Dear Parents and Guardians,

This Sunday we celebrate a special day. **Mother's Day** is a day when we come together to thank God for the gift of our Mother, and we ask Him to bless her with the gift of love. We also pray that we will be grateful for the many deeds that our Mothers, Grandmothers and significant female others perform for us all through the year. We ask our Mother Mary, in heaven, to intercede for us, as we journey through life, and come to know more about her son Jesus. In our roles as teachers we are regularly reminded of the amazing things that our school based Mothers do for the children in our educational care. We are aware of Grandmothers who take on their children's children, we know of situations where mothers have given their organs so that their children can have life, we are aware of mothers who adopt or foster children to provide others with a loving family environment, we know of mothers who are or have been dreadfully ill and live in hope that they will be miraculously cured so that they can physically be with their children, and we are friends with a widowed mother who is doing an amazing job of raising her four fabulous children. To mothers who show courage, strength, love, durability and passion in the face of adversity we wish you a wonderful Mother’s Day!

**Yesterday we celebrated a most beautiful school Mass** in honour of Our Mother Mary and all Mothers who are connected to the Saint Andrew’s community. **Today Year 5W presented a lovely School Assembly based around the theme of Mother’s Day.** All in attendance enjoyed the performance immensely and 5W certainly did a great job of spreading love to all our Mothers! After the assembly today all of the children had the opportunity to attend a P & F Committee facilitated Mother’s Day Stall where they purchased a Mother’s Day gift for their special Mother at a gold coin cost. **Tomorrow, Friday 9th May the P & F will also be hosting a Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea** in the Hall between 1.45pm and 2.45pm. Please come along and enjoy a scone and cuppa before pickup! Milo will be provided for siblings.

Tonight, Thursday 8th May there will be a meeting in the Church for all parents who have a child wanting to receive the **Sacrament of Eucharist.** This meeting commences at 6.30pm and concludes at 7.30pm. All parents in attendance will have the opportunity to enrol their child in the Parent – Student Workshops and select which Mass they would like to attend as a family when their child receives the sacrament.

**Parent Meeting for Parents of 2015 Kindergarten intake who have siblings in the school:** This meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, Friday 9th May at 8.40am in the Hall. It is **vital** that each sibling has a parent / responsible adult in attendance. This meeting will provide you with an overview of what will be happening with regard to the 2015 Kindergarten programme. Each family representative will have some paperwork to complete for the school records.

God bless

Mr Warren Smith
Principal
NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK
Preprimary – Robbie Allen
School Sores – Kindy Gold
Year 1 – Conflict Letter
Year 1 – Welcome Bonny Carroll, Reading & Green Thumbs
Year 5 – Scitech Excursion
All families: CEO letter Re: Royal Commission
Kindy – Mother’s Day Stall
Biggest Morning Tea
Year 5 – Irene McCormack Visit

CHANGE OF DATE
PUPIL FREE DAY – TERM 3
MONDAY 21 JULY IS NOT A PUPIL FREE DAY
BUT
MONDAY 28 JULY IS A PUPIL FREE DAY

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SCHOOL NEWS

Happy birthday to……………Rouen E, Jaylin W, Madeline B, Tyla-Lee S, Georgia B, Tom E, Priscilla K. Emma W, Taj C, Elisabeth D

Illness: At present we have a number of parents who are fighting a serious battle with illness. I have personally spoken to the majority of these wonderful people and whilst they have asked for their privacy to be respected I implore you to devote some of your quiet time in spending a few minutes quietly praying for them. Perhaps we could even broaden our prayer scope to pray for anyone in our community who is unwell physically, mentally or spiritually.

It is with sadness that I announce that one of our Pre – primary students has been diagnosed with cancer. Encouragingly this is a very treatable illness. Robbie’s physicians are hopeful he will make a full recovery. He is
not able to attend school at this time but hopes to return later this year. Of course cancer is not contagious. With the permission of Robbie’s parents Alana and Rob Allen, and in the company of his teachers Miss Pozarowszczyk and Mrs Harvey, I went to visit Robbie recently. His condition can best be described as ‘comfortable’. Please pray for Robbie, his two older sisters Olivia and Grace and his parents Rob and Alana.

**NAPLAN:** Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will see the Year 3 and 5 children completing the 2014 NAPLAN. Tuesday will involve testing in Language Conventions and Writing. Wednesday we will be testing Reading and Thursday the children will complete the Numeracy assessment. Please support and encourage your children at this time as they tackle this task in a positive and optimistic frame of mind.

Mr Robert Marshall – Principal, of Irene McCormack Catholic College (IMCC): Will visit the Year 5 classes on Thursday 15th May between 1.55pm and 2.45pm. Mr Marshall will be talking to the Year 5 students about enrolment at IMCC in 2016. He will hand out College information packages and would be happy to have Saint Andrew’s parents in attendance. Feel free to attend.

**Important > Uniform Shop – Change of hours:** Tuesday afternoon trading times have been moved to 2.00pm – 3.00pm due to the many parents wanting service at an earlier time in the afternoon. We believe that this change of trading times on a Tuesday will mean parents have a greater opportunity to buy uniform items and pick up children closer to end of day bell time. Friday trading times will remain at 8.00am – 9.00am.

**Parent Teacher Interviews:** Last term, Magical Moments and Windows of 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 classroom teachers and specialist teachers.

**Magical Moments and Windows on Work:** These were sent home at the conclusion of Term One and are due back on Monday 12 May.

**Canteen Term 2:** It has been decided that the canteen will be open at recess from Monday Week 1, Term 2. Children will make their way up directly from play when the 10.30am bell goes. They may not return to the classrooms first. Mrs Cross will have three or four items only for sale – popcorn, pizza, pikelet or drink - Children will purchase only one item which will supplement other healthy morning tea items brought from home. There will be two ‘feature days’ a term. The first is a PIZZA day on Wednesday 14th May (Week 3).

**Term Two Calendars:** These were sent home at the conclusion of Term One. 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 with misplaced or lost clothing, most of it unlabelled. If you are a student in Year 3 – 6 please locate and wear your school ties as a part of full uniform day. Many relaxed parent’s makes for a happy home and school!
Forward Planning for the Sacrament of Eucharist (Holy Communion): A reminder of the need to post the following dates in a diary or calendar –

- **Parent Information Evening**: Thursday 8th May at 6.30pm in the Church.
- **Parent – Child Workshops**: Either Thursday 22nd May at Brighton CPS or Tuesday 27th May or Wednesday 28th May at St Andrew’s CPS.
- **Reception of Sacrament**: over one of the following choices of weekend: 7/8 June, 14/15 June, 21/22 June or 28/29 June.

Father Robert is away on leave. Father Robert has taken a four week break from Easter Monday until late May. In his absence the school will be in the care of Father Rainier.

Early Childhood Intervention Australia WA – Education Options for My Child 2014 Forums: These forums are for parents and carers who have a child with developmental delay or disability. There will be a focus on children who will be attending Kindergarten, Pre – primary or Year 1 in the near future. The forum will provide an overview of all the education opportunities for your child. Presenters include representatives from: Department of Education, Catholic Education Office of WA, Association of Independent Schools of WA, Home Based Learning Network, Local Area Coordination – Disability Services Commission (DSC) and the Equal Opportunity Commission. Representatives from DSC funded school age therapy providers will also be available to talk to. The nearest meetings to Clarkson are being held at the Connolly Community Centre, 5 Glenelg Place, Connolly, between 9.30am – 12.30pm and 6.30pm – 9.30pm on Monday 23rd June, 2014.

Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea - Thursday 22nd of May: Our school will be participating in Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea. This is particularly pertinent this year given the number of families in our school community struggling with the effects of cancer at present.

All money raised goes towards the Cancer Council. The funds raised are dedicated to research, education and prevention programs, support services and advocacy to protect the community from cancer risk factors.

This year, the emphasis of our morning tea is on healthy food, as a healthy diet reduces the risk of all cancers and heart disease. We are encouraging you to send in a small plate of healthy food for morning tea.

Each class will be holding their own morning tea from 10:00am to 10:30am. Parents are invited to join their child’s class at this time with tea and coffee being provided. 1 in 2 Australians will be diagnosed with Cancer before the age of 85. Help us in the fight against Cancer! Together we can find a cure! We ask for your help in the following ways:

1. Send in a small plate of healthy food to be shared with your child’s class.
2. Make a gold coin donation to the Cancer Council (By both parents attending and students).
Walk safely to school day. Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. Although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 23 May 2014! For more information, visit www.walk.com.au

Motor Neurone Walk - Thank You: A special thank you to the St Andrew’s students who participated in the Motor Neurone Walk which was held last Sunday, 4th May. Those children who finished the 6 kilometre walk were Stella C, Sarah R, Maya C, Amelia R and Cleo G. Well done girls! Mrs Gregory

School banking:

The Dollarmites have found sunken treasure from the Lost City of Savings and they want to share it with your students in the form of some amazing prizes.

Major student prize.
One student will win an underwater family adventure holiday including:
- Five nights’ accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast;
- VIP Passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World, and Wet'n'Wild Gold Coast;
- A Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure; and
- A $3,000 travel voucher to get them there.

Runner-up student prizes.
130 Toys”R”Us Gift Cards to the value of $250 each.

Sunken treasure for schools and you.
There will be a separate draw of $1,000 cash for a school in each State/Territory of Australia. Plus, the School Banking Co-ordinators of each winning school will receive a $250 Commonwealth Bank Debit Card (maximum of three per school).

Here’s how to win.
All your students need to do is make three or more deposits through School Banking during Term 2 and they’re automatically entered into the competition.
My Mum is special! I love her because......

She does delicious food, lets me watch TV and play on the Ipad and play Minecraft on my computer. (Andrey)

She buys me toys and things for $20 and I love her – (Jordan)

She gives me PG games and ED games. (Jack)

She gives me hugs and kisses. (Jaxon)

She is a doctor. She helps me look for dinner and cooks the dinner. (Jessica)

She gives lots of kisses and hugs and I love her. (Kayne)

She cooks me lamb chops for dinner on the BBQ. (Cody)

She buys me toys. (Noah)

She looks after me and buys me toys. (Stephanie)

She loves me. (Skye)

She is a nurse and takes care of me and she loves me. (Alyssa)

She eats chocolate. She makes me safe. (Blake)

She looks after me. She takes me to my friend’s house. (Summer)

My Mum lets me go to the park. I love her. (Elias)

She loves me lots lots, lots and she takes me to the park. (Lachlan)

She buys me play games, video games and she looks after me. (Ben)

She is nice and kind and lets me on the computer and Ipod. (Christopher)

She always buys toy Lego city. (Brock)

She looks after me and she loves me. (Kavina)

She is pretty and she gives me lots of hugs and kisses and cares about me. (Poppy)

She goes to Uni and she gives me ice cream. (Chloe)

She lets me go to my friend’s house lots of times and my Mum looks after me. (Matilda)

She lets me help her do the dishes. (Rose)

On my birthday she gives me a big tab. (Lucas)

She gives me treats. (Mikala)