Bedtime Prayer
Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep:
May God guard me through the night, And wake me with the morning light. Amen.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Child Safety: Last Friday, one of our students was assaulted on his way to school. Since then, I have heard of two other recent incidents of children being harassed on their way to school in the same location – namely Anthony Waring Park, the park next to the school. School and the police should be notified of any incidents that occur so that we can advise the wider community and families can take precautions to ensure the safety of their children as they move about the area. The police need to build up a profile of the harassment and assaults if they are to improve the chances of apprehending those who are involved. We have also been advised on three occasions in the past two weeks (by police and other schools), of incidents at local schools where an adult has been on school premises illegally and posed a threat to children. None of the incidents has happened here, and we limit access to the school during school hours to a single entry gate to help avoid such incidents. We have also increased the number of staff on duty after school and appreciate your efforts to collect your children from the gates, rather than have them wandering through the car parks to you. Today’s warning was in regard to a driver attempting to illegally pick up a child in a school car park. We all need to be vigilant in keeping our children safe.

Car Park Safety: Some drivers are still putting their own and other children at risk in the way they use the car parks. Children should not be dropped off on the roadside of the parking area (leading to the ‘kiss ‘n’ ride’) as they step into the path of vehicles moving through the area. The life of a child is worth more than the several minutes you might have to wait to drop off or pick up your children. Please do not leave your vehicle in the ‘kiss ‘n’ ride’ area, or expect to wait there indefinitely for your child and hold up other families. Traffic also backs up waiting to enter the ‘kiss ‘n’ ride’, so blocking through traffic on Victorsen Parade. The School Board will consider a redevelopment of the parking areas to create a completely one way system with a single entry point, unless there is an improvement in car park safety and courtesy.

The car parks alongside the school are on school property and SMOKING is not permitted on school grounds. If you wish to smoke, please park elsewhere. The car park in Anthony Waring has vacant spaces most days so you can make use of this area for parking and walking into the school if our car parks are full. The pressure time on our car parks is 10 – 15 minutes in the morning and afternoon. Please allow extra time so you do not put our children at risk.

God bless you.
Eileen Climo
Principal

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK
Kindy Windcheater Order
Canteen (Lunch Orders on Tuesdays)
Swimming Trials Year 4,5,6 & 7
Performing Arts Festival Junior Dance Years 1,2, & 3

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.
PROJECT COMPASSION

Week 2 brings you the story of Prabha. Prabha lives in one of India’s poorest tribal areas. Water shortages, poor health, illiteracy and trafficking have compounded her community’s vulnerability. Now Prabha participates in a Caritas Australia-supported program that is empowering families to increase their livelihoods and regenerate their environment. Your Project Compassion donation brings hope to families like Prabha’s, empowering them to work together for a sustainable future.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE CHILDREN WHO HAVE CELEBRATED THEIR BIRTHDAY RECENTLY.
Dylan Wilburn, Krystel Gapuzan, Manolo Veneraction, Jackson Roache, Laughlan Roe, Nikita Francis, Jordan Scragg, Noor Anton, Jack Beissel

SCHOOL MATTERS

MAKING JESUS REAL IN OUR LIVES

ENCOURAGING

Using the BIG E WORD. – ENCOURAGING WORDS.

We all like to be encouraged. In any sport we see on television, players run in and encourage one another – this encouragement always lifts people and teams. The word says it all. Encourage – we are given courage by a word or smile that lifts us to do better. Use words such as ‘well done’, ‘great effort’, ‘sensational’, ‘your fantastic’, ‘that’s awesome’ etc.

Question: When was the last time I used such words – can I improve in this area at home, at work and at school? Make a pact with yourself:

I AM GOING TO BUILD UP THE KINGDOM OF GOD IN OTHERS BY USING ENCOURAGING LANGUAGE.
SCHOOL FEES
Someone’s school fees were paid by EFTPOS on the 20.2.2009. The amount paid was $548.38. There was no name written on the receipt, therefore the money has not been allocated to the family concerned. If you made a payment on this date please contact Muzzie in the office.

MATHS OLYMPIAD CHALLENGE
Last week’s answer is: 570.
New Challenge:
In an election, Ethan got 5 fewer votes than Christopher, who got 3 votes more than Olivia, who got 4 fewer votes than Ava.  How many more votes did Ava get than Ethan?

ST ANDREW’S 2008 CHRISTMAS CONCERT CD
Christmas concert CD’s are available to buy for $10.00 each. Should you wish to order a copy please advise the office by Friday 20 March. After this date they will not be available to purchase.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

EASTER RAFFLE
Many hands make light work. We only have three helpers so far. The P&F would like some new faces to help organise the Easter raffle. Please leave your name at the office if you are able to assist.

FAMILY NIGHT
Another enjoyable and relaxing night was had by all who attended the first family night of the year on Friday. Thanks to all who helped out on the night - Chris and Amy Stuart, Natalie Regan, Lorena Bravo, Marnie King and Kathy Gorham. Special thanks goes to Paula Taylor who organized (and cooked!) the sausages for the night which were very generously donated by Trevor and Lea from Mindarie Gourmet Butchers on Anchorage Drive.

Thanks once again to Andrew Reid who provided our Security for the night and Vicky Reid who organized something to put our sausages into!

The P&F have had their AGM where a new Committee was voted in, and on behalf of all the parents of St Andrews School students, thank you for your commitment to the ongoing support of the school and its fundraising efforts. Of course, we must also thank some outgoing committee members who have given so much in the past years – Julie Johnson (Deputy Vice President) and Vicky Reid (Secretary). Thank you girls for your great work and generous donation of your time!

COMMUNITY NEWS

ST ANDREWS NETBALL CLUB
If you would like any details, please contact either Helen Cordiano on 0438 627 662 or Christine Stuart on 0424 930 668. Enrolments – Friday, 13 March.

QUINNS ROCK BLUE LIGHT DISCO UP AND COMING EVENT
Date: Saturday 4 April 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 6.15pm. Age: Children aged 8 – 13 years of age will be admitted.Tickets: $5.50 (inc gst) available at the door.
This Term we have been learning about Australia. Here are some interesting facts...

The platypus is the only animal in Australia that has a bill. Marianne
Did you know that Australia is surrounded by three oceans; Pacific Ocean, Southern Ocean and the Indian Ocean? Anthony
There are seven states or territories in Australia. Monique
I like red kangaroos. Baylee
The Union Jack represents the relationship that we have with England. Chevi
Australia is a big country. Phoebe
Did you know that kangaroos live in grassy places such as paddocks, with trees to shelter under? Grace
Did you know that the platypus lives from Cooktown all the way to Tasmania? Tapiha
Did you know that the five small stars on the Australian flag form the Southern Cross? Ashlynn
Kangaroos live in groups of ten called 'mobs'. They are the only large mammal that can hop. Jessica.D.
Australia is the only country that has black swans in it. Australia is full of lots of different animals. Claudia
The Australian flag has the Union Jack and the Southern cross on it.
Tyler
Did you know that the echidna can live for over 50 years? Mary
The platypus lives in Australia. Jake
On the Australian flag there are six stars. There are lots of animals in Australia. Aleisha
Baby echidnas are called puggles. Baby echidnas are born hairless and blind. Victoria
Did you know that a joey stays in its mother's pouch for six months so it can stay safe? Lochie
The Federation star represents the states and territories of Australia. Anders
The Southern Cross is only found in the Australian night sky. Nikita
On the Australian flag there are six stars and you can see the stars in the sky. Makur
The Australian flag has the Southern Cross on it. Jessica. S.
Australia is surrounded by water. Brandon
Australia is an island and it is huge. Ruby
Did you know that a family of kangaroos is called a mob? Caitlin
The Red Kangaroo lives in the middle of Australia. Sam
Tasmania was once connected to Australia. Ben