‘Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.’

(The words spoken as the sign of the cross is made on your forehead as you receive the Ashes)

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Yesterday was Ash Wednesday, which marks the first day of the Church season of Lent. Children from Years 2 to 7 celebrated the Mass with the Parish, and received the Ashes there, while the Preprimary and Year 1 children joined in a prayer service at school where they received the Ashes from their teachers. Thank you to the parents who came to the Mass or the prayer service. It is great to see you there.

During Lent, we support Caritas through Project Compassion. Each family has received a Project Compassion box and we ask that these be returned the week before Easter, or earlier if they are full. We encourage you and your children to do without something, and contribute the money you save to Caritas, who distribute to those in need.

Congratulations to all our school community for your generosity in our Bushfire Appeal last Friday. $1269.10 was raised and is being sent to the Archbishop’s Bushfire Appeal. The risk to property is still high in the area and we pray for those who continue to battle the elements to save life and property. Lifeline has set up a website that you may want to access for your children, if they are concerned about the images they are seeing daily in the news. You can access the site through www.lifeline.org.au

God bless you.
Eileen Climo
Principal

NOTES ACCOMPANYING NEWSLETTER
Family Fun Night
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Winter Uniform Order

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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CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE CHILDREN WHO HAVE CELEBRATED THEIR BIRTHDAY RECENTLY.

Phoebe Antill, Nicholas Brown, Damien Hamill, Joshua Wilson,
Spencer Hinder,
Emily Glover, Bethany Berryman, Jake Stefanetti

SCHOOL MATTERS

MAKING JESUS REAL IN OUR LIVES

Tolerance, Understanding and Patience
Delta Goodrem, in her song “Born to Try”, mentions understanding four times.
As part of being human we are a “one off” – unique. We all crave to be understood. We also have to understand ourselves. To understand ourselves we also have to be tolerant and patient. Sometimes we get so frustrated that we keep making the same mistakes and, as in the words of “Born to Try” – “we remove the clouds and look at the bigger picture”. When we become tolerant and patient with ourselves, then hopefully we can move into being tolerant, and patient with others.

Each day at home and at school you will find examples of people being intolerant, impatient and misunderstanding - just listen to the ways some people speak to others and yet those people would want us to be patient and understanding of them.

Lord, Make us instruments of your love
Where we can show people understanding by being tolerant and patient in our dealings with them.
Amen.

RECEI VAL OF SACRAMENTS FOR 2009
Parents please be aware if your child is receiving any of the Sacraments this year that there will be initial parent meetings shortly. There will be a choice of 3 evenings for the meetings. It is important to note that these meetings are compulsory. Although the school plays a part in the preparation of your child for the Sacraments, it is the Parish Priest who has the final say in the reception of the Sacraments. The meetings will be held in the church at 7.00pm Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th of March. You have the opportunity to select a date for the meeting, which best suits your needs. You do not need to book yourself in, just turn up. These meetings are for parents only so it is preferable to leave children at home if at all possible.
Thank you. Bridget Jones & Warren Smith (Assistant Principals)

MATHS OLYMPIAD CHALLENGE SOLUTION: 75 minutes

JARS: Clean empty glass jars wanted. Please give to reception.

LOST: Black guitar cord. Please hand in to administration if found.

HARMONY DAY
Harmony Day is a way of promoting harmony and diversity in our community. To celebrate Harmony Day we have sent home leaves and apples to each family. Once these are completed we will be creating a Harmony Tree. The children will be participating in Harmony Day activities with their Buddy classes. At assembly in Week 7 (Thursday, 19 March), each class will make a small presentation about what they have been learning. Come and be united with us at our Harmony Day assembly, and please return the leaves and apples!

**LIBRARY BAG:** Parents/guardians please check your child’s library bag. C. Kuromoto library bag is missing.

**DRUMS** - Please note that there are still positions for Drums and Percussion lessons. Forms are available from the office.

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**PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
Thank you to the parents and staff who took the time to come to the AGM last Thursday evening. Welcome to our office bearers for 2009.

- President: Marnie King
- Vice President: Helena Gillingham
- Treasurer: Tania Whiting
- Secretary: Kathy Gorham

The next P&F meeting will be on Wednesday the 18th of March in the library. It is important that all families increase their efforts to come to meetings and support the P&F as we embark on another busy year.

**FAMILY NIGHT**
St Andrew’s Family Night will be held on **Friday the 6th of March 6.30pm to 8.30pm** on the school grounds. The purpose of the Family Night is to welcome all new families to our school community and catch up with friends in an informal way. There will be a sausage sizzle and cold drinks for sale. Everyone is welcome to BYO food and drinks as well. Please return the ordering slip for sausage sizzles by Wednesday the 4th of March to assist with ordering. Do not include any cash. Items must be paid for on the night. **Just a reminder to all parents that no children are allowed on the premises without their parent.**

**EASTER RAFFLE**
We will be running an Easter Raffle in the coming weeks and would like some new faces to help organise the raffle. This is a simple fundraiser and a great opportunity to get involved. Leave your name at the office if you are able to assist.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**ST ANDREWS NETBALL CLUB**
Welcome back for 2009. Registration day is Friday 13th March - 2.45 - 3.30 outside the Admin Office. Details and Registration forms will be sent home over the next few days, however if you don't receive one we will have some available on the day. The season starts on Saturday May 2nd at Joondalup Arena and is open to all girls & boys from Year 1 - Year 7. If you would like any further details, please contact either Helen Cordiano on 0438 627 662 or Christine Stuart on 0424 930 668.

**QUINNS ROCK BLUE LIGHT DISCO UP AND COMING EVENT**
Date: Saturday 7 March 2009. Location: Gumblossom Hall, Tapping Way, Quinns Rocks. (turn into Quinns Road off Marmion Ave and right at the roundabout). Time: 6.30pm to 9.00pm, Doors open at aged 8 – 13 years of age will be admitted.Tickets: $5.50 (inc gst) available at the door. **Age: Children**

**MERCEDES COLLEGE**
Mercedes College, Victoria Square, PERTH WA 6000. This term, Mercedes College will commence interviewing students currently in Year Five who are due to start Year Seven in 2011. There are also a few places left for Year Eight in 2010. If you are considering enrolling your daughter at Mercedes and have not yet requested an information pack, please contact Mrs Alison Sim on 9323 1335 as soon as possible. Further information about enrolments is available on our website, [www.mercedes.wa.edu.au](http://www.mercedes.wa.edu.au).