God our Father, We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation: May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for those who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers who are no longer with us, but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen

Father’s Day Breakfast
We had a wonderful turn out at our breakfast this morning, with 190+ fathers and father-figures sharing breakfast with their children. There was not much food left! Thank you for joining with us in celebrating Father’s Day and I hope you all enjoy this Sunday. Congratulations to those who won prizes in the raffle organised by the P & F. All children had a ticket in the raffle and if you were not at the breakfast, but won a prize, that prize has been given to your child to deliver to you.

NOTES SENT HOME:
Eileen Climo
Principal

NOTES SENT HOME:
Tournament of Minds

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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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU, HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU.............
CYLE G, AIDEN C, GRYFFYTH B, PEYTON K, ELLA M,
LACHLAN M, NOAH D, HARRISON K, MIKAYLA F,
SHALESE M, CHLOE R

SCHOOL MATTERS

LIFE EDUCATION AUSTRALIA - SCHOOL VISIT WEEK 8 TERM 3
Our school has booked the Life Education Mobile Learning Centre for Week 8 of Term 3. The aim of this programme is to encourage young people to make healthy lifestyle choices on a range of important issues. Specialist teachers come out to the school and bring a Mobile learning Centre full of resources that assist them in delivering highly important information in a relaxed, though motivating environment that promotes very important health messages for students of all ages.

Programmes cover a broad range of age appropriate issues. Some of the topics covered in junior primary include: hygiene, sun safety, healthy foods, the importance of sleep, syringe awareness safety, appropriate alternatives to medicine, safe use and storage of medicines and safety in public spaces. Upper primary topics include: friendship, bullying, emotions, support networks, active lifestyles, medicinal drugs, medical and legal drugs, smoking, peer influences and reducing risky situations.

Please note that the Life Education Mobile Learning Centre will be open for parents between 9.00am and 9.40am on Thursday September 13th. This is an excellent opportunity for parents to find out about the topics their children cover in the mobile centre. Parents are most welcome to visit at any time during this 40minute session.

LOST: Please check your child's jumper to make sure it does not belong to Julia Vrlc. Thank you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

NETBALL: The following St Andrew's girls recently competed in their first netball carnival, the Falcons Cup. Although it was their first competition, the girls showed great maturity on the court, playing well as a team and following the coach's instructions. It all paid off in a nail-biting grand final. It was even score on the full time siren, so we went into time-on. An extra 7 minutes each end doesn't sound like much, but after a full day of netball, and the extra effort they put into the final game, the girls were exhausted. As the only final game to go into time-on, the whole carnival stopped and waited for the outcome of our match. The girls didn't fade under the pressure – they managed to come out winners! It was a very exciting game to watch!
On Friday, 17th August the children at Saint Andrew’s celebrated the 2012 Olympic games by dressing up in the colours of one of the competing countries.

I chose to dress in the English colours, red, white and blue, because I was born in England - Molly
I chose to wear the New Zealand colours, black and white, because my dad’s family is from New Zealand – Sasha
I dressed in the English colours because my family and I are from there – Jamie
I chose to dress up in many colours because I love the Olympics and wanted to represent them all – Trent
I chose to wear my English soccer top because my family was born in England - Ciaran
I chose to wear the Japanese colours, red and white, because I am half Japanese - Monica
I chose to dress in the Australian colours because my family is from Australia. I wore a green and yellow wig too! – Lance
I dressed in Aussie colours because I am from Australia and love this country – MacKenzie
I chose to dress in the Canadian colours because Canada is one of my favourite countries competing at the Olympics - Kayla
I dressed in the Australian colours, green and yellow, because my family was born in Australia - Mitchell
I dressed in my cricket top, which is green and yellow, to represent Australia because my family was born here – Jake
I wore my Argentina top because I like Argentina - Victoria
I chose to dress in red, white and blue as they are the colours of the United States of America.
I dressed in those colours because I was born there – Dylan
I chose to wear my Australian colours because my brother and I were born here and I love Australia! – Emily
I chose to wear the Jamaican colours because I love their running team, especially Usain Bolt – Sebastian
I chose to dress in green and yellow because I am proud to be Australian – Jane
I dressed in the Australian colours because I am from Australia and so is my family – Ethan
I dressed in the Zambian colours because my family and I are from Zambia – Louis
I wore my Australia top because I love Australia – Eva
School Funding

The Australian government is currently reviewing funding for all schools and it is likely that the government will soon propose new funding arrangements that will be debated in Federal Parliament later this year.

These new arrangements could have significant consequences on funding received by our school. I believe it is vital that you are aware of the facts and are able to actively defend the right of our school to obtain the funding needed to continue offering a quality education, while also keeping our fees as low as possible.

There has already been a lot of misinformation about school funding in the media, including claims that Catholic and other non-government schools receive more funding than government schools. These claims are simply wrong. As the chart below highlights, students in Catholic schools, on average, receive only about 90% of the government funding provided to students in government schools.

I also encourage you to view a video that was prepared by the Queensland Catholic Education Commission (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V33EqyuWjkE&feature=youtu.be), which provides a snapshot of Catholic education’s role in the community and how we are funded to undertake this role.

Over the coming weeks, more detailed information about funding will be provided in our school newsletter. I encourage you to stay informed and actively participate in this funding debate.

More information about Catholic school funding can be found at: www.fundinginfo.catholic.edu.