Prayer of St. Andrew

Loving God,
As the community of St. Andrew's
We thank you for your guiding hand
And ask for your continued blessings upon us.

May our school be a place where we value truth, justice,
Kindness and the special gifts of one another.

May we have the strength and commitment
To meet life's challenges,
With St. Andrew as our guide.
AMEN.

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome is extended to all families upon their return to St. Andrew's Catholic Primary School for 2015. The school year has commenced very smoothly and thanks are expressed to all those concerned for this success. I apologise for the length of the newsletter but it contains a lot of important information and please use the additional material as necessary.

I feel very privileged to be appointed as Principal of St. Andrew’s. The staff, students and parents that I have met are fine examples of the Spirit and dedication that I have heard so much about. Personally, I have been Principal of Catholic schools in Western Australia for 20 years and bring a passion for education and community to St. Andrew’s. The Catholic Identity of our school is paramount and this will be our starting point for everything. My hope is that every child at St. Andrew’s will continue to grow, develop and achieve at their own individual rate but to strive for personal excellence. I always strive personally to improve the standards at the school, even though they are already very high due to the dedicated staff that we have. I would like to ensure that the resources and teaching environments are geared towards 21st century education and realising the optimum learning environments for the children.

I would like parents to feel welcome in the school and to be a part of their child’s education in ways that they feel confident. I eagerly look forward to working closely with the School Board and Parents and Friends Committee of the school.

I ask all parents to please be aware of the classroom dynamics and understand that if your child is late to class it is both disruptive to the other students and teacher and that I have instructed all teachers that they must continue and maintain the flow of the lesson during any late drop off or collection. This time is not appropriate for a teacher interview but obviously a short explanation is also required.
I thank the staff for all of their dedicated work over the school vacation period and the very productive meetings and workshops that were held at the end of last week. A number of positive new initiatives will be developed at the school which will further enhance the partnership between parents and staff in the education of the children.

I would like to personally invite all parents to the information open afternoon which will held on Tuesday 24th February from 3.05pm – 5.30pm. It is imperative that you attend on this day so that you can formally meet your child’s classroom teacher as well as obtain very valuable information regarding the year ahead. If you cannot make it on this day then it is just as important to contact your child’s classroom teacher and obtain the information presented.

NORMAL KISS AND RIDE IS OPEN/ AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP OF STUDENTS:
Please follow the rules closely so that we can establish a safe and timely departure for our students. All students who require the use of the Kiss and ride will meet their parents at gate 3, which is near the new building. Parents are to remain in their car and wait until their child is given permission by the teacher on duty to move to the car. The easier the flow through the Kiss N Ride, the better the exiting for all involved. I thank you for your assistance and patience in this matter.

To make life a little easier in the car park after school we are asking all families to write their surname in large black capital letters on a piece of white card that will fit on the sun visor of your car. When you enter the Kiss and Ride to pick your child up we ask that you flip your sun visor down exposing your surname which will allow teachers to find your child, ensuring that the Kiss and Ride process runs smoothly.

REVISED TERM ONE DATES:
Please be aware of the new and revised Term One dates, which are in today’s newsletter. Subtle changes have occurred to the list that was sent home at the end of last year, due to reasons beyond our control. Thank you for understanding.

NEW BUILDING – YEAR 1 CLASSROOMS:
So close yet so far. We were anticipating that at the start of school we would be able to use the new, Year 1 classrooms. Unfortunately this has turned out not to be the case. As soon as we have been given our practical completion certificate and we can move in, we intend to do so immediately. This way minimising the disruption to the students. A sincere thank you to Mr Smith, who has co-ordinated and followed the build through inception and will continue until practical completion.

A reminder to all families that St. Andrew’s School remains a nut free school and as such children should not be bringing nut products to be consumed. Thank you for your on-going assistance in this matter as we have a number of children with severe nut allergies.

STUDENT ACTION PLANS FOR ANAPHYLAXIS / ALLERGIC REACTIONS:
Any student who requires an action plan for either Anaphylaxis or Allergic Reactions will need to complete a new Action Plan form, complete with current coloured photo and consultation with your family doctor and hand it into the front office as soon as possible. Please do not assume that if you have completed one of these forms before that it will suffice. Each year a new and updated form must be submitted to the school according to legislation. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.
NEWSLETTERS will be going home on THURSDAYS (No paper copy via e-mail only)
STAFF MEETINGS will be held on TUESDAYS (Straight after school)
STAFF PRAYER will be held on FRIDAY MORNINGS (Before school)

TERM DATES FOR 2015:
Term 1  Monday 2nd February – Thursday 2nd April
        Easter falls within the school holidays this year.
Term 2  Monday 20th April – Friday 3rd July
Term 3  Tuesday 21st July – Thursday 24th September
Term 4  Tuesday 13th October – Friday 11th December

PUPIL FREE DAYS AND DESIGNATED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS – 2015:
These will be the Pupil Free Days in 2015. Monday 27th February, Tuesday 2nd June, Monday 29th
June, Monday 20th July, Friday 25th September and Monday 12th October 2015. The Staff will be
involved in Professional Development on these days with regards to Religious Education, Literacy
and Numeracy and reporting. Designated Public Holidays occur on Monday 2nd March, Monday
27th April and Monday 1st June.

SCHOOL STARTING AND FINISHING TIMES:
School commences at 8:20am and finishes at 2.45pm for PP-Year 6. Parents are urged to ensure that
their children are at school on time and collected promptly. All children not collected on time are
required to be sitting outside the office.

Start: 8:20am
Morning Recess 10:20am – 10:40am
Lunch 12:20pm - 1:05pm
End of School 2:45pm

Kindergarten -
Term 1 – Term 4 8:20am – 2:30pm

ASSEMBLIES 2015:
Assemblies will be held on Thursday mornings, in the school hall, commencing at 8:45am sharp in
2015. Please look at the term dates for further details and the newsletter.

PARENT / TEACHER OPEN AFTERNOON 3.05pm-5:30pm
(TUESDAY 24th FEBRUARY FOR KINDERGARTEN – Year 6
It is essential that parents attend the open afternoon that will be held on Tuesday
24th February after school. At this time, general information will be presented and
give parents the opportunity to meet and greet their teacher. If you are unable to
attend please contact your child’s classroom teacher, prior to the meeting.

TERM DATES:
A revised full list of this term’s dates will be placed on the school web site for your convenience.

EXCURSION PERMISSION NOTE:
All children will have individually signed excursion notes for all excursions attended this year.
Without a returned signed permission slip your child will not be able to attend the excursion and will
unfortunately remain at school.

YEARS 1– 6 (2015) – SWIMMING LESSONS:
The students in Years 1 – 5 in 2015 will be completing their Swimming lessons at
Arena Aquatic Centre. Lessons will be conducted from Monday 20th April –
Friday 1st May inclusive. (There will not be a lesson on Monday 27th April).
Lessons will need to be paid for before the lessons commence.
MY SCHOOL WEB SITE:
A new web site has been established through the Government (ACARA) which advertises details regarding St. Andrew's School. The web address is www.myschool.edu.au. It is important for parents to read the background information provided when looking at this web site and not to take details out of their context and to read them in isolation. While the data represents a snap shot of information over two years, it certainly does not tell the ‘full story’ and by no means fully reflects the breadth and diversity of education that is offered at St. Andrew’s School. NAPLAN only assess a small part of the curriculum and St. Andrew’s School focuses on the education of the whole child and also offers a wide range of other benefits and opportunities to our students. However, it still provides an interesting read. If you have questions please do not hesitate to book an appointment with Mr Fontaine.

SCHOOL FINISHING TIME/TEACHER’S DUTY:
Please note that teachers are on duty until 3:00pm. All children not collected by this time will sit outside the Office until their parents/guardian arrive. If you are unavoidably late and cannot make other arrangements please notify the office. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

PLAYGROUND AFTER SCHOOL:
Parents are reminded that the children are unable to play on the equipment after school due to insurance concerns. Please supervise your children and inform them of this. Thank you for your support.

CHILDREN LEAVING OR RETURNING TO SCHOOL DURING SCHOOL HOURS:
All parents must "sign out" their children when leaving the school during school hours. A book is located in the front office for this specific purpose. The procedure is as follows: Parents, upon arrival at school, must first sign out their child from the office and then collect them from the classroom. There is no deviation from this policy as we are required to know where the children are at all times.

When a child returns from an appointment, during school hours, the same procedure must also be followed. They are to be signed in at the office and then taken to the classroom. A note is still required to cover the period of absence and should be given to the classroom teacher before the appointment if possible.

EAR RINGS AND JEWELLERY:
Parents are reminded as to what has been written in the school handbook. That is, only one sleeper or stud is permitted in each ear for safety reasons. Bangles, finger rings, body piercing and chains have proven to be dangerous and should be worn at home under parent supervision. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

UNIFORMS:
All school uniform requirements can be purchased from the school uniform shop.

2015 BEGINNING OF THE YEAR SCHOOL SOCIAL FUNCTION:
Put Friday 20th February, 2015 into your diaries for the St. Andrew's School Community welcome back function. The function is being held at school on the oval, 4:30pm – 7:00pm. There is no charge for this function.

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS:
Hello to all new and existing School Bankers! School Banking is held on Mondays. If Monday is a public holiday/Pupil Free Day then banking will be held on Tuesdays. Information packs are available from the office. Tokens for 2015 are displayed in the office.
SCHOOL FEES/ HEALTH CARE CARD UPDATE:
The annual school fee account, payment plan and direct debit form have been sent home this week. Please return the payment plan before the 27th February. All parents who have received discounts in the past will need to re-apply for fee assistance. All other families who need fee assistance but are not on a Health Care Card or PPS Card will need to apply for fee assistance from Mr Fontaine by the end of February, or during the year as the need arises. Any concerns regarding fees should be directed to either Mr Fontaine, Mrs Rafferty or Mrs Durtanovich, Immediately for clarification.

YEAR 6 CAMP FEES:
If you do not have a payment plan in place Year 6 Parents need to pay their camp fees immediately, before the children attend the camp. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

DIRECT DEBIT YOUR SCHOOL FEES AT NO CHARGE:
The Catholic Development Fund is offering a service to parents of our school. This service will allow the CDF to collect fees and levies from parents through a means of direct debiting the parent's bank account directly and crediting the schools account at no charge to parents. Please see Mrs. Durtanovich or Mrs Rafferty immediately if you would like to use this service.

STUDENT ABSENCES:
A written note from parents or guardians are required for ALL STUDENT ABSENCES.

OUT OF SCHOOL CARE/BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE:
If any parent requires the use of this service. OSH Club works with students at St. Andrew's School and offers care at our School. Full details can be obtained by calling 9261 3200, 0432 678 211 or Head Office 1800 460 870.

HOMEWORK:
Children, on many occasions, take work to do at home. This may range from a few pages of reading a book to set assigned work. The key to a successful homework program is the parent's interest and support. Homework is an excellent opportunity for pupils to consolidate their skills learnt in class with the help of their parents. Homework may also be given for practise / revision /consolidation of work learnt in class or research for a topic being treated in class. Homework is set each night from Monday to Thursday but not on weekends, as a rule. (Some children may choose to do homework on the weekend and this is acceptable so long as it is the child's /parents' choice).

In Year 6, Homework may take up to 25 minutes to complete. However, this should not be the case in the younger grades (1 – 5). The following should be used as a guide for homework.

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If your child is having trouble with their homework or the amount of time needed to complete it, please see the classroom teacher
SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN IN OLDER YEARS:
Children who are new to the school or who are in older grades and have not participated in the sacraments that are offered through the parish / school and would like to participate this year, will need to speak to Mr Archer urgently.

The following Sacraments include Penance / Reconciliation (usually Year 3); Holy Communion / Eucharist (usually Year 4) and Confirmation (Year 6).

STUDENT ABSENCE DURING SCHOOL TERM TIME TO GO ON HOLIDAYS:
Parents who remove their children, during normal school term time for a vacation, need to inform, the classroom teacher and the Principal in writing.

St. Andrew's Catholic Primary School, does not support the withdrawal of children during important term teaching time for the purpose of vacations. Should there be no alternative please be aware that it is not the responsibility of your child's classroom teacher to prepare and correct work during this time.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter and I am personally happy to discuss this further with any parent, if required.

May God Bless You All,

Sam Fontaine

Sam FONTAINE
Principal

Happy Birthday

Many, many happy returns to those children who have celebrated their birthday recently…..
Allen B, Alexandra R, Ellyannah M, Liam L, Max M, Scarlet Stirling, Jessica M, Kayla S, Ben W, Max M, Oliver Hm, Kayla C, Ava M

P&F NEWS

Welcome to St Andrews Night is being held on Friday 20 February 2015 from 4.30pm to 7.00pm. There will be live music, jumping castle for the younger children and sporting equipment on the oval for the older children. Volunteers are needed to assist on the night, if you are able to volunteer, please contact Michelle Hendry on 0421 086 374.

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.
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See newsletter for details of events
Dear Parents / Caregivers

Welcome to the start of 2015 academic year.

I would like to offer a very warm welcome to the many families who are joining our system for the very first time.

In 2015 we are witnessing exciting signs of continued growth and renewal within the Catholic Education system. Two new schools have opened in term 1, taking the total number of Catholic Schools in WA to 163. I wish the students, parents, principals and staff of St John Bosco College in Piara Waters, St Francis’ School in Maddington and the new Bunbury Catholic College Mercy Campus at Australind all the very best as they open their doors for the very first time. These new facilities are a tangible reminder of the value that the community continues to place on a Catholic Education right across the state.

To all who are returning to Catholic schools, welcome back. In 2015 all Year 7 students will be located within secondary settings right across the state. This important shift has already been in place in metropolitan settings for a number of years and regional schools have been planning for this transition for an extended period. I am certain that the students will find this new chapter in their schooling lives an exciting time with many opportunities for personal growth.

To our Year 11 and 12 students who are embarking on this important phase of your secondary schooling, I wish you all the best and encourage you to work hard and make the most of every opportunity presented to you.

Last year our system achieved our best WACE results of the last five years. Whilst we are very pleased with that performance, there is no room for complacency as continuous improvement requires an ongoing effort at all levels of the system and remains my clear priority for 2015 and beyond.

We are all part of a dynamic Catholic education community that promotes the mission of the Church with Jesus Christ at its heart. All 163 of our schools rely on the contribution of the parish, staff, students and parents working in partnership to build a successful Catholic community. Within the limits of your busy family and working lives, I encourage you to share your time and talents with your school community. You can contribute by nominating to become a member of the Board, joining the P&F, volunteering to be a class representative, helping out at the annual sports carnival, doing a shift at the canteen or helping with school reading rosters. Every contribution makes a difference to your child’s education.

I once again wish to acknowledge the critical role that you as parents and caregivers play in the education of your children. Your involvement combined with the efforts of more than 10,000 dedicated school staff and principals, means that children educated in Catholic schools have the very best chance of reaching their potential.

I wish you all the best for 2015.

Regards

Tim McDonald
Executive Director
3 Blue are very happy to be back at school!

I am looking forward to learning more about Religion – Tristan
I love speaking other languages so I can’t wait to learn Indonesian – Jai
I am excited about doing drawing in Art – Diarmuid
I am new at St Andrew’s so I am looking forward to making new friends – Steven
I love imaths and learning more about telling the time – Ella
I enjoy doing Science experiments and learning new facts – Jeswin
I have a goal to get better at Maths by using imaths – Isabel
I love writing funny stories at school for my friends to share – Ryan
The reason I was looking forward to school was to get my pen license – Charlotte D
I am looking forward to playing games and sports with my friends – Luke
I love doing dance especially Hip-Hop during Music with Mrs Mulholland – Deegan
I am excited to meet our new Pre-primary Blue Buddies – Hayley
I was looking forward to meeting my new Teacher – Trinity
I love writing long and interesting stories about animals – Savannah
It makes me happy to see my friends again and meet my buddies – Katie
I want to learn more about using computers with Mrs Phillips – Harry
I enjoy seeing all my friends again and eating lunch together – Oliver
I basically love everything about school and seeing my friends – Jayde
I am happy about making new friends that were not in my class last year – Kaitlyn
I love learning new things with my friends – Charlotte T
I like learning new things and meeting different Teachers – Grace
I play basketball with my friends at lunchtime and recess – Samuel
I love my piano lessons with Mrs Oakes – Cassie
I like learning things from my new Teacher – Priscilla
I love all kinds of Art and Craft at school and piano – Asha