Trust in God, Not in Possessions. Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to give me my share of our inheritance.” He replied “Friend, who has set me up as your judge or arbiter? Then he said to the crowd, ”Avoid greed in all its forms. A man may be wealthy, but his possessions do not guarantee him life.” Luke 12 V13 -14.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to our final term of 2013! The children have transitioned into school mode quite well and many are excited about the events that are on the school planner in Term 4. Earlier this week we had a visit from Total Soccer Academy who worked with all children in Pre Primary through to Year 6. The children had a fantastic time working on their soccer skills and playing some exciting games.

- Other events planned for this term include the Interschool Athletics Carnival on the 25th October, the Junior Carnival for PP – Year 2 children on 1st November, the Kindergarten 2014 Orientation Meetings on 11th – 12th November, Saint Andrew’s Day Celebrations on Friday 29th November, Golf lessons on 2nd - 3rd December, Family Picnic and Community Carol Singing between 5.30pm and 6.30pm on 9th December and our Christmas Concert at assembly followed by the Volunteer Thank you Morning Tea on 12th December.

Summer Uniform: All students are expected to be wearing full summer uniform by the end of Week 2, Term 4. Details of appropriate uniform can be found in the Year 3 – 6 student diaries or alternatively by contacting the office staff who will happily relate the correct information.

Naplan Student Reports: The Year 3 and Year 5 reports went home earlier this week. We thank you for your patience and advise that the delay was due to a publishing error on all Year 5 and 7 reports nationally. Please look at these important documents which are one measure of your child’s academic progress. If you have any concerns about the results, please make an appointment to see your child’s class teacher.

Confirmation Update: In Term 3 candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation attended a Commitment Mass for Confirmation. The next compulsory stage of the program is for all candidates to attend one of the Confirmation workshops which are being held at 5.00pm or 6.30pm on Tuesday and Wednesday 22 / 23 October in the school hall. Parents and guardians selected which workshop they are attending during enrolment proceedings back in Term 1. The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation is to take place over the weekend of 16th / 17th November.

Magical Moments and Windows on my Work: These went home at the end of Term 3. I remind all parents and guardians that these folders do not come back to school this year. Folders are re used or ordered as requested on the 2014 Booklists which will be distributed later this term.

God bless you.

Warren Smith
Principal

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK:
Interschool Athletics Carnival
St Vinnies
Congratulations: It is with great pleasure that I announce that Mrs Ellis Stubberfield, a past permanent and now casual employee of the school, and her husband Nathan have welcomed a little girl into their family. Molly Sinead Stubberfield was born at 8.30am on Monday 7th October. She is a beautiful little sister to Patrick, Mairead and Rory. We wish the family well.

Term 3 Athletics Carnivals: Late in Term 3 we had the Faction Athletics and Field Events carnivals for students in Year 3 - 6. I congratulate all children for participating in a spirit of self-challenge and joy! On Monday 23rd September the following children received medals for excellence in Track and Field:

Year 3 Boys: 1st Anthony G  2nd Cian H & Nikita P  3rd Cyle G
Year 3 Girls: 1st Amy B  2nd Lottie F  3rd Charli W
Year 4 Boys: 1st Emilio E  2nd Levi R  3rd Simon F
Year 4 Girls: 1st Erin M  2nd Rosie M  3rd Angelikah R
Year 5 Boys: 1st Tim R  2nd Taj H  3rd Kaman M
Year 5 Girls: 1st Emysen R  2nd Katie G  3rd Emilie G
Year 6 Boys: 1st Ciaran B  2nd Jacob K  3rd Louis P
Year 6 Girls: 1st Sasha F  2nd Kiera M  3rd Emily E

The Sportsmanship Awards were presented to Jack B and Jessica R.

The winning Faction Trophy was awarded to Blue Faction.

Car Parking/ Kiss N Ride: We are well aware of the ongoing issues with our kiss n ride pick up / drop off. At its August meeting the Saint Andrew's Catholic Primary School Board approved the further development of the kiss n ride. This essential work is planned for the Christmas holiday period. As per my letter to Parents dated 26 September, 2013 I ask that where possible parents of older children park their cars in the Anthony Waring Oval car park which has 93 car bays or the St Andrew’s Catholic Church car park which has 31 car bays. Older children may require minimal supervision to negotiate entry to school gates from the Anthony Waring Oval car park. However, there will be no issues in walking in to school from the Church car park. This will certainly stop cars from banking up on Victorsen Parade, which is an issue with our neighbours. You may even find you get away quicker!

Quality student lunches: Several staff members have come to me expressing concern over what some students eat during recess and lunchtime at school. Subsequently, I myself have been out on duty and whilst supervising students have observed what is being eaten. It is fair to say that the overwhelming majority of students are provided with nutritious, low sugar – low salt food options and an occasional treat. However, I believe that some parents and guardians need to be more vigilant about food options for their children especially where the children are doing their school dietary selections in an unsupervised manner. It is simply not acceptable that children have a lunchbox filled with inappropriate foods and drinks.

Important Reminder: When a child is absent from school for any reason, parents should be sending a note, signed, dated and a reason given for the child being away.

To clarify, if your child is away, you need to:

1. **Send in a note prior to the absence, signed, dated and reason given.**

Or...in the event of unexpected illness:

2. **Ring the office to let us know and then send in a note when the child returns, signed, dated and reason given.**

Teachers will be checking all notes this week and may be contacting you to send in missing notes or notes still required when only a telephone message has been received. We appreciate your support and understanding with this matter.
The Language of Resilient Families by Michael Grose: Resilient families develop their own words and phrases to help each other get through the inevitable tough times that each person experiences. The language of resilience generally refers to coping strategies such as empathy, humour and acceptance. Over the next few weeks I will continue to highlight 10 examples of the language of resilience, the coping skills each reflects and the types of situations where they are applicable.

2. ‘Don’t let this spoil everything. Strategy > containing thinking Good for > kids who feel overwhelmed; kids who experience rejection, perfectionists. The ability to compartmentalise bad events and keep them from affecting all areas of life is a powerful coping skill. Sports people, politicians and others who work in the public arena need to be adept at it. When something unpleasant happens during recess for example, kids need to park their thinking about that event so they can get on with the rest of the day. The ability to compartmentalise thinking is a fantastic life skill kids can learn within their family.

First Holy Communion Photos: Father Robert has asked us to remind all parents of children who were candidates for First Holy Communion that the photo proofs are ready for viewing at the back of the church. Order forms are also with the proofs. St Andrew’s parish church is open for Mass at 6.00pm Saturday and 7.30am, 9.00am and 5.30pm on Sundays.

Please consider joining the P & F Committee: This wonderful group of volunteers give significant time to the school; particularly to organising events that are family inclusive or occasionally to events that are specifically for the students. We are now approaching the time of the year when the members consider their position in relation to involvement in 2014. Consider: How good would the school be if more parents donated some of their time? Example: The 47 marvellous volunteers who pitched in and facilitated the excellent discos in early Term 3.

SCHOOL NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Tyeesha R, Hayley O,
Cillian D, Joshua K, John C, Jaden C

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.
Year 2 Blue — Science

Water is important to our planet!

Did you know that about three-quarters of the Earth’s surface is covered in water?

In Science this term, Year 2 Blue will be identifying sources of water. We will be exploring uses of water, where it comes from, who uses it and how to use it responsibly.

The children in 2 Blue were asked to complete the following statement.

I can help save water by:…

- Washing the dishes. Georgia
- Having short showers. Heath
- Turning the tap off tightly after having a shower. Abbey
- Turning the tap off when I’m washing my teeth. Noah
- Having a shower and not taking too long. Drew
- Having a quick shower. Lucas
- Turning the taps off tight. Cynthia
- Using less water everyday. Xavier
- Turning off the tap when you’re brushing your teeth. Chiara
- Using short showers. Cillian
- Using a watering can instead of a hose. Sean-Michael
- Not using too much water when I’m in the shower. Shaye
- Collecting rain water to water the plants. Luke
- Having a timer for the shower. Nicholas
- Not leaving the taps running. Dylan
- Flushing the toilet on half flush. Peyton
- Turning the tap off very hard. Ajak
- Turning off the tap when brushing my teeth. Maper
- Not using much water to rinse your mouth. Koby
- Not using the dishwasher and using my hands to wash up. Cayden
- Using the dishwasher only when it’s completely full. Lachlan
- Having short showers. Emma
- Not tipping water out when there’s still some left. Declan
- Not using the hose and using rain water. Mahlia
- Not using the dishwasher and using rain water. Tayjarna
- Pressing half flush on the toilet. Lily
- Using a watering can instead of a hose to water plants. Eoin
- Making sure the dishwasher is full before I use it. Joyce
- Putting heaps of dishes in the dishwasher and then turning it on. Jaylin