Our Father who art in heaven:
Help us to persist in prayer
with an awareness of Your loving goodness
and Your ability to accomplish abundantly,
far more than we can ask or imagine.
May we know that in Your will, all things work together for good
through Jesus who ever lives to make intercession for us. Amen.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

1-2-3 Magic Parenting: These workshops began this week and continue for three weeks. Thank you to those families that have taken the opportunity to discover ways of working with your children to maintain peace in the house. There are a number of parents who would have preferred a whole day programme and we are trying to source one for you.

Interschool X-Country: This Interschool event takes place this Friday and I wish all participants luck in their races. Many parents support their children as they compete in this event so I hope the weather stays fine for you. Approximately 65 students will be involved on the day.

Assessment: Year 3 and 5 students are assessed in Religious Education each year and this assessment occurred this week. Year 5s are also assessed in Science and Society & Environment and these assessments take place next week. The Science and S & E assessments are sat by all students in WA, but the RE assessments are sat by students in Catholic schools only. The results of all assessments are sent to parents later in the year.

Performing Arts Festival: The Opening Mass was held last Friday and I thank Bridget Jones, Kimberley Oakes and Ben Johnson for representing the school at this mass. We have many group and individual entries this year, and the first compete in Christian Dance today. Good luck to all who are involved in the Festival this year and I hope you have lots of fun.

Principal: I will be away from school on Catholic Education matters from today until next Wednesday. Please speak to Bridget Jones or Warren Smith if you have matters that need to be dealt with during this time.

God bless you.
Eileen Climo
Principal

NOTES SENT HOME WITH NEWSLETTER
Disco Note

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 the children who have celebrated their birthday recently.*

Taylor Candlett, Jordyn Cordiano-Stringer, Tayissa Havich, Valentina Montoya-Gomez, Elizabeth Marinoni, Georgia Mills, Alayna Gapuzan, Millle Redden

MAKING JESUS REAL

Forgiveness:
This is one attitude or special quality that really makes a Christian. Jesus was quite keen on it. “How many times must I forgive people?” he was asked and he replied, “70 times 7”, which really means all the time. It is one of the hardest things we are faced with in life – forgiving others for the wrongs either real or imaginary that happen to us. It takes courage to forgive and it is achieved in the mind first and then we go out to the other person. If they don’t take our apologies then they have the problem – not you.

Forgiveness is a decision not a feeling.

PARENT & FRIENDS NEWS

SCHOOL DISCO
School disco will be held on Friday 6th August 2010. Get your dancing shoes on. Its DISCO time again. Tickets will be on sale Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week. Cost $5.00 per child. Food, prizes, face painting and glow products will be available. Volunteers are needed to make this successful. Please contact Judity: 9305 2993 or 0432 441 662.
FRIENDLY SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES

This term, we continue developing children’s awareness of bullying through this programme. Parent advice and support is offered and student / parent worksheets are also completed on occasions, depending on the year level.

Friendship and social support

A child with many good friends is less likely to be bullied than a child who is often alone or who has only one friend. Children who bully others are careful to avoid those children who have assertive and supportive friends.

How can parents help their children to make friends?

- Make sure that your children play with other children at school, at home and in your neighbourhood.
- At home, encourage your children to talk and maintain contact with their extended family – uncles, aunts, cousins and grandparents and to talk to adult family friends.
- Invite other children over for visits to show your children what to do to make their guests feel welcome.
- Help your children make new friends in different friendship groups by encouraging them to develop other interests and hobbies, such as sport, Scouts, dance, drama or music – outside their group of school friends.
- Take your children on holidays to places where there are other children who are a similar age.

Catholic Education Office Information about the School Funding Review

Governments must support parental choice in education

All major political parties in Australia agree on the principle that parents must have the right to select the education of their choosing for their children. A commitment to government funding for all students, regardless of where they go to school, is firmly entrenched in the Australian way of life and must be retained.

The Catholic education sector believes that this principle should be strongly supported in the 2010 Election. The Federal Education Funding Review must begin its work based on this general principle. In this way, the Review can deliver a truly fair outcome for all students, whether they attend a government school, an independent school, or a Catholic school.

Students should not be penalised in terms of government funding because their parents choose to send them to a Catholic school which will provide them with a first class education steeped in the Catholic faith and ethos. Importantly, future parents must have the same capacity as current and earlier generations of parents to exercise their freedom of choice in schooling.
This term we are learning about road safety. We have been busy learning road safety songs, painting a class mural and learning what all the different road signs mean. We also have our own zebra crossing in our classroom. Being road safety aware helps to keep us safe. 😊