Dear Parents and Guardians,

**Easter:** This Sunday is Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) and marks the beginning of the Easter vigil. On Holy Thursday, the children will participate in an Easter service at 8.40am in the Church. Please join us. The key messages in the service are:

"On Passion Sunday, Jesus rode into Jerusalem to the cheers and welcome of the crowd. During the week he moved among the people telling them about the love of God. However, there were some people who planned trouble for Jesus.

On Holy Thursday, Jesus and the apostles gathered together to share a meal. At that meal, Jesus blessed the bread and shared it with his apostles saying, 'This is my Body'. He then blessed the wine and shared saying 'This is my blood'. We share in the body and blood of Jesus every time we attend Mass and celebrate the Eucharist. After sharing the meal with the apostles, Jesus went with them to pray in the garden of Gethsemane. There, soldiers came and arrested him.

On Good Friday, Jesus was whipped and crowned with thorns before he walked through the streets of Jerusalem to Golgotha where he was crucified. His journey, he met his mother, Mary; had his face wiped by Veronica and was assisted by Joseph of Arimathea in carrying the cross before arriving at his place of execution.

After he died, his body was taken from the cross to a place of burial. Three days later, when his friends came to the tomb, he was gone. Jesus has risen from the dead."

**Long Service Leave:** I am going on leave this week as my long service leave is due and I shall be travelling in Europe for several weeks over Term 2, returning to St Andrew's in July. This is my fifth year as Principal here, and I am enjoying the position very much, but looking forward to a refreshing and re-energising break with my family. Mr Warren Smith will be Principal in my absence, ably supported by Mrs Bridget Jones. See you all in July!

**Babies:** We continue our cycle of staff members going on parental leave as Mrs Susanna Lo Faro leaves us at the end of this term to await the birth of her second child. We wish her and her growing family all the best and look forward to hearing news of the new babe. Mrs Danielle Wildman will return to us from her parental leave, to take Kindy Blue for the rest of the year.

God bless you
Eileen Climo
Principal

There will be no newsletter next week, or in the first week of Term 2.
The next newsletter will be issued on Thursday, May 3rd.
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS IN TERM 2 IS THURSDAY 26 APRIL (EXCEPT FOR KINDY WHITE).

Notes Sent Home:
- Term Planner 2 - Privacy Notice
- Parking – All Families
- Kindy White
- Kindy Blue
- Strategic Plan

**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

Friday 30 March  
Uniform Shop Open 8.00am – 9.00am  
Swimming Years 4 & 5 (9.00am & 9.45am)

Monday 2 April  
Swimming Years 4 & 5 (9.00am & 9.45am)

Tuesday 3 April  
Swimming Years 4 & 5 (9.00am & 9.45am)  
Uniform Shop Open 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Wednesday 4 April  
Swimming Years 4 & 5 (9.00am & 9.45am)

Thursday 5 April  
HOLLY THURSDAY – Easter Service 8.40am  
Swimming Years 4 & 5 (9.00am & 9.45am)

Friday 6 April  
GOOD FRIDAY – PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Monday 24 April  
FIRST DAY OF TERM 2 – TEACHERS

Thursday 26 April  
FIRST DAY OF TERM 2 - STUDENTS

SCHOOL MATTERS

Congratulations to those children who have celebrated or will be celebrating their birthdays soon.

P&F NEWS

CAR PARK COMMITTEE
For those that face the hectic time, that is school drop off and collection, you will be aware that as a school community we have many issues during this time with the school car parks. Mrs Climo, with the support of the P&F, would like to establish a committee made up of parents and teachers to focus on the issues and to investigate solutions. We are looking for a dedicated person to chair this committee, and for others to be members. We have been given some valuable tools from the Road Safety Council to help you and your committee. If you would like to be a part of this vital committee could you please leave your contact details with the school office.

PARISH NEWS

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday  
5th April  
7.30pm  
Mass of the Lord’s Supper followed by adoration before the Blessed Sacrament – 10.00pm

GOOD FRIDAY  
6th April  
10.30am  
Stations of the Cross  
3.00pm  
Celebration of the Lord’s Passion

Easter Vigil/Sunday  
7th/8th April  
7.30pm  
Easter Vigil (Saturday)  
7.30am  
Easter Sunday  
9.00am

NB: There will be no Mass on: Thursday  
Friday  
Saturday (8.00am & 6.00pm)  
Sunday (5.30pm)

Reconciliation (Confession)  
Wednesday 4th April 10.00am -12.00pm
Playtime in Kindy Gold

Playdough is so much fun!

The Home corner is a great place to play.

We love playing with blocks, cooking and playing outside.
Establishing Study Habits for Success

For many students the first weeks of school involve understanding the expectations of new teachers and classes, making new friends, and establishing different routines. Usually by the time Easter rolls around, the demands of school step into high gear.

It's at this point, we as parents, can help our students develop the best habits possible to promote their academic, emotional, and social success. Perhaps you have a high school student who comes home late from activities, studies until the wee hours of the morning and by June is unable to sustain their schedule. Or maybe you have a Primary school student who rarely remembers her folder and loses most pieces of paper handed to her. Or perhaps your 13 or 14 year old student is far more interested in staying plugged into his social world through texting and Facebook than completing his maths homework.

At some point in time most parents struggle to keep their students on track. Here are a few tips to help you start your year strongly:

- **Establish a routine and help your child stick to it.** If you develop a routine of coming home from school, eating a snack and have twenty minutes to play outside - then its time for homework. They will learn to take on the responsibility of homework more easily down the road. The routine can then set the framework for each day, rather than you having to remind (and nag!) them to get their work done.
- **Create a place for your student to study.** Make sure it is well lit, stocked with supplies, and if possible free from distractions.
- **Develop a system for monitoring your child’s backpack.** Go through it each and everyday! If your child spends time in two households, make sure you take the lead on communicating with the other parent or guardian to help your child stay organized and on track.

Helping our children, no matter their age to be organised, focused, and resourceful will allow them to navigate many of the challenges they will face in the coming school year.

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