Lord, help us to bear good fruit, that others will see that sign of your life in us.
Let our foundations be strong in your love. May we be shade and shelter for all who need us.
Help us to listen as you speak, directing our lives, so that we become what you have meant us to be.
AMEN.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

**Extension Programme at St Andrew’s:** We provide a variety of academic, arts and sporting opportunities for students, activities that complement the regular class programme. These include JETS (Joint Effort Team Success), TOM (Tournament of Minds), CHEKS (Challenges in Education for Kids), Chess Club, University of New South Wales English and Science competitions (Year 6), a number of Interschool sporting events, Performing Arts Festival events and the Speak Up Competition. The first round of the Speak Up competition was held this week and three of our students were entered. We hold an in-school competition with all Year 5 and 6 students preparing and presenting speeches, and the three winners of this competition become our school entries into the State wide competition. My thanks goes to Mrs Marion Kenny, our extension teacher, working with JETS, CHEKS, TOM and Speak Up, and to other staff members who contribute to the programmes.

**Speak Up Competition:** Congratulations to Victoria Pang, Julia Vrilic and Jake Stefanetti who represented St Andrew’s in the Speak Up competition first round on Monday 6 August. All three students spoke confidently and delivered their speeches extremely well. Thank you also to Tapiha Mason who attended all practise sessions as a reserve speaker if required. Special congratulations are extended to Jake Stefanetti who was selected to progress to the semi-final stage on Monday 3 September. We wish Jake the very best of luck. Extension Teacher - Mrs Marion Kenny

**Performing Arts Festival News:** Congratulations to our School Band and Guitar Ensemble who have performed at the festival in the past week. Thanks also to their parents who ensured they were at the required venue for the events and to staff who work with the students.

**Guitar Ensemble:** Adjudicator’s comments: Half-time feel version works well. You all listened well and kept in time. A good strong melody and baseline gave this a strong foot tapping feel. Well done.

**School Band:** Adjudicator’s comments:
*You Raise Me Up* - Tasteful and delicate start. Good balance.
*Star Wars:* Brilliant start. Balance good. Outstanding dynamics.
The School Band also received an Honourable Mention. Excellent news. Well done. You can hear their performances at our school assembly in Week 10 of this term.

God bless you
Eileen Climo
Principal

**NOTES HOME THIS WEEK:**
Disco - Helpers
Year 1
VacSwim
DATES TO REMEMBER

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**Congratulations to those children who have celebrated their birthdays recently.**
Harry W, Hayley B, Sharni J, Hannah K, Majok M, Jessica S, Mikayla S, Kaman M, Friday M

SCHOOL MATTERS

**TOM (More on our Extension Programme)**

Congratulations to the students selected for the Tournament of Minds Competition which is held later in Term 3. They are: Nikita Estrella, Sasha Fitzmaurice, Tapiha Mason, Claudia McDermott, Victoria Pang, Molly Sloan and Julia Vrlic. These students have 6 weeks to prepare a 10 minute response to the following Social Science challenge. You will be able to watch their performance later in the term. They stay at school until 5.00pm Monday and Thursday to work on the challenge and I thank their parents for their support in this.

Introduction:  The world of 2112 is very different, and yet also strangely familiar. Despite the technological advances there are so many aspects that are still very recognisable. Four time travellers from 2112 find themselves back in 2012 for a three month visit. Amongst the travellers are a politician, a social commentator and an economist.

Challenge: You are to explore aspects of society that have changed, but you can still recognise features of society that seem very familiar. A number of requirements are listed for the challenge and the students put together a ten minute performance that demonstrates these requirements. In addition they are involved in spontaneous decision making with points being awarded to the team that has the best lateral thinkers – those who think outside the box!

**JOINT INTERAGENCY TRUANCY REDUCTION INITIATIVE**

This initiative has all three educational sectors working with police in the metropolitan area to help reduce truancy from school and increase safety in our communities. Any children located by police during school hours, outside school grounds who are unaccompanied by an adult and do not have a leave pass, will be returned to their enrolled school.

If your child is collected by police and returned to school, a staff member from the school will call to inform you and will send a Parental Information Slip to you. Parents will be given the location where their child was found and the details of the police officer who returned them. There will be a police contact number for parents if there are any concerns. This initiative will commence on 24 July 2012. We encourage parents to support schools and the police in reducing truancy and ensuring that children are safe.
SCHOOL FEES
If you are on a payment plan, Term 3 school fees are due on or before Friday 17 August, 2012.

A PUPIL FREE DAY
Please note that there is a pupil free day on Friday 24 August
Staff Professional Development

HEADS UP ON KEY TERM 4 DATES
WHICH CAN ALSO BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE CALENDAR

19 October
22 – 24 October
29 October – 9 November
16 November
28 Nov, 3 & 4 December
6 December (6.30pm)
7 December
10 December (6.30pm)
10 December
11 December
12 December
Junior Sports Carnival (Years P – 2)
Reconciliation Workshops
In school swimming – Years 1 – 3
2013 Kindy Orientation
Orientation for Parents of children moving from Kindy to Preprimary in 2013
Carols on the Oval – all students from Kindy to Year 6 involved
Final day for Kindy Blue and Year 6
Final day for Kindy White
Final day for Preprimary to Year 5

COMMUNITY NEWS

VACSWIM 2012 – 2013
Learn to swim for just $1.00 a day (Plus pool entry). Enrol online now W:det.wa.edu.au/swimming. For further information T: 9345 4007. Flyers have been sent home with your child giving October, December and January programs.

WANNEROO BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION INC.
The Warneroo Basketball Association will be conducting their JUNIOR PLAYER REGISTRATION DAY (for the forthcoming Spring 2012/summer 2012 season which commences on weekend of 19 and 20 October 2012), at the Joondalup Basketball stadium, 380 Joondalup Drive, Joondalup (Cnr. Collier Pass and Wise Street) on SATURDAY 25 August 2012 between 9.00am and 1.00pm.

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.
The Olympics

Year 4 White has caught Olympic fever!

Read some of the interesting facts we have discovered about the history of the Olympic Games over the years, right up to the 2012 London Olympics!

The Ancient Olympic Games began as a religious festival to honour the Greek God Zeus. They lasted for up to five days. (Liam)

Only free men who spoke Greek could compete in the Ancient Olympic Games. Married women were not allowed to watch the Games. (Tye)

Steven Bradbury won the first gold medal in the 2002 winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, for ice skating. He won because everyone else in the race fell over! (Rosie)

The 1956 Olympic Games hosted by Melbourne were the first Olympics held in Australia. (Michelle)

The five intertwined Olympic rings represent the five continents (Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe and Oceania) of the world. (Maisie)

At least one of the colours of the five Olympic rings is included on each national flag in the world. (Sean)

In the 2008 Beijing Olympics, there were swimming suits called ‘Super suits’ that helped competitors swim faster. This year they were banned. (Jake)

The prize in the Ancient Olympic Games was a crown of olive leaves and it only went to first place. The crown was a sign of hope and peace. (Kaitlin)

The Olympic motto is made up of three Latin words which mean ‘Faster (swifter), Higher, Stronger’. The three Olympic values are ‘Respect, Excellence and Friendship’. (Ciara)

The Olympics once lasted for 187 days! In 1908, the London Olympics started in April and didn’t end until October. (Amelia)

The National Olympic Association was set up in 1865. (Julian)

There are about 10,500 Olympic athletes competing in the London Olympics. (Katie)

In Ancient Greece, a flame burned constantly on an altar for the Goddess Hestia at Olympia. (Max)

The Olympic flame was obtained by capturing the sun’s rays in the centre of a circular mirror and using them to light a torch. (Kaman)

8000 torch bearers have run with the London Olympic flame which travels all the way from Greece. (Dakota)

At the Opening Ceremony, the Olympic Flame enters the stadium, carried by an elite athlete of the host country and is used to light the Olympic cauldron. (Jacques)

The Olympic flame burns throughout the Games until it is extinguished at the Closing Ceremony. (Regan)

The 1912 Olympics held in Stockholm, Sweden, was the last time that gold medals were solid gold. (Ruby)

Today’s gold medals are 92.5% silver, coated with six grams of gold. Each medal must be at least 3 mm thick and 60mm in diameter. (Hailyah)

North Korea’s Omu Yun Chol lifted 168kg in the 2012 London Olympic Games, winning the weight lifting gold. (Jye)

Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt is the World record and Olympic record holder in the 100 metres, the 200 metres and (along with his teammates) the 4x100 metre relay. (Hayden)

An Olympiad is a period of four years between each Olympic Games. (Ryan)

London has hosted three Olympic Games. They were in 1908, 1948 and 2012. (Connor)

Australia’s first gold at the London 2012 Olympics went to the women’s swimming 4x100m relay team, with an Olympic record finish. (James)

Gold, silver and bronze medals for first, second and third place, were first awarded at the 1904 Olympic Games in St Louis, USA. (Alyssa)

Michael Phelps is a retired American swimmer and the most decorated Olympian of all time with 22 medals. Phelps also holds the record of 18 gold medals. (Phoebe)