Advent
Let us pray that God will fill us with joy at the coming of Christ.
Lord God, may we, your people,
who look forward to the birthday of Christ
experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Advent reminds us of the approach of the celebration of Christmas when we remember the Nativity story of the birth of Jesus. The Christmas story is played out for our school community at the concerts this evening. I would like to thank all the students and staff who have been involved in the preparation of the concerts and in particular Mrs Slodowy, Mrs Knight, Mrs O’Connell, Mrs Graffin, Mrs Durtanovich and Mrs Duff who made over 90 costumes which you will see used many times in the coming years!

Fete: Congratulations and thank you to Mrs Judith Birchall and her team for the highly successful fete that was held last Saturday. We had a large crowd attend, many with younger children, and a wonderful community spirit prevailed over the event. A letter of thanks from Judith accompanies this newsletter. She thanks in particular the following parents who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to prepare the fete – a huge undertaking: Cindy Convery, Leanne Bullock, Joanne Jacobs, Wendy Fallon, Kirsty Murray and Wendy Burke. Thank you all for your contribution to the education of your children at St Andrew’s through the fundraising activity of the fete and thank you, Judith for your vision and enthusiasm in promoting the event. The profit from the fete should exceed $5,000.00. Well done, everyone.

Susanna Lo Faro: We celebrate the birth of Gianni Lo Faro, who arrived last Wednesday 25th November. Both parents and their son are doing well and we look forward to seeing them before the end of the year. Congratulations have been sent from our school community.

Dannielle Stumpoll: We farewell Dannielle this week as she too prepares for the birth of her first child. Best wishes, Dannielle from us all and we hope you enjoy a short rest before you becoming a parent!

Father Phillip: We farewell Father Phillip from our school community at Mass on Wednesday, 9th December followed by morning tea in the Library. Please join us in farewelling a man who has been such a great support to our school community over the past 11 years.

NOTES ACCOMPANYING NEWSLETTER
Fete Letter
NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK
Letter: School Fees 2010/Password for Website
Canteen Note

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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### School Matters

#### Happy Birthday

Aleisha Carpene, Bailey Cordiano-Stringer, Emilio Estrella

#### ST Vincent de Paul Christmas Giving

How far are we now one week on? Last week we had just reached Kilimanjaro. This week we have passed:

- **North America** – Mount McKinley (6194 m)
- **South America** – Aconcagua (6959 m)
- **Asia** – EVEREST (8850 m).

YES!! What a fantastic effort. We have reached Everest before the end of term. In fact we now have a small mountain growing around the edges of our high stack of food.

Thank you for this great effort but it doesn't mean we should stop. Donations will be collected until the end of next week. We will have the SVDP collect the food so that they can prepare their Christmas hampers in good time. Once again CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU for your generous spirit at this time of year. **Bridget Jones (Assistant Principal)**

#### Instrumental Programme

This year, over 50 students have received tuition on saxophone, clarinet, flute, drums, percussion, guitar and piano. I would like to thank our tutors, Cathy Oakes, Gordon Jansen, Scott Young and Rachael Perry for their enthusiasm and reliability in providing your children with this opportunity. We have delighted in watching the development of the school band, most of whom have only started playing their instruments this year, and look forward to hearing them play again at assembly next week. Applications for instrumental tuition are available from the school office.
GRAFFITI
RE: important notice on pending Legislation which impacts you and your child.

The State Government is currently progressing new Legislation through Parliament which impacts on your child and the purchase of stationary/art supplies.

The Legislation will prohibit any persons selling the following implements to any persons less than 18 years:
- Spray paint
- A pen or maker pen or similar implement that has a tip over 6mm wide and the contents of which are insoluble in water and can mark a surface.

For more information please visit the Goodbye Graffiti website at www.goodbyegraffiti.wa.gov.au

2010 BOOKLISTS
If you have an outstanding Booklist please note that you will need to pack the items yourself at Wooldridges, as they have now closed the bulk packing of stationery. They have most of the stock you will need to purchase.

CANTEEN
Thursdays in Week 8 & 9 – Hot Dogs only – ordered through canteen baskets.
WEEK 9: Monday, Thursday and Friday – Canteen open for normal trading.
WEEK 9: NO CANTEEN - Tuesday 8th December; LUNCH only on Wednesday 9th December
WEEK 10: Open on:
MONDAY 14 December - Recess and Lunch
TUESDAY 15 December - Recess ONLY
WEDNESDAY 16 December CLOSED
Thank you and happy holidays
Maria Cross - Canteen

PARENTS OF YEAR 7 STUDENTS
How do you detect scoliosis?
Simply look for it and it only takes 30 seconds!
Information for schoolgirls to detect spinal curvature - FYI
Visit www.scoliosis-australia.org and download this pamphlet.
Kate Brewer - Community Nurse

LOST
Reading glasses have been lost belonging to Mrs Kuramoto. If found please give to Administration.

PARISH NEWS

CHRISTMAS MASS TIME TABLE
Christmas Eve Thursday 24th December
7.00pm (Christmas Carols at 6.45pm)
12 midnight (Christmas Carols at 11.45pm)
Christmas Day Friday 25th December
7.30am
9.00am
Children are invited to dress up as shepherds, angels and kings ONLY for the 7.00 pm Mass. Children are also invited to bring a birthday greeting card or letter to Jesus to place at the crib.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession (2nd Rite)
Thursday 17th December 7.30 pm There will be 6 priests present.
Year 3 White – Memories from 2009

Year 3 White has had a fantastic year doing lots of fun and exciting things! Here are some of our favourite memories from the year:

- We made healthy sandwiches which were delicious and good for us! (Maggie)
- We learnt team work skills in Science. We had to work together and listen to each others ideas. Team work makes the dream work! (Chloe)
- We completed lots of creative writing. My favourite was rewriting the fable, ‘The Two Boys and the Bullfrog’ from the bullfrog’s point of view. (Demi)
- We had two great weeks of swimming lessons, which helped us to get fit and active! (Shalese)
- Some of us made our First Reconciliation. This was a very special and prayerful night. (Ryan S.)
- Our assembly item was fantastic! We acted out the fable of The Hare and The Tortoise and performed a dance to the inspirational song You Can Do It! (Aiden)
- Some of us performed the Happy Feet dance at The Perth Convention Centre for The Performing Arts Festival. (Jacinta)
- We went on an interesting and fun filled excursion to The Kalamunda History Village. Here we learnt about how people lived in the olden days. We even sat in an old classroom and used old calligraphy pens with ink pots! (Sophie)
- The Butler Fire Department visited to teach us about fire safety. They let us look at their huge fire trucks which were amazing! (Mikayla)
- During Book Week, we visited the Clarkson Library and met the famous author Sally Murphy. We read her book Pearl Versus The World. It was a great book but very sad! (Laura)
- We are performing a dance for the Christmas Concert at Prendiville Catholic College. (Ryan M.)
- We drew beautiful self portraits that were put up on display in the office. (Kate)
- Some of us participated in the Interschool Athletics Carnival at Joondalup Arena. It was a great day and St. Andrew’s CPS did very well! (Naomi)
- We planted native Australian plants on the school grounds to help our Environment and to bring the native birds and insects into the school. (Jayden)
- I loved participating in the Sports Carnival. The Individual and team events were lots of fun and Red won overall! (Cady)
- We learnt about Australian animals. We had to write a report on an Australian animal and then we made the animal’s habitat as a diorama in Technology and Enterprise. (Joshua)
- We wrote puppet plays in groups based on a famous Fable we had read. We then designed and made puppets and performed our puppet play for the class. They were really funny! (Elaina)
- We loved spending the weekdays with a fantastic class this year!! (Miss Cooney and Mrs Durtanovich)

Year 3 White wishes you a happy and holy Christmas and a wonderful New Year!