My God, here are my children, I give them to you; reach out and touch them with the finger of your love, so that they will stop where they are, sense your presence and turn to you. Amen.

Dear Parents and Guardians

Confirmation:
This weekend will see the Year 6 children being confirmed by Monsignor O'Loughlan. The Confirmations will take place in the Saint Andrew's Parish Church at 6pm on Saturday September 11th and 9am on Sunday September 12th. On behalf of the entire school community we congratulate the children and their families who have so ably supported and encouraged them in their preparations. We also thank Father Andrew, Mrs Julie Shimmens and the classroom teachers Mrs Karen Young and Miss Robyn Snyman who have participated in the preparations as well.

Child Protection Week:
This year Child Protection Sunday is scheduled for Sunday 12 September, 2010 as a concluding event to Child Protection Week. Prevention of abuse of children has always been and will continue to be the focus of Child Protection Sunday. This year, our Church and Catholic School communities have been invited to stand in solidarity with the broader Australian community, including child protection agencies, other churches and State and Federal Police in raising awareness of and fighting against the sexual abuse of children. We have participated in this national campaign by flying white balloons near our school gates during Child Protection Week. The symbolism of the white balloon was adopted in 1997 by Bravehearts, an advocacy group working to stop child sexual assault, and is used in their campaign to ‘break the silence.’ Safeguarding children calls for the involvement of the whole community. It is important to educate people to be able to identify the signs and effects of abuse, to put in place policies and procedures to promote the safety of children and procedures to respond appropriately and sensitively to those who report abuse. While our Church must continue to respond with openness and compassion to victims of abuse, it must also participate with the rest of the Australian community in working to prevent further abuse. We teachers at Saint Andrew’s have been in-serviced as to the benefits of the Protective Behaviours Programme. The children are taught the safety benefits of family and friend networks. The school held a Parent information night on the benefits of this course earlier in 2010. We also teach the Friendly Schools and Families Program which has as a key component, safety in families. Additionally, staff have completed a course in the Mandatory Reporting of Abuse. May your homes be happy and safe havens where your children are loved, nurtured and are encouraged to be free thinkers and doers.

Warren Smith
Acting Principal

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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SCHOOL MATTERS

*Congratulations to Hayley Adams who has celebrated her birthday recently.*

The Canonisation of Blessed Mary MacKillop

Flora MacKillop (nee MacDonald), Mary’s mother, arrived in Australia in April 1840 aboard the *Glen Huntly*, having set out from Scotland the previous year together with her mother, Catherine and brother, Donald. They were initially quarantined against an outbreak of typhoid upon arriving in Port Phillip, Victoria.

Though both Flora and Alexander migrated from Scotland, there is no evidence to suggest that they had known each other prior to meeting in Australia.

Alexander, who had found work and made a home in Port Phillip, offered his assistance to the newly arrived MacDonald family.

Within three months of their arrival, Alexander and Flora had married. In the following April of 1841, Alexander had purchased a small home in Fitzroy, Melbourne where their first of eight children, Mary Helen MacKillop was born on 15th January, 1842.

Performing Arts Festival Awards List:

Mr Ian Milne, Chairman of Catholic Arts, has notified the school of the final awards list for our school. Congratulations are extended to the following-

**Honourable Mentions**-
1. Saint Andrew’s School Band
2. Saint Andrew’s School Choir
3. Year 2 Dance Group
4. Isabelle O’Brien (6B) Instrumental Solo

**Certificates of Merit**-
1. The Graduating Dancers: Christian Dance
2. Saint Andrew’s Guitar Ensemble
3. Catherine Brocket (6W) Instrumental Solo
4. Isabelle O’Brien (6B) Primary Piano Performance
5. Jessica Checkland (6B) and Alexis Murray (6B) Instrumental Duet.

Year 7 Orientation Day, 2010

Prendiville College, Ocean Reef, Mater Dei College, Edgewater and Sacred Heart College, Sorrento have announced their Year 7, 2011 Orientation Days are being held on Wednesday October 27th, 2010.

Prendiville College has requested that students from Year 6 should make their own way to and from the College. The Orientation will be between 8.55am and 12.45pm. Students should wear their Primary school sports uniform. They will be supplied with morning tea.
CANTEEN – SPORTS DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE
St Andrew’s sports day lunch is for Preprimary to Year 6. Please note an order form was sent home and only those families that have pre-ordered with their correct money ($3.50 each) can receive a sausage sizzle.

LOST
A Razer scooter with pink handlebars has gone missing. Claudia McDermott’s name is on the bottom of the scooter. Also a Piping Hot black jacket with gray hood, size 12. Please return to the office if found.

FOUND
A mobile phone has been found and can be collected from the office.

NEW WEBSITE FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION
The Catholic Education Office of WA has launched a new website, which is designed to be a ‘one-stop-shop’ for information about Catholic Education.

The new website has a wide range of new features and streamlined, easy-to-navigate information for current and prospective families, as well as current news stories about goings-on in Catholic schools.

Check out the new website at ceo.wa.edu.au. I hope you enjoy the new website. If you have any feedback, suggestions or ideas, please contact Bridget Chamberlain at chamberlain.bridget@ceo.wa.au.

FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST
Father’s Day breakfast was a huge success with some very lucky father’s walking away with Bunning’s vouchers. The winners are:

- Mr Smith (Kaelena 3B)
- Mr Murray (Ryan 4W)
- Mr Goldstraw-Dillon (Ruby 1W)
- Mr Allen (Jayden 5W)
- Mr de Ocampo (Ludwig 1W)

ASSISTANCE REQUIRED - URGENTLY
Assistance is needed to help a child get to St Andrew’s in the mornings ONLY. The family live in Ridgewood and do not have a car. Mum is having to walk her daughter to school each day and is finding it difficult to get to college on time. Please call the office if you can help.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Blue Light Disco
Date: Saturday 18th September 2010
Location: Gumblossom Hall, Tapping Way, Quinns Rocks
(turn into Quinns Road off Marmion Ave and right at the roundabout)

Time: 6.30pm to 9.00pm, Doors open at 6.15pm
Age: Children aged 8 – 13 years of age will be admitted
Tickets: $6 available at the door.

Notes: Due to safety reason, enclosed shoes must be worn at all times, and all children must be picked up at the conclusion of the event by a parent or guardian. Parents are encouraged to stay at events if they wish.
KINDERGARTEN WHITE

During Week Seven, we learnt that Father’s Day is a day to show our Dads that they are special.

My Dad is special because he …

… plays with the playdough with me. – Abbey
… builds lego with me. – Aidan
… fixes things and cleans the dishes. – Angus
… took me to the movies. – Alistair
… tickles me. – Cambell
… makes me lunch. – Carlos
… makes breakfast for me. – Chiara
… takes me to the city sometimes. – Declan
… throws me up to the roof and catches me and takes me to the park. – Drew
… makes cakes for me. – Dylan
… tickles me and turns me upside down after work. – Ella
… takes me to the park on the swing. – Ethan
… hugs me. – Hannah
… helps me clean up. – Jesse
… pushes high in the swing. – Joshua
… makes me lunch sometimes. – Lucas
… goes to the park and plays football with me. – Luke G
… my poppa buys me ice-cream. – Mahlia
… plays cars with me. – Maper
… tucks me in at bedtime. – Matilda
… we build things together. – Nicholas
… Is really funny. – Sienna
… he makes me pancakes. – Stella
… plays puzzles with me. – Storm
… reads me books. – Taylor
… plays golf with me. – Zac