get to know visitors to our Church. People of all ages are welcome! For further details please contact Helen Smith 0432 551 428 or Paulette Pettitt 0437 280 252

COMMUNITY NEWS

ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 7 IN 2015
Applications need to be forwarded immediately to the College as interviews are commencing March to May 2013

An Interim Application form can be downloaded from the College website of www.mdc.wa.edu.au or contact our Enrolments Officer on Barbra.moyle@mdc.wa.edu.au if you require an application forwarded to you per Australia Post.
Our First Week of Pre-Primary!

We have been very busy during our first two weeks of Pre-Primary. We have been learning new prayers, songs, subjects and routines. We have also been introduced to so many new faces. We have enjoyed playing with old friends from Kindergarten are making lots of new friendships too. This is just one thing that we love doing during our busy Pre-Primary day!

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Tanika: I like going on the slide.
Rouen: I like playing with the dolly’s.
Rose: I like to play with the blocks and do drawings.
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Lucas: I like to read stories in the quiet corner.
Alexis: I like to be nice to my friends.
Kumeroa: I like to play with the play-dough.
Noah: I like to go in the home corner. I always go on the phone.
Brock: I like the Christmas bells when we have to pack away.

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