‘Never see a need without trying to do something about it.’
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Earlier on this year our Principal, Mrs Eileen Climo was reviewed under the Principal Review Process. The process involved the School Board, P&F Executive, the Parish Priest, Staff Members, Catholic Education Office personnel and the Principal. Our input was both in written form and verbally through interviews with the Reviewers who visited the school. I have to say that the process was extremely pleasurable simply because there were so many positive things to say about Mrs Climo’s input to our school for the last three years.

This year, more than any, I have been exposed to the vastly differing ‘cultures’ that a school can possess and the effect that it can have on the people who enter that environment each day. The culture of a school is set down by the values and beliefs of its Principal and staff, practised passionately by them and unknowingly absorbed by its students, quite simply because it is part of their everyday life – it is what is ‘normal’ to them. It is what determines whether a child feels happy and safe at school, whether they have a desire to learn and whether or not they are able to communicate and interact with the rest of the world in a positive and peaceful way.

I feel confident in speaking on behalf of the Board by saying that the culture we have through the leadership of Mrs Climo at St Andrew’s is second to none. As Chair of the Board and parent of four, the environment inspires me and motivates me – it gives me unending belief and hope. It is the type of education that I would wish for all of our society’s children. It is the one that I choose for my children and the one that I am proud to be a part of.

The review culminated in a meeting between the Principal and Mr Ron Dullard, the Director of the Catholic Education in Western Australia. I am thrilled to announce that Archbishop Barry Hickey has endorsed the appointment of Mrs Climo as Principal of St Andrew’s Catholic Primary School for a further contract period of five years – and recommendations have been made which will ensure continued development of Eileen’s role and benefit the future of the school.

On behalf of the School Board and all of the St Andrew’s school community, I would like to congratulate Eileen on her achievements, and to thank her, together with The Leadership Team - Mr Warren Smith and Mrs Bridget Jones for the wonderful school that they have created – we are very lucky to have you.

This is my final year on the Board as Chair and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my fellow Board members for an extremely productive and enjoyable six years. I invite you to please read the full body of my Annual Report which can be accessed on the school’s website.

Merry Christmas to you all and may God bless you with happiness and peace always.

Kindest Regards,

Mrs Michelle Varley
School Board Chair

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.
Stephen Sanders, Aleisha Carpene, Aidan Poett,
Bailey Cordiano-Stringer, Emilio Estrella, Jack Purvis, Jacques Montagnon,
Carey Connolly, Luke Montagnon,
Liam Murray, Kaitlin Matic-Mitchell, Lisa Bramwell,
Jordan Bramwell

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MAKING JESUS REAL AWARDS FOR 25 NOVEMBER, 2010.

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LIFELINK

On the 18th of November we were invited to a delicious morning tea with Archbishop Hickey and Bishop Sproxton because we won the LifeLink “Express Your Self” competition. We had to draw a picture of what LifeLink provides and how they can help you. The Archbishop was nice enough to donate $1500 to our school for computing equipment and library resources. We were also joined by six friends of our choice: Shannon, Lillie, Nyitur, Owen, Byron and Erin. We would like to thank Mrs Jones and Miss Ioppolo for choosing our art piece for our school’s entry.

Emily Glover and Jordyn Grevers

OSHclub

Further to last weeks newsletter item explaining the OSHclub booking system for outside care at Saint Andrew’s in 2011. It has come to our attention that there may be parents or guardians who either have no computer access or feel they lack the skill to make online bookings. If anyone within the community is in need of assistance please enquire at reception and a friendly staff member will assist / teach you.
ST ANDREW’S DAY
This year we celebrated St Andrew’s day over two days. On Monday 29th November, the students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 were treated to a performance by The Western Australian Police Pipe Band. There were twelve members of the band playing pipes and drums. The Band marched into the undercover area playing as they marched. They performed several musical pieces and then spoke to the children about themselves. Two lucky students were called upon to help them during the performance. At the completion of the performance they continued playing as they marched out. After sharing recess with the staff, the members of the band went into the classrooms and provided the children with the opportunity to learn about the instruments in more depth, as well as asking questions. This was all in all a very positive experience for everyone. Later in the day the students engaged in an activity with their buddy classes.

On Tuesday 30th November, we celebrated St Andrew’s Day proper with a school Mass. Staff and students from different year levels participated in the liturgy by reading or being a part of a dramatisation of the Gospel.

SCHOOL BOARD AGM
The AGM was held on Tuesday evening and we welcome new members Mrs Paula Taylor and Mr Simon Orr-Young to the School Board for 2011-2012.

The Board members for 2011-2012 are Judith Birchall (Chair), Mark Engelbert (Treasurer), Michelle Russell, Vicki Reid, Renee Jones, Theresa Larkin, Paula Taylor, Simon Orr-Young, Kevin Rafferty, Fr Andrew Albis (Parish Priest), Eileen Climo (Principal). I would like to thank retiring Board members Michelle Varley, Ray Mackie and Reti Wisnesky for their service to the school through their role on the Board. The Chair and Principal’s reports can be found on our website for families that were unable to attend the AGM.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL MOUNTAIN OF GIVING
The food items have continued to be donated regularly and we have managed to reach Mount Kosciuszko. THANK YOU and WELL DONE! This is a fantastic effort by our community for our community. We now have enough donations to create smaller peaks of food growing around the edges. We will continue to collect donations until the end of next week. Bridget Jones (Assistant Principal)

CANTEEN
Canteen will be open on Monday 13th December for LUNCH and RECESS. Canteen will be open Wednesday 15th December for RECESS ONLY.

ASSEMBLY – CHANGE OF DATES
Please note that the final assembly will be on Thursday 9 December instead of Thursday 16 December.
Christmas, Christmas is a time,
    That is fun and bright,
We can hear the bells chime,
    It makes a very peaceful night.

We hear Christmas carols everywhere,
    They make us feel snug and cosy,
Christmas is a time to share,
    Santa’s cheeks are red and rosy.

Christmas night is a beautiful sight,
    Because it’s Jesus’ birthday,
See the flashing Christmas lights,
    It lights up all the earth.

We always get lots of gifts,
    And have a spicy Christmas dinner,
We always sit around the fire listening to Christmas myths,
    On Jesus’ birthday we should never ever be a sinner.

We celebrate Christmas with others
    And share lots of love
With our sisters and brothers
    While Jesus watches from above