The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are:
Knowledge, Reverence, Understanding, Courage, Wisdom,
Right Judgement Wonder and Awe in God’s Presence.

Please pray for all Confirmation candidates and their families as preparations continue for the reception of this wonderful sacrament on the weekend of 16th / 17th November. The main celebrant will be The Most Rev Bishop Donald Sproxton and our Parish Priest Father Robert will be concelebrating.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It may seem premature but we have reached the stage of the school year where preparations begin for seamless entry into the next school year whilst we also complete the work of the 2013 school year.

Booklists for 2014: Next year we are continuing our strong professional link with Campion who are our booklist suppliers for the 2014 school year. I strongly encourage you to use the booklist system. The deduction received by the school has been passed on to you. Please read the Booklist carefully. You will note that there are several textbooks required by each child and these will be supplied by the school and charged to your 2014 school fee account. This process is being followed to ensure every child has the necessary textbooks for the start of the school year. When placing your order you have the following options:

2. Post the order form directly to Campion: 7 Oxleigh Drive Malaga, 6090 before 29th November, 2013.
3. Hand the form into school (No Cash Accepted)
4. While You Wait Service (Malaga or Willeton)
   - The staff will pick and pack your order list requirements in the warehouse while you wait in the showroom. Credit Card, Eftpos and Cash Accepted In Campion Shops at Malaga and Willeton. Cheques are not accepted.
   - Please note that long delays will be experienced in the 2 weeks prior to the commencement of the new school year.
   - Whilst Campion endeavours to fully supply all orders, they cannot guarantee stock if you choose the While You Wait Service.
   - All Back Order Items will be posted and charged a delivery fee.
5. Please note that the “delivery, packaging and handling” fee of $8.00 is charged only when you get your book order delivered to your home address.

Campion has booked our School Community Hall for booklist collections between Wednesday 29th January – Saturday 1st February. Booklists can be picked up between 9am - 5pm Monday to Friday and 9am – 1pm on Saturday.

God bless you.

Warren Smith
Principal
SCHOOL NEWS

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Congratulations to those children who have or will be celebrating their birthday’s soon!!
Alex V, Jimmy H, Roisin C, Sienna W, Emysen R, Ruby W, Jessica M

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School Board Annual General Meeting: This important school community meeting is scheduled for 6.30pm on Wednesday 27th November in the school hall. I invite all parents to attend. There are positions available as members of the Board. Written nominations are required. Nominations should be addressed to the Principal. If nominations exceed positions available an election will take place. Board meetings take place where possible on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Mrs Michelle Russell completes her 6 year term on the School Board this year and I would like to thank her for all of her wonderful service throughout the Years. Michelle has worked on many sub-committees. Most recently the Building sub-committee. Her wise counsel and astute people skills have been repeatedly witnessed and both Eileen Climo and I extend our deepest gratitude for all she has done for the school. Thank you Michelle!
Friday 1 November is Junior Sports Day: Tomorrow is a big day for our little athletes in junior primary classes. There are 12 events planned for the children and all children will be participating in these fun activities. The weather should be fine so hats, sunscreen and sports clothes are required along with water and nutritious food. Parents can take their champions home at the conclusion of the carnival (approximately 12.30pm) provided they have filled in the notification slip that Mrs Peacham provided some days ago. We hope to see a large number of parents in attendance.

A beautiful bride: Miss Ioppolo was married on Friday 25th October. Reports are that the wedding was magnificent. On her return to school she will be addressed as Mrs Forzatti.

Confirmation: I presented one of the Confirmation Workshops last week and attended another. I must say that I was truly impressed by the level of engagement of both children and parents from the Parish. It was a wonderful opportunity for children and parents to share story and participate in order to grow their relationships with each other and God.

My thanks to Mrs Karen Young for facilitating the 6.30pm workshop, and thereby enabling me to attend a School Board meeting. It was great to have Mr Waddell and Mrs Meinck in attendance as co-facilitators. On behalf of the school community I also offer my thanks to Sister Wendy Lailey rsj for her endeavours with not only Confirmation but all sacraments.

Congratulations: The Year 3 – 6 School Athletics team performed brilliantly in the Interschool Athletics Carnival held last Friday at Ridgewood Oval. The accompanying teachers were very complementary of the children’s sportsmanship and their efforts and achievements. The children from Saint Andrew’s won four of the eight Champions Awards and the school finished fourth overall. Thank you to Mrs Galea, Mrs Ryan-Sprowson and Mrs Smith for helping out as carnival officials. I congratulate Mrs Peacham on her great work and the children on their top quality achievements. Our four Champions were:

Amy B, Year 3 Champion Girl.
Anthony G, Year 3 Champion Boy.
Tim R-G, Year 5 Champion Boy.
Ciaran B, Year 6 Champion Boy.

School Fees: Thank you to the families who have already met their fee commitments for the 2013 school year. I remind all other families that unless you pay by direct debit, credit card or B-Pay your school fee account should be fully met ideally by the end of Week 4, Term 4 or by 28th November which is the deadline. As you can imagine schools operate on sizeable budgets and the paying of school fees has a determining factor in meeting expenses.
Exiting Families: We never like to lose people from our flock but fully understand that this occurs from time to time and for a variety of reasons. Should your child not be returning to Saint Andrew's Catholic Primary School in 2014, please notify the Principal in writing as soon as possible. In your letter please detail your child’s class, their full name, the departure date and where they will be going to school in 2014.

NSW Bushfire Appeal: The Diocese of Parramatta has launched its Bushfire Appeal which is being coordinated by Catholic Care Social Services in response to the devastating fires that are still currently blazing. If you are interested in Catholic outreach a cheque or funds can be deposited via: BSB 062315 Account: 901486 Account Name: 5243 S2 - Disaster Relief Appeal.

World Teachers Day: This important day was officially celebrated last Friday 25th October. However, the staff at Saint Andrew’s celebrated today because we had many staff away at the Interschool Athletics Carnival, several attending Professional Developments, some don’t work Fridays and we had some staff attend Miss Michelle Ioppolo’s wedding. Dr Tim McDonald, Director of Catholic Education wrote to all teaching colleagues saying: “Our role is complex, rewarding and deeply challenging. I believe it is our diversity and the combination of our wisdom and talents that makes our system great and our profession one to be celebrated”.

Making Jesus Real: There is a book by Carol McLeod titled “Have you filled a bucket today?” In the book Carol takes the “One percenters” further. She says that each time you say or do something to someone else: Smile, Wave, Help someone by opening a door, etc. you are filling up their bucket as well as your own. They feel good and so do you. No doubt we have all experienced a bit of happiness inside us when we do these small acts. On the reverse side, when we are nasty and say or do hurtful things, when we finally cool down and think about what we have done then we are disappointed about it. Carol goes on to say, “We are emptying the other person’s bucket as well as our own.” This book is worth getting and is available on many websites. There is a video clip on You Tube about it. It is at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4GOh18uZBlw.

Car Parking/ Kiss N Ride: I remind all parents that in order to alleviate the pressure on the kiss n ride it would be fantastic if more parents of students in Year 3 - 6 dropped off and picked up their children in the Anthony Waring Oval car park (93 car bays), the Saint Andrew’s Church car park (31 car bays) or at the Waring Green gate where there are 16 car bays.

*If you are picking up at the kiss n ride and it is backed up please DO NOT park in the entrance to the main drive area or block the drive through area. The correct procedure is that if you drive your car into the school kiss n ride area and find no space to park then you should drive through turn Right into Victorsen Parade and drive up to the round about, navigate it and re- enter the school car park until you can find a stationery park or get into the kiss n ride.*
The Language of Resilient Families by Michael Grose: Resilient families develop their own words and phrases to help each other get through the inevitable tough times that each person experiences. The language of resilience generally refers to coping strategies such as empathy, humour and acceptance. Over the next few weeks I will continue to highlight 10 examples of the language of resilience, the coping skills each reflects and the types of situations where they are applicable.

4. “Who have you spoken to about this?” **Strategy:** seeking help **Good for:** kids who experience bullying and social problems; handling all types of personal worries. **Resilient people seek solace in the company of others when they experience difficulty.** That’s why social connection is such a strong preventative strategy for young people. The promotion of help – seeking behaviours is one of the best coping strategies of all. Even if kids don’t overly talk about what’s bothering them, it can be immensely reassuring to spend time around others who are empathetic, understanding and willing to listen.

**Junior Primary Meetings:** There are a number of very important meetings coming up over the next few weeks:

1. **2014 Kindy Gold Orientation Meeting.** 1.00pm – 2.00pm on 11/11/13 in Kindy Gold.
2. **2014 Kindy Blue Orientation Meeting.** 11.00am – 12.00pm on 12/11/13 in the Main Kindy.
3. **2014 Kindy White Orientation Meeting.** 1.00pm – 2.00pm on 12/11/13 in the Main Kindy.
4. **2014 Pre-primary Orientation Meeting.** For 2013 Kindy Blue and Kindy Gold parents. 2pm – 2.45pm on 26/11/13 in the Pre – primary classroom.
5. **2014 Pre – primary Orientation Meeting.** For 2013 Kindy White parents . 2pm – 2.45pm on 27/11/13 in the Pre – primary classroom.

**F-E-A-R has two meanings:**

1. Forget Everything And Run
   Or
2. Face Everything And Rise

**MAKING JESUS REAL**

**Am I a WEST Person?**
- Do I use encouraging words?
- When was the last time I encouraged my friends?
- How can I encourage my parents?
- How do I rate myself as a son/ daughter?
- Can I improve?
- What am I going to do to become a more encouraging person?

Saying sorry is an important skill, to recognise and acknowledge that you have made a mistake and are able to apologise. Rate yourself as a forgiving person. Can I improve?

**Acknowledgement:** P Mitchell – Making Jesus Real
Looking back over the year 2013, Year 4 White has had some wonderful experiences together!

Here are some of our favourite and most memorable parts of Year 4 so far!

I loved making my First Holy Communion because all of my family came and supported me through it. That felt so special to me and I thought it was great! (Andrea)

I enjoyed taking part in Aboriginal Culture lessons with Mrs Birchall! (Holly)

Participating in Reading Groups with my amazing group. We read interesting books. (Lucas)

I liked making my First Holy Communion. I was excited to receive the body and blood of Christ for the first time. (Adrian)

I enjoyed watching the High Voltage Show during our excursion to Scitech. Miss Cooney put her hands on a big dome and her hair went up! It was funny! (Amara)

I loved making pancakes on Shrove Tuesday because they tasted delicious with jam and butter. (Erin)

Our class dance to the inspirational song 'Ain’t No Mountain High Enough' during our assembly was fantastic! I loved it and wish we could do it again! (Amity)

I enjoyed taking part in Aboriginal Culture lessons with Mrs Birchall! (Holly)

Our assembly performance of the poem, The Three Little Pigs by Roald Dahl was great! It was a funny poem and I was one of the main characters. (Millie)

Creating our ‘Cherry Blossom’ art works. They turned out beautifully and I loved learning about this lovely Japanese flower. (Ruby)

I loved participating in EdGym because it was great to do gymnastics. The Gym Bus visit was lots of fun too! (Elizabeth)

I loved learning about different countries in the world! We researched interesting information and wrote a report based on our chosen country. (Emilio)

The sports carnival was awesome! I came first in two races! (Nathaniel)

Participating in Young Vinnies because we get to help people, especially children that are less fortunate than us. (Rosie)

I loved working with our Year 1 Buddy class. They are so cute and it was great getting to know them and completing fun activities together. (Phoebe)

The visit from the Total Football Academy was awesome! We learnt some great skills and had fun! (Lachlan)

I enjoyed being a part of the school choir because it is a nice opportunity to sing. We performed at the Performing Arts Festival which is a real privilege to be a part of! (Simon)

I am really good at Maths and received the Mathletics Award this year. (Ludwig)

My favourite part of Year 4 was getting taught by my favourite teacher Miss Cooney. She is always kind to me and gives me a smile when I’m down. (Charlotte)

I loved our Scitech visit and getting my ‘Licence To Spy’ because I felt like a real spy! (Rhianne)

The excursion to Scitech was fantastic because we got to see a High Voltage Show, we got our ‘Licence To Spy’ and we got time to explore the General Exhibit area which was really cool! (Madison Rae)

I really enjoyed making lots of new friends, learning about different countries and making my First Holy Communion. (Ryan)