Dear Parents and Guardians,

Term 3 is usually a very busy term. Earlier this week our staff attended a Professional Development day which featured a presentation focusing on ‘Students with Disabilities.’ The other sessions of the day saw us working on the ‘Quality Catholic Schooling Review and Improvement Framework.’ This vital work allows us the opportunity to build the quality of the education system at Saint Andrew’s. Parents and students have played a pivotal role in our work this year and I thank everyone who has been surveyed or interviewed by our staff.

**Catholic Performing Arts Festival:** One of the main events that occur this term is the Catholic Performing Arts Festival and over 100 of our students are involved in performances throughout the festival. Children will represent our school as members of class or school choirs, performers in the School Band, dancers in the liturgical or creative dance troupes or soloists / ensemble musicians. Parents are invited to attend all performances during the festival. There is a small cost for entry to all venues. If you are planning to attend the dance items at the Perth Convention Centre, tickets need to be purchased prior to the event. Congratulations to all performers and enjoy the experience.

**Book Fair, Open Afternoon and Arts Night:** This important community event takes place on Wednesday 11th September. Between 2.45pm and 6.00pm parents and friends are welcome to wander through the school and view the displays in the classrooms. The teachers will be available for a brief chat, and samples of the children’s work will be displayed on their desks for parents to view. The Library will be hosting a Book Fair. This is a perfect opportunity for parents to purchase a book for our library. At 6.00pm the classes will be locked and we will move to the hall to view items from the Catholic Performing Arts Festival. Please note that if your child is in a performance, their attendance is required from this time. Congratulations to all performers and enjoy the experience.

**Congratulations:** We are very pleased to announce the arrival of a beautiful baby girl named Abbey Marie Troman. She is the much loved daughter of our teaching colleague Donna Troman. This little wonder arrived into the world at 8.25pm on Thursday 11th July. Donna and her husband Craig and Abbey are at home and are settling into family life.

We also congratulate all the children from Saint Andrew’s CPS who beautifully and reverently received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time over the last few weekends. Thank you to our Priests, Father Robert and Father Rainier, for administering the sacrament. Thanks also to Sister Wendy and the organising committee which included Mrs Climo, Miss Cooney and Miss Ioppolo.

**Remaining Pupil Free Days in Term 3:** Please note that Thursday 15 August and Friday 16 August are Pupil Free days. The staff will be attending a retreat at New Norcia and will undergo professional development which gives them credit towards their on-going renewal of Accreditation to work / teach in a Catholic School.

God bless you.
Warren Smith
Principal
SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL DISCO: For this event to go ahead the P & F Committee require the commitment of at least 20 parent volunteers. This is a major fun night for our students. The P&F have organised a planning meeting for 1.30pm on Friday 26th July in the hall boardroom. If you have already committed to help or would be willing to assist at the disco please attend or give your name and contact number to AdhieITulbagmail.com (phone 0435 734 502) or on the volunteers sheets outside the Office and near the Year 2 rooms.

The venue for the disco is the undercover area. The disco is run in two sessions. The first session is held for the students in Kindy – Year 2 between 4.30pm and 6.00pm. The second session is held for the students in Years 3 – 6 between 6.30pm and 8.00pm.

Parents please note that should this event go ahead it is strictly a drop off and pick up event. Children should be escorted to and from by an adult. No siblings will be permitted at the disco.

SCHOOL FEES: Thank you to the majority of families who keep up to date with regular payments to their school fee account. Education in a Catholic school is not free, though we are happy to accommodate families that are suffering financial stress through fee relief. However, some contribution is expected from every family.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY: Please be aware that school photo day is Monday 12th August (Week 4). Children in Years Preprimary - Year 6 must be wearing full winter uniform including jumpers. Your assistance in ensuring that your child presents correctly is greatly appreciated.

TERM 3 MISSION NEWS: The Feast day of Saint Mary McKillop is Thursday 8th August. On Wednesday 7th August we will celebrate the life and works of this great Australian with a school mass. Our major Mission work this term will be focusing on supporting the official charity arm of Saint Andrew’s Parish; The Saint Andrew’s Charity Outreach Funds. Father Robert has asked that we assist in supporting young men as they pursue their vocation to the Priesthood in the Philippines and that additionally we assist in offering to relief efforts during calamities and disasters. Father asks us all to contribute to this worthy cause by:

- bringing in old newspapers (There is a large plastic tub in the school portico / office area)
- donating tinned food, especially Spam, corned beef or ham
- giving cash donations
- donating new but obsolete school uniforms

TERM 3 PLANNER: If you have not organised your copy, this can be found on the last page of Newsletter 19 – 2013 / 5 July. There are some hard copies available from the office.
CAR PARK: As we commence Term 3, traditionally the wettest period of the school year, it is imperative that we all understand the need to work together in dropping off and picking up our children.

1. Please observe basic social and road courtesies with each other and staff when driving in and around the school precinct.
2. If possible stagger your arrival. There are staff on duty after school until 3pm. Even if it is extremely wet your children will be under cover and supervised. If it is not wet please be aware that your child should stand along the fence line so that they can see you ASAP.
3. Please move down the kiss and ride to gate 3 in order to pick your child up.
4. Remember the Church car park can be used for drop off and pick up. Many parents enjoy this option as it involves minimal difficulties.
5. If picking up / dropping off on Waring Green (Oval gate 5) please park only in the bays provided. Parking illegally is dangerous. We do not want Council parking officers booking you as they do at weekend sporting events.

MASS- FEAST OF MARY MACKILLOP: This special feast day of Australia’s first saint is very special to St Andrew’s school community. It is also an opportunity to follow the work of Mary MacKillop in looking after those less fortunate than ourselves. Father Robert has been assisting a Seminary in The Philippines for a number of years by sending tins of Spam, Corned Beef or Baked Beans to them for special breakfasts the Seminarians will have during their training. You can help by sending in one or more of these tins of food on August 7 with your child or in the lead up to that date. This is one way in which the school and parish community is involved in ‘social justice’ as part of your child’s education.

HOMEWORK: Homework should not be all consuming and leave your child with no time to play and relax after school. Please note the allocation of times for each year level and should your child be taking longer to complete the homework please indicate this in the diary and sign off on his/her having spent the acceptable time on it. Should it continue, please make an appointment to meet with the class teacher to discuss it. The allocated times for homework (Monday to Thursday) should not exceed:

- Year 1 to 2, 8 – 10 minutes
- Year 3 to 4, 10 – 15 minutes
- Year 5 to 6, 15 – 20 minutes

COMMUNITY NEWS

Relationships Australia Parent-Teen Connection – commencing Monday 29th July x 4 weeks at West Leederville $50 per person /$75 per couple.
We have all come through adolescence – do we remember? It has always been a challenging, sometimes frustrating period of life’s journey. Thankfully, today’s parents are usually more inclined to listen. Living with teenagers can be confusing and even worrying, but also rewarding. This course reduces stress and teaches parents to communicate, negotiate and minimise conflict. For further information please phone 9489 6322.
2 White Travelling Ink Experiment

During Science we made ink travel up filter paper and we discovered that black ink is made up of many colours.