Jesus, you spent forty days in the hot, dusty desert to get ready to do your Father’s work. Help us to get ready for Easter during the forty days of Lent. Help us to forgive others, to say ‘sorry’ and to make peace with everybody. Help us to say ‘yes’ to others so that we can follow you more closely. In this time of Lent give us generous hearts to become better people. More helpful people. More loving people. Amen.

Dear Parents,

To all our students and families with Irish heritage we wish you a very happy St. Patrick’s Day, early next week.

CONFIDENTIALITY IN THE CLASSROOM: As a staff, we are very appreciative of the support and assistance that a number of parents offer the teachers and children within the classrooms. This can take place through directed programs such as reading assistance, Kindy / Pre-Primary duties or even helping in the Library / Canteen. With this being the case, it is essential that confidentiality is maintained on individual student’s progress and development. Please ensure that if you are kind enough to help, that you are extremely confidential about all of the students that you work with. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

GATE OUTSIDE OF YEAR 1 – PLEASE KEEP CLOSED AT ALL TIMES: Gate 3 which is located outside of the new, Year 1 classroom, and is used for the kiss n ride now has a latch on it. This gate needs to be kept closed at all times. Parents will be able to access the school via this gate and using the latch. I understand that it may cause some inconvenience, especially for parents with prams, in opening the gate, but it does make this entrance a lot safer for the children exiting the school (and parents). Thank you for understanding. All access to the school during normal school hours should be through the gate 4 near the administration.

SWIMMING NOTE YEARS 1 – 5: A separate swimming note has been sent home with the children in Years 1 -5, from Mrs Peacham, with all of the details about this event. Parents are reminded that swimming commences the first week back next term and as such, the swimming fee of $100 needs to be paid prior to your child commencing lessons, (27th March) If you have any questions about swimming, please contact Mrs Peacham directly as soon as possible.

SCHOOL FEES: All first billing cycle fee accounts should have been settled by now. If any family is having difficulties in paying their school fees, they should book an appointment with Mr Fontaine immediately. All fees not paid within the next week will be subject to our School Fee Collection Policy.

Thank you to all of those parents who are on Health Care Cards and have completed their application for School Fee Relief. If you have not done this as yet, please do so by the end of the week as school fee reminder documents are due to be sent home. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.
TOYS REQUIRED - PLEASE DONATE TO OUR NEW PLAYGROUP:
If any family would like to donate some old toys to the school, it would be truly appreciated. The toys need to be suitable for children aged between 1 and 3 years of age. (No small pieces that children can put into their mouths). The toys need to be clean and complete (no parts missing), they can be either wooden or colourful plastic. If you have any toys that you no longer use and would like to donate them to the school, then please bring them to the front office. Thank you so much for your generosity!

POTS AND PANS REQUIRED BY KINDY CLASSES: We are on the hunt for bits and pieces and odds and ends that are too good to throw away and could be ‘creatively’ given another life. Items such as old Barbie dolls, cars, dress ups (no superhero’s please), PVC piping with elbows, pots and pans, baskets, old bike spokes and anything else interesting.

Items for the collage table such as buttons, ribbon, wool, lace, zips, string/twine and anything else along those lines.

Get creative, we’d love to up cycle things from our community and give them another life. Please bring the bits and pieces and odds and ends to the Kindy classrooms. Thanks for your help and support.

P&F AGM: Last night we celebrated the successful year that the St. Andrew’s Catholic Primary School Parents and Friends Association had. Through both levies and events a great deal of fun and activities were had by both children and parents alike. It is only by your constant support of the school’s P&F events that we can continue to provide excellent facilities for the students. If you were unable to attend last night, then please continue to offer your services to the P&F and ensure that you support every event! It is important and we do value your support!!!!

DEDICATED STAFF –THANK YOU: The teachers have spent a considerable amount of time in collaborative planning sessions. In these sessions, Year Level staff work and plan together, to provide the best teaching and learning activities and strategies for the students. While not teaching on the same day or same time, both year level teacher’s teach the same content and child centred activities.

Therefore, accepting natural differences in people’s personalities, it makes no difference if your child is in WHITE or BLUE, as they cover the same work. I personally thank the staff for their effort and dedication in ensuring a sound teaching and learning environment for the students.

COLLECTING YOUR CHILD AFTER SCHOOL: At our most recent staff meeting the staff have indicated that a number of children are not proceeding to the Kiss and Ride at the end of school to be collected. All children should leave their classroom and proceed to the Kiss and Ride, unless their parent is waiting outside of the classroom to collect them. Parents are to collect their child from the Kiss and Ride at this point as there is a staff member in attendance for supervision.

If a child has not been collected, then they are taken, under staff supervision to the outside of the office where their parents can collect them. (It is understood that if a parent is unavoidably late that they would have contacted the office and so that the message can be passed onto the child). Children should not be collected late on a regular basis. Alternate arrangements must be made. At no stage should children be waiting, unsupervised for collection or playing on the playground. We are in the process of developing a school identification notice for all parents (cars) using the kiss and ride. Thank you for your support whist this work is in progress.
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.

SPECIAL VISITORS: A sincere welcome was made to Mr Tony Curry, Director of School Improvement from the Catholic Education Office of Perth and Mr Paul Hille, School Improvement Officer who visited our school on Wednesday this week. They were both very impressed with St. Andrew’s and especially our delightful students. I personally thank them both for taking time out of their busy schedules and visiting our school.

SCHOOL WEBSITE: Through no fault of our own, school hosting arrangements for our school web site have been causing great difficulties in recent weeks. We are in the process of rectifying this situation but it will still take some time. With this being the case it has been decided to provide all families with a paper copy of the newsletter. Thank you for understanding at this very trying time.

KINDY FINAL REMINDER FOR 2016: We are in the process of finalising 2016 Kindy enrolments. If your family, parish member, friend or neighbour have indicated to you that they intend or want to come to St. Andrew’s Kindy in 2016, could you please inform them that they must put in an application immediately. Interviews will be held at the beginning of next term, so please rush to avoid disappointment.

THANK YOU TO THE SCHOOL BOARD: The School Board and I work tirelessly for the betterment of all at St. Andrew’s. With the number of items that have been completed around the school, including reticulation upgrade, pest spraying, updating of resources, trimming the trees, brick work, painting, maintenance program and other works completed over the January vacation, the school is a very busy place. We are in the process of organising work to be completed over the April school holiday period once again to minimize the disruption to the students. These works will include the Year 1 courtyard area and the perimeter fence upgrade – stage 1. I personally thank all of the School Board Members for their hard work and dedication.

God Bless

Sam Fontaine
Principal

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Saturday 14 &amp; Sunday 15</td>
<td>1st Reconciliation - Church 4.00pm – 5.00pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday 17 March</td>
<td>St Patrick’s Feast Day (Classroom prayer focus)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Staff Meeting</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Uniform Shop Open – 2.00pm–3.00pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday 18 March</td>
<td>3W Classroom Liturgy</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thursday 19 March</td>
<td>2W/Merit Assembly</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>St Joseph’s Feast Day (classroom prayer focus)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Saturday 21 &amp; Sunday 22</td>
<td>1st Reconciliation church 4.00pm – 5.00pm</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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

MERIT AWARDS – 5 MARCH 2015

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Award</th>
<th>Students</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Preprimary</td>
<td></td>
<td>Isaac W, Ella P, Taj C, Simon P</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Year 1</td>
<td></td>
<td>Zoe M, Finn M, Eolann K, Max M</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Year 2</td>
<td></td>
<td>Joshua H, Oakley M, Rhys F, Alex V</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Year 3</td>
<td></td>
<td>Priscilla K, Jacinta B, Jai S, Sharni J</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Year 4</td>
<td></td>
<td>Ethan M, Jacqueline M, Te Huika M, Brandon H</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Year 5</td>
<td></td>
<td>Dylan L, Krystel G, Luka O, Lleyton S</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Year 6</td>
<td></td>
<td>Camp</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

P&F NEWS

The P&F AGM was held last night and we would like to give sincere thanks to everyone who attended. As always, the teaching and administrative staff turned out in great numbers. We thank them for giving up their time and showing their support.

We would also like to give special thanks to the eleven parents who turned up, some with children in tow; Sheila and Mike Vickery, Melissa D’Costa, Julia Crowe, Jo Zanoli, Melanie Boschin, Valerie King, Narelle Pestana, Jade McMillan, Sonia Carter and John Mills. Eleven is a huge increase in number compared to previous years, which is promising for the year ahead. We look forward to working with you all at the various events proposed for the year. It is always heartening to see such support from both staff and parents in the school community. There were no written nominations received for the Executive and all four incumbents were re-elected unopposed for another year.

Your P&F Executive Committee for 2015 are as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Position</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Position</th>
<th>Name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>President:</td>
<td>Sally Cole</td>
<td>Secretary:</td>
<td>Gwen Carroll</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vice-President:</td>
<td>Robert King</td>
<td>Treasurer:</td>
<td>Jen Lynch</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The following parents were elected onto the General Committee:

Jade McMillan, Narelle Pestana, Julia Crowe
Mike Vickery, Melanie Boschin, Mel Leedham
Melissa D’Costa
This year the P&F are proposing to put together a fund raising committee. We are also looking for people interested in assisting in the secretary and treasurer positions with a view to possibly stepping up into the roles at the AGM at the end of the year. If any of this interests you please come along to our next meeting which will be on Friday 27 March at 1:30pm in the Board Room. If you can’t make this meeting please see one of the Executive, post a comment on the P&F Facebook Page or leave a message in the P&F communications book in the office. Thank you all for your continued support, we look forward to a great year ahead, working together to help shape your child’s experiences at St Andrew’s.

COMMUNITY NEWS

**PRAYER AND WELLBEING WORKSHOP:** All staff, parents and guardians are invited to a workshop “Prayer and Wellbeing” on Monday, 20th April, 7.00-8.30pm in the Irene McCormack Catholic College Library.

The workshop will be facilitated by Fr Jamie Calder SJ Ph.D D.Theol., who is a Catholic Priest and member of the Society of Jesus (The Jesuits, the order of Pope Francis.). He is a registered and practicing psychologist.

The workshop examines the ways in which the demands of everyday life (family, job, financial security) can push us away from becoming the people we want to be and so destroy our sense of wellbeing. For if Jesus says, “I come that you might have life and have it abundantly,” (John 10:10) then to whom is he talking and what does he mean?

If you would like to attend the workshop, you are welcome to bring friends with you. RSVPs are essential for catering purposes - admin@imcc.wa.edu.au. A light supper will be provided.

**OSHCLUB:** Here at OshClub children enjoy a variety of different activities. They participate and engage in many games in our fun and friendly atmosphere. It is great to see them being able to chill out with their friends after a long day at school. Morning sessions are from 7.00am to 8.30am where breakfast is served. Afternoon sessions are from 2.30pm to 6.00pm, where children have a choice of fresh fruit and a healthy snack. Come and join in and have lots of fun.

Over the past couple of weeks we have noticed that the children have taken an interest in some of the world wide events that are happening in the sporting arena and in their home countries. Because of this we have decided to go around the world, researching and discussing other countries of origin and what makes them special. We have children from Scotland, Ireland, New Zealand, Philippines, Thailand, Singapore and of course Australia so it should be interesting to find out about these countries and more over the next couple of weeks. We will be asking the children to help decide which country we visit next, so stay tuned as to where we begin our journey around the world. We would like any resources, recipes or information about your homeland for our journey.

OshClub would like to invite parents input into our service and we will be sending home a parent survey shortly. This will help us to evaluate and reflect on not only on the program but the ‘feel’ of and ‘look’ of OshClub and its teachers, educators and staff. We would love to hear what you think. So when you receive this survey please help us by filling it in and handing it back. We can then provide you with a great, inspiring service. As we approach the Easter school holidays we will be asking for contributions from parents and families so that we can engage the children in some new and exciting activities. So keep an eye out for materials that can help foster an understanding in sustainability, Autumn, Easter, Science, Space and Gardening. A list will be sent out to parents and families soon. Please help all you can so that we can make your children’s time here fun, exciting and engaging!
Year 2 Blue

This Term, we have been sharing experiences of the beauty of creation. We have been wondering about God who created the beauty and variety of creation. These are our special prayers for Creation.

Dear God,

Thank you for the...

...trees that grow because they give oxygen to people and animals. Matilda
...birds that sing. Jack
...trees because they give us oxygen. Jordan
...cows because they give us milk. Jade
...flowers that smell and the people. Stephanie
...nice people and the beautiful smelly coloured flowers and everything. Tess
...trees because they give us air. Rokko
...flowers because they make the world pretty and neat. Eshpreet
...flowers because they are smelly. Maddison
...cows because they give us meat to eat. Elias
...grass because we can play on it. Gryffyth
...pets because they are soft and funny. Joshua
...plants because they make the Earth lovely. Alyssa
...monkeys because they make us laugh. Oakley
...nature, animals and stars. Allegra
...sun because it gives people light so they can see. Lucas
...clouds and the flowers and the lovely smells. Chloe
...pets because they are playful and cute. Poppy
...sky because it is blue. Irela
...humans because they look after people. Deng
...animals because they keep us alive. Christopher
...butterflies because they are pretty. Emma
...caves because they give us shelter and we can find jewels, gold and diamonds. Andrey
...pets because if we had no pets we would have nothing to play with, so if we had no pets we would have to play with our boring toys. Billy
...trees because they give us oxygen. Summer
...animals because cows give us fresh milk and meat and they go moo! Kayne