Lord,
I know how much you love me.
It’s hard for me to feel it sometimes, but I know that
Your love is always with me.
Help me to use your love as a way to persevere with my Lenten intentions.
I am weak, but I know that with your help,
I can use these small sacrifices in my life to draw closer to you. Amen.

Dear Parents,

If any school family has a child who is due to go into the 2016 Kindergarten program, could they please contact the school office to confirm that their enrolment details have been received. We would like to ensure that we are catering for our families / children. (Please don’t presume that the office staff and I ‘know’ that your child is anticipating attending our Kindergarten in 2016.) Children starting Kindergarten in 2016 were born between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012.

Thank you to all of those parents who are on Health Care Cards and have filled in their application for School Fee Relief. If you have not done this as yet, please do so by the end of this week as School Fee reminder forms will be sent shortly. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

A reminder that this Friday 27th February is a Pupil Free Day and Monday 2nd of March is a Public Holiday.

Wednesday night was our initial 2015 School Board Meeting. We are so lucky to have the group of parents representing our parent body on the school board. They give of their time effortlessly and continue to strive to develop policies and ideas for the betterment of the students at St. Andrew’s. I shared my vision and aspirations for the school and we all had a very productive meeting. Our new School Board Chair is Vicki Reid.

On Tuesday, the school leadership team attended a very important professional development session conducted by the Catholic Education Officials of WA. The purpose of this meeting was to up skill staff in the evaluation and review of the school, its policies and practices including the teaching and learning that is occurring. Elements of the professional development day will be brought into the staff’s evaluation of the ‘happenings’ at St. Andrew’s School. A sincere thank you to all involved.

As I reflect on my first few weeks of my appointment as Principal, I am heartened by the wonderful community that I have been so fortunate to become a part of. The Welcome to St. Andrew’s gathering last Friday clearly demonstrated this to me, as it was very well attended and so much fun! I personally thank the P & F for all of their devotion, hard work and planning to ensure the success of this event. If you were unable to attend maybe you should consider this event for future years as I am sure that you would enjoy it!
I have also been visiting a number of classrooms each week and getting to know all of the children better. Speaking individually or collectively, the children strive for success and they want to improve from where they are now. Their wonderful manners and genuine concern for others is a real example of the St Andrew’s spirit. I eagerly look forward to continuing to visit the classroom and speak to the children while I am on duty.

- If you have any concerns with regards to your child's progress, the school policy is very clear in its pathway. **Your initial meeting must and should be with your child’s classroom teacher.** At this meeting it is imperative that you explain the situation clearly and allow the teacher both the right of reply and time to manage and deal with your concern. Please remember that your child's teacher may be unaware of the concern and may require time to research and gather information. While I support the contact with teachers via email or letter, please be aware that there is no replacement for a face to face meeting. Also, as a staff, we are building resiliency in students where they set fair rules for all to play, and solve problems which may arise. Many students, when discussing their day with their parents remember an isolated incident, which had been dealt with, and parents need to just listen, ask them what they did in the situation and support them from home. Once all of the information has been gathered and analysed, our caring and dedicated staff have made excellent decisions as to the wellbeing of the child.

- If after several meetings with the teacher, and you feel that no resolution has occurred then parents have the option of booking an appointment with one of the Assistant Principals, either Mr Archer or Mr Smith.

- Finally after the parent has exhausted these other avenues, Mr Fontaine is the final port of call. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

A reminder that next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, I will be away from school as I will attend the annual Year 6 School Camp. I have purposely spent a considerable amount of time with all of the Year 6 students getting to know them personally in my preparation to attend. I am really looking forward to participating in this event. Any concerns can be directed to Mr Archer in my absence.

On behalf of the school community we would like to congratulate Mr and Mrs Waddell on the safe arrival of their little girl, Ella Louise Diana Waddell. Many years of enjoyment are yet to be had!

**DISABLED PARKING BAYS (Kiss n Ride and School grounds)**

Please be aware that these signed and designated car bays are for cars parking and displaying a current **ACROD** parking permit. Please be considerate of our parents / families that need to use this service. Do not use these bays if you do not meet the conditions for parking! Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

God Bless

Sam FONTAINE
Principal

**FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY**
**PUPIL FREE DAY**
**STAFF PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT**
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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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Happy Birthday to those children who are Celebrating their birthday


P&F NEWS

WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S NIGHT
Last Friday, 20 February, the P&F held our first event for the year, the Welcome to St Andrew’s night. It was great to see so many families relaxing together on the oval listening to the beautiful voice of Sarah Graham. The younger children, as evidenced by an ever present queue, made the most of the bouncy castle and the older children took full advantage of the sports equipment available on the night.

We would like to give thanks to Mel Boschin and Michelle Hendry who coordinated and organised the event. It’s great to be able to relinquish control of these events to such willing and capable volunteers. We are confident that everyone present appreciated your efforts. Thanks also to Robert and Valerie King for manning the BBQ, as well as the following parents who volunteered their time: Hani Bustos, Nicole Callaghan, Sonia Carter, Louis Furnau, Jade McMillan, Leanne Mackenzie, Julia O’Reilly, Sharon Skipworth and Serena Spadaro. Your efforts ensured a great night was had by all and are truly appreciated.

We look forward to working with you all again throughout the year.

Thank you to everyone who came and made the night the success it was. We hope you enjoyed yourselves as much as we did and look forward to seeing you at our next event.

MISSING INSTRUMENTS
Sarah Graham kindly brought various musical instruments’ to the Welcome to St Andrew’s night for the children to use. These are valuable to Sarah and if you should find any pieces please return them to the office so she can use these again at other functions.
As we head towards the Second Sunday of Lent, we reflect on the Lenten promises we’ve made. We hope these promises will help us to change and grow to be more like Jesus.

“I promise to give more to others without expecting anything in return”. Sean-Michael
“I promise to avoid arguing with my brother and sister”. Drew
“I promise to help my Mum and Dad more”. Peyton
“I promise to use my common sense more”. Adam
“I promise to be nicer to other people”. Georgia
“I promise to try and do more jobs around the house and help out”. Nicholas
“I promise to read my Library book without moaning and groaning”. Nyankam
“I promise not to annoy my friends”. Tayjarna
“I promise to look after my family”. Eoin
“I promise not to get angry with my brother. I will stay positive”. Ella
“I promise to help my Mum to clean”. Carlos
“I promise to be kinder”. Rosemary
“I promise to do what my Mum and Dad ask me to do the first time they ask me”. Jesna
“I promise not to stir my brother up intentionally”. Koby
“I promise not to annoy my family”. Gillian
“I promise to share with my brother”. Shayla
“I promise to keep peace with my brothers and sisters”. Mary
“I promise to be home at the time my Mum tells me to come home”. Luke
“I promise to be more of a giver, not a taker”. Declan
“I promise to stop fighting with my brothers”. Te Huika
“I promise not to yell at my sister”. Mumbi
“I promise to be more independent”. Sienna
“I promise not to argue with my brother”. Noah
“I promise to listen to my parents”. Taylor
“I promise to help Mum with the shopping”. Ethan
“I promise to stop annoying my brothers and sisters”. Cynthia
“I promise to be more kind to others”. Martino
“I promise to do what my Mum and Dad say”. Lucy
“I promise to be nice to my sister”. Joshua
“I promise to let go of things that are beyond my control”. Mrs. Stapleton