We ask that working together will increase the communion among us as members of your Body on earth.
May the communion we experience give us new courage in all that we do for you. Amen

Dear Parents and Guardians,

School Board AGM: There was a disappointing turn out of parents at the AGM on Tuesday evening, with staff again significantly outnumbering parents. I can only presume that you are all very happy with the work of the Board, the educational direction of the school, the pastoral care we provide for your children and the caring and compassionate staff. Elected to the Board for 2013 were Judith Birchall, Michelle Russell, Paula Taylor, Simon Orr-Young and Vicki Reid. I thank them for their involvement in the operation of the school and look forward to another exciting year. The Budget for 2013 was also presented as were the Board Chair and Principal reports. These reports are on our website.

Easter 2013: Many families organise their holidays around Easter so please be warned that Easter does not mark the beginning of the school holidays in 2013. Your children have 6 days off around Easter, then return to school for another two weeks before the school holidays. Term dates for students are:
- Term 1: Monday 4 February – Friday 19 April
- Term 2: Monday 6 May – Friday 5 July
- Term 3: Tuesday 23 July – Friday 27 September
- Term 4: Monday 14 October – Friday 13 December

Phone Calls to the Office: Calls made to class teachers are not put through to the classrooms during school time. Teachers are working with your children and they are not available to take your calls. A message can be left for the teacher or you may email them via the school email address: admin@standrews.wa.edu.au The office staff are also handling too many messages from parents to students each day. You should make all arrangements for pick up with your child before they come to school. In future, any message received will be given in writing to class teachers to pass on via the message bag, which leaves the school office at 2.00pm. There is no guarantee that messages to students received after 2.00pm will be delivered. Children who are not picked up by 3.00pm are brought to the office and may be picked up from there.

Upcoming School Events: Check your calendar or the school website for dates.
- St Andrew’s Day Mass and activities
- Pre-primary 2013 orientations
- Thank you Morning Tea
- Carols on the Oval
- Year 6 Graduation
- Fun Swim Day

God bless you
Eileen Climo
Principal

NOTES THAT WENT HOME THIS WEEK
Year 3 - Wanneroo Library & Cultural Centre
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.

SCHOOL MATTERS

DEPARTING STUDENTS: If your child is not returning to St Andrew’s in 2013 (other than Year 6 students, who will be graduating on Monday 10th December) please let the office know as several year levels have Catholic students on waiting lists for places here. Thank you to those families that have already advised us.

CAROLS ON THE OVAL: All children from Pre-primary to Year 6 are involved in the Carols to be held on the oval on Thursday, 6 December from 6.30pm. Look forward to seeing families join together as a community for this special occasion.

GRADUATION: Year 6 families should have booked the Graduation Mass into their calendars for the evening of Monday 10th December. Students wear school uniform - summer for both boys and girls, with the addition of the school tie for boys. Hair and jewellery are to be worn per the school uniform policy. The Mass is followed by a light supper and dance demonstration by the students, in the Hall.

SUMMER UNIFORM: The uniform shop’s last day for 2012 will be Friday 7 December. The uniform shop will be open from 9.00am-3.00pm on Friday 1 February 2013 for those last minute items.

2013 SCHOOL BOOKLISTS – TO BE RETURNED BY FRIDAY 30 NOVEMBER - Booklist orders must be returned to St Andrew’s no later than Friday 30 November. Collect your prepacked items from the St Andrew’s School Community Hall from Wednesday 30 January – Saturday 2 February. Open Monday-Friday 9.00am-5.00pm weekdays, Saturday 9.00am-1.00pm (not open Sunday).

P&F COMMITTEE
A survey has been emailed to all families. Please return your response to the office as soon as possible.
CANTEEN NEWS
Monday 10 December - Recess and Lunch
Wednesday 12 December - Recess Only
I wish to thank those parents/guardians who have kindly offered their time in the Canteen for 2012. Many hands make light work. Maria Cross

JETS SCITECH EXCURSION
On Wednesday 21 November, 25 Year 5 and 6 JETS students went to Scitech to attend the C.S.I.R.O. lab course on Robotics. Using lego robots, the students were engaged in programming various sensors to enable the robots to perform specific functions and tasks. They learnt about light, sound and touch sensors. The group were highly engaged throughout the entire session and received compliments on their behaviour, enthusiasm and general conduct. Many thanks to our parent helpers who assisted on the day.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE
OSHClub operates before and after school care, and Vacation Care on our school premises. Their contract has been renewed for a further three years, and I encourage you to make use of this facility which is provided for the benefit of families attending our school.

They are on the lookout for staff for a number of facilities that they operate in the Perth area, so if you are interested, please contact the school office for details.

There is a fee increase in 2013.

OSHCLUB FEES 2013
After School Care Fees Range from $8.85 to $13.43 per session
(Maximum fee of $26.85 will apply to families who haven’t applied for or are eligible for the 50% tax Rebate)
Before After School Care Fees Range from $6.25 to $9.00 per session
(Maximum fee of $18.00 will apply to families who haven’t applied for or are eligible for the 50% tax Rebate)
Please ensure you apply for the 50% tax rebate as it IS NOT MEANS TESTED and most families are eligible!
Fees range from family to family depending on their Childcare Benefit Discount and 50 % Tax Rebate eligibility.
Bookings made within 24 hours of the session starting will be charged an additional $1.50 late/casual fee. ($3.00 if you don’t have the %0% Tax Rebate).

COMMUNITY MATTERS

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS - YEAR 7, 2014
Our College is offering up to two full scholarships, tenable for 6 years, to academically outstanding students entering Year 7. Scholarship applications are open to those who may already have a confirmed enrolment for 2014 and also those who may not as yet have a place for 2014.
Applications close 4 February 2013. More information is available on our website. Website: www.prendiville.wa.edu.au
5B Excursion to Scitech

To consolidate our learning in our Science strand-Earth & Beyond, the Year Fives enjoyed a fantastic excursion to Scitech on Monday 21st November. We had a visit to the Planetarium to view a movie about the wildest weather in Space and then we had an hour to explore all the exhibits. It was a fun filled day in which we learnt a lot of new facts. There were some very tired children on the bus on the way home!