Dear Parents and Guardians,

Fr Philip: It is with regret that I advise you that Fr Philip will be leaving St Andrew's Parish at the end of this year. Fr Philip has been Parish Priest in Clarkson for 11 years and has developed the Parish from its humble beginnings. He is moving to Bateman Parish and we will miss his cheerful and supportive presence in our community. We will be farewelling him towards the end of the year.

Student Absences: We continue to have higher than usual levels of staff and student illness in our school community and I thank you for your cooperation in keeping your children home when they exhibit flu-like symptoms. We are advised that it is likely that the levels of illness in the school community are likely to continue throughout this term so the holidays will provide a welcome respite for all.

Chess Club: Today, members of our Chess Club are competing in the Joondalup Regional Chess Championships. Congratulations to all those who are attending and I thank Mrs Nicky Sullivan and Mrs Karen Young for their support of our Chess Club which meets on Fridays in the Library.

Speak Up Awards: Maggie Emmett, Joe Higgins and Krista Stefanetti represented St Andrew's after our school competition was held to select the team. They will present their speeches at assembly next week, along with Melissa Makdessi, who was the school runner up. Well done. Congratulations to Maggie, who made it through to the Preliminary State Finals of the Speak Up Award and thank you, Mrs Marion Kenny for coordinating this competition at our school.

Open Night and Book Fair
Wednesday, 2 September
5.00 – 6.30pm
Performing Arts Festival items
Classrooms Open
Book Fair in the Library
Books to purchase for the school

TOM: Our Tournament of Minds teams are working hard in the build up to this competition which will be held on the week end of 29/30 August. The commitment required by the students (and their families) is significant and I congratulate our Language/Literature team: Marco Lenghel, Thomas Hugo, Justin Theseira, Nic Brown-Bullock, Krista Stefanetti, Melissa Makdessi, Oliver Sloan and our Social Sciences team: Tony Koh, Joe Higgins, Sam King, Dakota Courtney, Jess Jacob, Ben Toms and Yana Ryakhovskaya. They are working with Mrs Karen Young, Mrs Marion Kenny and Mr Warren Smith and I look forward to seeing their presentations later in the term.

God bless you.
Eileen Climo
Principal
DATES TO REMEMBER

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...HAPPY BIRTHDAY......

McKenzie Birchall, Tristan Muggridge, Tapiha Mason, Marco Lenghel, Miriam Lenghel, Niall McGuckin, Elaina Hinder, Cody Smith, Sophie Gillingham

SCHOOL MATTERS

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS 24TH & 27TH AUGUST
To make it easier for all concerned students are to wear their FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM on both photograph days. If you child is lacking a piece of uniform now is the opportunity to replace it. Children will be called for family photos on Monday or Thursday depending on time. Each class teacher has a timetable for class photos.

NESCAFE SAMPLES
Nescafe has kindly donated some sachets of samples to try. A sample is available from the office should you like to try one.

SUMMER UNIFORMS FOR NEXT YEAR (2010)
If you require Summer Uniforms for next year please complete the order form which has already been sent home with your child and return to the office no later than Friday 21 August 2009.

2ND HAND UNIFORM SALE ON FRIDAY 21 AUGUST 2009
If you would like to sell your own 2nd hand uniforms you can bring them along – clean and labelled on Friday 21st August.

CHILDREN WALKING TO ST ANDREW’S
Family seeking company for student walking to school from Somerly area. Please contact Jannina on 9407 9137 or 0415 874 242. (As they say, safety in numbers).

P&F NEWS

FETE COMMITTEE
The Fete Committee would like to ask for any volunteers who may be able to store items for the fete in their carport /spare room/or other storage facility.

Over the next few weeks we will be asking for donations of books / bric a brac / clothing, etc and we do not have anywhere to store these items until the fete which is being held on Saturday Nov 28th. If anyone can assist us please contact Judith Birchall on 0432 441 662. Many thanks.

See you all at the Disco on Friday – get ready to party!

ADDITIVE ALERT
If you would like to learn more about how harmful additives in your foods can affect your family – don’t forget to set Thursday the 27th of August in your calendar. The presentation will begin at 9:30am in the school library.
Our Week in 4W

This week in 4W we have been enjoying skipping and practising for our Performing Arts item next week. Our theme this term is the sea; we have been learning new facts and completing lots of fun activities.