Put on hope and every one of your days will be enlightened and your horizon will no longer be dark, but luminous. Pope Francis.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This Sunday is the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians. The Virgin Mary has often been invoked in times of religious strife under the title of Help of Christians. In thanksgiving for the release of Pope Pius V11 from captivity in 1814, the feast was established the following year on the anniversary of his restoration. The first Australian provincial synod held in Sydney in 1844 placed the Church in Australia under Mary's patronage invoked by the title Help of Christians. The solemn feast is an occasion to seek Mary's help and protection for our Church and nation.

In an earlier newsletter I wrote that we had a student in the school who is currently receiving intensive treatment for cancer. On Tuesday this week we welcomed McDonalds Camp Quality Puppets to perform at our school. The Camp Quality visit was in the form of an educational programme using life size puppets to deliver a fun and positive message about supporting children living with cancer and other serious illness. I extend my thanks to Miss D. Pozarowszczyk for organising this wonderfully beneficial incursion!

Today we celebrated the Cancer Councils ‘Australia's Biggest Morning Tea.’ I realise that in this day and age many children are raised in families where both parents work in order to help make ends meet. This said staff were very happy to welcome so many parents into the classroom environment to share a plate of food and a ‘cuppa’. Thank you to Miss J.Cooney who coordinated this fundraiser. $566.95 will be forwarded on to the Cancer Council.

Tomorrow, Friday 23rd May is ‘National Walk to School Day.’ For some weeks Mrs L. Waddell and her team have been advertising this great event. All children should endeavour to walk at least one segment of the journey to school. But this should only be under the supervision of their parents or an approved parental delegate. The benefits of walking are many fold – personal wellness, happiness, weight benefits, stress control, better sleep at night, opportunity for family interaction and fun! When children arrive at school tomorrow they should line up to receive a participation certificate and sticker. I look forward to seeing as many parents involved as possible!

NAPLAN: Is now complete for the 2014 school year. The Australian Curriculum, Assessments and Reporting Authority (ACARA) will deliver the NAPLAN school data and student reports for students in Years 3 and 5 to all Primary schools in late September this year. Hopefully, the NAPLAN reports will be forwarded on to parents as part of school reporting late in Term 3.

Board Meeting: Wednesday 28th May, 2014 in the Staffroom. 6.30pm.

God bless

Mr Warren Smith
Principal

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK

Staphylococcus Infection – Year 4
Lifelink – Year 6
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…. Ashton F, Indahly G, Tye B, Chelsea B, Sean-Michael D, Mia W

Sacrament of Eucharist: Parents and Guardians are reminded that candidates for Eucharist (First Holy Communion) should have attended a Commitment Mass in the parish last weekend. Next week (Week 5) all parents / guardians should attend one of the two rostered Eucharist Workshops. These are scheduled for Tuesday 27th May and Wednesday 28th May, between 6.30pm and 7.30pm in the Saint Andrew’s School Hall. Enquiries can be made to Mr Archer or the Year 4 teachers.

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.

Magical Moments and Windows on Work: These were sent home at the conclusion of Term One and were due back on Monday 12th May, 2014. The classroom teachers will be approaching parents to ensure that they receive the files back as soon as possible.
A Message from the Allen family:

Dear Staff, Students, parents and Community of Saint Andrew’s,

We wish to thank you for your caring concern through this difficult time.
It has given us great strength knowing we have such love and support while we focus on Robbie’s health.

We also wish to thank everyone for their thoughtful cards and gifts which have brought many smiles to our precious son’s face and kept him busy with all the activities.

We wish to thank everyone personally but please know that every prayer is sincerely appreciated as Robbie continues his battle.

With love and thanks,
The Allen Family.

Tomorrow, Friday the 23rd May is Life Link Day. This Catholic Mission initiative was introduced in 1999 when Barry James Hickey was the Archbishop of Perth. It was set up with the purpose of Catholic schools across Western Australia, raising money so that the Archdiocese could allocate extra resources to the Catholic charities that existed under the Diocesan umbrella. Students learn a great deal about helping those less fortunate than themselves, contributing to the greater Church, being Apostles of Jesus and taking the opportunity to greet, meet and treat others in a welcoming way. This year Irene McCormack College is hosting the opening of Life Link 2014. Miss Watkins, several year 6 students and myself have been invited to attend the opening and to meet Archbishop Costelloe and Bishop Sproxton. Our school will have a Free Dress Day; students are asked to fully engage in this event and contribute by bringing in a gold coin donation. Please get behind this important initiative.

Next Thursday, 29th May the Year 6 classes will be organising the Saint Andrew’s Fun Day which is a chance for the younger children to contribute money to the missions in return for taking part in enjoyment based fundraising activities.
Making Jesus Real – Taking the Good With the Bad: At an early age in life we realise that we have great times, good times, ordinary times and not so good times. Life is like that. If we dwell too much on the not so good and think that is our lot in life then it will be. It is important to take the hard times on the chin, try to be positive and get on with life. At times that is easier to say than to do, particularly at the death of a loved one or a pet, but we are talking about the ordinary little things that get us down.

Some people are always moaning and groaning. It is their first reaction to anything they don’t like. When was the last time that I accepted a disappointment in my life and didn’t moan? What about umpiring decisions? Even in the school yard or the car-park, have you noticed anyone who accepts decisions well?

(Acknowledgement: Peter Mitchell – CEO Hobart)

Hall Booking: Please be advised that the School Hall is booked for the period 9.00am – 4.00pm on Tuesday 27th May, 2014. The Catholic Education Office will be facilitating a professional development in the hall on this day. This may impact the available parking in the hall car park after school on this day.

Kindergarten 2015: The interview process for children who will be attending Saint Andrew’s Catholic Primary School Kindergarten in 2015, has been completed. Information which includes ‘Letters of Offer’ has been sent out to both sibling families and new families. A playgroup will commence on Wednesday 23rd July, 2014 in the Kindergarten Gold classroom between 9.00am and 11.00am. Mrs Nicky Jaschinsky has kindly volunteered to take on the playgroup Supervisors role. Thank you Nicky!!

Farewell and Thank you: Next week we say good bye to Mrs Lisa Collins who has served as the OshClub Leader at Saint Andrew’s Catholic Primary School for almost two years. Mrs Collins has endeared herself to the many Saint Andrew’s families who regularly or sessionally use the facility. Mrs Collins and her husband are returning to live in England where their adult children reside. We wish the entire Collins family well!

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)- A Journey in Faith: Are you considering becoming a catholic or do you know of someone who wishes to join the Catholic Church? Are you baptized and would like to receive the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation? Or you just want to learn more about our faith? For further information please contact Fr. Robert or Fr. Rainer: 9407 7512 or Gall Finch: 0417723048 or Tania De Sousa: 0448035926.
Pujjangka-Piyirn School in Lake Gregory:
Earlier this year, we sent a donation of money to purchase much needed swimming equipment for the John Pujjangka-Piyirn School in Lake Gregory, near Halls Creek in the Kimberley. It is a remote Aboriginal School in the desert and is part of the WA Catholic school system.

Mr Les Coyle, the Principal, sent us an email and said, “The swimming caps and goggles came last week. These, along with the noodles and kick boards will make our kids so much healthier.

We have emptied the pool for the cooler months so I can’t send you photos of them in the pool but here is the next best thing. I hope your kids get a good laugh. Thank you so much for your support. It is very much appreciated.”

Respecting the traditional owners of our great land and learning more about Aboriginal culture is very important to all of us at St Andrew’s. It has been a great opportunity to assist the students in this school and we hope to provide further assistance in a practical way again in the future.

Thank you so much for buying these caps and goggles for us!

Regards
The staff and students at J.P.P Mulan
Year 5 White

Year 5 White has been working hard on developing the skills needed to deliver confident, oral presentations. In particular, we have been focussing on developing strategies which are needed to engage and entertain an audience.

We would like to share some of our learning in this area.

Start with a gripping sentence. (Jordan)
It’s important to be entertaining. (Seth)
Bring the audience to the edge of their seats. (Caitlin)
Choose a unique topic. (Angelikah)
It’s important to practise our speeches. (Isobella)
Make sure you check the accuracy of your information. (Kyla)
It is crucial not to fidget whilst you are speaking. (Amara)
It is essential to speak clearly so the audience can hear you. (Virginia)
You need to focus on your posture when you present your speech. (Anak)
Include lots of facts and information. (Rhianne)
Make sure you research your topic. (Harry)
Eye contact is critical. (Amelia T.)
Speak clearly and with volume. (Cate)
Use lots of facial expressions and gestures. (Amelia S.)
It’s important to use expression and change the tone of your voice. (Amity)
Use expression when you speak. (Carmelo)
Make sure your prepared and that you’ve practised (Connor)
Make sure you stick to the time limit. (Levi)
Make use of palm cards. (Nyandeng)
Don’t fidget when you are speaking. (Mathiang)
Eye contact is important. (Lachlan)
Your speech should have impact at the beginning and the end of it. (Frankie)
Be confident when you are delivering your speech. (Liam)
Use palm cards to help you deliver a confident presentation. (Bella)