Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
Turn to the Lord and his strength;
Constantly seek his face. Psalm 104:3 – 4.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Next Thursday 10th April, Week 10 we will be sending home the Magical Moments and Windows of Work with the children. These portfolios are a sample folder of your child’s work throughout the term. They are a personalised testament to the work put in by your child at the time that each activity was held. It is important to understand that when given to you it is a perfect opportunity to sit with your child and let them take you through their learning journey. A lot can be gained from this vital interaction. Please return the portfolio by the end of Week 2 of Term 2 (9th May).

Throughout Term 1 I have run a notice in the weekly newsletters which has applied to those parents who currently have children enrolled at Saint Andrew’s Catholic Primary School and whom have a child at home born between July 1 2010 and June 30 2011. I am now in my second week of interviewing prospective students for a position in the kindergarten groups for 2015 who do not have a sibling in the school. Please be aware that it is incumbent on you as parents to notify us that you have a sibling child at home who is of kindergarten entrance age in 2015. If you have not enrolled that child we cannot offer you a place. Please address this situation now if need be, or you will be sad if your child misses out!

One of the primary objectives of a Catholic school is to act as an instrument of love and Christian outreach. Saint Andrew’s Catholic Primary School regularly creates opportunities for our children to reach out and help others. Recently I attended the Catholic Primary Principal’s Conference which was held in Broome. This was the first conference held in a diocese outside the archdiocese of Perth in many years. The Principals of the Catholic schools in the remote Kimberley were able to showcase their particular communities and many appealed for help. Our school has sent the sum of $400.00 to Mr Les Coyle, the Principal of John Pujajangka – Piyrn School at Lake Gregory / Mulan. This is the most remote Catholic School in the state and has a student population of about 43 largely transient indigenous students who speak little English and whose families travel into the Tanami Desert for months at a time. Les has informed me that he will use the money to buy bathing caps and blu tac so that those students with burst ear drums can swim in the newly acquired small above ground pool located at the school. The balance of the money will go to their camp to be held in Perth in June.

School Climate Survey: Thank you to the parents who were randomly selected to complete this important survey on line or by hardcopy. I am very encouraged by your support. We now look forward to receiving a detailed statistical analysis of the surveys completed by parents, staff, students, Board members and the leadership team.

God bless

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK
Letter – Police Report
Performing Arts
P&F Letter – Class Representatives 2014
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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SCHOOL NEWS

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MAKING JESUS REAL AWARDS FOR THE 20 MARCH

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GOOD GRIEF: In Term Two, Seasons for Growth will commence. This programme is for those children whose families are experiencing death, divorce, separation or a major change in their lives. Children process their grief in a variety of ways and Seasons is structured to help them deal with their feelings and to know that they are not alone in their sorrow.
Over the years many students have participated in this programme which runs for 8 weeks during school time. Each child has a journal to use and an adult companion who will facilitate the group setting. Please consider this programme for the benefit of your child and make contact with the school office to enrol. For more information you can contact Sr Wendy on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at SACPS.

**GARAGE SALE FOR BUCKETS FOR JESUS:** On the weekend of April 5th and 6th there will be a Garage Sale at 45, Randell Cres, Ocean Reef. The proceeds from this sale will go towards *Buckets for Jesus.*

This organisation has been recently involved in helping people in the Philippines after the tragedy of Typhoon Haiyan.

Margaret Laundy, who is holding this garage sale is doing so in response to a recent mission after a visit there, where she saw how much help is still needed. If you go online to [www.bucketsforjesus.org/](http://www.bucketsforjesus.org/) you can see what this mission is all about.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL – ongoing food donations:** Just a reminder to those who may have forgotten, and to inform those who may not know - we have a cane hamper in the school office for the collection of non-perishable food items.

You can place food items in here ANYTIME of the year. Any and every little bit helps the SVdP Society with their mission of helping those in need. St Andrew's has always been a very generous school, so let’s continue with this tradition.

Bridget Jones (Assistant Principal).

**EVERY DAY IS A MJR DAY:** When we…….give a thumbs up……..wave…..say hello….smile…….use encouraging words……..hold open a door…….give a high five…….thank people……show WEST behaviours……..GTS – greet, treat and speak to people……..Jesus is living his life through us! MJR is 24/7 and it is a WAY OF LIFE IN SAINT ANDREW’S!

Acknowledgement: Catholic Education Office Hobart (Mitchell, PD)

**NEXT THURSDAY 10TH APRIL:** Key events in the day:
1. The last set of Year 1 – 5 Swimming Lessons will be taking place between 8.20am and 12.15pm.
2. Magical Moments (PP – Year 2) and Windows on My Work (Year 3 - 6) will be going home with the children at the end of the day. These portfolios of work will also include an assessment form that indicates progress in Social and Personal Development to date.
3. Between 1.05pm and 1.50pm the P & F Easter Bunny will visit the classes leaving an Easter Treat and Raffle Tickets with each class teacher. Each teacher will allocate a raffle ticket to their students and will draw the raffle prize which is 1 Adult and 1 Child Movie ticket.
4. All classes will pack up for the day and attend Church for a 2pm start to the Stations of the Cross. On completion of this Easter Liturgy, classes will return to the classroom for dismissal.

**NEXT FRIDAY 11TH APRIL:** Key events in the day:
1. Year 3 – 6 Swimming Carnival at Aquamotion, Wanneroo Townsite.
MONITORING YOUR CHILD’S USE OF THE HOME COMPUTER: it is advisable that all primary School aged children do not have a personal Facebook page. Should you create such a page for them or let them do so then you are leaving yourself open to additional social responsibilities. When visiting the home of Facebook it clearly states that children should be thirteen. Further, you need to closely monitor the use of Skype.

SCHOOL EASTER CELEBRATIONS: Thursday 10th April will be the final swimming lesson. After lunch the children will complete a lesson and then having fully packed up for the day they will be escorted to the Church where we will be gathering from 2.00pm to celebrate our Easter Liturgy. Join us to reflect on the Easter Story from Palm Sunday to the Resurrection. On conclusion of these activities children will return to class for dismissal. Please remember that all families should return their Project Compassion boxes on this day. If you require a receipt for tax purchases please fill in the flap on the top of the box.

DID ANYONE MENTION HIGH SCHOOL? If you are considering your children attending a Catholic High school may I suggest that placing your child’s name on an interview list at the earliest age possible is the best way to go. Geographically the closest Catholic high schools are: Irene McCormack College at Butler, Prendiville College at Ocean Reef and Mater Dei College in Edgewater. Many of our families have established allegiances with one of these schools but overwhelmingly our students tend to transition to Irene McCormack College. Nowadays, high schools tend to interview students in Year 5 with enrolment in Year 7. The days of assuming that entry to high school is automatic based on attendance at a Catholic primary school are long gone. All three schools have waiting lists that can be lengthy.

SWIMMING LESSONS: Continue next week. Mrs Peacham has done a wonderful job of organising this two week series of lessons and thus far all has gone quite smoothly. Parents should send children to school with a towel, bathers, goggles (if required) and a plastic bag containing underwear. Bathers should be worn under the sports uniform. Thongs or sandals can be worn to the pool but sports socks and runners will be worn when back at school. Parents can attend lessons but pool entry costs do apply. On Friday the 11th April the Year 3 – 6 children will take part in the Swimming Carnival to be held at Aquamotion, Wanneroo.

CAR PARK AND SAFE DRIVING ON AND NEAR SCHOOL PROPERTY: Please observe the following protocols:

- If you are turning left into the kiss n’ ride driveway from the south and the entrance driveway is full of cars please drive north to the next roundabout and return in a southerly direction.
- Please don’t block Victorsen Parade. Be warned. The local neighbours are on the brink of phoning the Police Traffic section.
- There are many legal parking spaces available in the vicinity of the school.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Last weekend we celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation with another third of our candidates. The last group of candidates receive the Sacrament this Saturday, 5th April.

Forward Planning for the Sacrament of Eucharist (Holy Communion): A reminder of the need to post the following dates in a diary or calendar –

- Parent Information Evening: Thursday 8th May at 6.30pm in the Church.

Parent – Child Workshops: Either Thursday 22nd May at Brighton CPS or Tuesday 27th May
- or Wednesday 28th May at St Andrew’s CPS.

Reception of Sacrament: over one of the following choices of weekend: 7/8 June, 14/15 June, 21/22 June or 28/29 June.
THE CELEBRATION OF GOD’S GIFT OF SPORT is being held on Sunday 6th April at 4.00pm at St Georges Cathedral, 38 St Georges Terrace, Perth, WA 6000. The celebration is followed by a barbecue and refreshments. This event is jointly organised by Sports Chaplaincy Australia and a wide variety of Christian churches across Perth. Nic Naitanui from the West Coast Eagles and other sporting heroes from WA will be in attendance.

BEFORE SCHOOL ROUTINE: It is vital that all parents read this note. If you drop your children off at school between 8.00am and 8.20am then they must come to the undercover area to be supervised by the rostered duty teacher. Should you personally walk your children in at this time then you are responsible for them if you choose to wait outside the classroom. No school aged children or siblings are allowed on the playground equipment before school. The undercover duty teacher is the only one on duty before school. All other teachers are readying themselves for the school teaching day which commences at 8.20am.

PARENTING IDEAS SCHOOL: St Andrew’s has become a member of Parenting Ideas, an association which will keep us up to date with parenting articles on topical and practical issues. There are over 1,500 Parenting Ideas schools in Australia.

This information is being passed on to us by Michael Grose. Michael has fifteen years of classroom experience in primary schools as a teacher. As well as being a published author, he writes articles for various newspapers and periodicals. Michael is also a father of three. We will endeavour to bring some of this wisdom to St Andrew’s parents via our newsletter. However, should you wish to know more about him or the books he has written or his magazine publication, you can check: parentingideas.com.au

Parent involvement – the secret ingredient to children’s school success

If you want the best outcomes for your child or young person, then it’s important that you become involved in as many aspects of your child’s education as practical. Their chances of success are better when they see school as an extension of home rather than merely an institution for learning. Positive parent participation demonstrates to children that you value learning as well as their school. Children copy many of their parents’ views so your positive attitude to school and learning is catching. Parent involvement in school takes energy we know, as many parents are working or are in a single parent situation and consequently it can be hard to go to school and help out. Participating as a parent can be much broader than helping out in the classroom. Next week we will give you some ideas about how you can help the school and your child.

SCHOOL BANKING CO-ORDINATORS – URGENT HELP IS REQUIRED

Help get children ready for an adventure that will last them a lifetime.

The Commonwealth Bank, School Banking program has been running since 1931. Indeed, many of us, our parents and even our grandparents, first learnt money management skills through the Commonwealth Bank while at school. The program has evolved considerably over time. Students traditionally receive a transaction book, but they are now also supported with a wide range of fun, engaging materials which not only help them learn, but also encourage them to save. School Banking Co-ordinators are vital to the School Banking program. With your help we can create a fun way for children to develop strong money management skills and give them a head start in money matters. Many Co-ordinators who volunteer tell us about the rewarding experience of being able to make a positive difference to the lives of many children. We urgently require more volunteers! We will have many disappointed children if this service has to close.
We have had so much fun in Kindy this term. We have met some lovely new friends and have so many toys to play with. The playground is awesome! We get to play in the cubby houses, on the slide and swing and ride the bikes on the bike track. Kindy is a fun place to be!

We are working on our shape and colour collage.

We love to play in the sand pit.

We mixed the white and the black play dough to make grey.

We are exploring our Easter sensory tub.

We can make very long train tracks in Kindy.