No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13.

We talk about givers and takers in life and remember that so many people, including Jesus, have paid the ultimate sacrifice by giving their life for others.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to a new term! Both staff and students have returned to school having had a quality break with Good Friday, two allocated professional development days and Anzac Day built into the holiday period.

On Monday the 23 April, Saint Andrew’s school was the venue for a ‘National Curriculum’ professional development. Our staff hosted over 260 leaders and teachers from ten of the eleven Catholic schools in the North Coastal region. This day afforded us the opportunity to examine the educational climate as we all endeavour to implement the new curriculum from 2012 onwards. The keynote speaker was Mr John Gougoulis, Senior Manager of Curriculum at the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA). John spoke about ‘The Australian Curriculum and Its Future Direction’. Much of the preparatory work was done by Mrs E.Climo, Mrs N.Sullivan and Ms E.Greaves. I have received many compliments from Principals, presenters and guests who were greatly impressed by the venue, the quality of presenters, the level of hospitality and the food.

Tuesday 24 April saw our teaching staff engage in a professional development facilitated by Mrs K. Medin from Electroboards. This informative day allowed the teachers, and educational assistants to update their interactive whiteboard skills.

On Thursday 26 April, the first day of Term 2 the school assembled in the Hall for a moving ANZAC Day ceremony which was facilitated by staff. The children were afforded the opportunity to value add to the great celebrations that were held across the Australian continent and indeed the world on ANZAC Day.

This week a number of families were randomly selected to take part in the Quality Catholic Schooling Survey. This survey is being completed by Parent, Staff and Student samples across all Catholic schools in Western Australia. If your family has been approached please take the time to carefully read the instructions and complete the survey either on line or via hard copy. All data is private and when tabulated for each individual school by the Catholic Education Office appointed consultancy firm it will become a resource that can be referred to as we complete other elements of the Quality Catholic Schooling process.

God bless you

Warren Smith
Interim Principal
DATES TO REMEMBER

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SCHOOL MATTERS

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


CONFIRMATION NEWS

Please be advised that the final opportunity for Confirmation candidates to attend the Parish commitment mass is this weekend the 5/6 May. Your attendance with a parent is to fulfill three key aspects of the Confirmation process. These are: 1. Make your commitment in the presence of the Parish family. 2. Select a Confirmation workshop and 3. Select which Confirmation ceremony you wish to attend. Masses are held at 6pm Saturday and 7.30am, 9am and 5.30pm on Sundays at Saint Andrew’s Parish church. On entering the church candidates should make their way to Sister Wendy and her sacramental assistant.

PARENT–TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Last term, work packages were sent home and incorporated in the packages was an evaluation sheet that indicated whether a teacher wanted an interview. Please endeavour to make an appointment to see your child’s teacher if such is the case. In the event that you wish to initiate an interview please do so by filling in an interview request form which is available at reception. It is quite acceptable to pass on important messages through the office. We have quality office staff and they will gladly help with relaying important messages to teachers.

PACKAGES OF STUDENT WORK

These were sent home at the conclusion of Term One and are now due back. Please advise the classroom teacher if there will be a delay in returning this item.

TERM TWO CALENDARS

These were sent home last term. They contain essential information for events held within the community this term. From time to time changes are made but these are always mentioned in the weekly NEWSLETTER which is on line. If you need a hard copy please see the reception staff.

WINTER UNIFORMS

As we gradually head into the cooler and wetter months of the year please see that you label and or relabel your children’s clothes. Uniforms whether new or second hand are not cheap! It is amazing how the lost property table rapidly fills up with misplaced or lost clothing, most of it unlabelled. Many relaxed parent’s makes for a happy home and school!
CAR PARK
If for any reason you are not dropping off or picking up your child it is advisable to spend a few minutes explaining the school system to those who are substituting for you. Particular points of relevance are – where and when to park (front of school, Waring Green or Anthony Waring Oval car park); how the Kiss and Ride works; observing common courtesy with teachers and other adults, especially in front of children; carefully driving in the school car park, and paying attention to the duty teachers who are there to help you.

MIDDLE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT
Regardless of what year level your children are in please remember that the middle playground equipment is not a play area before or after school. Your children should always be in your immediate care outside the classrooms between 8.00 and 8.20am. If you drop your children off they must go straight to the undercover area where a member of staff is on duty. No one should be in the middle playground area.

CANTER
The canteen is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday for both morning tea and lunch. The menu is always based on healthy eating choices. If you can, please support our Canteen Manageress as she endeavours to provide a service to all our families and staff. Menus are sent home every term. If you require one, they are available at reception.

THE PREMIER’S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE
The following students took part in the Premier’s Summer Reading Challenge for the year 2011 – 2012. The challenge reinforces the efforts of the teachers to develop students’ reading and literacy skills which are so important in life. They joined thousands of students from all over Western Australia who displayed both a commitment to reading over the summer school holidays and in supporting the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Western Australia.

Congratulations on your fine endeavours – Anders Christensen, Jessica Daniel, Lewis Daniel, Zac Daniel, Emily Englebert, Thomas Englebert, Mikayla Fernandez, Ethan Wong and Sienna Wong.

HEAD LICE
A parent from St Andrew’s has had wonderful success with getting rid of head lice. Here it is for those of you who are willing to give it a go. Apple Cider Vinegar. Spray the vinegar on the hair, then comb through with a fine nit comb. Apparently, the eggs and nits just melt away. Worth a go and only approximately $2.00 a bottle.

MERRIWA DENTIST
Merriwa dentist would like to advise that all appointments will now be sent by mail directly to your home. So please make sure you do keep your family details up to date with the Merriwa Dental Clinic.

COMMUNITY NEWS

DRUMMING LESSONS
Mr Gordon Jansen has vacancies for drum students on Mondays. Please enquire at the Administration Office or call 0421 713 182 for details.

PRENDIVILLE COLLEGE OPEN DAY
“Prendiville Catholic College will be holding its Biennial “Open Day” on Friday 18th May 2012. The college invites all prospective students, parents and friends to come along and see our community in action. There will be displays and activities throughout the day and escorted tours of the college at 9.00am, 10.00am and 12 noon. The college will remain open from 3.00pm till 4.30pm for those that cannot make it earlier. Please feel free to ring the college on 9307 2000 or download details from our web site at www.prendiville.wa.edu.au
We all had to shine a torch onto a mirror and reflect it onto another mirror.