Accept Me

For what I am, not what I could have been or even will be. Accept me.
Acceptance must be present tense, with no conditions, and based upon reality.
If windows of your heart must rosy-tinted be, you have not accepted me.
See me as I am without distortion of your dreams….
A human being, beautiful, unique. Free to grow according to the seed within myself.
Accept me – so I need not twist myself to fit your pattern….. accept me.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Camp: Today, 6W students go to camp at the Zoo. This overnight camp includes the train ride to Perth, ferry ride across the Swan, and a walk to the zoo. Zoo staff run a series of activities with the students, including an orienteering activity, night walk and morning feeding of the animals. The students and parents sleep overnight in a barn on camp stretchers and the students have a wonderful time. It is something they remember and comment on at their graduation. Parents and teachers are not so keen on the barn, which is not airconditioned and with the temperature due to be 38 tomorrow it could be a sticky night. Next week, 6B enjoys the experience.

Funding Australia’s Schools: The Gonski Report has been released and there are many implications for Catholic school funding contained within in. NCEC (National Catholic Education Commission) has studied the report and will continue to lobby the Australian Government to ensure equity in education for all students. Information from NCEC and the current school funding model has been sent home today. Please read it, stay informed about the funding debate and make comment to the Government about your feelings in regard to this issue which could impact significantly on independent and Catholic school fees in the future.

Welcome to St Andrew’s Night: We had a good turnout of people at this recent P & F event and I thank all those who attended and those who helped on the night. The bungee jump was a great hit among the children, though the queues for a turn were lengthy! Particular thanks go to Michael McGarry who coordinated this event. Without parent support, the P & F events cannot take place, so please step up and help when requests are made. The next event is the Easter raffle.

God bless you.
Eileen Climo
Principal

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK: Excursion Note - Jets
Catholic Schools Funding
### DATES TO REMEMBER

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### SCHOOL MATTERS

#### Congratulations to those children who have celebrated their birthdays recently.


#### SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to those families who have indicated their preference for paying school fees in 2012. If you have not done so, you will be hearing from Mrs Climo as all families must be making regular payments or have indicated an alternative option, per the information sent out with your school fee account. The School Board is responsible for the financial stability of the school, and to do so, this includes school fees in the equation. Families with current HCC need to have them registered with the school office. When they expire, it is your responsibility to provide the school with the new card details. If we do not have a current HCC you are charged the full fee rate. If you are not on a HCC but are experiencing financial stress, as many are in our school community, please make an appointment to meet with Mrs Climo to discuss other options. Do not wait to be contacted!

#### BUILDING RESILIENCE IN KIDS

Ideas for parents to assist in building their children’s resilience (bounce back from tricky situations)

**Resiliency Robbers by Michael Grosse**

All parents have the best of intentions when raising kids. Wanting what is best for kids can cause parents to make decisions that are not always in their (children’s) long-term best interests.

**Resilience Robber #3: Give kids too much voice**

In this era of giving children a voice, it is easy to go overboard and allow them too much of a say in what happens to them. Kids often take the easy option to avoid hard or unpleasant situations.

Resilience notion: **Make decisions for kids and expect them to adjust and cope.**

#### PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS FOR SACRAMENTS

Parents of all children who are receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation, Eucharist or Reconciliation, must attend a parent information evening in regard to these events. The meetings are on Monday 19th March and Tuesday 20th March at 7.00pm in the St Andrew’s Community Hall. No children are to attend. This is an adult education event.
TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
A reminder that Friday, 23rd March is a teacher professional development day and thus a pupil free day for students. Staff will be engaged in professional learning around developing independent, self-directed thinkers and learners, in line with our Habits of Mind.

HABITS OF MIND
The current Habit of Mind being ‘learned’ is Managing Impulsivity (also known as STOP and THINK).

Stop and Think
Successful people think before they act. They make a plan before solving problems.

SEASONS FOR GROWTH
The Seasons for Growth (SFG) is starting in Term 2. It is an Australian-based programme dealing with grief, loss and issues such as death, divorce and separation.

Seasons for Growth is not counselling or therapy. It gives children the opportunity to express their experience of grief and loss from their perspective, opportunities that are sometimes forgotten when adults are themselves grappling with those issues. In SFG, children work in small groups, and through this community, each child discovers that there are other children who also experience grief and loss, perhaps similar or different to their own experiences. This is available for children from Year 2 to Year 6.

The ‘companion’ for SFG at St Andrew’s CPS is Sr Wendy Lailey, rsj, who is also one of our school’s pastoral carers. Please contact the school at 94078000 or speak to the class teacher.

Permission Form
I agree for my child ____________________________

to attend Season for Growth programme to be held at St Andrew’s Catholic Primary School, Clarkson.

Parent Signature: ________________________________

Date: __________________________________________
LIFE CYCLES

Year 4 White is learning about life cycles this term. Read some of the interesting facts we have discovered.

Baby penguins are born with no feathers. (Ryan)

An emperor penguin can grow to be 120cm tall. (James)

Great white sharks grow to be the largest predatory fish in the world! (Liam)

A mother owl is always looking out for her babies and hisses when there is danger. (Amelia)

The whole shark is the largest fish in the world and can grow to be 20 metres long and weigh 70 tonnes! (Aaliyah)

Trees are the biggest plants, with some growing to be as tall as skyscrapers! (Jye)

The dart frog’s skin is brightly coloured and poisonous. This is so they don’t get eaten. (Cia)

The eggs of a seahorse hatch in the father’s pouch. They look like tiny versions of their parents. (Ruby)

Elephant babies take 22 months to develop inside their mother before they are born. (Max)

Some beetles lay their eggs in the dead bodies of creatures like badgers. The beetle larvae then eat the body when they hatch. (Katie)

A female frog lays thousands of eggs. (Julian)

A female ghost bat has one baby each year. (Dakota)

As a crab grows, its shell gets tight. The shell splits and the crab steps out. A new bigger shell then grows around the crab’s body. This is called moulting. (Maisie)

Some insects grow with no bones. Their skeleton is on the outside of their body. (Murray)

In captivity, numbats can live for five or six years. In the wild they only live for four to five years. (Jake)

The biggest flower in the world is the rafflesia. It measures about one metre across and grows in the rainforests of South East Asia. It smells of rotten meat, which attracts flies for pollination. (Martha)

A blue whale grows to be about 33 metres long. (Michelle)

When a penguin is about two and a half years old it can give birth to a baby. (Connor)

Plants need water, sunlight and carbon dioxide to make their food. Without these things they will die. (Rosie)

The elephant grows to be the largest living creature on the land. (Hayden)

Bees and wasps make nests for their young. (Nikita)

Bottle nosed dolphins usually give birth to a single calf. After she gives birth, the mother feeds and protects her young. (Phoebe)

A puppy grows slowly. It takes more than a year for a puppy to grow as big as its mother. (Sean)

Many living animals lay eggs and some time later the eggs hatch. Other baby creatures grow inside their mother’s body. (Kate)

A sunflower makes new seeds when a bee rubs pollen from another sunflower onto it. (Jacques)

Parrots can live for a very long time. Some live to be 80 years old. (Kaman)

An elephant can live to be 75 years old. A baby stays with its mother for up to ten years. (Alyssa)

Mayflies only live for one day! They are born, live their life and die. They have one of the shortest lifetimes of any creature. (Regan)