Parents and Guardians,

Monday of this week was a Pupil Free day. The staff attended a very important Professional Development with Greg Mitchell, an educational consultant, who specialises in workshopping teachers on School Improvement and School Culture. This day will leave a significant foot print on our work as we continue the journey of School Improvement.

This week the Year 3 and 5 students have sat the Bishops Religious Literacy Assessment (BRLA). The BRLA is a large scale, standardised assessment program. The program consists of a series of Religious Education (RE) tests developed by staff from the RE section at the Catholic Education Office of Western Australia (CEOWA). The Year 3 tests are marked by the staff at Saint Andrew’s Catholic School and the results once tabulated are used as both knowledge indicators and for staff programming refinements. The Year 5 tests are marked by staff from the CEO. Formal school and student reports are produced by the CEO for students in Year 5. The BRLA provides a point in time snapshot of student performance in RE. Students’ knowledge and understanding of the content of RE curriculum is assessed using a combination of multiple choice, short and extended response items. Students’ faith is not assessed. The use of the BRLA complements the school based assessment programs in RE.

The 2014 Catholic Performing Arts Festival is in full swing and this week the School Band has taken part. Mrs Mulholland has reported that the children performed very proficiently!

Tomorrow will see the School Cross Country Running Squad taking part in the Interschool events at Mawson Park, Hillarys. Mrs M. Riley put many hours into training the team before school no matter what the weather. Along with Mrs D. Peacham, who has returned from Long Service Leave, we pray that the day is fine, that the wind chill factor is low and that the children run to achieve personal bests!

2014 Term 3 School Disco: The P & F Committee are looking for volunteers for this year’s school disco evening to be held on Friday 22nd August. The disco evening has been divided into three disco’s: Kindergarten and Pre Primary, Years 1 - 3 and Years 4 – 6. The committee needs volunteers for each event. If you can help out with any or all please contact Jessica Pond on 0424 004 287 or send an email to jesswoz@hotmail.com. Please note: The newsletter in Weeks 2 and 4 of Term 3 will be shorter than usual due to office staff illness and absence on leave.

God bless
Warren Smith
Principal
The children in Kindy have been very busy learning lots of new and interesting things over the last two Terms and have had lots of fun interacting with each other in and out of the classroom. Here are some photos of the types of things the children enjoy doing:

- Playing in the shop
- Making things
- Playing with play dough
- Dressing up
- Writing our name
- Learning our numbers
- Art and craft
- Building
- Playing with our friends