Dear Parents and Guardians,

The end of the year is rushing towards us and there is much going on at school. Please keep referring to the calendar, the website and the newsletter to stay updated on school activities.

**Swimming** finishes this week for Years 1 – 3 having been in progress for 10 days. The children are tired, with several of them falling asleep on the bus when they are returning to school. I hope that all of them have reached a new milestone in their swimming capabilities. Please note that there will be no swimming lessons in 2013. The next swimming lessons are planned for Term 1, 2014. I encourage you to access Vacation Swimming during the holidays to help your child become a competent swimmer.

**Reconciliation**: Congratulations to the children who received the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last weekend. Many more will be receiving Reconciliation over the next two weeks and I wish God's love and blessing upon them. Thank you to the parents, who have supported the children through the preparation and reception of Reconciliation.

**School Board AGM**: This will be held on Tuesday 27th November at 6.30 in the School Hall. There is one vacant position on the Board and we are looking for someone to take over the role of Treasurer, so if you have experience in this area, please let me know if you are interested in joining us. The position involves one finance meeting per month and one Board meeting per month.

**End of Year Procedures**: The following changes will occur this year due to the five additional planning days that follow the final day of school for students:

- Reports will not be coming home with the students on the last day of school.
- Reports will be available for pick up from the school on Monday 17th December.
- Reports not picked up on Monday 17th December will be mailed on Tuesday 18th December.
- Teachers will be available for parent interviews on Tuesday 18th December.
- Children will not be advised of their teacher and class for 2013 before school finishes.
- Advice about the teacher and class for 2013 will be included with your child’s school report.
- *Magical Moments* and *Window on my Work* will not be coming home at the end of the year except for students in Year 6 and those whose parents have advised us that they are not returning to St Andrew's.

God bless you

Eileen Climo
Principal

NOTES THAT WENT HOME THIS WEEK

| Year 1 - Swimming | Year 5 – Scitech |
| Parents & Friends Survey | Year 2 & Year 3 – Scarlet Fever |

**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 celebrated their birthdays recently.**

Charli W, Joshua B, Ruby D, Jacob K, Scarlett B, Millie R, Jasmin R

**SCHOOL MATTERS**

**INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

On Friday 26th October, 67 students from Year 3 to Year 6, competed in the Interschool Athletics Carnival at Ridgewood oval. All the students showed great sportsmanship and we had some great results. They came away with many ribbons for their efforts. Congratulations to Jacob who gained Champion Boy title in Year 5. Well done to all those students.

Dawne Peacham [Physical Education Teacher]

**JUNIOR ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

On October 19th we held the Junior Athletics/Tabloid Carnival. It was a busy morning for all our Preprimary, Year 1 and Year 2 students. They played 12 games in total – several times over. At the end of the morning we had very tired but happy students. Thank you to those parents who assisted us on the day.

Dawne Peacham [Physical Education Teacher]

**DANCE COSTUMES**

Some of our Year 5 students are performing a liturgical dance at this year’s Graduation on the 10th December. We need volunteers to make some costumes please. The material will be stretchy fabric as well as chiffon [leotard dresses]. If you are competent sewers and could spare some time to help make the costumes, please let me know as soon as possible, many thanks.

Dawne Peacham [Physical Education teacher]

**CITY OF WANNEROO: THE MAYOR’S APPEAL.**

During the Church season of Advent we encourage all families to assist in the mission of the Catholic Church by helping those who are in need of assistance as they prepare for the coming of the Christ child. Saint Andrew’s Catholic Primary School on behalf of Mayor Tracey Roberts invites all families to donate and help those less fortunate in the City of Wanneroo. There is a red bin located in the school entrance area adjacent to the school office. Donations of items that can be given as gifts to various aged children, as well as gift vouchers and non – perishable food items are welcomed.

Every Advent season we also donate items to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and we are encouraged by the generosity of some families who have already contributed to our Young Vinnie’s call for assistance in the form of non – perishable food donations and second hand toys and clothes. Young Vinnie donations should be placed under the Wishing Tree in the library.
Antarctica - Year 1W

This term we are learning about Antarctica. We have been busy painting a class mural, learning about penguins and are able to locate Antarctica on a map. We also have our own class penguin called Chester. We were taught lots of interesting things!

I have learnt that the ice is melting in Antarctica. Adam
I have learnt that in Antarctica there are no polar bears. Declan
I now know that Emperor Penguins are the biggest penguin in the world. Cayden
I have learnt that the mummy penguin finds the food. Jesse
I have learnt there are some big birds called Penguins. They eat fish. Jhett
The daddy penguins have to look after the egg, or it will freeze. Revis
Leopard Seal eat penguins. They are big! Lucas
Blue Whales live in Antarctica. They are the biggest animal ever! Joshua
There are lots of penguins in Antarctica. Nicholas
I know that the baby penguins are grey. Ajak
The daddy penguins looks after the egg and the mummy penguin goes and gets food. Ellie
The ice is melting in Antarctica. We need to save them. Georgia
The mummy penguins give the food to the daddy penguin by vomiting in their mouth. Taylor
Antarctica is the coldest and windiest place in the world. Lucy
Antarctica is very icy and cold. Aman
When the baby penguins are babies they are a different colour. Stella
It is very cold in Antarctica. Indigo
There are some penguins that steal rocks from each other’s nest. Joyce
When the baby penguins get old they get their own food. Lily
The biggest penguin is an emperor penguin. Rosemary
The smallest penguin is a fairy penguin. It doesn’t live in Antarctica. Abbey
The leopard seal eat fat penguins. Chiara
The daddy has to try and not let the egg land on the ice. Shaye
We have watched Happy Feet while Miss Liddle told us interesting things. Hannah
I learnt that penguins have white on their tummies. Ella
Mummy penguins throw up in the mouth of the baby to feed them. Noah
Leopard seals are very big. They have big teeth to eat penguins. Aidan

Absent – Zac, Eoin & Lachlan
INDONESIAN SHADOW PUPPET PLAY

Pak Sumardi from Cultural Infusion performed an entertaining Indonesian shadow Puppets play for Years 3-5 on the 25th September 2012. The show provides intercultural knowledge and language awareness in their language learning. Students learnt to understand the influence of wayang kulit on Indonesian culture and what wayang kulit is about. ‘Wayang’ means shadow and ‘kulit’ means leather or skin. Wayang kulit stories are based on Hindu epics ‘The Ramayana and The Mahabharta’. Usually the show is accompanied by the gamelan Orchestra. In this instance, we only saw one dalang who is the puppeteer. He manipulates the puppets behind the screen and makes music with the gongs and bronze bar instruments with his feet.

Live puppet shows like this are authentic as students are able to see real life performances without going abroad. They can see the designs on the puppets and traditional costumes worn by the dalang. Question and answer time is valued as students can ask questions to gain better understanding and knowledge on Indonesian culture. Being allowed to see and touch the leather puppets, students are made aware of the intricacies of the puppets, the dalang costumes and accessories, thus appreciating the art. The long hours and tedious training a puppeteer/dalang has to undergo is a test of patience and commitment to one’s job as a Dalang. It was inspirational!

Here are some recounts by Year 4B students:

Today Pak Sumardi, the puppeteer did an Indonesian puppet show. He showed how two slaves, a man and his grandsons had to fight the monsters in the forest. It was awesome. By Lewis

I saw very creative puppets, it was fun, I feel so happy. Cruz

On Tuesday we had an exciting surprise, an Indonesian puppet show! I saw lots of puppets. It was my first time seeing it. It was great. By Jessica

We were fortunate enough to watch an Indonesian puppet show by Pak Sumardi. The puppets were amazing and we found out that they were made from buffalo skin. It was very exciting. By Tahlia

Pak Sumardi used six puppets, two gunungan,(leaf shapes) a tiger and a hedge hog for his puppet show. At the end of the show we had our photos taken with puppeteer. By Lilly.