Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Community Hall and Assembly: Despite the best efforts of those involved, including our architects and myself, we still do not have practical completion on our new Community Hall which has looked finished for weeks now. The hold ups are over electrical and plumbing problems which have meant that the consultants are not passing the building for use. My plan was to have our first school assembly of the year in the new hall, but having waited three weeks now, I have conceded defeat and we will have assembly next week regardless of whether we are in the hall or not. I had also hoped that you could look through the building on our Open Night this Wednesday, but all is not lost yet! I am meeting with the architects on Friday at the hall, so there is still a glimmer of hope.

Sacraments: If your child is receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation (Yr 3), Eucharist (Yr 4) or Confirmation (Yr 6) this year, you need to attend one of the Sacramental Parents Meetings taking place on Tuesday, 1st March or Wednesday, 2nd March. At this meeting, Father Andrew leads you through your responsibilities in bringing your child to receive the sacrament. Further to these meetings are Masses of Commitment and Parent-Child Workshops closer to the time of the sacrament. Dates for the reception of the sacraments are:

- **Reconciliation:** Any Saturday from 22 October to 26 November
- **Eucharist:** Saturday 20 or Sunday 21 August
- **Confirmation:** Saturday 11 or Sunday 12 June

Pupil Free Day: Remember that Tuesday, 8th March is a Pupil Free Day, giving you a four-day weekend. Staff will be involved in professional development about the National Curriculum and Quality Catholic School programme.

Swimming Carnival: The Year 3 – 6 Carnival will be held tomorrow at Aquamotion from 9.30 – 12.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there to encourage your children to participate to the best of their ability. As a school we fare better at running than swimming, but we are getting better at the swimming and do now compete in the Interschool in some events. Well done to all those who have a go in our Carnival.

God bless you
Eileen Climo
Principal

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK
Welcome to St Andrew’s Night

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 those children who have celebrated their birthdays recently.
Keira O’Flaherty, Nakeisha Smith, Cleo Gregory, Hayley O’Toole, Areta Davies, Joshua Ryan-Sprowson

OPEN NIGHT
Wednesday, 23rd February from 2.00 – 5.30pm
Come into classrooms, our specialist areas and the Hall (with luck)
Collect the handout regarding your child’s school programme for 2011 and have a brief chat with the teachers

Netball: The netball meeting held on Monday was very successful and we have a committee of parents interested in guiding the club into the future. Thank you to Kathryn Redden, who is the new President of the club. Over the next few weeks, they will be out and about seeing how many girls are interested in playing and training at St Andrew’s. They will make decisions, in consultation with the School Board, about the future direction of netball at St Andrew’s.

OSHClub: Our Before and After School Care programme is now being operated by OSHClub. Our aim was to have only St Andrew’s children involved in the programme, but numbers have not allowed this to happen and children from local schools have been invited to attend. Once all the places in the programme are taken up by our children, local school children will not be able to attend. I would appreciate both positive and negative feedback from families that are using the service regarding interaction with staff, range of activities, homework centre operation, adequacy of food and child behaviour. Please let me know your opinions verbally or in writing. Thank you.

Welcome to St Andrew’s Night - Friday, 25th February, 4.30pm – 7.30pm
Live band, bouncy castle, refreshments and sausage in a bun for those that have paid and pre-ordered them. Everyone invited to attend this.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

High School Enrolment: Many of our families do not enrol their children for High School early enough. Most of our children go on to Irene McCormack Catholic College, Prendiville Catholic College or Mater Dei College. Each of these schools has lengthy waitlists and you are advised to have your child’s name down at the school of your choice as early as your child’s Preprimary year.

APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENTS - YEAR 7 – 2013 MATER DEI COLLEGE
Registrations need to be forwarded immediately to the College. Please access the College website of www.mdc.wa.edu.au for enrolment application forms or e-mail barbra.moyle@mdc.wa.edu.au to request an enrolment booklet.
The students and teachers of St Andrew’s have just returned from holidays. Here are some of the things that 6W think are terrific about holidays.

Holidays are terrific because………

I got to move into a new house and decorate my own room. (Galgalu)
You get to spend lots of time with friends and family. (Erin)
I went to Kuala Lumpur and swam with the baby elephants. (Michael)
I went swimming at the Arena in Joondalup. (Jayden)
I went all the way to Egypt and visited the pyramids. (Jessica)
I visited family in Ireland and went to five weddings. (Tiah)
My family took the dog to Mandurah, we all enjoyed the cool sea breeze. (Emily)
I really enjoyed horse riding and go-carting in Spain with my family. (Lillie)
At Shark Bay there is a beach called “Little Lagoon” and it is cool. (Byron)
We drove to Adelaide and saw all my relatives and stayed at the beach. (Owen)
I got to visit loved ones that I usually don’t get to see. (Bryony)
We went to Margaret River with my uncle and aunty. I loved it. (Grace)
I had a two day sleepover with my cousins and we went to Adventure World. (Zac)
I went to Vietnam and played with my cousin and visited my Nanna’s house (Melina)
I swung on a tree swing and landed in the Irwin River. It was fantastic. (Shannon)
I watched the beautiful sunset at Bruce Rock. It was awesome (Connor)
I went crabbing with my mum, dad and uncle. It was fun. (Jimmy)
I went to Busselton and we had a fantastic picnic and played lots of games. (Matthew)
I went to Mullaloo Beach and played on my boogie board. (Jordan)
I spent Christmas in Busselton with my Nân and Pop. (Fynn)
I watched cyclone Bianca approaching from my balcony. (Conor)
I did cool stunts on my friend’s Rip-Stick. (Marial)
We went to Sydney and swam at Bondi Beach. (Raymond)
I made Thai mango chicken for tea and it was yummy. (Jordyn)
We went to Moore River and I snagged a huge fish, but it got away. (Caitlin)
I went to stay with my Grandma in Gosnells. We played soccer and basketball. (Chok)
We had a barbeque at my house and all my cousins were there. It was great. (Nyitur)
I can play Xbox 360 for nearly 4 hours. Facebreaker is the best fun. (Trevor)
We drove from Port Hedland to Perth and stopped in Denham on the way. (Tyson)
ST ANDREW’S SCHOOL RULES

Respect the rights of all students to learn.

Respect our work and look after our own property.

Respect the work and property of others.

Walk on covered areas and pathways and inside classrooms.

Help keep our school clean, tidy and litter free.

Follow the *Making Jesus Real* behaviours of a WEST person.

Carry out no deliberate, hurtful acts.

Make no unkind comments to others.

Wear the school uniform correctly.

Bring no toys from home.