Dear Parents and Guardians,

Graduating Students: The year has passed by in the blink of an eye and here we are farewelling our Year 6s. This cohort of students has been the first group of Year 6s to take responsibility for the student leadership roles on their own. They are a credit to themselves, as they have stepped up and shown what students their age can do when they are provided with the opportunity for leadership. I am proud of their achievements this year and look forward to recognising these at their Graduation Mass next Tuesday evening.

Graduation Prayer

Father, I have knowledge, so will You show me now,
How to use it wisely and find a way somehow
To make the world I live in a little better place,
And make life with its problems easier to face.
Grant me faith and courage and put purpose in my days,
And show me how to serve You in effective ways.
So my education, knowledge and my skill
May find their true fulfillment as I learn to do Your will.
And may I ever be aware in everything I do,
That knowledge comes from learning, and wisdom comes from You.
Amen.

Many families are leaving the school this year as their youngest child graduates and I thank them, one and all, for their contributions to the life and culture of St Andrew’s over the years. It is only when we work together as a team that we create a positive environment for learning and for developing future citizens of the world. Families at St Andrew’s continue to work with staff for the best possible outcomes for our children.

Carols on the Oval: I look forward to seeing many of you this evening as we celebrate Christmas together as a school community with our Carols Night. The plan is to enjoy (and join in) the singing for an hour or so before enjoying picnic dinners. The children will sit with their class during the carol singing and join you after this part of the evening is over. The sausage sizzle (pre-ordered only) will be available after the singing.

Thank you Morning Tea: Yesterday, we thanked a great turn out of parents of our school community who have assisted us in any way during the year, with a morning tea provided by staff. We appreciate the help given for a variety of activities that take place at St Andrew’s. Thank you to the choir and band who entertained us during the Morning Tea.

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK

Eileen Climo
Principal

Swimming Lessons Yr 3-5 for 2011
MCEETYA Data Collection Yr 4 & Yr 2
Year 6 Note to Parents

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.**
Miles Halpine, Meg King, Sienna Grossman, Ashlynn Noone, Ryan Murray, Declan Russell

**MARY MACKILLOP’S FAMILY LIFE**

Fr Wood, closer than ever to realising his dream of a religious order of nuns for Australia, composed a set of rules to direct their lives. This was approved by Bishop Sheil. The rules were:

1. An emphasis on poverty.
2. A dependence on divine providence.
3. No ownership of personal belongings as God would provide.
4. The Sisters would go wherever they were needed.

And thus, in 1867, Mary MacKillop became the first sister and Mother Superior of the newly formed order of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart. By the end of 1867 ten others had joined the Sisters of St Joseph.

**CANTEEN**

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

**AUZZIE OF THE TERM FOR TERM 4**

**KIMBERLEY OAKES 6W**
Kimberley is a positive role model for others. She has a beautiful manner and always uses good manners in all her interactions. Kimberley is a kind, respectful, caring and encouraging person, who often offers to help those around her. She offers to help pack up Chess Club and shows great patience when teaching younger students how to play. She cares for the school’s reflection garden by watering it and reporting any broken parts. She contributes to choir and plays the piano. Kimberley always responds to situations with a positive attitude and smile!

**NYITUR DONGRIN 5W**
Nyitur continually offers to help those around her. She often helps teachers in the morning into their classrooms. Nyitur never expects rewards or recognition for her thoughtful actions. It is lovely to see how she always greets the staff and her peers with a warm and welcoming smile and a cheerful hello. Nyitur is a genuinely happy and caring person, who tries to get the most out of life. Nyitur demonstrates wonderful sportsmanship and puts a huge effort into always doing her best. She is a warm, friendly, welcoming helpful student.
PASTORAL CARE ACTIVITIES IN 2010

Throughout 2010 the Pastoral Care Committee has been very busy. We work efficiently as a team to co-ordinate events and work through issues that may arise within our school community. The following is a list of our activities for the year.

- **Specific needs of staff and students:** We discussed many problems that arose throughout the year and looked at practical ways we could help the students, staff, and parents involved.

- **Organised Harmony Day:** Each child created a leaf or fruit to place on the Harmony Trees in the undercover area. Each child was involved in a buddy activity.

- **Organised Aussie of the Term:** We wrote a list of values/behaviours as a guideline for nominations. Ensured staff nominated students each term. Organised the voting for nominees. Completed their certificate. Purchased Aussie Flag Badges.

- **Organised NAIDOC Week:** Each child was involved in a buddy activity. Staff received resources to be used in the classroom. Discussed possible activities with Aboriginal members of our community.

- **Staff Wellbeing Survey (Quality Catholic Schools):** We brainstormed areas of strength and weakness. This was later formulated into a survey completed by staff and used in the review.

- **Mother’s Day Badges:** We organised and made badges to be given to mothers at the assembly.

- **Father’s Day Breakfast:** We organised and prepared and delivered a breakfast for students and their fathers.
  - **Staff Breakfast (Education Week):** We organised and prepared and delivered a breakfast for all staff at St Andrew’s CPS.
  - **Garden of Reflection:** We brainstormed ideas about the formation of the garden and followed through on its creation.

- **Cyber Bullying Policy:** We worked on incorporating cyber bullying into our School Bullying Policy. The amended policy will be given to all families in 2011.

- **Pink Ribbon Day:** We sold badges and other items to raise money for breast cancer awareness.

- **Social Club Events:** We organised, prepared and delivered several fun, ‘team building’ experiences for the staff at St Andrew’s CPS.

Donna Winters – Chair Of Pastoral Care

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE 2010

The Curriculum Committee’s main focus for the 2010 school year has been the reviewing of the new Australian Curriculum. The curriculum was published for consultation in draft form in the learning areas of English, Mathematics, Science and History this year, and the final publication should be available prior to the commencement of the 2011 school year.

In 2010, the Curriculum Committee has:
- Devised an overview of the Australian Curriculum for staff, outlining the three phases of Curriculum development, the implementation of the new curriculum and its structure and organisation.
- Discussed in depth the direction St Andrew’s would take in regards to implementation of the Australian Curriculum.
- Devised overviews for the English and Mathematics Australian Curriculum, outlining the content structure, content strands, content descriptions and year level focuses in each learning area.
- Presented curriculum overviews at staff meetings, to keep staff informed as to updates regarding the Australian Curriculum.
- Analysed and discussed data from NAPLAN testing, in view of developing a focus for future teaching and learning at St Andrew’s.

Emma Greaves – Chair Of Curriculum Committee
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORT 2010
The Environmental Committee has had another busy year in 2010. The establishment of the Reflection Garden outside the Year 6 rooms has proved to be a popular place for students to sit quietly during recess and lunch times. Commemorative plaques for close family members and staff who have died, are being placed on the benches. If you would like a plaque added to the bench, please contact the school office.

The composting has been very successful and the mulch is being utilised around the school grounds. The Year 6 student councilors are continuing to monitor the composting in all areas of the school each day.

The Bushland Rangers group has been very successful, with members working hard during their lunch hours to keep the area of newly planted bush land at the southern end of the school grounds looking great. Limestone benches have been put in place to enable students to have a shady and peaceful area to sit at break times.

The Bushland Rangers recently attended an excursion to Neil Hawkins Park, accompanied by Mr Keith Brown, Mrs Debbie Parody and Mrs Karen Young. The students were given an informative tour of the area by Mr Gary Tate, and enjoyed a water monitoring activity provided by Mr Richard Olive from Ribbons of Blue. I would like to thank all the Bushland Rangers for their enthusiasm and energy, and I look forward to welcoming more Bushland Rangers next year. I take this opportunity to thank Mr Keith Brown for his vision and assistance in developing our school environmental plan over the past two years. He will return occasionally in 2011 to work with our Bushland Rangers.

The vegetable garden outside the undercover area is continuing to thrive, thanks to the care given by Mrs Rapinese and the students of 5B who feast on the food grown every now and then.

St Andrew’s has formally adopted Anthony Waring Park, as part of the City of Wanneroo’s “Adopt a Bushland” project. A sign has been placed in the park by the City of Wanneroo, to mark the school’s commitment to the area. Students will visit Anthony Waring Park each term and complete activities related to the preservation and appreciation of the park.

Karen Young – Chair of the Environmental Committee

PARISH NEWS

CHRISTMAS CHURCH AND GROUNDS CLEAN-UP
Saturday 11 December, 9.00am – 11.30/12.00 – (lunch and drinks will be provided).
Whipper snippers – (6 people with their own petrol whipper/snippers are needed)
Rubbish collectors to clean the church grounds; We also need ‘mulch spreaders’ – with their own wheelbarrows, shovels, etc. to spread mulch onto the prepared church garden beds.
Don’t forget your Sun Protection gear.
To register please ring Peter on 0437 517 837.
PLEASE, WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP ON THIS DAY.