God of Love,
through this Lenten journey,
purify my desires to serve you.
Free me from any temptations to judge others,
to place myself above others.
Please let me surrender even my impatience with others,
that with your love and your grace,
I might be less and less absorbed with myself,
and more and more full of the desire
to follow you, in laying down my life
according to your example. Amen.

Dear Parents,

We are now in the **season of Lent** and unless we commit ourselves to some disciplined change in our lives, the season will all be over and we will have missed the opportunity to become more ‘Christ like.’ Rather than give up chocolates (which can be a selfish act if we need the weight loss) we could look at being more generous with those commodities that are precious to us. (eg. Our time or our listening skills.) May we all grow closer to God through our efforts this Lenten Season.

For many people distress, famine, and violence are daily realities. Through your contribution to **Project Compassion**, you can commence to bring dignity and hope to those who are suffering in our world. Project Compassion gives us the opportunity to bring new life to those who suffer and struggle. Think about the thousands of people in more than 50 countries throughout the world whose lives will be improved because of your donations. It takes a little to make a big change.
We have commenced the middle section of the term and it is hoped that the children are developing sound habits at both school and home. *I encourage any parents who have any concerns about their child’s progress, to contact the classroom teacher.* I cannot over emphasize the importance of parent - teacher partnerships in providing the very best learning opportunities, to maximize student learning.

All of the Year 6 children are enjoying their team building and trying to participate in activities which require concentration and commitment. A wonderful time is being had by all, but it is difficult trying to get Mr. Waddell and Mr. Smith to take turns on the flying fox!

**PROJECT COMPASSION**
Each class has been given a Project Compassion contribution box. You can encourage your child to use this as a part of their Lenten Journey, if you so desire.

God Bless

Sam Fontaine
Principal

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| **Tuesday 10 March**| Staff Meeting
Uniform Shop Open – 2.00pm-3.00pm |
| **Wednesday 11 March** | AGM of P&F 6.30pm Hall |

Happy Birthday to those children who are celebrating their birthday ………………

**UNIFORM SHOP:** The school sport socks have just arrived and are now available for sale.

**SCHOOL BANKING:** Jenny Lee (a representative from the Commonwealth Bank) came to our Assembly today to present an award to Mahlia O. Congratulations Mahlia on winning the competition. Unfortunately, Jenny’s assistant was held up, so Jessica M kindly stepped in to assist Jenny. Jess did a terrific job, she is a natural! Banking is held on Mondays. Enrolment packs are available from the office.
PARENTS AND FRIENDS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A reminder that the P&F AGM will take place next Wednesday 11 March at 6:30pm in the School Hall.

Current Office Bearers:

- President: Sally Cole
- Vice President: Robert King
- Secretary: Gwen Carroll
- Treasurer: Jen Lynch

Both Gwen and Jen have completed two years serving as Secretary and Treasurer respectively, while Sally and Robert have just completed their first year on the P&F. All Executive positions; President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer are open for election. Should you wish to nominate for any of these positions please speak with Mr Fontaine, although this is not a pre-requisite.

The P&F is very active in the school, organising social events for both children and parents alike; the Welcome to St Andrew’s Night, the Disco, Mother’s and Father’s Day events, Easter Raffle, an end of school year/St Andrew’s Day event, Cheese & Wine Night, movie events, as well as giving monetary contributions back to the school for the purchase of new library books, iPads, sports equipment, musical resources and various classroom resources.

We always welcome new members and new ideas to continue to make St Andrew’s a vibrant school community and foster a sense of belonging for everyone. Getting involved with the P&F is a fantastic way to stay connected and involved with shaping your child’s experiences while at St Andrew’s.

All parents are invited to attend, please come along and support your P&F.
Are you wondering whether or not to put up your hand to join the P&F?

Wondering what the benefit to your child might be?

Significant research over the past 40 years shows clearly and consistently that if you are involved/engaged in your child’s education, that the benefits will include:

- Improved school readiness
- Higher academic achievement
- Higher graduation rates
- Greater ability for your child to self-regulate their behaviour
- Better social skills
- Enhanced student wellbeing
- More consistent completion of homework
- Better transitions to high school and beyond
- More realistic planning for the future
- Better attitude towards school
- Better attendance
- Higher retention rates

Hopefully you will agree that even one of these outcomes is worthwhile attending a meeting for. Come along and help to build a positive, vibrant community at your school and watch your child reap the benefits!