Dear Parents and Guardians,

Parent Meeting for Parents of 2015 Kindergarten intake who have siblings in the school: This meeting was held at 8.40am on Friday 9th May, in the Hall. The meeting provided parent(s) / guardian(s) with an overview of what will be happening with regard the 2015 Kindergarten programme. Each family representative completed some essential paperwork which is required in order for the school to establish our initial school records for each child. Parents were asked to sign - in thereby indicating attendance. If you missed this meeting an envelope has been forwarded to you. Please send the information to the office no later than Friday 16th May.

Canonising two recent Popes in the presence of his immediate predecessor, Pope Francis praised the new Saints John XX111 and John Paul 11 as men of courage and mercy, who responded to the challenges of their time by modernising the Catholic Church in fidelity to its ancient traditions.
Pope Francis commented that, “they were priests, bishops and Popes of the 20th century. Both men lived through the tragic events of that century, but they were not overwhelmed by them. For them God was more powerful.”
John XX111 and John Paul 11 cooperated with the Holy Spirit in renewing and updating the Church in keeping with her original features, those features which the saints have given her throughout the centuries.
Pope Francis acknowledged Saint John XX111 for his best known accomplishment, calling the Second Vatican Council, which he said “showed an exquisite openness to the Holy Spirit. Pope Francis characterised Saint John Paul as the “Pope of the family”; a title he said the late Pope himself had hoped to be remembered by.
We as a global Catholic community have certainly been blessed with an abundance of magnificent saints to pray to. Our Confirmation candidates will this year be able to research Saints John and John Paul and perhaps take these men’s names in Confirmation because they admire their feats, traits and saintliness.

Mr Robert Marshall – Principal, of Irene McCormack Catholic College (IMCC): Mr Marshall visited the Year 5 classes today, Thursday 15th May between 1.55pm and 2.45pm. Mr Marshall spoke to the prospective students and parents, who chose to accept his invitation to attend the meeting. The core messages were about student life and participation at IMCC in 2016. He handed out College information packages and answered questions. I commend Mr Marshall and his accompanying students for actively working for stronger bonds with our school community.

God bless

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK

Head Lice – Year 2
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SCHOOL NEWS


Mother’s Day thank you: Last week we had what can only be coined as a lovely celebration of Mother’s Day. On Wednesday the school attended a beautiful mass in honour of Mothers. This mass was very well attended by mums and grandmothers. Mrs Jones organised the teachers to read and several mothers brought items forward in the procession. The last song was magnificent and the children were reverent and respectful. On Thursday Year 5W presented a wonderful assembly. By all reports the children were well organised and never missed a beat! I hope all our mother’s had a sensational Mother’s Day.

Reflection: Are we Gospel people? Gospel means good news. Are we good news people? Do we present Jesus to all we meet by the way we treat others? Are we positive people who can give others hope and encouragement? By doing this we can make people feel good about themselves, and so we become Gospel people – Good News people. All of us should strive to be like these Good News people.

School Fees: Thank you to families who have settled their Term 2 fees and a reminder that Term 2 fees are due to be paid by Friday 23 May 2014

Important Reminder for parents of children enrolled for the Sacrament of Eucharist (Holy Communion): The Leadership Team coordinator for this sacrament is Mr Archer. It is absolutely vital that all parents / guardians understand that each component of the Eucharist programme is planned so that all aspects of preparation are covered sequentially. As such, if you or your child fails to attend any part you will need to understand that there is
minimal opportunity to make good. As a school we will keep accurate records of completion of components. We will not ‘chase you’ because we have published dates in newsletters and sent notes home on many occasions. If you do not meet the requirements of all components of the programme you will jeopardise your child’s chance to complete the sacrament.

Last Thursday the Parish held the Parent Information Evening for the Sacrament of Eucharist (Holy Communion). At this vital meeting sacramental information was given out to parents and there was an opportunity to register for workshops and the sacrament. These are presented below -

**Forward Planning for the Sacrament of Eucharist** (Holy Communion): A reminder of the need to post the following dates in a diary or calendar –

- **First Eucharist Commitment Masses:** All sacramental candidates should attend one of the Parish masses over the weekend of 24 / 25 May.
- **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.

**Reconciliation Certificates:** Year 3 Parents and Guardians Please be aware that these are being given out after the 6B assembly on Thursday 22nd May.

**NAPLAN:** This week the children in Year 3 and Year 5 have been working through the NAPLAN tasks. On Tuesday they completed the Language Conventions and Writing assessments and on Wednesday they did the Reading tasks. Today saw them work through the Numeracy assessment booklets. Tomorrow, Friday, will be catch - up day for any children who were away when assessments took place. This is the only day that the Australian Curriculum, Assessments and Reporting Authority (ACARA) will allow catch ups to take place. Please do your best to have your children at school tomorrow if they have missed any of the tests.

**Staffing News:** It is always a sad time when you say good bye to staff. After eight and a half years on staff we are very sad to report that on April 24th Mr Tony Brock retired from the work force and as one of our School Groundsmen. Tony loves his caravan and will take time to travel the northern regions of the Pilbara and Kimberley with his wife Lorna. Tony is greatly loved by both staff and children! Over the years he has proven to be a master handyman and accomplished reticulation guru. He has paid his way many times over. The Board, P & F and staff farewellcd Tony at a luncheon earlier this week.

During Term One this year Mrs Ann Marie Bramwell resigned as our School Uniform Shop Manageress. Mrs Bramwell was a parent of the school for in excess of fifteen years and worked in the uniform shop for about ten years as a volunteer and later as Manageress. In inimitable style, after resigning, she then trained the current Uniform staff, Mrs N. Jaschinsky and Mrs L. Stainton in all aspects of the role. We wish Mrs Bramwell well in whatever work she undertakes in the future and thank her for her wonderful contributions to Saint Andrew’s.

Mrs Dawne Peacham has taken a period of Long Service leave and will return to work at the start of Term three. We welcome Mrs Marianne Riley as Physical Education teacher in Mrs Peacham’s absence.

**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.

**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 of Week 3. Mrs Cross will organise orders early next term.
St Vincent de Paul: Please remember donations of non-perishable food can be left in the office. This is our ongoing help for Vinnies. Thank you to those who donate to this worthy cause.

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!

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
Parenting Ideas – CYBER BULLYING by Michael Grose

Cyber bullying is one of the biggest, safety issues facing young people today. Bullying and harassment online is now common place, whilst this seems to be worse in High Schools, it is now becoming more common in Primary Schools.

Parents have the same responsibility to help their children stay safe in the online world as they do in the real world. “Stranger Danger” and accompanying safe behaviours are just as relevant in the online world as they are in the real world.

Parents should use the same offline preventative strategies to maximise their children’s online safety as they have always used. These strategies include: teaching children about the right way to behave online; don’t let them spend all night in the cyber world; ask questions about what they are doing and where they go online. Parents need to remind their children that things in the online world can spin out of control very quickly. A written message or an image can be circulated electronically so rapidly that the scope and scale of cyber bullying can be greater than any form of bullying.

The following seven key points form the basis of an online safety strategy for children.

1. Respect others
2. Think before you send
3. Treat online passwords like your house key.
4. Block the bullies
5. Don’t reply to harassment
6. Save the evidence
7. Tell someone

If you wish to find out more about Parenting ideas you can find them at: www.parentingideas.com.au

St Andrew’s Parish Fundraising & Social Committee: Please contact Mel Leedham at mel.l@iinet.net.au if you would like to purchase an Entertainment Book.

Making Jesus Real: Your attitude to life and to people is similar to a motor in a car. If you have a good motor it will take you places in life. If your motor is in neutral (don’t care) or reverse (negative attitude) you won’t go far. The late Steve Irwin was a classic example (both in what he said and his body language) and there are people in our school and in our lives (at home, in groups – music, drama, sports etc) who also provide examples of how a positive attitude to life takes you places. If you wish to have a positive life, hang out with positive people. If on the other hand you hang around with moaners and groaners (at times we all moan and groan), you will be dragged down by that Negative Attitude to people and life.

(Acknowledgement: Peter Mitchell – Making Jesus Real; CEO Hobart)

P&F NEWS
Wow! What a busy few weeks we had leading up to last week! The Mother’s Day stall on Thursday was very well received by both students and mothers. Thanks again to Tanya King for coordinating this for the P&F, we hope you all enjoyed the presents your child selected for you.

We were delighted to have 39 mothers attending the Mother’s Day afternoon tea last Friday. It was lovely to be able to chat to other mums over a scone and a cuppa before school pick up and we received some lovely feedback on the event. It’s nice to be able to do something for all the hard working mums in our school community.

Thanks to Mr Smith for coming along and drawing the door prizes. Five lucky mums took home prizes, three of which were donated by The Good Guys Clarkson and Jade MacMillan - Nature Direct. Thanks also to Carpene’s Nursery who donated flowers for the mums to take home. Photos of the event are up on the P&F Facebook page as well as the recipe for those delicious scones (thanks to Jen Lynch for baking the scones and sharing her recipe).

Our next P&F Meeting will be on Wednesday 21 May at 6:30pm in the Staff Room. Hope to see you there.
Pre Primary Blue’s Science lesson this week was about our 5 senses. What we taste, smell, hear, feel, and see. We got to use our senses to work out what is in each of the cups. Miss Poz and Mrs Harvey put a blind fold on us so we couldn’t see what it was.

Joel: “The M&Ms smelt like colourful Cheerios.”

Athiei: “You smell with your nose.”

Ariel: “I smell with my nose.

Livy: M &Ms smell like chocolate.”

Thomas: “You hear with your ears.”

Toryn: “It smelt like chocolate.”

Finn: The bread felt “soft”.

Asthon: “The pretzel had salt. It was hard.”

Zoe: The M&M smelt “sweet”.

Sean: “Nose is for smelling”.

Will: “ears are for listening.”

Meisha: “we feel with fingers so we can feel what it is.”

Haley: “the tuna smelt like meat.”

Jacob: “they smell like chocolate”.

Hunter : “you use your ears to hear”.  

Alysha: you use your eyes “to look”.  

Jai: “eyes are for seeing”

Taj M: “that’s where your tongue tastes.”

Nate: M&Ms smelt “sweet.”

Jimmy: The olives “are yummy, healthy and good for your teeth.”

Isla G: “They felt like soft and hard

Ella: The celery was “hard”.

Ben W: You use your nose for “smelling”.

Taj B: the M&Ms tasted “sweet”.  
