During the Last Supper – the first Eucharist – Jesus took some bread and said, “This is my body.” Jesus also took a cup filled with wine, and said, “This is my blood.”

Reflection: Where was Jesus in my life today?

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Federal Election will be held this Saturday 7 September 2013. For 180 years, Catholic schools have educated children in Australia. National statistics indicate that there are currently 735,000 students enrolled in 1,706 schools across Australia.

Both major political parties have committed to increases in school funding over the next 4 years. It is important to understand the facts on funding for Catholic schools. I draw your attention to the flyer ‘Catholic Education – For a Stronger Community’, sent home today. Please read it and discern who will give yourselves, your children and their Catholic school the best support in terms of strong leadership, funding and resources.

This weekend we celebrate the Sacrament of Eucharist as a part of the Saint Andrew’s Catholic Parish. The greatest way of saying “thank you” to God is to join in the celebration of the Mass. It is the special and holy meal during which members of God’s family gather with Jesus to give thanks to God for everything that is good, and that makes them happy. Jesus gave his friends a special meal to celebrate as the Christian way of offering thanks to God. He promised he would be with them whenever they celebrated it. He did this during the very last meal he had with his friends, which he called the “Last Supper.” Whenever Jesus’ friends celebrate this special meal, they know he is present – even though he is invisible, and they cannot see him. Jesus himself is the first gift of the Eucharist. We wish our students, predominantly from Year 4, a very happy celebration. I extend my thanks to Miss Cooney, Miss Ioppolo and Mr Archer for preparing the children so beautifully.

On Wednesday 11 September the school will celebrate Open Afternoon. From 2.45pm the teachers will be happy to invite you into the classrooms and your children can proudly show you the work that they have produced of late. At any stage of the afternoon please visit the Library and purchase a book for the current and future students to read. At 5.45pm the teachers will lock the classrooms and we will gather in the Hall to view the 2013 Catholic Performing Art entries. These performances should conclude at approximately 7.00pm. All students who had a part in the Performing Arts should be in attendance on this evening.

The parents of the Year 6 children are reminded that the weekend of 14/15 September will see the candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation attending one of the compulsory Parish masses, in order to commit to their preparations for this very important sacrament.

God bless you

Warren Smith
Principal

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK:

Year 1 - Religion
Influenza Year 4

Year 1 – Specialist Classes
Pertussis – Year 4
DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Geoff J, Cooper R, Carmelo A, Paige W

First Communion Masses: 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 must attend with their child to one of the weekend masses at Saint Andrew’s Catholic Parish church on the weekend of 14/15 September. Please register in the Church Meeting Room before Mass. During the mass the candidates will complete their act of commitment to the preparations for the reception of the sacrament. Saturday Mass times are 6.00pm and Sunday Mass times are 7.30am, 9.00am and 5.30pm.

Father’s Day: I congratulate Mr Waddell and his team of hard working staff for the fantastic breakfast they prepared for well over 320 Dad’s and children. It was brilliant to spend time talking to our Dad’s, many of whom we see little of because they are at work when the majority of school events are celebrated. We hope all our Dad’s and significant other males had an awesome Father’s Day. I am told that the children looked after you with lashings of love, attention and even the odd gift! I would like to thank
our wonderful P & F committee, particularly Mrs Nicky Jaschinsky and Mrs Leanne Stainton for sourcing, wrapping and presenting the raffle prizes for the breakfast. My thanks also go the Dennis family and Ms Lisa Woodruff for their contributions to the Young Vinnie’s raffle.

**Kindergarten Photos:** Please note: Kindergarten Gold and Kindergarten Blue will have their photos taken on Monday 16 September. Kindergarten White 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. Compared to 80% of children your age around the World you are extremely fortunate to have the opportunities available to you. 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 # 5:

Let kids give in too easily.

Resilient learners link success with effort. They don’t give up because they don’t like a teacher or when confronted with multi – step or more complex activities. Similarly they don’t bail out of a sporting team half way through the season because the team is not winning or they are not enjoying it.

- **Resilience notion # 5:** Encourage kids to complete what they have started even if the results aren’t perfect.

**Making Jesus Real:** Peer Pressure – As we get older peer pressure becomes a very big issue for us. We like to be accepted, and sometimes when we don’t conform to how the group thinks, acts or behaves then we are excluded. There have never been so many sad stories in the news, etc. where young children have succumbed to peer pressure and ruined their lives.

In the family unit you could discuss these quotes:

- “Friends can make or break you.”
- “Courage is choosing right when everyone around you is choosing to do wrong.”
- “If you want to fly like an Eagle then don’t hang around with Turkey’s.”

**Congratulations:** Kaelena Smith has received an Inscribed Certificate of Merit in the Piano section of the Catholic Performing Arts Festival.
Tournament of Minds (TOM): The TOM team competed at the Regional Finals last Saturday, 31st August, in the Language / Literature section. The students, Mackenzie O, Caleb W, Sasha F, Hannah J, Maya C, Conall H and Ethan W all performed extremely well and can be proud of their efforts as a team. Although they did not progress to the State Final, they represented Saint Andrew’s admirably. They will perform their solution at a special assembly in the hall at 8.40am on Thursday 12 September. Congratulations to the students involved for their amazing TEAM efforts.

Mrs M Kenny

Speak Up: On Monday 2 September, Jake S participated in the Preliminary Final of the Speak Up competition. Jake’s speech, “Nature’s Aquarium,” was well received by the judges. As one of 45 students competing at the Preliminary Final, we are waiting to hear if he will progress to the Grand Final. Congratulations, Jake, on representing Saint Andrew’s and yourself at this year’s Speak Up Competition.

Mrs M. Kenny

Arrival at School each day: Parents please be aware that the classroom teaching staff open the doors to the students at 8.20am. At this time the children unpack and complete tasks aimed at being ready for the day. Teaching commences almost immediately and children are officially late from 8.40am.

Uniform Orders: ONLY Term 4 pre-ordered uniforms are available for collection. The uniform shop is open on Tuesdays between 2.30pm-3.30pm and Fridays between 8.00am-9.00am.

The community of Saint Joseph’s School Moora cordially invites past and present families, teachers and community members to the celebration of 100 years of growing in faith and knowledge on Sunday, September 8, 2013 commencing at 10.30am. A light brunch will be served following the formalities. You will be able to spend the afternoon looking through displays, classrooms and memorabilia.

Young Vinnie’s: Miss Mallon and Mrs Tenny invite children from Years 4 - 6 to join the Saint Andrew’s Young Vinnie’s Team. The Young Vinnie’s is currently collecting warm clothes for the Saint Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. We would like to encourage you to bring in any warm clothing or blankets which you no longer need or use to school in a plastic bag over the next couple of weeks to donate to this charity. These clothes and blankets will be given to those who are less fortunate than ourselves.
Yirra Yaakan Theatre Company presents ‘Kep Kaatijin’ In Noongar this means ‘to understand water.’ This is the second story in a trilogy of productions centred around Noongar language and culture. The production is being performed at 7 Perth Tent, Museum Grounds, Perth Cultural Centre between 5 October and 14 October, 2013. It is suitable for ages: 4 and up. The performance duration is 50 minutes and tickets are available from the Awesome Festival (08) 9328 9666 or awesomearts.com.au.

Saint Andrew’s student talking to students from Suta Dharma School Ubud, Bali.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Total Football Academy program
Term 4: Total Football Academy will be running a before school soccer program in Term 4 at St Andrew’s Catholic Primary. During the 6 week program games will be played inside an inflatable soccer field, which captures the imagination of students, giving them a great soccer experience. Training will take place inside a skills square focusing on different skills each week, such as dribbling, turning and shooting. Sign up online at www.totalfootballacademy.com.au or call Lawrence Lewis on 0410 899 819. Cost will be $99 for the 6 week program. Kit may also be purchased. Practice at home to get a head start use this link to see the one to five skills www.facebook.com/TotalFootballAcademy/videos. Contact Lawrence Lewis on lawrencelewistfa@gmail.com for more information or email www.totalfootballacademy.com.au
On Friday 23rd August 2013 our class went on an excursion to the Clarkson Library for Book Week. We walked from our school to the library. We were lucky to have some parent helpers come along. The parent helpers were the mums of Dylan, Alana, Grace and Macy. We were very well behaved walking to the library as we are aware of the importance of road safety and we made sure we listened to our teacher’s instructions as to when we could cross the road. Our teacher said we were ‘super fit’ as we walked really fast to the library. When we entered the library we made sure we used our beautiful manners as we were representing our school. In the library we were introduced to Shandra and Nicole. Shandra read us two cool books and then we made a bookmark. The librarian staff kindly laminated the bookmarks for us and gave us a chocolate freddo!