Come Holy Spirit fill the heart of this your servant.
Enkindle within me the fire of your love.
Always seek for the answer within.
Be not influenced by those around you. Eileen Caddy.

The faith community of St Andrew’s Parish, which incorporates our school, wishes all of our newly Confirmed from the weekend’s masses growth as fully integrated Christians which is reflected in their journey to be more like Jesus.

Dear Parents, Students and Staff

Father Robert Carrillo became our Parish Priest earlier this year and it was not long before he built a bridge between our school and parish community and the Philippines. We have had the privilege of supporting seminarians and other people in need who live in the Philippines. Now tragedy has struck Father Robert’s beloved home country with the ferocity of Typhoon Haiyan. Father is from the Magalona, Negros Occidental area of the Philippines, which has been badly affected by the typhoon. It’s a double blow for Father Robert, who sadly lost his younger sister to terminal illness in recent weeks.

As a school community, we are looking for ways to help Father Robert and the people of the Philippines. For this reason, we will have a fundraising day on December 4, where students are invited to come into school wearing ‘green and gold’ colours in free dress. These are our nations sporting colours, and it is as a nation that we are united in assisting the people of the Philippines in their time of such great need. The Year Six students will provide fun activities for younger students throughout the school to participate in throughout the day. This will happen in our Undercover Area.

We ask that on this day students bring a couple of gold coins. One for Father and one for the Philippines mission work. Part of the funds raised will go towards a contribution for Father Robert’s air fare back to the Philippines for his Sister’s funeral. The remainder of the money raised will go towards Catholic agencies working ‘on the ground’ in some of the worst affected areas. With around 10 000 people estimated to be killed and tens of thousands more affected by hunger, disease, lack of clean drinking water and a loss of infrastructure, it is a perfect time to reach out to a nation in need and to support our Parish Priest in his efforts to help. Please remember Father Robert and all people from the Philippines in your prayers during this difficult time.

God bless

Fintan Archer
Assistant Principal

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK:
School Choir
Christian Service Learning
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### Congratulations to those children who have or will be celebrating their birthday’s soon!!


### Confirmation:
The recent weekend saw the Saint Andrew’s Parish celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. All children were dressed beautifully and fully participated in the Masses which took place on Saturday night and Sunday morning. Bishop Sproxton was very appreciative of the time and energy that the teachers invested in preparing the children for reception of this significant sacrament. I extend my thanks to the Parish Sacramental coordinator Sister Wendy Lailey rsj for her dedication throughout this programme. I am very thankful for the efforts of Mr Zac Waddell and Mrs Renai Meinck. Father Robert has given the Confirmation certificates to the School for distribution. **Parents please be advised that this will occur at the assembly on the 5th December. I also appreciate the efforts of Mrs Lesley O’Neil who printed off all of the Confirmation certificates. Several people also commented on the beautiful work of the Music Ministry.**

### Class Lists for 2014:
Class lists for 2014 will be compiled in the next few weeks. There are going to be staff changes in several year levels. If you have information about your child that may be relevant to the setting up of classes for 2014, please advise me in writing by Friday 22 November. Selection of a particular teacher is not possible, however there may be a case for ensuring that your child is in a different class from another child due to past issues or because they are related and see lots of each other outside school. Requests are not kept from year to year, so do not depend on us remembering what we have been told in the past! All information must be in writing to the Principal.
Premier’s Summer Reading Challenge 2013-2014: From 2 December 2013 until 31 January 2014, children are challenged to read (or be read to) for 15 hours. By completing the Challenge children or adults could win a fantastic overseas holiday for a family of four thanks to Challenge sponsor Qatar Airways. Further details can be accessed by reading the flyer which has already been sent home.

Saint Andrew’s Day celebrations will be held on Friday 29 November. The day will commence with a school Mass at 8.45am in the Church. During the day classes will engage in specially prepared buddy class activities and attend a special theatre production in the hall. We invite all parents to share a picnic lunch with their children during the lunch break which is between 12.25pm and 1.05pm.

Community Carols on the school Oval / Picnic Dinner: This year we plan to have a family picnic on the oval on Monday 9 December. This will start at 5pm followed by the singing of Christmas Carols from 5.30pm. The evening should conclude at about 6.30pm.

Year 6 Graduation will take place in the Church at 6.30pm on Wednesday 11 December. Mass will be followed by the presentation of awards, the viewing of a PowerPoint which is currently being worked on by the graduating class and a light refreshments. Families are advised to circle this date on the Term Planner.

Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea: On Thursday 12 December the school community will assemble in the hall at 9.00am for a Christmas Concert followed by the annual Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea.

School Fees are very important: Thank you to the families who have already met their fee commitments for the 2013 school year. The deadline for 2013 school fees is next Thursday 28th November. Fees can be paid by cash, credit card, and direct debit or B Pay if these options are in place. As you can imagine schools operate on sizeable budgets and the paying of school fees has a determining factor in meeting expenses.

Advent: The First Sunday in Advent is Sunday 1 December. As we head towards this significant Church season I ask all families within the school community to donate non perishable food items to the tower of food to ‘The City of God’ that is being built in the Library. This food will be donated to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society for distribution to those in need in the lead up to Christmas.

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 this important community meeting. There are positions available as general 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.
Making Jesus Real:

**Anger Management** – We can react to our anger with: Poor coping skills or improved coping skills. These points may be of help with family discussion on Anger Management:

- Jesus got angry with injustice and the Pharisees.
- Just as there was a process that made us angry, there is also a process to cope with anger.
- The more I learn to take care of my anger, the stronger person I become.
- I try to control the anger.
- Hot thoughts keep me angry – cool thoughts calm me down.
- I can express my angry feelings in ways that are fair to others.
- I can chill out – remove myself from the situation – walk away – count to at least ten before I speak, then let people know calmly that I am angry and that I am going to control it. Sometimes in a group some mean people (bullies) keep pushing until you explode, and that’s exactly what they want. When you control it, it really gets them upset.
- Very often when we cool down and think a little clearer we can be very embarrassed about what we said or did.
- We should express our anger in a controlled way – if we keep bottling it up it can explode.

**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.

7. “Don’t worry – relax and see what happens!” **Strategy:** Flexible thinking **Good for:** kids who catastrophise; or blow things out of proportion.

While most of us catastrophise at times, jumping to the worst possible conclusion, it is a habit that only exaggerates anxiety. When kids constantly think the worst case scenario, challenge their views. “Yes, you could end up not knowing anyone at camp but you won’t be the only one. Besides you’ll probably end up making new friends like you generally do.”

**Car park works:** You will have noticed that the light pole in the garden bed near Gate 4 has been moved inside the school fence. The electricity to this garden bed has been disconnected. This has occurred as preparation for the major works planned for the Christmas holidays.

**Driving and Parking in the vicinity of the school:** Parents please be mindful of how you drive in Waring Green. We recently had an incident where one of our parents completed an illegal three point turn at an intersection and in the process almost knocked over two boys who were crossing the street. Parents who park off Waring Green please be mindful that it is safer to walk over to the school gate and escort your child back to your car.
Junior Primary Meetings: There are a number of very important meetings coming up over the next few weeks:

1. 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.
2. 2014 Pre-primary orientation Meeting. For 2013 Kindy White parents. 2pm – 2.45pm on 27/11/13 in the Pre –primary classroom.

2014 Booklists: Newsletter 26 / 2013 featured a front page article all about the process of ordering from the 2014 booklists. The booklists have been distributed to all the children. The book lists are very easy to read and provide all the information needed for parents and guardians to ensure that children turn up to school with all of the equipment they require for a successful start to the 2014 school year.

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.

PARENT AND FRIENDS NEWS

P & F Committee: We Need You! Kindly consider joining the P & F Committee for the 2014 school year. This wonderful group of volunteers requires new or recycled helpers when we resume after the Christmas holidays. There are a couple of executive positions that need filling and these positions are not hugely time demanding. There is a lot of fun to be had at meetings and in organizing gatherings and functions for the children. Some great friendships are made. Who knows you may have great ideas and offer these up for the betterment and growth of the community. Please contact an executive member visa the school office or the P & F communications book which is in the office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

OSHClub - Before School / After School Care Program: We would like to thank everyone for their continued support of our service. It has been great to see new children join in the fun. There are still some places available so feel free to come down and have a look around. It is important that if your child has been booked into a session and will not attend for any reason- ie. Sick, care not needed, please inform us as soon as you can. Feel free to text or leave us a message on the number below.

OSHC program phone: 0432678211
Coordinator: Lisa
OSHClub Head Office: 9261 3200
Assistants: Tenaya

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
On Thursday 14th of November Year One Blue and White went on an excursion. We went and visited the Observatory and Gravity Discovery Centre in Gingin. We started at The Observatory, where we learnt lots of interesting facts about the sun and the planets in our universe. We were able to look through a telescope to view the sun. This was so much fun! We then made our way to the Gravity Discovery Centre. The Centre had so many cool hands-on science experiments and displays for us to get involved in. We were able to test our strength on the magnetic pole. Watched tennis balls been sucked into the giant black hole. We were even luckily enough to watch rockets been launched. All in all we had a fantastic day out!

A big thank you to our parent helper Mrs Francis and to all the other parents who joined our excursion.