Dear Parents and Guardians,

Dr. Tim McDonald, Director of Catholic Education recently spoke at the 2013 Parents and Friends Federation of Western Australia (PFFWA) annual conference. One aspect of his address was a comment on what his vision is for Catholic Education. Tim mentioned that he wants Catholic Education to flourish. For our schools to flourish they must be places where:

- every student and staff member has a sense of belonging – Indigenous, refugee, disabled, vulnerable
- everyone has the opportunity to answer Jesus’s invitation to be in a relationship with Him
- everyone learns they have talent
- everyone realises they have the power to learn to act responsibly
- There are opportunities to be generous, to give back to the community and to realise that life has a great purpose.

Further into his speech Tim mentioned that he wants parents to positively develop in their role as primary educators and to:

1. build capacity for them to guide their sons / daughters in faith
2. help nurture their children to be moral and ethical members of society
3. support their children’s learning.

Under Tim’s leadership he believes that there is a ‘moral imperative to set up the conditions for success for all learners to learn in all settings. To do this the system needs to be using a strength based, solution focused approach where people matter – we will not grow in a deficit mindset.’ He believes that to have a thriving system people are the most important factor.

Tim hopes ‘that as parents you feel that you belong to our system and that together we can build upon the wonderful foundations we have in Catholic education.’ I invite all parents and guardians to involve themselves in the life of the school whether that is by serving on the School Board, being a member of the Parents and Friends Committee, volunteering for community projects, assisting on excursions or sharing your gifts and talents. Remember Together Everyone Achieves More.

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK:
Warren Smith  
Principal
Tornament of Minds Year 1
Jets Year 4 Performing Arts Year 3

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.
SCHOOL NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER

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Congratulations to those children who have or will be celebrating their birthdays soon!!


YEAR MAKING JESUS REAL AWARDS FOR THE 29 AUGUST

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School Fees: Thank you to the many fantastic parents who have paid their school fee accounts and are paid up or are up to date. By now three quarters of the school fees should have been paid. Please contact Mrs M. Rafferty or Mrs J. Durtanovich for fee updates and payments. Your attendance to this important aspect of schooling is very much appreciated.
Catholic Performing Arts: On Thursday 22 August the School Choir, who have received an Honourable Mention, and Mrs Sullivan’s Year 5 Class Choir, who have received a Certificate of Merit, performed in the Primary Choral Singing section of the Performing Arts Festival. The following are some comments from the adjudicator, Estelle Dragun:

School Choir – ‘Your look is fabulous and the unison singing is well blended. Good use of percussion and diction is crisp and clear. You focus well and your conductor and tone production is strong.’

Mrs Sullivan’s Year 5 Class Choir – ‘You look fabulous and the unison singing is well blended. What a lovely contrasting song full of energy. Again the percussion was very effective.’

In further Performing Arts news we are pleased to announce that Emily E of Year 6B and Kaitlin W of 5W have been awarded Honourable Mentions for their Woodwind Instrumental Solo performances. Well done!

I congratulate all of our Performing Arts Teachers and their brilliant students on a highly successful Festival!!

Open Night Wednesday 11 September: Students who participated in this year’s Performing Arts Festival will be performing at Open Night. Performances will start at 6.00pm and the items include Yr 5/6 Creative Dance, Yr 5 Christian Dance, Yr 6 Christian Dance, Band, Guitar Ensemble, Choir, 5B’s Class Choir and Solo piano and Woodwind. It is a great opportunity for the students to display their talents and their hard work.

Father’s Day: Today the children of 2B presented a lovely assembly on the theme of Father’s Day. It was wonderful to see the children loving every minute of the presentation they made to their dad’s. Tomorrow the staff will be hosting a breakfast for the Father’s or significant males who are present in the children’s lives. Breakfast commences at 7.00am and will conclude at 8.15am. From approximately 7.55am we will draw the classroom Father’s Day raffles that are sponsored by the P & F committee. There are two prizes per class. In addition there will be two other raffle draws. These prizes have been donated by members of the school community. Prize one is an Essenza Automatic Coffee Machine donated by the Dennis Family. Prize two is a $100.00 hair cut voucher to a unisex hairdresser salon in Kingsway Shopping Centre donated by Lisa Woodruff.

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.

Happiness Comes From Doing The Right Thing: We all want happiness and we tend to think that things like toys, computer games, sports gear, etc. will give us happiness. If we are doing the right thing by our parents and teachers we will be happy as our consciences are clear. As soon as we do negative things we feel guilty. Sometimes we think we will be happy when we get ‘this’ for our birthday or ‘that’ for Christmas. “I’ll be happy when I get to Secondary school.” “I’ll be happy when I get a car.” We should live for NOW. Remember that ‘now’ is when you live not last week or next week.
80% of children around the world are not fortunate to have the opportunities that our children at St Andrew’s have. So many billions of children live without food, fresh water from taps, or electricity. They have only one set of clothes, no shoes, etc. Part of being happy is being grateful for what you have, NOT what you haven’t got.

Resiliency: Robber # 4: Put unrealistic or relentless pressure on kids to perform. Expectations about success and achievement are important. Too low and kids will meet them. Too high and kids give up. Too much and kids can experience anxiety.

Resilience notion # 4: Keep expectations in line with children’s abilities and don’t put excessive pressure on them.

The Sacrament of Eucharist: This key sacramental celebration takes place at Saint Andrew’s Catholic Parish church at the 6.00pm mass on Saturday 7 September, the 9.00am mass on Sunday 8 September and the 5.30pm mass on Sunday 8 September. Families are aware of which mass they are attending. The school community wishes you well.

The Sacrament of Confirmation: Parents of candidates are reminded that they are to take their child to one of the weekend masses at Saint Andrew’s Catholic Parish church on the weekend of 14 / 15 September. During the mass the candidates will complete their act of commitment to the preparations for the reception of the sacrament.

Tournament of Minds 2013: On Saturday 31 August our Tournament of Minds Team will be competing in the Language – Literature section of the Regional Tournament of Minds Competition. This year’s competition is being held at the old Newman – Siena College campus in Doubleview. We wish Mackenzie O, Hannah J, Sasha F, Caleb W, Conall H, Ethan W and Maya C all the very best for their performances in both the Spontaneous category and the Long Term Problem category. I thank Mrs M. Kenny for all her hard work in preparing the children for Tournament day!

Summer uniform order: This is the last chance to place your order for your child/children’s summer uniform. These will be accepted tomorrow, Friday 30 August.

PARISH NEWS

RCIA – AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
St Andrew’s Parish will again run an RCIA program 2013-14 to enable people to learn about the Catholic Faith with a view to joining the Catholic Church at Easter 2014. Those who would like to increase their knowledge of our Catholic faith are also welcome. We invite Catholics who would like to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation to join the group.

Each year, groups of adults from other Christian denominations, other religions, and no religion at all have grown in peace and security as they learn about the wonderful relationship that exists between God and humanity in the Catholic Church. Participants are free to discuss any aspects of religion that they want clarified, and they are under no obligation or pressure to make a decision about becoming Catholic. The program consists of reliable instruction about the Catholic Faith and open discussion between adults in a friendly and confidential environment. Enquiries may be made to the Father Robert, Father Rainier 9407 7512, Gail Finch 0417 723 048 or Tania De Sousa 0448 035 926.
COMMUNITY NEWS

PARENT WORKSHOPS
In collaboration with the City of Stirling, The City of Wanneroo, Youth Services Team is now running more Shift ATTITUDES Parent workshops.

The workshops are FREE and open to all parents, carers and agencies that care or work with children in the primary and secondary years.

- **Carine Senior High school**, in collaboration with City of Stirling.
  Everingham St, Carine
  Tuesday 10 September
  9.00am – 11.00am. Repeated at 6.00pm – 8.00pm
  Please contact Carine Senior High School to book a place. 9447 4100

- **Hainsworth Centre**, In collaboration with City of Stirling
  29 Hainsworth Avenue, Girrawheen.
  Wednesday 18 September
  6.30pm – 8.30pm
  Please contact City of Stirling to book a place. 9205 8561

The workshop will cover elements of traditional playground bullying and focus on the increasing threat of cyber bullying and cyber safety.

The cyberbullying section of the workshop will give parents the knowledge of how to keep their child safe online, how to report online bullying and how to stay in control of their child's online activities.

Should you require any more information please feel free to contact the City of Wanneroo Youth Team on 9405 5000 Trim 13/143921

C LARKSON LITTLE ATHLETICS
Clarkson Little Athletics Club
Registration Day at Ridgewood Oval
(along Hester Ave)
7th of September 2013
10am – 1pm

GOOD LUCK: Congratulations to Emerson R on being selected for the National Indoor Netball Tournament which is to be held in Sydney, Friday 6 December to Sunday 15 December 2013. Good luck Emerson!

Also, a special mention to Jake S for earning a preliminary final position in the Speak Up Competition which will be held on the 2nd September 2013. Good luck Jake!
Year 6 Excursion to Scitech

The year 6 students were lucky to go on an excursion to Scitech. They got to take part in two exciting activities, which were **fantastic!**

**Slime time** - As Lab Technician’s, the students conducted a variety of hands-on experiments. They made their own fake snow and slime.

**Things that glow show** involved explosive fire-balls, UV lights (showing our very white teeth) and the wonders of UV and laser light.

**My favourite part of the excursion was:**

- Making the slime in the Lab. **Jackson.**
- When the balloons popped using fire. That was awesome. **Jaden.**
- Cracking the top secret code in the chasing agent activity. **Miguel.**
- I liked watching the slime fall off my fingers in the Lab. **Hannah.**
- When the balloons popped using fire in the light show was cool. **Jacob.**
- My favourite part of the Glow Show was when the fire was spinning in the vortex. **Jaz.**
- The best was when we were playing the soccer target game. **Sebastian.**
- I liked making dry and wet snow in the Lab. **Charlotte.**
- When the fire popped the balloons in the things that glow show. **Monica.**
- My favourite part was when we walked into the laser light section in the ‘Top Secret’ game. **Casey.**
- The best part for me was when the man put the two chemicals into the glow sign and it lit up. **Jane.**
- I enjoyed making the slime, dry and wet snow. **Molly.**
- The best thing I liked at Scitech was making the slime in the Lab. **Briana.**
- I liked it when the presenter made a fire ball in the vortex. **Zane.**
- My favourite part was completing the experiments in the Lab. **Aly.**
- I liked cracking the safe in the ‘Top Secret’ game. **Caleb.**
- The best part was when the presenter in the glow show lit a fire on his hand. **Jake.**
- I loved everything. **Carey.**
- My favourite part was when you used the laser gun to hit the sparkling target. **Chelsea.**
- My favourite part was making the wet snow. **Zayde.**