Farewell, Father Philip.
May God’s blessings be upon you,
as you journey on.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This is a transcript of my farewell speech to Father Philip at Mass yesterday.

'I first met Father Philip two years ago, when I was interviewed for this position as Principal at St Andrew’s – not the most relaxing circumstances in which to meet someone, but he is such a calm and kind man that I immediately felt at ease and I continue to feel this way to this day. He has been a support to me personally in the short time I have known him and to our school community over the past eleven years.

When he first arrived at St Andrew’s, Mass was held in classrooms in the school, which was still in its early stages of development. When the Undercover Area was built, Mass moved into this space until the church was finally built under his direction, just over three years ago. He has had a very close association with the development of St Andrew’s school, along with Margaret Sweetman, with whom he worked for far longer than he has with me.

The construction of the church was a huge undertaking and was done in conjunction with the myriad of other ‘jobs’ that Father has, as parish priest of such a large and complex parish. I congratulate him on the parish community he has built over the years and his continued involvement in the schools in the parish, particularly ours, where we see him each Wednesday and enjoy his witty company.

Father Philip has a great sense of humour, is accepting of everyone, believes in you and trusts you. He never seems ruffled – though I am sure at times he is – but supports you through any crisis calmly and positively. He has a wonderful manner with the children, demonstrated in his interaction with them, at their level, in school masses and liturgies.

He has a great love of his family, many of whom are here in Perth, while others are in his home country of Malaysia, and in London and Brunei – so he gets to travel around a bit! I am sure our that our gift to him will be handy in his travels. Father loves and needs his afternoon nap as he is always busy and on the go, so you don’t ring him around midday. Another of his great loves is soccer and the team he supports is Fulham. Well, you can’t get everything right!

Change is necessary for all concerned and while we are unhappy to lose Father Philip from our midst as he is such a comfortable and familiar presence among us, he too has an unfinished journey to which God is calling him and, on your behalf, I wish God’s blessings on him as he begins a new era in his life. Bon voyage, Father Philip.’

We presented to Father a booklet with a page of remembrance per class and a suitcase and cash for his travels. Thank you to all who contributed towards this gift.

God bless you,
Eileen Climo
Principal

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK
Swimming Letter for Years 4-6 2010
P&F 2009 Newsletter
2010 Staffing and Term 1 Interim Planner

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!

Congratulations to the children who will be celebrating their birthday soon or during the holidays.


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FAREWELL
This year, we also farewell Tegan Bacich, our Preprimary Teacher Assistant who is going to be studying full time for her Occupational Therapy degree. I thank her for her service to your children and wish her all the best with her studies. We will see her occasionally as she will be coming back to do relief for us.

Mrs Bridget Jones leaves us for six months Long Service Leave and she will come back refreshed and enthusiastically move into a Year 4 classroom! I wish her all the best for her leave and hope she travels safely

JUNIOR JETS
This year in Junior Jets we have been flying high! We have been problem solving in Mathematics. We worked in groups to develop a 15 minute morning fitness game. We used our creative juices to design fun and athletically challenging games. We then had to teach our games to the class, ensuring they followed the rules and achieved the objectives of the game. We also used the SCAMPER thinking strategy to overhaul the popular fairy tale Hansel and Gretel. We recreated the plot of the story-- Suppose the children hadn’t like gingerbread and didn’t eat a piece of the witch’s house? We also love to play Come Over Red Rover!

SENIOR JETS
The students in Senior JETS, Years 5, 6 and 7, have been involved in a number of challenging learning activities this Year. They have the learned the SCAMPER technique and how to apply it to a variety of situations. The students have also learned about De Bono’s Six Thinking Hats, and used them as a tool to think about a number of issues.

Two teams of students took part in the Tournament of Minds Competition during Term Three, and both teams presented very original and well structured solutions to the problems.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT DVD
A DVD of this Concert will be available from Monday 14 December, 2009. If you would like to purchase one for $2.50, please send your name and $2.50 in an envelope to the school office and a copy will be given to your child.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW
We are compiling a colour booklet of the events that have occurred at school in 2009. We hope that it will be ready by Wednesday 16th December, but it might not be at the current rate of progress! The booklet will be posted on our website, but if you want a hard copy in colour, the cost will be $4.00 per booklet (to cover the cost of photocopying only). If you want to order one, please send your name and $4.00 in an envelope to the school office and a copy will be given to your child. If the booklet is not ready by 16th December, it will be supplied to you in 2010.

I wish you a happy and holy holiday season and hope that your time with your families and friends is full of happiness as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.
Congratulations to our Year 6 & 7 students who graduate from St Andrew’s on Tuesday evening. They have been a wonderful group of students with whom to work and we will miss them. I wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

The Graduating Students of 2009

Samantha Adam  
Leaha Adams  
Corey Bird  
Sara Bramwell  
Nicholas Brown  
Seth Capon  
Elizabeth Clinton  
Dakota Courtney  
Dylan Cunningham  
Jessica Jacob  
Daniel Johnson  
Samuel King  
Marco Lenghel  
Melissa Makdessi  
Hannah McKay  
Kristina Patterson  
Amy Plaiche  
Jack Regan  
Joshua Romanelli  
Oliver Sloan  
Cody Smith  
Krista Stefanetti  
Jessica Toms  
Joshua Treacy  
Jack Varley  

Jessica Allen  
Bethany Berryman  
Jayden Branch  
Tyrone Burke  
Kyle Campbell-Foulkes  
Carla Coelho  
Mason Dolan  
Kaman Dongrin  
Teisha Farmer  
Anita FitzGerald  
Amanda Galea  
Joseph Higgins  
Tony Koh  
Miriam Lenghel  
Jasmine Liedermoy  
Cian McGee  
Lataya Moloney  
Jessie Page  
James Phelps  
Laughlan Roe  
Jordan Scragg  
Ivy Silabay  
Jay Skivington  
Amy Stuart  
Kaitlin Taylor  
Justin Theseira  
Benjamin Toms  
Bianca Vavra  

Oliver Baxter  
Jack Beissel  
McKenzie Birchall  
Maggie Emmett  
Darien Field  
Teneal Garrett  
Monique Gianatti  
Jake Glover  
Damien Hamill  
April Hanley  
Maxwell Hart  
Thomas Hugo  
Hayden Iuliano  
Sarah Jansen  
Shayne Kerr  
Clayton Kuramoto  
Bree-Ann Leech  
Ayieda Maker  
Dut Pan Mading  
Jeffrey Rozenkiewicz  
Yana Ryakhovskaya  
Brandon Scully  
Dylan Templin  
Christa Tewes  
Emily Tyndall