True friendship is a wonderful gift.
We can share our good times and sad times with our friends.
True friends care for each other. Friendship is not based just on words but on actions.
There are true and false friendships.
Friends care for each other and trust each other.
With a friend you can be yourself and you know that you are accepted.
The commandment of love is the basis of friendship.
Loving God, we know that you love us and care for us,
help us to love generously and with compassion,
that we may, through word and action, be living examples of you. Amen.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is always delightful when we receive lovely letters of praise and appreciation from our parents. These important messages are an affirmation of the great work taking place in the school community. Additionally, the personalisation of the letter regarding individual staff members is extremely gratifying as it is a reminder of their love and devotion to their vocation; teaching. Many of the letters received mention the school being a ‘harmonious community’, staff being ‘positive, supportive, friendly and caring’ and a place where children ‘feel safe and cared for’.

We staff, would love to see more parents taking opportunities to assist as required. We need parents to help in classrooms, assist on Sports days, join the P & F, go on excursions, come to school events, and attend class and school liturgical events. In short, we need our parents to work with the teachers and our parish Priests, Father Robert and Father Israel to build our school so that it is a school of Excellence in all regards. By being involved, parents will develop a renewed insight into the ‘big picture’ of the holistic education we provide.

As we fast approach the mid - point of Term 4 we ask that all parents encourage their children to give their best at school. All children should be arriving at school on time, dressed correctly, homework done and ready to give their best effort no matter what the activity or who is leading it. Being open to ‘personal growth’ is key to personal development and success at school and in life.
LOOKING AHEAD:
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 and 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.

There are a number of very important events coming up over the next few weeks:

2017 Pre-Primary Orientation Meeting. For all 2016 Kindergarten parents. 2.00pm – 2.45pm on 22 November 2016, in the Pre – Primary classroom.

Saint Andrew’s Day celebrations will be held on Friday 25th November. The day will commence with a school Mass at 8.45am in the Church. Later in the day the Year 1 – Year 6 classes will take part in the Water Slide events provided by our very generous and hard - working P & F Committee. The Kindy-Pre-Primary water slide day will be held on Tuesday 6th December.

A Whole School Music Gala will be held in the hall commencing at 8.45am on Monday 28th November. More details will be provided at a later date. The annual Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea will occur at the conclusion of the Music Gala.

A Kindergarten Nativity co - starring students from Year 5 on the school Oval / Picnic Dinner will be held on Tuesday 29th November: This year we plan to have a family picnic on the oval from 5.00pm followed by the presentation of the Nativity at 5.30pm. The evening should conclude at about 6.30pm.

The Year 6 Graduation will take place in the Church at 6.30pm on Wednesday 7th December. Students’ should present in full summer uniform with boys wearing a school tie. Please also note:

- Correct closed-in school shoes that are freshly polished are the only acceptable footwear for this special occasion.
- The wearing of a watch is permissible.
- Hair elastics and ribbons should be in school colours – sky blue/navy blue.
- School socks
- No jewellery should be worn other than a crucifix or religious medal under clothing.

Mass will be followed by the presentation of awards, the viewing of a PowerPoint which is currently being worked on by the graduating class and a light supper. Families are advised to circle this date on the Term Planner.
**Christmas Hampers: Our Young Vinnie's** group is proud to be organising and preparing this year's Christmas Hampers which will be donated to Saint Andrew's Church Saint Vincent de Paul Chapter 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) no later than tomorrow, Friday 11th 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; Saint Andrew's P and 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 grilled token with your order place it into the container labelled Saint Andrew's P & F prior to leaving the restaurant. Please help our P & F, help our children.

God bless you

Warren Smith
Short Term Principal

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**SCHOOL NEWS**

**School Fees are very important**: Thank you to the families who have already met their fee commitments for the 2016 school year. The deadline for 2016 school fees is Thursday 28th November. Fees can be paid by cash, credit card, and direct debit or B Pay if these options are in place. As you can imagine schools operate on sizeable budgets and the paying of school fees has a determining factor in meeting expenses.

**Making Jesus Real - What’s It All About?**
Making Jesus Real (MJR) is the Christian way of life reflected each day. Jesus used to spread his message through “stories”. The MJR format aims to assist students in reflecting on the Good News stories that are going unnoticed in the school playground every day. Jesus’ message was “Love God by loving your neighbour” – the MJR message is very similar, it focuses on “**The way you greet and treat people**”. In essence it is “**Living the Good News**”. The 63 attitudes and values that are central to living the Good News are set out in a teacher’s handbook and as each attitude or value is covered in class the students are able to spend time reflecting on their own growth as a person. Some of the attitudes and values covered are:

- Build a bridge and get over it.
- Don’t be a snowflake; snowflakes melt under pressure.
- Be a WEST person. WEST people are welcoming, encouraging, supportive and say thank you. A WEST person is a **Happy Chappy**.
- Don’t be an EAST person. EAST people exclude, annoy, sulk and talk back. An EAST person is a Nasty Pastie. Be a Giver not a Taker in life.
- BIY: Believe in Yourself.
- Search for the Hero inside Yourself.
- Be Determined: Don’t give up or feel sorry for yourself.
- Show ICO: Instant Cheerful Obedience.
- Use the big “E” word: Encouraging word.

**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 will continue to highlight examples of the language of resilience, the coping skills each reflects and the types of situations where they are applicable.

“What can you learn from this so it doesn’t happen again?” **Strategy:** positive reframing **Good for:** kids who make mistakes, let others down or experience personal disappointment.

One of the common attributes of optimistic people is their ability to find a learning, or look for a message, in difficult or negative situations. Parents can help kids reframe events to help them see things differently. For instance, rather than regarding a public speaking opportunity as problematic, and a chance to look foolish it’s better to reframe it as a challenge and a chance to shine. It also helps when parents model reframing so kids see you changing how you view seemingly negative or worrying situations.

**Exiting Families:** We never like to lose people from our flock but fully understand that this occurs from time to time and for a variety of reasons. Should your child not be returning to Saint 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 and where they will be going to school in 2017.

**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 Saint 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 turn Right into Victorsen Parade and drive up to the round about, navigate it and re-enter the school car park until you can find a stationery park or get into the kiss n ride.

Sorrow looks back, Worry looks around
But faith looks up!
Live simply, love generously,
Care deeply, speak kindly, and
Trust in our Creator, who loves us.

**SUMMER UNIFORM ORDERS**
Summer uniforms orders can be collected from the Uniform Shop between 29 November to 9th December.
Give your child the opportunity to learn vital swimming and water safety skills. Enrolments are now open for summer school holiday swimming lessons. Simply select a program and enrol online at education.wa.ed.au/swimming or telephone 9402 6412.

**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
Niamh G, Kynan D, Eleanor B, Jasmin R, Noah B
We heard you are having a birthday!
We hope you have a happy day!

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS

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We have again had a great year with school banking. Thanks to all the families who participate by encouraging your children to save. Unfortunately no prizes were awarded to any of our students in the Prize Lights competition, maybe next year!

If your child is hoping to claim a reward with their 10 tokens, please ensure you get it in to the banking coordinators by **Monday November 21st** to ensure they receive their reward before the holidays begin. If they wish, they can carry their tokens over to next year, who knows what rewards will be on offer for 2017!

For any families looking at joining school banking, we will be having an account opening day in Term 1 (more details to come).

P&F NEWS

EZ COVERS
EZ Covers have created an easier and cheaper way to cover school exercise books. EZ Covers are proudly made in New Zealand in a range of sizes that fit all school books.

EZ Covers love the four R’s. All covers are Reuseable, take the cover off one book and use it on the next. The book can now be Recycled with other paper (or stored for posterity). Each EZ Cover is Really easy and can be used on as many books as you like. Unlike stick on covers, EZ Covers are made with recycled content, are non-toxic, and PVC-free. Last but not least EZ Cover offer St Andrew’s an easy to administer Rebate programme.

Parents need to select St Andrew’s Catholic Primary School Clarkson first from the drop-down box and then enter the promo code (EZ15 ) that’s on the A4 sheet download for any orders made online at www.ezcovers.com/au or alternatively go to https://www.ezcovers.com/au/EZ-Cover-A4-Brochure_AUS_2016_email.pdf .

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**Happy Birthday to**

**Niamh G, Kynan D, Eleanor B, Jasmin R, Noah B**

**We heard you are having a birthday!**

**We hope you have a happy day!**
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.
This term, we have been researching and writing about our own family history through the pages of our autobiographies. Here are some of the facts we have learned that makes us unique.

**Lleyton:** I learned what my surname means. It means metal worker/blacksmith and comes from the old English ‘Smitan”. It is the most common surname in the English-speaking world.

**Luca:** I found out that, on my dad’s side of the family, some of the men and women have orange hair.

**Jarrod:** My mum’s side of the family traces back to Ned Kelly the bushranger. My dad’s ancestors owned, and still own castles in Scotland.

**Krystel:** I have learnt that I was named after my mum’s two best friends.

**Ella:** My dad’s two sisters’ husbands are both named Mark! They also look alike!

**Anthony:** I learnt that my dad’s parents had 7 children.

**Ieisha:** I learnt a lot about my family’s history and how my ancestors came to Australia.

**Logan:** I found out that I am related to Gerald Butler who was in “How to Train Your Dragon 1 and 2” and also in “London Has Fallen”.

**Kynan:** I found out that my mum’s cousin, Robin, once went out with David Gulpilil.

**Sienna:** I found out that my family were all farmers and it was my dad who broke the farming chain when he moved to Perth.

**Ty:** My great grandfather was a survivor of an underground bomb during WWII.

**Kasey:** One thing I know is that my great-great uncle, Alan, died in WWII on June 10 1945.

**Chamudi:** I learned that my family is a lot bigger than I thought and that I have 64 close relatives.

**Aleisha:** My last name is French and spelt CARPENE’.

**Amy:** I broke my first bone at 11 months. I also loved to run down to Kindy and play in their sandpit!

**Jasmin:** I found out that Jasmine Browne (YouTube blogger and model) has the same birth date as me.

**Amelia:** My first and last names, Amelia Dalton, are both Irish.

**Jessica:** I found out that I have the same star sign as Abraham Lincoln.

**Christian:** My great grandfather used to film during World War 1.

**Zoey:** When I was younger my favourite food was banana and avocado mashed together.

**Ben:** If I was a girl, my name would have been RUBY. Both of my great grandad’s had the same name – Ernest and Ernesto, except for one letter.