Do not be afraid to go and bring Christ into every area of life: Pope Francis.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

In last week’s newsletter I gave you the 2014 Saint Andrew’s Parish Sacramental Programme. This programme is created by the Parish Priest in conjunction with the Principals of the Catholic schools and the leaders of the Parish Sacramental groups. As parents it is incumbent on you to advise us if your child needs to do a ‘catch up’ sacrament. The school in liaison with Father Robert can help in this regard. However, if a parent wishes a child to do two ‘catch up’ sacraments then contact must be made with Father Robert to obtain permission. It is critical that all parents understand that Father Robert has the final say in all matters to do with the faith and we as a school assist him with the religious instruction of the students. All components of a sacramental programme must be completed in order for the reception of the sacrament to take place. Please understand if we refer you to Father Robert.

Last Friday was a warm day. However, the evening was beautiful with pleasant temperatures and a lovely cooling breeze. It was great to see so many families come and enjoy the music of Chris Murphy whilst chilling out with some food and drinks. The children were active and happy. Thank you to the P & F Committee who put a lot of time into planning and facilitating what proved to be a lovely evening. I personally found it a brilliant opportunity to say hello to and welcome both new and familiar families into the Saint Andrew’s Catholic Primary School community.

Our Parent – Teacher Nights for Year 1 & 2 and Years 3 & 4. The teachers have worked hard to present essential information to parents and feedback to me was that some great conversations took place when questions were put forward. It is a pity that a significant number of parents chose not to attend our Parent – Teacher nights. Having said this I understand that in some instances where one parent is working away it is challenging for the other to attend when there is the care of children to consider. However, these nights have been well advertised and are critical in getting parents, teachers and children ‘on the same page’. If you missed any of the nights please make an appointment to see your child’s teacher. In doing so, you make communication far more meaningful and beneficial for all parties.

Protective Behaviours: This term, the health focus for every class is ‘staying safe’. Children learn about their bodies’ signals in uncomfortable situations (those they need to tell a trusted person about), who their trusted people are (the hand – five fingers = five people) and good secrets (have an end date e.g. a surprise birthday party). Look out for the activities that children complete and take the time to talk with your children. This reinforces the messages that we are giving them.

Swimming lessons take place at Aquamotion Wanneroo between 31st March and 10th April. They are for all children in Years 1-5 and form part of the school’s Physical Education Curriculum. Lessons are compulsory unless there is a serious medical reason and for which a doctor’s note is required.

God bless
Warren Smith
Principal

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK
Reconciliation Letter – Year 3
Library Letter – Kindy children
Camp Information – Year 6

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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**Congratulations to those children who have or will be celebrating their birthday’s soon!!**

Chloe T, Tamsin-Leigh N, Seth M, Faith B, Gianni V, Lahna B

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**YEAR** | **MAKING JESUS REAL AWARDS FOR THE 13 FEBRUARY**
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PP | Ella G
Yr 1 | Kayne C, Tyla-Lee S
Yr 2 | Oliver H, Liam S
Yr 3 | Ella P, Lily S
Yr 4 | William H, Christina F
Yr 5 | Isla Kerridge
Yr 6 | Taj H, Alayna G

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**YEAR** | **MERIT AWARDS FOR THE 13 FEBRUARY**
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Yr 1 | Jessica W, Zakari H, Billy B, Tankia A
Yr 2 | Savannah P, Ryder K, Isabel N, Ash S
Yr 3 | Adam L, Zac D, Shaye G, Joyce W
Yr 4 | Ella M, Krystel G, Charli W, Kian H
Yr 5 | Casey W, Ruby D, Harry S, Isobella B, Anak B
Yr 6 | Maise M, Emysen R, Katie G, Rebecca G

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**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** It is wonderful that people take up the opportunity to have their children Baptised, even though they are no longer a baby, but please remember to inform the school as soon as possible. We need copies of the certificates for your child for some of the census data we are obliged to complete. It is also important that we know your child is a Catholic when the reception of Sacraments are due. The Sacrament currently in the process of being organised is Reconciliation and this will take place in March. *If you have a child in Year 3 or above that has been Baptised Catholic, please see the office for important information regarding dates as the first meeting is February 27th.*
MAKING JESUS REAL: Our mission with MJR in our school is to bring The Spirit of Jesus (God Moments) to classrooms, by recognising His Presence in the little insignificant things that the students say and do. For example, picking up someone’s spilt pencil case, holding a door open for someone, helping a student who has asked for help in literacy or numeracy, a hug, a big cheerful hello, etc.

MJR is focussed on the bottom line of Catholic Education.

1. Recognising Jesus’ presence in the NOW of our lives. Don’t leave Jesus as a person in History.
2. Gospel Values and attitudes being encouraged and recognised on a daily basis in the classrooms.

Acknowledgement: Peter Mitchell – CEO Hobart

May I remind all parents that our school office is the hub of the school. There are times in the school day where a great many business and information transactions take place. It can be absolutely frenetic in the office between 8.00am and 8.45am and again later in the day between 2.30pm and 3.00pm. Whilst I understand that many parents drop children off and go to the office to sort out various issues it is not the best place at these times if sensitive matters are at hand. If you require personal assistance from a member of the leadership team or the school bursar an appointment can be made. Further, our school is serviced by an amazing group of office workers and they deserve to be treated with respect and courtesy. They in turn will endeavour to maintain the high levels of Christian minded service that they have provided to our families over many years.

School Uniform: Please be advised that there are strict guidelines in place with regard the purchase and wearing of the school uniform. The school has its own very well stocked uniform shop. All components of the uniform for children enrolled from Kindergarten to Year 6 are on sale on Tuesdays from 2.30pm – 3.30pm and Friday from 8.00am – 9.00am. One aspect of the uniform that must be complied with is the purchase and wearing of correct school shoes. Parents, we advise that as per the 2014 General Information Booklet and the Student Diary (Years 3 -6) predominantly WHITE sport shoes are required. At present there are children who are not wearing correctly coloured sports shoes. In the next few days members of the leadership team will be reinforcing correct coloured sports shoes. BLACK leather school shoe are essential. For further clarification please consult the main glass noticeboard outside the office. If your child has to wear a particular type of footwear or orthotic inserts a note from the podiatrist or GP is necessary.

School Board: The first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 26th February at 6.30pm in the Boardroom which is located in the Hall.

In the past the school has acknowledged student birthdays in the newsletter and by giving the children a token to be redeemed at the canteen at recess on canteen days. However, with the change to play and eating procedures we will desist with the issuing of canteen vouchers for birthdays. Instead the children who celebrate birthdays starting Monday 24 February will receive a colourful birthday pencil. Those children who are in Years 3 - 6 and obtain a blue voucher for exceptional behaviour, MJR attitudes or great work will still be able to use the voucher through the canteen.
Kindergarten 2015 for children born between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011. Kindy interviews for 2015 take place in late March – April, 2014. We have only a few places left and I believe there are a number of current families who have not submitted enrolment applications. You may miss out if you do not get your application in before mid - March, as once the interview process has been completed, offers are sent out and places are filled by late May. At this point we can’t help you.

Yesterday I attended a beautiful Liturgy in the Hall presented by 2B. The children read and sang superbly and I was delighted to see the Year 5 buddies involved and supporting the Year 2’s. There were a number of Parents and Grandparents in attendance and this added to the prayerful experience.

Teacher Availability: Teachers are responsible for all children from 8:20am, so are not available to parents or guardians before school. On too many occasions last year, I would go to classrooms several minutes after the bell, to find parents engaged in conversation with the teacher, whilst up to 30 children waited to start the day. If you have information that the teacher needs to have, please put it in writing and ask your child to give it to the teacher. Alternatively you can leave a written message to the teacher at the school office for delivery to the teacher. However, messages left at the office may not be received until recess or lunch dependent on the time you left the message. In the case of an emergency (death, severe illness, or other trauma) please advise the Secretary of the urgent nature of the message.

Teacher Interviews: Teachers are not available for parent interviews before school. They are available after school on Monday and Wednesday to Friday and at various times during the school day according to their ‘non – contact’ time. Parents will receive/received this information at the Year 1 – 6 Teacher - Parent nights in Weeks 3 and 4. Parent interview request forms are available from your child’s classroom or the school office. If you are unable to come in to meet with the teacher and wish to discuss the matter by phone, please indicate this on the form. Kindy and Pre Primary parents should also make their appointments in the same way.

NAPLAN 2014: This week, parents of Year 3 and Year 5 students should have received information pamphlets relating to Naplan testing this year. The tests are scheduled for mornings of Tuesday 13 to Thursday 15 May. The testing areas are Language Conventions, Reading, Writing and Mathematics. All schools across Australia will complete the tests on the same days. The test results provide a snapshot of a student’s achievement in comparison to all students of the same year level across the country. They assist teachers to better identify students who require additional support and enrichment and allow each student to be monitored over time. For any further information, please speak with your child’s teacher.

SCHOOL BANKING: The ladies are looking for more volunteers! If you can give your time to help the children at St Andrew’s on a Monday please notify the office. It would be very disappointing if we do not get enough support and school banking would have to stop.
Sacramental Dates for 2014:
Note: Registration and Attendance at all components is required in order to receive the sacrament. If a component is missed the Parish Priest determines a child’s continuance in the sacramental program.

Reconciliation –
Parent Information Night: 6.30pm Church Thursday 27 February.
Parent – Child Workshops: 6.30 pm School Hall Tuesday 11 March.
or 6.30pm School Hall Wednesday 12 March.
or 6.30pm at Brighton Catholic School on Thursday 6 March if the above dates don’t suit.
Commitment Masses for Reconciliation: Parent and child can attend any of the Parish masses over the weekend of 15/16 March. Choices are 6pm Saturday, 7.30am, 9.00am or 5.30pm Sunday.
Reception of Sacrament: 4.00pm on either - Saturday 22 March, 29 March or 5 April.

Eucharist –
Parent Information Night: 6.30pm Church Thursday 8 May.
Parent – Child Workshops: 6.30pm School Hall Tuesday 27 May.
or 6.30pm School Hall Wednesday 28 May.
or 6.30pm at Brighton Catholic School on Thursday 22 May if the above dates don’t suit.
Commitment Masses for Eucharist: TBA
Reception of Sacrament: Weekends of either: 7/8 June, 14/15 June, 21/22 June or 28/29 June.

Confirmation –
Parent Information Night: 6.30pm Church Thursday 31 July.
Parent – Child Workshops: 6.30pm School hall Tuesday 5 August.
or 6.30pm School Hall Wednesday 6 August.
or 6.30pm at Brighton Catholic Primary School on Thursday 31 July if the above dates don’t suit.
Commitment Masses for Confirmation: TBA
Reception of Sacrament: TBA. Main celebrant – Monsignor Whitely, Vicar General of the Diocese of Perth.

P&F NEWS

Welcome back to another year at St Andrew’s. We look forward to working together with parents to help build on the St Andrew’s community spirit. The P&F AGM was held on Monday 10 February and the following people were elected:

Sally Cole - President
Robert King - Vice President
Gwen Carroll - Secretary
Jennifer Lynch - Treasurer

Thank you to all those parents who turned up in support and congratulations and thanks to those parents who put their hands up for election. We are already planning new events for the year – so watch this space!

A very successful Welcome to St Andrew’s night was held last Friday. The P&F would like to thank the following parents for volunteering their time; Michelle Hendry, Michael McGarry, Nadya Rodgers, Valerie King, Trish Ryan, Louis Forneau, Alyzabeth Deng, Zac & Shamila Karpusamy, Nancy Enriquez, Melissa D’Costa and Melissa Boschin. Your efforts ensured a great night was had by all and are truly appreciated. We look forward to working with you again throughout the year.

Did you know that we now have a facebook page? Open to parents of St Andrew’s students, it’s a great way to stay connected with the P&F. You can find us under St Andrews Clarkson CPS P&F Group. As always, the communication book is available in the office if anyone wants to get in touch.
YEAR 3 BLUE HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT “CONSCIENCE” IN PREPARATION FOR RECONCILIATION.

They would like to share some things they have learned about conscience:

There are two different voices, your conscience is the good voice.
  Zac and Jhett
I use my conscience when I decide not to fight with my sister.  Matilda
I use my conscience when I choose to always do my very best.  Taylor
We use our conscience when we help other people.  Indigo and Ella M
Our conscience makes us do good things not bad. Ella P and Ellie-Louise
Jiminny Cricket told Pinocchio to “Always let your conscience be your guide!”
  Storm and Hannah
Our conscience helps us to be kinder to our brothers and sisters.
  Maddie and Te Huika
The voice in our head that tells us what is right and wrong is our conscience.
  Aiden and Angus
My conscience is a little voice in my head that tells me to do good deeds.
  Sienna
My conscience guides me when I don’t know what to do.  Stella
Conscience is something that tells you what is right and what is wrong.
  Nyankam
My conscience guides me to do my best in school.  Adam
When people are hurt or in need, my conscience tells me to help them.
  Eleanor
My conscience tells me to do the right thing.  Jesse
I use my conscience when I let my sister share her ideas during games.
  Rosemary
We help our sisters when they are hurt, this is using our conscience.
  Orlando and Carlos
Conscience is something inside you that helps you cheer people up when they are unhappy. Devlin and Mumbi
When we use our conscience we are always kind to others.
  Revis and Chenkou
Conscience is amazing, it tells you what is good and bad. Ethan and Joshua