Prayers from a Child’s Heart:
1. Sometimes I have so many questions about zillions of things. God, I’m glad that the really important answers are in your big answer book, the Bible! Amen.
2. Lord, I pray for the rescue missions going to work in the Philippines that will feed the many homeless people. Help the homeless to know they have lots of friends who care. Amen.

Dear Parents and Guardians

Easter 2014: Many families organise their holidays around Easter so please be warned that Easter occurs during the Term 1 school break in 2014. **Term dates for students are:**
- Term 1: Monday 3 February – Friday 11 April
- Term 2: Monday 28 April – Friday 4 July
- Term 3: Monday 21 July – Friday 26 September
- Term 4 Monday 13 October – Friday 12 December

Phone Calls to the Office: Calls made to classroom 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; especially late in the school day. Messages for students which are received early in the day are placed in classroom message bags. These are picked up from the office each day at about 2.00pm. There are no guarantees that messages that are phoned through after this time will be delivered due to the administrative pressures that office staff experience late in each school day. You should make all arrangements for pick up with your child before they come to school.

Classroom Clean up: During Weeks 8-9 classroom teachers will start to organise times when student desks and chairs as well as general classroom furniture such as book shelves will need cleaning. Teachers and Teacher Assistants will greatly appreciate all the help that they can muster at this ‘challenging time’ of the term. Please volunteer in advance as many hands make light work.

Confirmation: Year 6 Parents please be advised that Confirmation certificates will be presented to the newly confirmed at the assembly on the 5th December.

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK
- Kindy White – Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease
- Year 6 & Year 5 Christmas Dance Group
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DATES TO REMEMBER

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Congratulations to those children who have or will be celebrating their birthday’s soon!!

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School Fees are now a priority: Thank you to the families who have already met their fee commitments for the 2013 school year.

The deadline for 2013 school fees has now past. We greatly welcome the payment of all outstanding monies which will help us meet our financial responsibilities as we draw even closer to the conclusion of the school year. Fees can be paid by cash, credit card, and direct debit or B Pay if these options are in place.
Daily drop off and end of day pick up: It is important that children are delivered to school and picked up in a timely manner. We understand the occasional event happening that impacts a regular arrival and departure but it is very concerning when parents are frequently tardy. We would prefer that parents and guardians addressed our concerns.

Class Lists for 2014 / Orientation: Class lists for 2014 will be compiled in the next couple of weeks and there will be some changes to the existing class lists. All parents were given the opportunity to share information with the Principal that could impact a decision on where their child is placed. This information was requested in writing prior to Friday 22 November.

On Tuesday 10th December the children will be sent on to their 2014 classes to meet their new classroom teachers and to do orientation activities.

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 period which is between 12.25pm and 1.00pm. The eating areas for the day are:

- Pre Primary / Year 1: Junior Primary playground.
- Years 2 / 3: Paved area next to the adventure playground/ behind the Library.
- Years 4 / 5 / 6: The undercover area and lawn areas in proximity.

Mission Fundraising Day: Wednesday the 4th of December is set aside as a day of fundraising for Father Robert’s town in the severely damaged area of his homeland, The Philippines. I would like to see every family in the school community get behind our Parish Priest in his efforts to help with food and general supplies. All children at Saint Andrew’s should proudly wear green and gold and bring two gold coins each as a donation to efforts to help Father Robert. The Year 6 teachers and their children will organise some fun activities for the students to undertake throughout the day. Thank you for your support parents, especially at this expensive time of the year.

Community Carols on the school Oval / Picnic Dinner:
This year we plan to have a family picnic on the oval on Monday 9 December from 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 supper. 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 9am for a Christmas Concert followed by the annual Volunteer’s Thank You Morning Tea.
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 sent home last week.

Advent: The First Sunday in Advent is this 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 ‘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.

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.

9. “You could be right. But have you thought about...” Strategy: Flexible thinking
Good for: kids who catastrophise; experience extreme feelings; who exaggerate. Many children and young people talk in extremes – ‘awesome’, ‘the best’, ‘the worst’, and ‘gross’ roll of their tongues easily these days. Unfortunately, their extreme language leads to extreme emotional responses. Develop the habit of winding back their language by introducing shades of grey, rather than black and white. Replace “I’m furious” with “I’m annoyed”. “It’s an absolute disaster” with “It’s a pain”. “I can’t stand it” with “I don’t like it”. Realistic language leads to realistic thinking, which helps kids handle many ordinary situations that have been blown out of proportion.

Car park works: The light pole in the kiss ‘n Ride area has been relocated inside the school grounds and we are now ready for the car park works to take place in the Christmas vacation period.

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 a 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.

2014 Booklists: Newsletter 26 / 2013 featured a front page article all about the process of ordering from the 2014 booklists. The booklists were distributed to all children 3 weeks ago. 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.
MAKING JESUS REAL

Jesus speaks to us every day through people and events in our lives: small acts such as a smile, a wave, a compliment, someone holding a door open, helping someone who has fallen over, someone being courteous to you while driving through the school car-park etc. Most of the time we don’t pick up on those kind and good moments (‘God moments’) because we don’t spend 30 seconds a day to say “Where was Jesus today for me?” He is there for you if you take the time to look. Stop reading and spend 30 seconds REFLECTING on your last 24 hours Think of examples of kindness, welcoming, compassion and generosity etc.

Acknowledgement: P Mitchell – Making Jesus Real

UNIFORM SHOP: ALL PRE ORDERED SUMMER UNIFORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION. The uniform shop will be open during the school holidays. It will be open from 9.00am to 12.00pm on Friday 31 January, 2014.

P&F NEWS

This year was encouraging with assistance from every quarter of our community in fostering the spirit of St. Andrew’s Parish CLARKSON. Thank you!

We look forward to the same if not greater interest and support in 2014. Please consider attending the upcoming AGM in the New Year, (notice to be sent home shortly), and support the proposed 2014 events.

We would like to hear from people who can contribute ideas and help run the ‘Welcome to St. Andrew’s’ function in February 2014 sooner rather than later.

The SACPS ADMIN e-mail (admin@standrews.wa.edu.au) and P&F Communication Book (located in Reception) are suitable alternatives to talking to the P&F Committee Members and School Board Members.

Please remember, association membership is automatic for parents/guardians and through offer of interest by the other special people enhancing our kids’ lives. The P&F Meetings are open to all and alternate between the third Wednesday and Friday of the month. They take place in the School Staff Room during the evening and Hall Conference Room during the day; each starting at 6.30pm and 1.30pm respectively. The St. Andrew’s P&F Webpage is to be updated shortly with dates and times.

Again, thank you to those who contributed in every small and large way. Through attending the P&F Meetings, or looking after children whilst members attended; organising School Activities/Events or completing the tasks that ensured they succeeded; and contributing through offers of moral or financial support. It all matters, and I feel Our Community continues to grow well because of this participation.
Year 5 W students have been learning about Solids, Liquids and Gases.

Here are some facts we have learnt:

Solids, liquids and gases are the most common states of matter on earth. Sean
Matter is anything we can see or touch; it also has mass. Liam
A volcano consists of three things: rock (solid), the lava (liquid) and the smoke (gas). Maisie
A gain in heat by a state of matter is called an endothermic change; a loss of heat is called an exothermic change. Ruby W
Heat applied > solid > liquid > gas; cold applied > gas > liquid > solid. Cruz
Water is one of the few substances that can change states and not be permanently changed. Rosie
Other substances may react to heating or cooling but the changes are not reversible. Ryan
Water is an easy form of matter to use to demonstrate changing states of matter. Tim
In solids, particles are tightly packed together. In liquids, particles are closely packed together but not as much as solids and in gases, particles are spread out. Jye 😊
Water takes the shape of its own container. Millie
Liquids take the shape of any container, gas takes the shape of any container but solids have their own shape so they do not take the shape of any container. Lilly
A solid can melt into a liquid and then into a gas. Tom
Matter is anything that takes up space. Jessica.
The temperature at which a solid turns into a liquid is called a melting point. Cleo
There are three states of matter: solids, liquids and gases. Ethan
Matter is made up of small particles called molecules (which are made of atoms) which move constantly. Lucas
The shape of a liquid is not definite; it depends on the container in which it is being held. Amelia
Water can be a solid, liquid or a gas. It can be steam (gas). It can be water (liquid) and it can be ice (solid). Dakota
A type of solid is sand. Ciara
Snow is not a liquid, it is a solid. Kaitlin
Matter is made up of small particles called molecules. Emilie
A gas can make a liquid. Jake
The particles in liquids are loosely spread; the particles in gas are spread even more; the particles in solids are packed together tightly. Ruby C
Solids keep their own shape unless they are broken or cut. Alyssa