If our schools are not a space where another humanity is being created,  
where another wisdom is taking root, where another society is being created,  
where hope and transcendence have a place, then we are losing out on making a unique  
contribution to this historical moment.  

Pope Francis

Dear Parents

We had very meaningful Class Liturgies from Year 1W and PPW this week and last week. Thank you very much to Father Robert who was our celebrant, parents who attended and students who participated on the days. A big thank you to Mrs Allen and Mrs McMillan for preparing the Liturgies.

Please note important date changes in your calendars. A very important change for you to be aware of is that the Carols Night and School Picnic is now on Friday 5 December.

Our Kindergarten Orientation sessions were well attended and we thank all parents who came along. They were also great opportunities to meet new parents and help those new to the school community feel welcomed and included.

Thank you very much to all parents for the relatively smooth time we have had with the school ‘Kiss’n ride’ being closed. We do ask that when you walk into or out of the school, you use the crosswalks and the paths and not walk through the staff carpark.

We were treated to an amazing assembly by Year 1B this morning and learnt some very interesting facts about various countries and cultures from around the world. Thank you very much Mrs Dennis, Mrs Stokes and Mrs Johnson and any other staff involved for a very entertaining and highly organised assembly.

Please remember to pray for any of our school family members who are suffering with loss, grief or illness at this point in time. Part of being a faith community involves the prayer support we offer to those who need it, even if we don’t know them. There are a number of people in our school community who will appreciate your prayers at this point in time.

As we enter into the last few weeks of the school year, we ask you to remind your children about the importance of obeying school rules and showing respect to peers and staff. Timely reminders regarding good manners and respect are always worthwhile!

God bless,

Fintan Archer  
Acting Principal

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK:
Letter Year 5 and 6 – Configuration of Classes  
Year 1 and Year 2 – Crane  
Stranger Danger  
Year 6 Excursion  
Threadworm  
Splash Afternoon – Incursion Permission Slip
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.

SCHOOL NEWS

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<td>St Andrew’s Day/Farewell Mass for Mrs Climo. Farewell Morning Tea for Mrs Climo (Supplied by Parents - Hall). Entertainment at 11.00am (The Silver Threads Band - Hall). P&amp;F Splash Afternoon for the Children</td>
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<td>School Picnic 5.30pm and Carols 6.00pm - Oval (Led by Choir). (Please note a change of date).</td>
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<td>Last day for Year 6 – Year 6 Reports go home. Staff Meeting. Year 6 Graduation Mass 6.30pm followed by ceremony in the Hall. Approximate finish 8.30pm.</td>
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<td>Last day of Term 4 for PP-Y5 students. Reports go home.</td>
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<td>Uniform shop open between 9.30am-11.30am</td>
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MERIT AWARDS – 20 NOVEMBER 2014

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Condolences: Our deepest condolences go to Che in Kindy Gold, his mother and all family members on the sad loss of Che’s father Victor. May he rest in peace. Please remember the Trifon family in your prayers.

Parentingideas.com

10 research backed tips for raising happy, successful children.

1) Birth order matters - If you disregard the birth order of your children you are overlooking a vital piece of your parenting puzzle. e.g. Research has shown that the eldest children tend to experience greater mental health problems, particularly anxiety, than children in any other birth order. Happiness can be elusive for this group so they require a parenting style that is cognisant of their drivers, and that releases pressure rather than placing extra pressure on them.

2) Positive peers matter - Your child's friends impact heavily on their wellbeing and frame of mind. When peer relationships are smooth, children seem to be happier, more content and even learn better.

3) Parent mental health matters – If you want happy kids then YOU need to get yourself happy. Parent anxiety and depression is linked to behavioural problems in children; it also makes our parenting less effective.

4) Sibling relationships matter – Research shows that over the long haul healthy relationships make kids happier. But how do you go about teaching kids to get on? Start by encouraging children to build small acts of kindness, which builds empathy. Help them mend relationships that have broken down. Start with siblings first. With only-children, make sure you build these skills through plenty of interactions with peers.

5) Developmental matching matters – A number of studies have shown that much of what is considered “poor parenting” has more to do with poor developmental matching. Put simply, parents who raise an eleven year old like they did their eight year old might find that conflict and resistance become their constant companions, and unhappiness accompanies their child.

6) Good parenting matters – The links between authoritative parenting (a mixture of firmness, warmth and family participation) and children's happiness and wellbeing are well drawn.

7) Family dinners matter – Yes, you've got to eat, but you need to eat together. Significant research links family strength and children's wellbeing with regular family mealtimes. Importantly there is a high correlation between teenagers who eat with their family at least 5 times a week and good mental health.
8) **Fun matters** - Many kids get too little unstructured time these days. Play that is not initiated by adults is more than just mucking around: kids learn and grow through such play. Unstructured play helps children learn how to work in groups, to share, negotiate, resolve conflicts, regulate their emotions and behaviour, and speak up for themselves.

9) **Helping others matters** – Helping others makes you happy over the long term. The same applies with kids. Just don’t let their grumpiness put you off when you expect them to help.

10) **Emotional intelligence matters** – Emotional intelligence is a skill, not an inborn trait. Believing that your children will just naturally come to understand their emotions (let alone those of others) doesn’t set them up for success or happiness. Kids learn best when they have concrete tools to assist their learning.

**Building Relocation:** Please be aware that in weeks 8 and 9, due to the school building programme, Kindergarten students will be relocated to the current Pre-Primary rooms; Pre-Primary students will be relocated to the current Year 1 rooms and Year 1 students will be relocated to the Library and Music Room.

**Absentee Reminder:** Many thanks to all Parents/Guardians for ringing, texting or emailing St Andrew’s to say that your child will be absent. It is a requirement that you must complete a SIGNED absentee note as well and forward to Administration.

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**P&F NEWS**

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**St Andrews Day Splash Afternoon – Friday 28th November:** The P&F are bringing CastlesWA to our school for an afternoon of water sliding fun as part of the St Andrew’s Day celebrations.

CastlesWA will be setting up water slides on the school oval for a fantastic afternoon for all children. The activities start after lunch and will continue once school has finished. There will be age appropriate slides for the children (Kindy to Year 1, Year 2 & 3 and Year 4, 5 & 6). Every child at school will be able to participate with parental permission during school hours.

Parents will need to send children to school with bathers, rashies, towel and hat. Sunscreen will be put on in the classroom before going out to the oval. Bottles of sunscreen will also be available on the oval for re-application throughout the afternoon. Please notify your child’s teacher about any known allergies to sunscreen. Children will return to their classrooms prior to the final siren.
**After School Splash:** Once school has finished, parents are welcome to bring their children back to the oval for more fun from 3.00pm until 5.00pm. Parents will need to register their children who will then be issued with a wristband. Without a wristband, children will not be permitted back onto the water slides. All children currently attending St Andrew’s (including all Kindy classes) will be able to join in the after school splash time with parental supervision.

**Unfortunately, younger siblings will not be permitted to attend.** Parents, or an alternate nominated adult who is over 18, must remain on the school premises for the duration of the after school event. Older siblings at the school are not permitted to register and assume responsibility for younger siblings. We ask parents to please support us in this.

A detailed permission slip has been sent home with all children who will be attending school on Friday 28 November. We look forward to your support for our final event in 2014!

**P&F Meeting:** The final P&F meeting for 2014 will be held tomorrow Friday, 21st November, at 1.30pm, in the school hall boardroom. We will be finalising plans for the St Andrew’s Splash day, and discussing ideas for the 2015 “Welcome to St Andrew’s” night. We would love to hear from anyone who would like to offer their time to help out at these events, or anyone who has ideas they would like to contribute. If you cannot make it to the meeting, as always, the P&F can be contacted through the communication book in the office, via the Facebook group “St Andrews Clarkson CPS P&F Group”, or via email standrewspandf@yahoo.com.au. We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting!

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Parish Junior Choir for St Andrew’s Feast Day:** We would like to invite children aged from 7yrs to come and sing with the St Andrew’s Parish Junior Choir to celebrate St Andrew’s Feast Day at the 9.00am Mass on Sunday 30 November 2014, and afterwards join in the festivities of celebrating St Andrew’s Day in our Parish.

**There will be one (1) rehearsal only:** Sunday 23 November 2014 at 2.00pm til 4.00pm in St Andrew’s Church.

Enquiries:
Helen Smith 0432 551 428
Music Co-ordinator of St Andrew’s Parish Music Ministry
In 6B we have been learning how to cook up some delicious Indonesian recipes

Here are some of the things we learnt or enjoyed most about Indonesian cooking:

**Jye:** I enjoyed frying the rice and vegetables and trying new dishes.
**Ryan:** I enjoyed learning how to make Satay Chicken Kebabs.
**Alyssa:** I loved having my mum assist with cooking the Kebabs.
**Lewis:** I loved cooking and eating the Beef Rangdang which was nice and spicy.
**Liz:** This was the first time I’ve cooked Satay Chicken and I enjoyed eating it as well.
**Max:** I really enjoyed the whole cooking experience and eating the Satay Chicken the most.
**Emilie:** I enjoyed eating the Beef Rangdang the most, which was nice and spicy.
**Traci:** I cooked up the Mie Goreng which was really enjoyable and tasty.
**Conall:** I liked cooking Beef Rangdang and hearing compliments about it.
**Millie:** I loved eating every dish, especially the Indonesian pancakes.
**Kaman:** I enjoyed cutting up the vegetables and trying new dishes that I’ve never eaten.
**Kai:** I really enjoyed eating new recipes that I’ve never eaten before.
**Maisie:** I really enjoyed following the instructions to put the Beef Randang together.
**Lucas:** I liked eating the pancakes the most – they tasted delicious!
**Emysen:** I really enjoyed cooking the Mie Goreng and tasting other dishes.
**Annelise:** My favourite part of cooking was blending all the spices together.
**Dakota:** I enjoyed cooking up the Nasi Goreng and cutting up all the vegetables for the dish.
**Lilly:** I enjoyed cutting up all the vegetables and seeing everyone enjoy eating Nasi Goreng.
**Ruby:** I enjoyed eating both the Indonesian pancakes and the Satay Chicken.
**Kaitlin:** I loved eating and cooking up recipes I’ve never tried before.
**Emma:** I loved cooking up my dish: Indonesian Pancakes and eating dishes I’ve never tried before.
**Ethan:** I thoroughly enjoyed cooking the pancakes, whilst sprinkling sugar everywhere.
**Absent:** Liam and Cleo