Dear Parents and Guardians,

Yesterday, we celebrated our Open Afternoon, Book Fair and Arts Night. The occasion was a huge success. It was indeed heartening to see so many children proudly taking their parent(s) / guardian(s) through the classrooms and showing them their work which was on display. The classrooms looked beautiful but more importantly the displays of work were practical examples of the challenging activities carried out by the children. A significant number of people visited the library displays and whilst there purchased books which will be processed and placed on the shelves for student borrowing. The Arts performances were simply sensational. I myself enjoyed the opportunity to watch the children’s performing arts entries one after the other. It truly was a testimony to the hard work that they and their teachers have put in this year.

This coming weekend (14/15 September) the Year 6 children who have pre-registered for the Sacrament of Confirmation should attend one of the parish masses to make their act of commitment. Candidates should sign in with Sister Wendy in the Meeting room prior to taking a seat. The mass times are: 6.00pm on Saturday night, and 7.30am, 9.00am and 5.30pm on Sunday. It is important that we remember that Jesus walked with the disciples on the journey, but remained unrecognised by them until he broke bread with them. In all the events of our lives the risen Christ is there, often unrecognised. It is only afterwards, when we look back over what has been happening and bring the events of our everyday lives to the Eucharist, that we recognise the unseen presence of God. The Holy Spirit gives us the insights to see Jesus in our daily life – if we ask him. All we need to do is stop for one minute at the end of the day and ask. If we do it often enough at the same time each day it will be a great habit that we can achieve which will help us:

- to have a real friendship with Jesus,
- to be a positive thinker and
- ‘get switched on’ to the messages of Jesus.

Weather permitting the Year 3-6 Faction Athletic Sports Carnival (all day) is planned for Thursday 19 September. On Friday morning, 20 September the Year 3-6 Field events (half day) will be held.

God bless you
Warren Smith Principal

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK:
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Congratulations to those children who have or will be celebrating their birthdays soon!!


Pope Francis in his Angelus audience on Sunday, September 1, 2013 addressed a topic on the minds of many in this month of Our Lady of Sorrows: the continuing civil war in Syria, and the possibility of US intervention. He stated on Vatican Radio that “There are so many conflicts in this world which cause me great suffering and worry, but in these days my heart is deeply wounded in particular by what is happening in Syria and anguished by the dramatic developments which are looming. I appeal strongly for peace, an appeal which rises from the deep within me...I condemn the use of chemical weapons: I tell you that those terrible images from recent days are burned into my mind and heart. There is a judgement of God and of history upon our actions which are inescapable!” The Pope went on to declare that 7 September, the vigil of the birth of Mary, Queen of Peace, was a day of world fasting and prayer for peace in Syria, the Middle East, and throughout the world. He invited all Christians, followers of other religions and all people of good will, to participate, in whatever way they can. You are encouraged to pray through Mary for the achievement of peace in the world.

Reflection:  F-E-A-R has two meanings:
1. Forget Everything And Run Or
2. Face Everything And Rise.

Where do you stand?

Making Jesus Real: Questions to ask myself before I go to bed at night or reflect on once a week:
1. Did I welcome someone into the classroom / house today by saying ‘Hello?”
2. Did I put people down today by words or body language?
3. Did I include others in my games or activities?
4. Where was Jesus in my life today?
5. What encouraging words did I use today?
6. Did I look for the bad or good in people today?
7. Was I a positive thinker this week?
8. Today was I a winner and a grinner or a moaner and a groaner?
9. Today was I a giver or a taker?
10. During the day did I thank someone for something that they did?
Way of Life: Jesus is especially present in the small important interactions each day. For example: smiling, waving, saying “Hello”, “Come sit with us”, or “Please”, “Thank you”, “Well done”, “Awesome”, “Fantastic”, “Cool”, etc.

Every time we do these actions we are living our Religion. It’s so simple! Remember these small things are so easy to do. Live your religion every day in what you do or say. Acknowledgement: P Mitchell – Making Jesus Real

District Soccer Carnival: Tomorrow Friday 13 September Saint Andrew’s Catholic Primary School is sending a Year 5/6 Girls team and a Year 5/6 boys team to an invitational Soccer competition at Kingsway. The children need to wear sports uniform, wear sun screen, take a nutritious lunch, have plenty of water in stock and bring their soccer kit. I thank Mrs Peacham for organising our entry and coordinating the selection of the teams.

Father’s Day: If you missed Open Night there are lovely photo displays of many of our children and their Dads/Grandpas and significant other adults in the glass community news cabinets in the portico area adjacent to the office area and the Library. My thanks to Mrs Birchall for being the chief photographer/window dresser!

Resiliency: Robber # 6: Neglect to develop independence.
Don’t wait until they are teenagers to develop the skills of independent living. Start early and promote a broad skill set so that they can look after themselves if you are not around.
- Resilience notion # 6: Don’t routinely do for kids what they can do for themselves.

Magical Moments and Windows on Work: These important work files are going home to parents on the last day of Term 3. They are a snapshot of the work produced by your children throughout the year. You will find work samples and activities from key subject areas and events that have been held in each year level. Because they are used as an indicator of progress over a two year period and that period elapses this year they can be kept at home or you may choose to remove all the work samples and resupply the empty file for use in 2014-2015. Alternatively you can order a new file off the 2014 booklist.

Thank you to all our fantastic parents and guardians who have displayed TUP (Tolerance, Patience and Understanding) when using the school car park and kiss n ride. Impressive work folks!!

Library We wish to thank all the parents for their tremendous response to our Book Fair held in the library last night. We now have approximately 150 new books on our shelves. Once the books have been covered they will be issued to your child to borrow first. We still have extra books for sale should you wish to purchase one as a Christmas present.
Mrs Jones - Librarian

Musical Soiree: The students who are having piano lessons and woodwind lessons will be performing at a Musical Soiree on Wednesday 18th September at 3.00pm in the hall. Everybody is welcome to come along.

Junior Choir: On behalf of the St Andrew’s Parish Music Ministry, we would like to thank the children in the Parish Junior Choir who sang so beautifully at the Saturday night and Sunday morning Masses. They are: Ella B, Kaelena S, Geoffrey J, Jessica and Jasmine R, Rosie M, Simon and Christina F and Maisie M. Also my heartfelt thanks to the parents of these children, for without their support and commitment, the Parish Junior Choir would not be possible. Helen Smith - St Andrew’s Parish Choir

Warning: A Somerly Primary School parent recently phoned our school office and warned us that her children had found a used syringe when walking to school this week. Please advise your children to notify an adult if they find such an item. Children should guard against handling syringes.
Father’s Day Morning in Kindy Blue!

Last Monday the Kindy children invited the special males in their lives to spend some time in the Kindy classroom. The kindy children made toast for their guests, painted their tool boxes and coloured in Number 1 Dad badges. It was a fantastic time had by all!

Aiden: I liked making toast for Dad.

Eolann: I liked doing play dough with Dad.

Haley: I liked making toast.

Jai: I had fun making toast.

Athiei: I liked painting the tool box for Dad.

Nathaniel: It was fun making toast. I had butter and jam.

Madeline: I liked putting my head through the poster and taking a photo.

Benjamin: I had fun making Dad toast with butter and jam.

Thomas: I liked making toast.

Zac: I liked painting my tool box for Dad.

Isabella: I liked making toast.

Chloe: I liked colouring in the Number 1 Dad badge with my Dad.

Max: I had fun painting the tool box with Dad.

Elijah: I liked painting my tool box. I had fun!

Ariel: I loved painting the tool box.

Meisha: I like making my toast, painting the tool box and making Daddy a medal.

Sean: I liked colouring in the badge, hanging it on Dad’s neck and playing with the train track.