Dear Parents and Guardians,

**Project Compassion**: Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent in the Church’s liturgical calendar. During the six weeks of Lent, leading up to the Easter celebration of the Resurrection, St Andrew’s fundraises for Caritas through Project Compassion. Each family brings home a box into which they are asked to put donations towards the poor and disenfranchised of the world. Family members are also encouraged to contribute and the box is returned to school when full, or by Holy Thursday.

The following excerpt from the Caritas website [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) explains the project.

Now in its 47th year, Project Compassion's ongoing success is thanks to the generosity of Caritas supporters. Together we are ensuring the voices of the poor are heard loud and clear.

Now one of Australia’s largest humanitarian fundraisers, it brings thousands of Australians in solidarity with the world's poor.

In 2012, Project Compassion carries a simple, yet insightful message: “If you want Peace, work for Justice” – Pope Paul VI. This message of hope remains as powerful as ever.

Each year, Project Compassion runs during Lent, the six weeks leading up to Easter. Starting on Wednesday 22 February (Ash Wednesday) 2012, we are asking people across Australia to help us raise money and offer hope to the millions of families who fight for justice, peace and survival every single day.

This appeal is an extraordinary, ongoing demonstration of the faith, love and generosity of the Catholic congregation and caring supporters throughout Australia, all in the name of justice and peace. It is the lifeblood of Caritas Australia; without it, we could not do the work that we do.

In 2012, we are sharing stories from Timor Leste, the Thai-Burma border, Zimbabwe, the Philippines, Peru and Indigenous Australia. Their stories humble and inspire us, and show how your contributions to Project Compassion help people build better lives for themselves, their families and their communities.

Justice and Peace is your doing. Embrace Project Compassion 2012.

This week, Project Compassion has its focus on Timor Leste and Flabiana’s family who have set up a small business with the help of Caritas and are now able to feed their family all year round rather than seasonally.

At the Ash Wednesday Mass, her story was told to the children.

*God of justice, we pray for Flabiana and her community in Timor Leste.*
*Many people in our world are experiencing poverty as a result of war.*
*Through Project Compassion may we support a just and peaceful world where poverty is ended.*
*We ask this in the name of Jesus your Son, Amen.*

God bless you

Eileen Climo
Principal
NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK:

Year 6 Camp
Users of Car Parks
Weeks 5 – 8 Calendar

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.
Keely G, Garth O, Seth M, Xavier D, Phoebe A, Lucas G

FOUND: Earrings have been found. Please come to Administration to claim them.

COMMUNITY NEWS

YEAR 5 PARENTS
Sacred Heart College is holding an Enrolment Information Session on Tuesday 6 March at 9.15am in the RNDM Performing Arts Centre for families who have previously submitted an Expression of Interest to enrol their child in Year 7 2014 (current Year 5s).

Parents can RSVP to the invitation by either phoning the College on 9246 8200 or email aldersea@sacredheart.wa.edu.au, simply put ‘Yr7 2014 Info Session - (Number) attending - (name of child’s primary school)’ in the subject line.
HABITS OF MIND
We are implementing some of the Habits of Mind into our teaching and learning programmes at St Andrew’s. We started this in 2011 and are continuing to develop the skills that your children need to become lifelong learners in a world that is complex and rapidly changing. Each term we introduce a new HOM and consolidate one previously ‘learned’. The goal is that the HOM become ingrained and are used in every learning and life challenging situation. The children from Year 2 – 6 have a black folder that details the Habits of Mind. The first HOM that we are consolidating this year is: ‘PERSISTENCE’.

Persistence
Successful people don’t give up easily. If it doesn’t work one way, they try another.

THE GONSKI REVIEW INTO FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS
The release of the Gonski Review into Funding for Schooling on 20th February represents the first step in the Australian Government’s plan to introduce a new funding system for all Australian schools from 2014. There is no doubt that the review is significant and comprehensive, but it provides only a theoretical framework for a new funding model—key questions remain unanswered.

Substantial analysis needs to be done to test the model and recommendations before a sound assessment can be made of what this means for our schools. The government has announced a consultation phase, including analysis and testing of the proposed model, to commence immediately. This work will be used to help define a concrete funding model.

The government also acknowledged in their response to the review that families face financial pressures and do not wish to see school fees rise beyond their reach. The National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) will be working hard during the consultation phase to ensure we do not end up with a model that has the potential to put pressure on school fees.

School funding reform of the magnitude suggested by the Gonski review cannot occur without adequate funding.

The NCEC strongly backs the review’s call for an additional $5 billion in funding for all schools—this represents less than one half of 1% of Australia’s gross domestic product (GDP)—and has called on government’s to commit to increased funding sooner rather than later.

There’s a lot of work to be done over the coming months. The NCEC will be actively working for the interests of our school communities and will keep communities updated throughout the consultation phase.

Further information:
- A full copy of the Gonski Report can be accessed from the Your School Our Future website www.schoolfunding.gov.au
- We also invite you to visit www.fundinginfo.catholic.edu.au
I love going to the beach for summer because I can splash in the water and have fun in the sun. Simon

In summer I like to go to water parks and going down the water slides at Hillarys. Ruby

I love to have a BBQ because it is a fun thing to do with my family. Seth

I like riding my bike outside because it is fun riding my bike. Phoebe S.

I love summer because it is my birthday! Maddie

On the summer holidays I like to go in my nanna’s pool all day long. Alana

On the summer holidays I went to the beach. I like the beach because it is fun there. Nyandeng

My favourite thing about summer is going to the beach. I like the beach because I jump over the waves and play with the sand. Rosie

I love summer because I get to go to the Great Escape at Hillarys. I also love that you can have fun and enjoy yourself on a nice summer holiday. Angelikah

On the summer holidays I play cricket in the park and have lunch under the shade and get wet. Madison Rae

I like summer because you get to sit in front of the air conditioning and play games. Joshua

I love to go to Adventure World and go on the rides. Bella

In summer time I go and sit under the fan and play the scale electrics. Spike

I love to go fishing to catch lots of big fish. Jack

In summer I love going in the pool at night with our pool light. Maisy

On the summer holidays I like to go to Adventure World and swim with my family so we’re nice and cool. Isobella

I like going to Adventure World because it is fun and cool! Jennifer

I love going swimming on Christmas Day because it cools me off. Amilia

I love summer because I can stay in my air conditioned house and eat icy poles. I like it because it is cool and refreshing. Jordan

I will go to AQWA to see the animals and have lunch there. Amara

I love to go to Dreamworld in summer because it has a water slide and a big pool. Nathaniel

I go in the pool because it is nice and cool. Kaela

I love going to Adventure World because it is nice and cool and it has lots of water slides. It is fun and I never want to leave. Adrian

I love going swimming at the beach with my family. Elizabeth

I go to the beach and we take the dogs. Phoebe K.

I like going to the Great Escape to go on the water slides. Levi

I love summer because I can go in my pool all summer long! Amity

I love summer because I get to go to the beach, I can go in my pool and we get to go to the water park. Skylar