All Souls Prayer
Merciful Father,
Hear our prayer and console us. As we renew our faith in Your Son,
whom You raised from the dead, strengthen our hope that all departed brothers and sisters will share in His
resurrection, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our Principal, Mr Fontaine, is taking three weeks of Long Service Leave. We wish him a happy and
relaxing time with family and friends.

The end of the school year is fast approaching and there is much going on at school. To remain fully
informed please keep referring to the term calendar and the school website which has the newsletters
attached.

The Year 6 Graduation Photo will be taken tomorrow, Friday 4th November. The Year 6 children are
to present for this important photograph wearing their full summer uniforms in the correct manner (boys
with ties). This includes polished shoes. A copy of the photo will be presented to each graduate at their
celebration and awards event which follows the Graduation Mass on Wednesday the 7th December at
6.30pm in the Church.

The final Making Jesus Real awards for 2016 will be handed out at tomorrow’s assembly.

Mrs A. Campbell has been overseeing our schools reaccreditation as a ‘Waterwise’ school. Mr Mike
Bryant from the Water Corporation will be presenting an award to our school which recognises our
participation in the ‘Waterwise’ program. This programme is designed to educate students about vital
water issues and encourages appropriate ‘Waterwise’ behaviours. Briefly, the ‘Waterwise’ programme
revolves around three central issues:

1. Using water efficiently
2. The vital need for water to keep the body healthy
3. The idea that water impacts on our natural environment – we need to protect our water bodies
   from water contamination.

As you walk around the school in the next few days you might take the time to read some of the student’s
posters on display. These highlight the classes’ learning in the ‘Waterwise’ programme. Mrs Campbell
has also organised follow up Water Corporation facilitated incursions for the Year 3-6 classes on the
23rd / 24th November.

Annual General Meeting of both the P&F and School Board: These important school community
meetings will occur on Wednesday 16th November in the school hall. The AGM of the P&F starts at
6.00pm and the AGM of the School Board is scheduled to start at 6.30pm. I invite all parents to attend.
Please consider joining the P&F Committee. We are always looking for people who wish to help
coordinate or assist with the many activities which are held throughout the school year. If you are
interested in becoming a member of the School Board please approach Mr Smith in the days prior to
the School Board AGM. There are information packages available to read.
Parent Orientation 22 Meeting: There is a very important meeting coming up next week: Kindergarten Orientation Meeting for all three 2017 Kindergarten groups. School Hall between 9.00am and 10.00am on Tuesday 8th November.

Christmas Hampers: Our Young Vinnie’s group are proud to be organising and preparing this year’s Christmas Hampers which will be donated to St Vincent de Paul at St Andrew’s Church and then given out to needy families in the community.

We realise that times are tough for many people but, if possible, it would be greatly appreciated if children could bring in an item(s) before Monday 14th November that are allocated below for each year group:

- Kindergarten: Christmas Crackers.
- Pre Primary: Pasta, pasta sauce.
- Year 1: Long life milk and custard.
- Year 2: Toothpaste, toothbrush.
- Year 3: Long life juice, soft drink, cordial.
- Year 4: Chips, crackers, pretzels.
- Year 5: Christmas pudding, mince pies, plum pudding.
- Year 6: Christmas sweets – candy canes, lollies, sweets.

If you are able to donate an extra something Miss Pozarowszczyk (Year 4 teacher and coordinator of Young Vinnie’s) is looking for clear cellophane, Christmas wrapping paper and boxes to put the items in.

You’re On A Jar this Month; St Andrew’s P&F is on a Local Matter jar at Grill’d Ocean Keys: If you are eating out as a family in the month of November please consider eating at Grill’d Ocean Keys. ‘Local Matters’ is the Grill’d restaurant community donation program that sees each Grill’d restaurant donate $500.00 back into the community every month. The donation is split between 3 local community groups $300 / $200 / $100. Simply eat your food and having received a token with your order place it in the container labelled St Andrew’s P&F prior to leaving the restaurant. Please help our P&F, help our children.

2017 Booklists: Previous newsletters have featured clearly worded articles all about the process of ordering from the 2017 booklists. The booklists were distributed to all children at the beginning of this term. The book lists are very easy to read and provide all the information needed for parents and guardians to ensure that children turn up to school with all of the equipment they require for a successful start to the 2017 school year.

School Fees: Thank you to the families who have already met their fee commitments for the 2017 school year. I remind all other families that unless you pay by direct debit, credit card or B-Pay your school fee account should be fully met ideally by the end of this week, Friday 4th November or by 25th November which is the deadline. As you can imagine schools operate on sizeable budgets and the paying of school fees has a determining factor in meeting expenses.

Exiting Families: We never like to lose people from our school community but fully understand that this occurs from time to time and for a variety of reasons. Should your child not be returning to St Andrew’s Catholic Primary School in 2017, please notify the Principal in writing as soon as possible. In your letter please detail your child’s class, their full name, the departure date, where they will be going to school in 2017 and change of address if applicable.

Entering Families: If you are Parent of a child who is of Kindergarten age in 2018 please be aware that we are currently accepting enrolment forms in preparation for interviews in Term 1, 2018.

Car Parking/ ‘Kiss N Ride’: I remind all parents that in order to alleviate the pressure on the ‘kiss n ride’ it would be fantastic if more parents of students in Year 3-6 dropped off and picked up their children in the Anthony Waring Oval car park (93 car bays), the St Andrew’s Church car park (31 car bays) or at the Waring Green gate where there are 16 car bays. If you are picking up at the ‘kiss n ride’ and it is backed up please DO NOT park in the entrance to the main drive area or block the drive through area. The correct procedure is that if you drive your car into the school ‘kiss n ride’ area and find no space to park then you should drive through and turn right into Victorsen Parade and drive up to the roundabout, navigate it and re-enter the school car park until you can find a stationery park or get into the ‘kiss n ride’. Under NO circumstances is it acceptable for Parents/Guardians to park in the ‘kiss n’ ride’ and leave their cars unattended.
Year 7 Orientation Days: As previously advised the Year 7 Orientation Day for students attending Mater Dei, Prendiville and Irene McCormack Catholic Colleges in 2017 was Tuesday 26th October. Parents, please contact the high schools if your child missed their orientation or you are late with child enrolment.

Making Jesus Real Terminology frequently taught and used at St Andrew’s CPS:
Soft Options (So): Our human nature is first to work out ways to avoid difficult decisions. If we keep doing this we become soft so that when it is time to make a tough decision we find it a hard thing to do. We give in and take the soft option.
Billy Carts: To move a Billy cart up a small hill or on the level you need someone to push you – take away the external push, and it doesn’t move. We are all, at times, like Billy carts – we only work or behave when parents, teachers, or coaches are present and pushing us. We should all aim to be like GO Carts because they have good engines and don’t need pushing.
Snow Flakes: First cousins to Billy carts. They melt as soon as the pressure is on saying, “I can’t do this, and it’s too hard”.
Blisters: Are related to Snow Flakes and Billy Carts. “They only come out when the work is done.”

The Language of Resilient Families by Michael Grose: Resilient families develop their own words and phrases to help each other get through the inevitable tough times that each person experiences. The language of resilience generally refers to coping strategies such as empathy, humour and acceptance. Today I wish to highlight an example of the language of resilience.

* “I know it looks bad now but you will get through this.”
Strategy: Offering hope.
Good for: kids experiencing loss, bullying, change or extreme disappointment.
There are times when parents can do nothing else but to keep their children’s chins up and encourage them when life doesn’t go their way. Being the ‘hope’ person can be hard work, that’s why parents need to be supported by resilient people and workplaces too. It helps to be mindful that a child or young person’s resilience is nurtured by the presence of at least one supportive adult. You may have to be that person!

God bless you

Warren Smith
SHORT TERM PRINCIPAL

DATES TO REMEMBER

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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.
Happy Birthday to
Roisin C, Sienna W, Miakol M, Ava C, Jessica M, Marcus C, Sid D, Henry T
We heard you are having a birthday!
We hope you have a happy day!

SCHOOL NEWS

INTER SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 20TH & 21ST OCTOBER RESULTS: The final results for the Carnival are in. St Andrews placed 5th overall. The overall total was made up of points from Girls, Boys and tabloids events. Our girls placed 4th with the boys taking 5th and our tabloids 5th. Once again congratulations to all our athletes for their efforts at the carnival.

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JUNIOR TABLOID SPORTS DAY 25TH OCTOBER 2016: The sun was shining, the crowds were gathering and flags were flying for the PP-2 tabloid sports extravaganza. Excitement was in the air as our carnival hosts (Year 6 students) led the 174 PP-2 students in Blue, Green and Red teams to the game stations. Each team rotated through the 12 game stations throughout the morning. Our Year 6 hosts conducted the games with enthusiasm and created a fun time for our junior primary students. It was fantastic to see so many parents come and support their children.

I would like to thank the awesome St Andrew’s staff for their support of the Year 6 students. You allowed them to shine. Finally, Year 6 students you were amazing. You can be very proud of yourselves. Your conduct, care and support of the junior students was outstanding. Thank you to each and every one of you for all you did on the day! 😊 Mrs M. Riley
IT'S OUR TURN! For the month of November, St Andrews has a jar at Grill'd Ocean Keys, to raise funds towards the rejuvenation of the school vegetable garden. Why not pop into Grill'd this month, enjoy a burger, and put your token in our jar! Then we can watch our jar get filled, and wait to hear the amount won by our school and our community. You never know.....you might even see someone from school there while you are eating. Or, grab a few friends, and take the kids there for dinner or a weekend lunch.
P&F St Andrews Splash Days – FREE EVENT

With the warm weather finally here, it’s time to start thinking about the P&F water sliding fun as part of the St Andrew’s Day celebrations for Years 1 to 6.

Kindy and Pre Primary will be sliding as part of their end of school year celebrations.

Years 1 to 6 - Friday 25 November

Every child in Years 1-6 at school on Friday 25 November will be able to participate with parental permission during school hours.

Four fantastic water slides will be set up on the school oval with the excitement starting after recess and continuing until just before the final school bell for the day. Children will be able to purchase icy poles on the day for $1.00.

On this day children may attend school in their sports uniforms. Parents will also need to pack a separate bag containing bathers, rashie, towel and hat. Children will be given time before the event to change into their bathers. Sunscreen will be put on in the classroom before going out to the oval and bottles of sunscreen will also be available on the oval for re-application throughout the afternoon.

Permission slips will be sent home separately. Permission slips for each child will need to be returned to the class teachers prior to the event.

Kindy and Pre Primary - Tuesday 6 December

For our Kindy and Pre Primary children, a separate age appropriate water slide event has been planned for Tuesday 6 December during school hours. This will coincide with their end of school year celebrations and will require parental permission.

Parents will need to send their children to school with a separate bag containing bathers, rashie, towel and hat. Children will be given time before the event to change into their bathers. Sunscreen will be put on in the classroom before going out to the oval and bottles of sunscreen will also be available on the oval for re-application throughout the afternoon.

Permission slips will be sent home separately. Permission slips will need to be returned to the class teachers prior to the event.
Fire Fighter Visit

This Term in Kindy Blue we are learning about our local community. We were very lucky to have the local fire brigade come to visit. We have learnt all about fire safety and we got to share our knowledge with the fire fighters. They were very impressed with our knowledge!
If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. **Listen** calmly and get the full story. Your calm response is important to allow your child to tell you all about the situation. After they've told you their story, ask questions to get more details if you need to: who, what, where, when. Although you may feel some strong emotions about your child’s experience, try to keep calm to avoid more distress to your child.

2. **Reassure** your child they are not to blame. Many children blame themselves and this may make them feel even worse. You could say things like, 'That sounds really hard to deal with. No one should have to put up with that.' or 'I'm so glad you told me. You should be able to feel safe at school; that's not fair at all'.

3. **Ask** your child what they want to do and what they want you to do. A critical part of your response is to avoid jumping in to solve the problem. While it is natural to want to protect your child, helping them to find their own solution is a better option. It helps them feel they have some power in the situation.

4. **Visit** www.bullyingnoway.gov.au to find some strategies. The website has tips and ideas for different bullying situations. One idea is to practise strategies at home to help your child feel more confident.

5. **Contact** the school. Your child may be reluctant for you to do this, so discuss the idea and reassure them that the school would want to know and is able to help. Make an appointment to meet with your child’s teacher.

6. **Check in regularly** with your child. Keep the conversation going. It can take time to resolve issues, so check in regularly with your child about their experiences and their feelings. Your ongoing support is important.

You can find further information relating to the school’s ‘Policy on Bullying’ on our school web-site.