Persons Are Gifts

Persons are gifts…at least Jesus thought so:
“Father, I want those You have given me to be where I am…”

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, Mrs Climo is currently working in the Kimberley on behalf of the Director of Catholic Education. She will return to Saint Andrew’s next Tuesday, 30th November when we celebrate St Andrew’s Day as a school community.

Our Saint Andrew’s School Community Hall is gradually nearing completion. At present, most of the work is taking place on the inside of the building. The installation of the air conditioning units is almost complete whilst the magnificent kitchen is finished! There are tradesmen finishing off the carpeting and timber flooring, the last minute electrical work and the fixtures. Once the interior is completed the focus will move to the exterior of the building where landscaping, brick paving, fencing, car park and garden lighting are amongst the biggest jobs to be done. As we can all understand, the security of the school itself is paramount. Subsequently, fencing and gates have been established so that casual users of the hall have no access to the school after business hours.

As Mrs Climo mentioned at last weeks school assembly the landscaping of the area behind the Library which adjoins the Preprimary building and the middle school adventure playground is largely completed. The children will soon be able to traverse the pathways. The undercover walkway connecting the established verandah leading from the office down to the junior primary classrooms has been completed. However, we await trellising in the garden beds which will protect the new plants and reticulation as children play in the newly established surrounds.

In January 2011, OSHClub will commence as the outside school hours care provider. Last night I attended the OSHClub Parent Information session held in the school Library. This meeting was well attended and several of the parents commented on the quality of the presentation given by Company Owner / Director and Operations Manager, Jason Bruce. If you missed the meeting and you are interested in Before School Care, After School Care or Holiday Care we have information on display at reception. Or alternatively you can book either permanent or casual placements online at www.oshclub.com.au.

Next week we celebrate the feast day of our patron saint. On Monday, 29th November we will be visited by the Western Australian Police Band and the children will do an art activity with their buddy classes. On Tuesday we celebrate with St Andrew’s Day Mass at 8.45am.

God bless
Warren Smith
Assistant Principal

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

Congratulations to those children who have celebrated their birthdays recently.

Luka Obradovich, Jake Dyke,
Conor Stones, Orlando Hoskins, Erin McCosh,
Lisa Christensen, Ruby Convery, Tim Ruhe-Guthrie,
Troy Leslie, Ajak Majak, Rosie Kelly, Victoria Martinez

YEAR | MERIT AWARDS FOR 18 NOVEMBER, 2010.
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PP  | Jarrod Colyer, Jack Wilson, Benjamin Ciappara, Bethany Robertson, Logan Smith, Ashleigh Smith, Tyeesha Ryder, Jessica Bartlett, Christian Martinez
1   | Mathiang Maker Makur, Millie Mazurak, Jackson Roache, Will Pendergast, Charlotte Mullins, Andrea Da Cunha
2   | Harry Wilson, Ciara Clements, Jake Dyke, Jessica Ryan-Sprowson, Dakota Stanes
3   | Hannah Jacob, Justin Riad, Jake Stefanetti, Jacob Stanes, Lance Hinder, Julia Vrlic
4   | Victoria Pang, Aiden Carpenter, Emily Villa, Chevi Brammall, Mikayla Szczesny, Naomi Capon
5   | David Brooke, Lisa Bramwell, Jordan Anderson, Jimmy Murray, Tiah Courtney
6   | Andrew Peskett, Paige Richards, Logan Mackie, Samantha Ciappara, Izzy O’Brien, James Su, Cohen Dennis, Susan Majok

YEAR | MAKING JESUS REAL AWARDS FOR 18 NOVEMBER, 2010.
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2   | Millie Mackay
4   | Chloe Rippon, Shalese Marsh-Wilder, Claudia McDermott, Nikita Estrella
5   | Keegan Morrison, Connor Rippon
6   | Scott Baldwin, Jae Yates

ST VINCENT DE PAUL MOUNTAIN OF GIVING

Congratulations everyone! A few items from each class will get us to the peak of Mount Kosciuszko. Please keep your generous donations coming in.

MARY MACKILLOP’S FAMILY LIFE

On the Feast of St Joseph, 19th March 1866, when Mary appeared in a simple black dress, a very deliberate action on her behalf, it became evident to those around her that this was an act of substance. Close to this time in 1866, Fr Woods became the secretary to the newly installed Bishop of Adelaide Dr Shiel, and was soon installed as the Director Of Education, Chairman of the Board and Inspector of Schools in South Australia. The magnitude of this work would undoubtedly take Fr Woods away from Penola for good but not before approving the building of a new Catholic school for the town of Penola – St Joseph’s – to be staffed by those he approved. Mary and her siblings Annie and Lexie would be joined by other women and on November 21st, Mary and Lexie discarded their secular clothes and dressed as religious postulants.
SCHOOL BOARD AGM
You are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the School Board on Tuesday, November 30, 2010 in the school library. The purpose of the meeting is to present the Board Chair and Principal reports, the budget for 2011 and to elect members to the Board. Nominations for positions on the Board must be received in writing by Friday, 26th November, 2010.

WEETBIX KIDS TRYATHLON 2011 SERIES
This year, your school could win a framed Tim Cahill signed Socceroos jersey to fundraise or to hang with pride in your school. You just need to be the school that has the largest percentage of their students registered into the 2011 Weetbix kids Tryathlon. Participants will receive the official Weetbix Kids Tryathlon event pack and be cheered on by stacks of Aussie sporting champions who will be there to award them a medal for completing the course.

Venue  Langley - Park East Perth
Date   Sun 13th Feb 2011
Registration close 30 January 2011
To register: triathlon@sanitarium.com.au

Dawne Peacham [Physical Education Teacher]

UNIFORM SHOP - OPEN DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
The uniform shop will be open on the 1st February 2011 between 10.00am-12.00pm ONLY. It is not open at any other time during the holidays.

UNIFORMS – SMALL SCHOOL BAGS FOR PREPRIMARY
If you have a child going into Preprimary in 2011 and haven’t ordered the smaller backpack you need to purchase one or order one as soon as possible because they are selling like hot cakes.

UNIFORMS – FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM
Kindly note that it is a school expectation that all students wear the correct summer and sports uniforms through to the end of the current school year.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS
The concerts planned for Tuesday, 7th December and Thursday, 9th December have been cancelled. Instead we will hold a CAROLS NIGHT on the school oval on THURSDAY, 9 DECEMBER from 5.30pm. All children from Preprimary to Year 6 are involved, though attendance is not compulsory. You are invited to bring a picnic tea and a blanket and enjoy the evening’s entertainment as you share a meal with others in our community. There will also be a sausage sizzle available – pre-orders only please.

ST ANDREW’S CHRISTMAS CONCERT – SAUSAGE SIZZLE – 9 DECEMBER, 2010
Pre-orders and money need to be paid to the canteen ONLY. No payments will be accepted at the office. Orders must be in by Wednesday 1 December 2010. No later orders will be accepted.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ST ANDREW’S PARISH DAY FOOD FAIR
Come and enjoy our celebrations with delicious home cooked food, hot/cold drinks, arts and crafts, great music, fun and games for the whole family! (Face painting, quiz, lucky draws, bands, dancers, children’s play and prizes to be won). Sunday 28th November 2010.
8.15am-2.00pm
(Live entertainment from 10.00am)
St Andrew’s Church Grounds
On the 30th November, we will celebrate Saint Andrew’s Day. Saint Andrew was a fisherman and the patron saint of Scotland.

The things we love about being at Saint Andrew’s…

I loved participating in our class assembly. It was so much fun! (Martin)
I love being a Bushland Ranger because I like Mr Brown! (Kampbell)
I love learning how to play tennis on the new tennis courts. (Keegan)
I love being with my friends. (Lisa)
I love learning from Mrs Rapinese every day. (Ajoung)
I love learning how to play the guitar from Scott. He rocks! (Tahnaya)
I love performing different Science experiments. (Jordan)
I love playing the piano because Mrs Oakes is the best piano teacher ever! (Katie)
I love being in JETS (Joint Effort Team Success) because it’s really fun. (David)
I love participating in the Sports Carnivals because I love running. (Baeleigh)
I love to play with my friends and do sport. (Josh)
I love going to the canteen to buy LOLs. (Caiden)
I love learning computer skills with Mrs Phillips. (Tristan)
I love going on excursions. I really enjoyed going to Scitech this year! (Odhran)
I love our librarian, Mrs Graffin, because she is always nice, fun and smiling! (Eve)
I love all the students, teachers and staff. They are very kind and caring! (Bailey)
I love doing sport with Mrs Peacham and my friends. (Nakeisha)
I love feeling happy and safe at school. (Hailey)
I love Mr Smith and my guitar teacher, Scott, because they’re funny. (Jack)
I love learning something new every day. (Whitney)
I loved participating in TOM (Tournament of Minds) and the Speak Up Awards. (Zoe)
I love taking out books from the library and playing on the computer. (Emerson)
I love playing football with my friends at recess and lunch time. (Stephen)
I love learning how to play the drums. (Liam)
I love that lunch and recess times are much longer, compared to my old school. (Isaac)
I love that we are taught how to be good people. (Tiffany)
I love planting new vegetables in our Vegetable garden. (Dylan)
I love watching ‘Behind the News’ each week. (Piper)
I love teaching my students because they love to learn new things. Each day brings new achievements, joys and challenges! (Mrs Rapinese)