Dear Parents and Guardians,

Students in Year 3, 5 & 7 sat the NAPLAN assessment in May and the results were sent home to families last week. NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) began in 2008, replacing WALNA (Western Australian Literacy and Numeracy Assessment) and, over time, provides schools and families with comparative information about the effectiveness of school programmes and individual student's progress. It would have been more useful if a National Curriculum had been implemented before national assessment, as currently every state has a different curriculum which makes comparisons between states difficult. The percentage of our students at or above the National Minimum Standard for 2009 are:

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<th>51 students</th>
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<td>Year 5</td>
<td>56 students</td>
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<td>Year 7</td>
<td>24 students</td>
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I was impressed with our results in most areas and thank our dedicated staff throughout the school for their commitment to educating your children, with your support. I am however, concerned about the number of students who are ‘at’ minimum standard (as distinct from students who are ‘above’ minimum standard), and these students continue to be a focus of our ongoing support for students at risk, as do those who fall below minimum standard.

Mathematics is an area of focus for us this year, particularly in middle and upper primary, where students’ attitudes towards maths often dictate their level of performance. Additional support has been provided in Mathematics in Years 4 – 7, with an extra teacher working three days a week in each year level. Students are assessed twice a term and grouped according to the outcome of that assessment. Explicit teaching of skills is delivered to groups according to their mathematical ability. Significant resources have also been provided in mathematics over the past twelve months and hands-on activities can be carried out through the school. We already see evidence of more positive attitudes towards Mathematics and an improvement in student results.

The Australian Curriculum (National Curriculum) is due to be rolled out by 2011 in English, Mathematics, Science and History. It is unfortunate that the states of Australia have not managed to sort out uniform entry ages and names for each year level (Kinder in Victoria is Pre-primary in WA, and there is currently no Kindy programme offered in schools in Queensland) before launching the Australian Curriculum, but at least this is a start in providing uniformity in education for students across Australia.

God bless you.

Eileen Climo
Principal

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### Dates to Remember

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<td>Tuesday 27 October</td>
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### School Matters

#### Making Jesus Real

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<td>Baeleigh Robinson, Jack Fitzpatrick</td>
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<td>Ryan Delaney, Konnor McDermott, Oliver Sloan, Brandon Scully, Cian McGee</td>
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#### Merit Certificate

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<td>Leaha Adams, Joshua Treacy, Christa Tewes, Monique Gianatti, Shayne Kerr, Mason Dolan Lataya Moloney</td>
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BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT POLICY
This policy is currently under review and families will receive a copy at the beginning of 2010. The policy revolves around 10 rules. They are:

- I respect the rights of all students to learn.
- I respect my work and look after my property.
- I respect the work and property of others.
- I walk on covered areas and pathways and inside classrooms.
- I help keep our school clean, tidy and litter free.
- I follow the Making Jesus Real behaviours of a WEST person.
- I carry out no deliberate, hurtful acts.
- I make no unkind comments to others.
- I wear the school uniform correctly, including my hat.
- I bring no toys from home.

LEAVING ST ANDREW’S
If you know that your child/children are leaving St Andrew’s Catholic Primary School at the end of the year would you please advise the office as soon as possible. We have keen families on our waiting list.

CLASSES FOR 2010
Class lists for 2010 will be compiled in the next few weeks. There are staff changes in almost every year level, in part due to the relocation of Year 7s to secondary school campuses. If you have particular requests regarding your child’s placement please make this known to Mrs Climo by Friday 13th November and they will be considered. All requests must be in writing.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL LISTS
The 2010 back-to-school lists have now been distributed to your child/children. We would like to remind you that orders are to be returned to school no later than 12 November 2009. Order by this date and you will go into the draw to win your requirements LIST FOR FREE. We recommend that your booklist is supplied by Wooldridges.

Save time and go online Order online and you will automatically go into the draw to win $2,500. Why delay go online today, visit www.wooldridges.com.au

LOST PROPERTY
There is a significant amount of lost property. It has been on display in the Under Cover Area all week and children have been reminded to check for lost items. Most of the items are jumpers and jackets. Named items were returned to children today where possible, and unnamed items, or items with the names of children who have left St Andrew’s, were sent to the uniform shop for recycling. All items of clothing should be clearly named. Please check your child’s uniform to ensure they have their own items of clothing – especially HATS. Several named hats are missing and are probably being worn by other children. A large spray jacket has been found and can be claimed from the office.

P&F NEWS

P&F FUNDRAISER
"Don't forget about your calendar and greeting card orders, due in by Wednesday 28 October, next week. Completed artwork is at the office if you would like to view before ordering. Due to the feedback we are getting with regards to the photo option on the calendars/cards, we would like to extend the offer to include this option. If you attach a photo, or a CD with your photo, with your order form it will be processed for you but we must have all orders in by NO LATER THAN next Wednesday. Please ensure you write your child’s Name, School, Class and how many calendars and/or greeting cards you are ordering on the back of the photo or on the CD (press lightly with your pen so the photo is not damaged). Price for photo calendars will be $11, photo greeting cards remain at $12."
This week is national **WATER WEEK**!

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**Year 5 Blue would like to share their water saving tips with you:**

Don’t be a fool in this way:
Water your garden on your watering day! (Liam and Beau)

If you remember what they say:
Drink 6-8 glasses of water everyday! (Alexis and Izzy)

Think again!
Before you put rubbish down the drain! (Jaedyn and Ciara)

Keep your waterways clean
And make it gleam! (Logan and Ryan)

Be water wise and save each drop
Don’t make it go plop! (James and Joseph)

Don’t put objects down the loo
Then you will protect your environment too! (Kona and Samantha)

If it’s yellow let it mellow
If it’s brown flush it down! (Aaron and Ronan)

Don’t water three hours a day
Your plants will soon fade away! (Nikita and Lisa)

Remember what you have been taught:
Keep your showers four minutes short! (Meg and Annalise)

Don’t be slow:
Water keeps you on the go! (Jessica and Hayley)

I beg your pardon!
Wash your car in your garden. (Tyler and Stuart)

Our water is really important:
Remember to turn off the faucet! (Scott and Brendon)

Wash your hands every day
Till the germs wash away! (Sophie and Lexi)

Keep our waterways clean
To avoid a bad scene! (Reagan and Shaun)

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**Year 5 Blue spent time with their buddies (Year 1 Blue) this week.**
They together designed posters to match their slogans. These posters will be placed around the school for everyone to see!