Father of Peace: we are joyful in your word, with your Son, Jesus Christ, who reconciles us to you. Let us hasten towards Easter with the eagerness of faith and love. Amen.

Dear God, Lent has almost finished. I am about to enter Holy week. I hope that I won’t ruin everything that you have accomplished in my heart during this time of preparation. Allow me to be more than just a spectator. Make me a full participant in the days to come. Amen.

ST. ANDREW’S SCHOOL PLAY GROUP (1 – 3 Years old) - 2015: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: For those families who have younger children (1 - 3 year olds) there is a PROPOSED playgroup to commence operating through the school on a Tuesday morning once a week in 2015. (approx. 2 hours, 9:00am – 11:00am). Parents will be expected to stay with their child and the school will provide a staff member and obviously the venue. There will be a charge associated with attendance. (Attendance to the playgroup does not automatically enrol your child into St. Andrew’s School and there is no guarantee of a position for Kindergarten) If you are interested in attending or joining such a group, please contact Mrs. O’Neil, School Senior Office Administrator, indicating your interest in participating in this group.

The main goal of this program will be socialisation and familiarity with the school environment and a positive outcome for both parent and child prior to commencing their education at St. Andrew's Catholic Primary School.

PARENT – TEACHER PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (YEARS 1 – 6): An initiative that has been developed by the school has been the Parent /Teacher Partnership Program. In brief, it is another way in which we can work together for the benefit of the children at our school. Next week (commencing Monday 23rd March) the children in Years 1 – 6 will be bringing home a selected learning area workbook for the night. Parents are requested to go through the book with their child, highlighting the positive aspects as well as the areas of improvement. Parents will also be asked to initial a covering sheet to say that they have looked at the workbooks.
Parents should remember that these are workbooks and it is alright to make mistakes, so that learning can take place. Also much of the children’s work has been collected for display around the classroom, placed into work samples books or completed orally and obviously will not be included in the child’s workbooks. (Please remember that we have had numerous initial testings and draft only work completed.) Children need to bring back their workbooks the very next day to continue working in the classroom. Finally it gives an opportunity for parents to not only discuss what work has been completed with their child, but to also arrange an interview with the classroom teacher, if applicable.

Parents should note that at the end of Term 2 parent/teacher interviews are held following the handing out of the first semester reports.

In Term 3 all family members will be invited to an Open Night, where the classrooms will be open and work will be displayed around the room and workbooks can again be examined.

If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your support in this school endeavour.

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.

SCHOOL NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

TRAFFIC AROUND THE SCHOOL: Parents are reminded to observe all of the speed limit signs and parking restriction signs positioned around the school. (40 km/ph zone) We have been advised that the Council Ranger will be in attendance for the next few weeks.

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.

TOYS REQUIRED - PLEASE DONATE TO OUR SCHOOL – 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!

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.
MISSION BOXES – PROJECT COMPASSION: Each family has been given a mission box for Project Compassion. This is a great opportunity to teach the joy of giving and helping others in need in different parts of the world and is also part of the children’s “Christian Service Learning” in supporting the mission of the Church. We encourage you to return your Mission Boxes to the school in the last week of term and we will send the money on to Caritas. When you listen to the news this week and hear about the devastation wreaked on Vanuatu with the recent cyclone, you and your children may feel a strong urge to help. A simple way is to put money in the Mission Box you have been given – Caritas is already helping!

Harvesting food for life

Cristian’s community in rural Peru has always lived a traditional life, with simple diets and crops dependent on rainfall. Until recently, 33-year-old Cristian had to travel one kilometre to access running water.

With the help of Caritas Huacho, Cristian and 14 other young farmers have introduced running water and irrigation to their remote Andean village. They now grow and harvest a wide variety of high-value, sustainable crops, which provide them all with a secure income and a wide variety of food.

Your donation to Project Compassion 2015 helps farmers in Peru secure a food source and income that benefits their families and communities for life.

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion 1800 024 413

Canteen News: LOL are now rated an Amber Product, so we have changed to Glee which are a green rating. Glee Strawberry, Glee Blackcurrant and Glee Berry.
**MERIT AWARDS – 19 MARCH 2015**

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**P&F NEWS**

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

Hi parents,

Last week all students were given a Scholastics Book Club catalogue to take home.

When you order books from Scholastic, not only do you get below retail prices on a huge range of fantastic books but you will also be earning great rewards for the school!

The best way to order your books is online via the new Loop ordering and payment platform for parents. Alternatively, you can pay cash or cheque in a sealed envelope to the office.

All orders for this month’s catalogue are due by this Friday 20/03/2015. Thanks and happy reading!
Carmelo: I enjoyed the Rock Climbing as it was really fun abseiling back down the wall.

Joshua: I loved the Flying Fox the most and the speed you get flying down the wire.

Adrian: I really enjoyed making the winning Great White Shark in our sand castle competition.

Francis: I loved the Big Swing and the adrenaline you get from the huge fall.

Levi: I liked the Big Swing as the free fall you get in the swing felt awesome.

Ryan: I loved Lantern Stalk and using the torches to find classmates trying to get into the middle of the oval.

Ben: I loved completing the two stages of caving as it was very challenging and exciting.

Lucas: I loved the beach games activities and working as a group to win the challenges given to us.

Andrea: I loved screaming as loud as possible after pulling the release rope on the Big Swing.

Ruby: The Big Swing was my favourite because it felt like you were going to hit the floor with speed.

Jordan: I loved the Rock Climbing because I managed to get all the way to the top.

Tykera: The Flying Fox was my favourite activity because I loved the speed and jumping off the edge of the tower.

Isla: I loved the Big Swing as I went all the way to the top and enjoyed the free fall feeling.

Madi: The Big Swing was the best because it was so different from anything I've done before.

Amilia: I like the Big Swing as it felt like you would hit the floor, but ended up safely swinging.

Erin: I loved the Minute to Win it night, and winning the chocolate prizes with my group was great too.

Skylar: The Big Swing was really enjoyable as I wasn't prepared for the massive fall you feel.

Rosie: I loved the Lost Pilot activity because you had to be careful not to be caught by the instructors.

Charlotte: I loved Lantern Stalk using torches at night, as it was fun trying not to be seen and identified.

Ashley: I loved the Lost Pilot activity and being part of a group that found the Pilot in the end.

Casey: The Big Swing was my favourite activity as you got pulled up really high and it was fast.