In word and deed honour your father that his blessing may come upon you; for a father’s blessing gives a family roots. The Book of Sirach. C3 V8-9.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

SAINT ANDREW’S STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Last Thursday and Friday the staff of Saint Andrew’s Catholic School attended a Professional Development Course at the Benedictine Monastery in New Norcia. This rich spiritual and educational experience afforded us the opportunity to meet several of the monks who we found to be selfless in their sharing of knowledge. The staff thoroughly enjoyed the chances given to attend the town historical walk, visit the cemetery, join the monks for vespers and mass on the Feast of the Assumption and in free time visit the museum and shop. Western Australia has a rich tradition in the Catholic faith and our staff learnt so much from our visit to the home of Bishop Salvado. My thanks go to Mr F. Archer, Assistant Principal for organising this event that has given our staff so many benefits. If you ever get the chance, take the family to New Norcia. It is a fabulous experience.

FATHER’S DAY is fast approaching. Earlier this week a note was sent home to all families advising that the Saint Andrew’s staff will be presenting a breakfast to the dad’s (or significant males) and their children who are enrolled at this school. Breakfast will be served from 7.00am on Friday 30 August in the school hall. Please put a note in your diaries or on your calendars! For catering purposes we require the prompt return of your response slips no later than this Friday 23 August.

BOOK FAIR, OPEN AFTERNOON and ARTS PERFORMANCES: This important community event will be held on Wednesday 11 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 classrooms 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.

God bless you
Warren Smith
Principal

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK:
Father’s Day Breakfast
Father’s Day Raffle
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Year 1W
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Congratulations to those children who have or will be celebrating their birthdays soon.

Christopher M, Aiden G, Ethan M, Isla K, Lucy W, Orla D, Joel H

A message from our Parish Priest: My dear St Andrew’s School community, Let us all praise God for all his goodness. I humbly take this portunity to express my gratitude and acknowledge you all for your beautiful gesture of generosity in donating tinned food items for our Parish Outreach to the local seminary in the Philippines. We have collected more than 270 cans of tinned food that is required. This will supply them for weeks with specialty food in the seminary community. This is indeed a noble gesture and emulates the model of charity shown in the life of Mary MacKillop in the celebration of her feast day. I pray that all of you and your families will be blessed abundantly. Sincerely yours, Father Robert Carrillo, Parish Priest.

Before School Procedures: It is very important that Parents and Guardians observe the following protocols:

- Unless in the case of an emergency we would appreciate that you communicate with teachers by organising an interview. Slips are available from the office. If staff need to speak to you they will do so by booking an interview as well. The staff have a pastoral duty of care to the children and must be available to them from 8.20am when the doors are opened.
- When in conversation with teachers we request that you speak with courtesy. Staff will do likewise when conversing with you.
- Children enrolled at Saint Andrew’s should go to the undercover area if they arrive at school prior to 8.20am. There is a duty teacher in this vicinity between 8.00am and 8.20am daily.
- Children in the company of adults should not be playing on the playgrounds before or after school. This is because of occupational health and safety requirements and insurance issues.

Notices: As we are all aware the school newsletter is published on the school website every Thursday. There are many notices in the newsletter and if you don’t read it you may find that you miss vital information. Additionally, we send home reminder notices to Parents and Guardians. These are invariably mentioned at the bottom of the Principals comment on page one, as NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK. For instance, in preparation for School Photo Day on Monday 12 August, mention was made of arrangements in the newsletter on 25 July, 1 August and 8 August. Additional detailed information from the photographer was also included in Newsletter No. 21, a letter to all families from the Principal dated 29 July and a flyer went home mentioning both the Mary MacKillop Mass and the school photos. As advised previously we also have hard copies of the weekly newsletter on display in the office for those who are not able to access the internet.
Kindergarten Photos: Please note: Kindergarten G and Kindergarten B will have their photos taken on Monday 16 September. Kindergarten W will have their photos taken on Friday 20 September.

We have a Neita Teacher: The NEiTA Foundation has congratulated our school on having a teacher nominated for an ASG Inspirational Teaching Award. Mrs Kym Killgallon was nominated by a member of our community and will be presented with a NEiTA Certificate of Nomination at the school assembly on 29 August. The purpose of these prestigious awards is to honour and recognise inspirational teachers throughout Australia and New Zealand, but also the team contribution of all teachers in every school. Kym is now eligible for consideration for a National ASG inspirational Teaching Award and grant. Congratulations Kym, thank you to the nominator, and ‘well done’ to all of our fantastic teachers and staff for doing a great job!

Car Park: Please remember that in the best interests of the children it is preferable to stagger your drop off and pick up of your children each day. I have spoken to Mrs Climo and she prefers that vehicles exit at any point within the kiss n ride provided that drivers indicate and look to their right as they cross the thick yellow line. As you can, please move down the kiss n ride as close to gate 3 as you can. Where the car park is concerned please try to display the Making Jesus Real habit of TUP – Tolerance, Understanding and Patience.

Making Jesus Real: Positive Attitude: Your attitude to life is similar to a motor in a car. If you have a good motor it will take you places in life. If your motor is in neutral (don’t care) or reverse (negative attitude) you won’t go far. The late Steve Irwin was a classic example (both in what he said and his body language) and there are people in our school and our lives (home, your interests, music, drama, sports etc.) who also provide examples of how a positive attitude to life takes you places. If you wish to have a positive attitude to life, hang out with positive people. If on the other hand you hang around with moaners and groaners (at times we all moan and groan), you will be dragged down by that Negative attitude to people and life.

Resiliency: Robber # 3: Give kids too much voice.
In this era of giving children a voice it is easy to go overboard and allow them too much of a say in what happens to them. Kids often take the easy option to avoid hard or unpleasant situations.

- Resilience notion # 3: Make decisions for kids and expect them to adjust and cope.

Digital reputation: All internet users will have a digital or online reputation. Essentially, this digital reputation is the opinion that others hold about the user. Children should be encouraged to think about their digital reputation when interacting online. Digital reputations are informed by content that is posted online and how people communicate online. People can be judged on how they behaved as a child well into the future. The following tips can help children begin to understand and manage their digital reputation.

- At this age children’s internet use should still be closely monitored. To help with this try to keep the computer in a shared or visible place in the home.
- Explain to your child that the internet is a public place and that the information they share may be online for a long time, so it’s important to think carefully about what they post.
- Help your child to develop the skills they need to interact safely and respectfully online. Sit with them and guide their use online and help them learn to communicate appropriately with friends and family.
- Check whether websites your child uses allow them to post information and images. Many social networking websites enable children to post personal information, comments and images which may have an impact on the way others view them. Monitor their use of these websites and be aware of the age guidelines, privacy policies and terms of use.
- If your child is engaged in social networking help children understand and use privacy settings to limit who can see their information. www.cybersmart.gov.au
In Religion, the students created psalms which praised and celebrated God who loves them personally. The children thanked God for their differences and other things that they are grateful for. One line was then selected from their work to create a very special class psalm.

Four Blue would like to share their work with you.

Alleluia!

Praise God for my loving heart that I share with the world! (Amy)
Praise God as I am healthy! (Mathiang)

Praise God for my sweet voice that fills the silent air with sweetness! (Amelia S)
Praise God for my lovely brown eyes! (Alek)
Praise God for creating beautiful rainbows, which make me smile! (Isla)
Praise God for my lovely, kind and caring family! (Kyla)
Praise God for my wonderful soccer skills! (Jack)
Praise God for my cheerful friends! (Ashley)
Praise God as I am good at dancing! (Nyandeng)
Praise God for letting me be talented at drawing! (Amelia T)
Praise God for my adorable puppy! (Joshua)
Praise God for our wonderful world! (Jordan)
Praise God for my brilliant mum! (Ben)
Praise God as I am a talented fisherman! (Carmelo)
Praise God as I am willing and able to learn! (Isobella)
Praise God for my wonderful family! (Cate)
Praise God as I am a loving and funny friend! (Angelikah)
Praise God for his creation among us! (Phoebe)
Praise God for believing in me! (Levi)
Praise God as I am good at Art! (Caitlin)
Praise God for my loving teacher! (Virginia)
Praise God for my magnificent and sparkling eyes! (Jelyn)
Praise God for my excellent school! (Chelsea)
Praise God as I am good at sport! (Liam)
Praise God for my beautiful smile, which brightens up the day of others! (Tykera)
Praise God for loving us!

Alleluia!

Four Blue hopes that their psalm inspires you to praise and thank God for all the wonderful things in your life.