God of Creation,
You made the world so that all could share the gifts of creation equally.
It’s time to recognise that there is great inequality across the world.
Give us the will, as members of your family to build a more equal world.
Amen

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our Ash Wednesday Mass yesterday marked the beginning of Lent and at this our opening Mass of the year, your children received the ashes.

Fr Andrew used the initials ASH to discuss the significance of receiving the ashes:

- Almsgiving
- Sacrifice
- Humility

Our almsgiving is through Project Compassion. Today, each child received a box into which you are invited to contribute to the needs of others in Australia and around the world, who are assisted by Caritas Australia. Please return the boxes by Holy Thursday. The funds raised will be sent to Caritas to further their work. Our community is very generous and we appreciate all you do through Project Compassion and St Vincent de Paul to support those in need, which include families in our own school community.

Traditionally, people give up or ‘sacrifice’ something during Lent. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday remain the two days of the year when Catholics do not eat meat as a ‘sacrifice’. Rather than giving up something, we encourage children to ‘take on’ something that they might not usually do, like doing the dishes without being asked.

We are humbled before God by our humanity. As we receive the ashes, the words said ‘Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel’ remind us of the need to recognise our humanity and our dependence on God.

God bless you,
Eileen Climo
Principal

NOTES ACCOMPANYING NEWSLETTER
P&F Easter Raffle
NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK
Animals are not to be brought onto school premises

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 MATTERS

DATES TO REMEMBER

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Congratulations to the children who have celebrated their birthday recently.
Nukuroa Mason, Briana Solomon, Jessica Khanagri, Lewis Daniel, Liam Bird, Kimberley Oakes, Keely Gillingham, Garth Oakes, Lillie Hines, Tiffany Hodgson

Merit Certificates

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Making Jesus Real Awards

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MAKING JESUS REAL

The main focus for our students and ourselves in 2010 is Growing as a Person with Jesus our Mentor.

LENT is a good time to stress Growing as a Person through WEST.

We can ask solid questions on EAST and WEST.

EAST How many children in our class do I exclude on a daily basis? Did I argue, sulk and talk back to my parents?

WEST Students rate themselves out of 10 as a:
Welcoming Person - How can I be more welcoming? – Body language.
Encouraging - How many encouraging words do I use? Can I improve?
Do I encourage my parents? How can I help?
Sorry - Can I apologise if I am in the wrong? Can I take set backs without sulking?
Thanks - Do I say thanks 10 times a day and 4 times at home? Can I improve?

The students put their three OH YEAHS in an envelope to be looked at Mid Year and End of Year and they write, at the end of the year, 10 lines on How have I grown as a person? It is amazing the answers to that question when you ask them in November/ December.

What sort of person do I want to be by December this year?

REMINDERS:

• Pupil Free Day: Monday, 22nd February.
• Sacramental Parents Meetings: Tuesday, 23rd February and Wednesday, 24th February.
• Swimming Fee for Years 1, 2 & 3: to be paid before swimming lessons commence in Week 5 unless you have made other arrangements with Mrs Rafferty.
• Kindy Blue has Kindy on Friday 26th February and Friday 5th March due to the Monday holidays.

LOST
A student has lost their reading glasses. Please forward them to the office should you find them.

FOUND
Please come to the office if you have lost a chain and symbol.

COMMUNITY NEWS

REDUCE HOME ENERGY BILLS AND EMISSIONS
Find out how to reduce your electricity and gas bills and your household carbon footprint at a free workshop. Home sustainability expert Rob Gulley and City of Wanneroo sustainability officer Luke Hutchinson will speak about ways to be energy efficient and incentives that can help local households. Hear about rebates on efficient products, interest free green loans, free home insulation and more.
Tuesday February 23, 7.00pm at Gumblossom Community Centre, Tapping Way, Quinns Rocks. To register or find out more phone David, 9305 9575.
Our theme this term is all things Australian. These are some of the things we love about Australia.

The communities, wildlife, the beaches, celebrations and good times. Maker

I love Australia because of the wildlife and animals. Casey

The lovely outback and the spectacular animals. Dylan

I like the koala. Oliver

I love the clean environment and all the animals. Jacob K.

I like Australia because of the wonderful animals. Jane

I love the animals like the koalas and the kangaroos. Jake

My favourite thing in Australia is the beautiful beaches because you can spend time by yourself. Ciaran

I love taking a walk down to our clean beaches. Jazmin

There are lots of nice beaches around Australia like Burns beach, Hillarys, Mullaloo beach and a lot more. Aly

I love the native animals like the kangaroos, koalas, birds, emus, kookaburras, wombats and dingos. Alyssa

Our great and wonderful homes that we live in and our excellent schools. Nipun

I love Australia because of the schools here and the animals here. Alexi

That you can get lots of mangos and you can see lots of deadly animals. Zane

I love Wave Rock. Zayde

All the yummy food and places you can go to in Australia like all the Chinese food and the restaurants. Zac

I love Australia because there are so many different and unique animals. There are people that protect them in parks. My favourite animal is the beautiful possum because it is fluffy and cute. Emma

I love all of the coats of arms. I think they are all very unique. I love the Western Australian coat of arms. Julia

I like the beach because it’s very nice when it’s hot. I like kangaroos because they are nice. Monica

The beautiful smelling flowers we have. Jackson

All the animals in Australia like the koalas, possums, dingos, kangaroos, numbucks, the Tasmanian devil, emus and wombats. Kayla

All the animals and wildlife you can see all over Australia. The wild cats you can see on farms. You can see snakes in bushes, kangaroos and dingoes and any other wildlife. Eva

I love the schools here in W.A. They are very clean and beautiful. Tahila

The koalas and snakes. Niall

At Australia Zoo there are lots of animals there. Lance

I love all the wildlife to come into our world. Rhani

I like the wildlife parks because of the animals. Chelsea

I love crocodiles. Jacob S.