Dear Parents,

A warm welcome is extended to all families upon their return to St Andrew’s Catholic Primary School for 2017. The school year has commenced very smoothly and thanks are expressed to all those concerned, for this success.

I ask all parents to please be aware of the classroom dynamics and understand that if your child is late to class that it is both disruptive to the other students and the teacher. I have instructed all teachers that they must continue and maintain the flow of the lesson during any late drop off or collection. This time is not appropriate for a teacher interview but obviously a short explanation may also be required.

I thank the staff for all of their dedicated work over the school vacation period and the very productive meetings and workshops that were held at the beginning of this week. A number of positive new initiatives will be developed at the school, which will further enhance the partnership between parents and staff in the education of their children.

Over the last few days, the staff have completed Code of Conduct, Transformation, Religious Education, Evangelisation, School Improvement Plan, School Strategic Plan, School Policies, Professional Development and Workshop Sessions. The results of this policy are also available on the school web site. They have also completed a first aid course, which all staff attended to update their qualifications.

I would like to personally invite all parents to the Information Open Afternoon (PP – Year 6) which will be held on Tuesday 14th February, between 2.45pm - 5:00pm. It is imperative that you attend on this day so that you can formally meet your child’s classroom teacher as well as obtain very valuable information regarding the year ahead. Parents will then have the opportunity to go to individual classes. If you cannot make it on this day then it is just as important to contact your child’s classroom teacher and obtain a copy of the information presented.
I would also like to formally invite all families to the *Welcome to St Andrew’s function – Movie Night will be held on Friday 10th February* on the school oval / Undercover Area. Gates open at 6:30pm for a BYO Picnic Tea and the movie will be “Strange Magic” commencing at 7:30pm. The Yellow Submarine, snack van will also be on site for purchases, if desired during the night. There is no charge for this function.

Please be aware of the new and *revised Term One dates*, which are included with today’s newsletter. Subtle changes have occurred to the list that was sent home at the end of last year, due to reasons beyond our control. Thank you for understanding.

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to our school’s Parent’s and Friend’s Association. Over the school holidays, they have used funds that were raised as a part of a number of different initiatives, to purchase *Lego Robotics, Spheros and Bee Bots*. They also purchased over 200 LITERACY PRO BOOKS, which will be placed in the library. We are so appreciative of their efforts and for working so closely, with all of the teachers and staff to achieve positive outcomes for St Andrew’s students. Thank you so much.

**PARENT VOLUNTEERS AT ST ANDREW’S – CODE OF CONDUCT**
We sincerely appreciate all of those wonderful parents who assist the school in so many different and varying ways. With this being the case, ALL STAFF and VOLUNTEERS at our school will need to read and sign a CODE OF CONDUCT before working at our school. This form is available on our schools’ website and hard copies are available from MRS DURTANOVICH. So please continue to help at our school but the first time that you come into assist, please allow enough time to read and complete the form at the front office. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TUITION**
*All families* who wish for their children to be considered for a place in the schools instrumental music tuition program will *need to complete a new enrolment form*, which is attached and resubmit it to the front office or to Mrs Mulholland by the end of this week. All of the records need to be updated and since meeting with the instrumental tutors and Mrs Mulholland, we found this the most beneficial way to move forward. It does not matter if you are already enrolled in the program or would like to commence it from this year. *Please ensure that all forms are submitted by THIS FRIDAY (3/2/17).*

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**PUPIL FREE DAYS AND DESIGNATED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS – 2017**
These will be the Pupil Free Days and Public Holidays in 2017. *Monday 6th March, Tuesday 7th March, Monday 24th April, Tuesday 25th April, Monday 5th June, Tuesday 6th June, Monday 26th June, Monday 17th July, Tuesday 18th July, Friday 22nd September and Monday 9th October 2017. (KINDY ONLY – Tuesday 14th November)* The Staff will be involved in Professional Development on these days with regards to Religious Education, Literacy and Numeracy and reporting. *KINDY 2017 Extra Pupil Free Day – Tuesday 14th November, 2017.*

**YEAR 6 CAMP / GRADUATION AND OTHER CHARGES**
Parents of children who are in Year 6 are reminded that the Year 6 School camp will be held from the 15th – 17th March inclusive. The cost must be paid prior to your child’s attendance by the 1st March. A number of initial expenses and deposits have already been outlaid and paid by the school. More information will be sent home by the Year 6 Teachers, as well as the information that was sent home last year when your child was in Year 5.
NUT FREE SCHOOL
Reminder to all families that St Andrew's School remains a nut free school and as such children should not be bringing nut products to be consumed. Thank you for your on-going assistance in this matter as we have a number of children with severe nut allergies.

STUDENT ACTION PLANS FOR ANAPHYLAXIS / ALLERGIC REACTIONS
Any student who requires an action plan for either Anaphylaxis or Allergic Reactions will need to complete a new Action Plan form, complete with current coloured photo and consultation with your family doctor and hand it into the front office urgently. Please do not assume that if you have completed one of these forms before that it will suffice. Each year a new and updated form must be submitted to the school according to government legislation. If you have any questions, Mr Archer can assist you with this. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

NEWSLETTERS will be going home on THURSDAYS (No paper copy via e-mail only). Please read it.
STAFF MEETINGS will be held on TUESDAYS (straight after school).
STAFF PRAYER will be held on TUESDAY MORNINGS (before school).

YEARS 1– 5 (2017) – SWIMMING LESSONS
The students in Years 1 – 5 in 2017 will be completing their swimming lessons at Arena Aquatic Centre. Lessons will be conducted from Wednesday 26th April – Friday 5th May inclusive. Lessons will need to be paid for before they commence, DURING TERM 1.

WORK COMPLETED OVER THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
A number of maintenance jobs have been completed over the holidays. These have included the refurbishment of the pin up boards in classrooms, the St Andrew’s Memorial area outside Year 6, painting, upgrade of the play equipment fort in Kindy, painting of the school’s fixtures and fittings, plumbing work, repairs to school gates, electrical tagging, tree lopping and garden rejuvenation.

MY SCHOOL WEBSITE
A new website has been established through the Government (ACARA) which advertises details regarding St Andrew’s School. The web address is www.myschool.edu.au. It is important for parents to read the background information provided when looking at this website and not to take details out of their context and to read them in isolation. While the data represents a snap shot of information over two years, it certainly does not tell the ‘full story’ and by no means fully reflects the breadth and diversity of education that is offered at St Andrew’s School. NAPLAN only assess a small part of the curriculum and St Andrew’s School focuses on the education of the whole child and also offers a wide range of other benefits and opportunities to our students. However, it still provides an interesting read.

TERM DATES
A revised full list of this term’s dates has been placed on the school website for your convenience.

ASSEMBLIES 2017 – FRIDAY MORNINGS
Assemblies will be held on Friday mornings, in the school hall, commencing at 8:45am sharp in 2017. Please look at the Term Planner for further details and location.

EXCURSION PERMISSION NOTE
All children will have individually signed excursion notes for all excursions they attend this year. Without a returned signed permission slip your child will not be able to attend the excursion and will unfortunately remain at school.

SCHOOL STARTING AND FINISHING TIME FOR PP-YEAR 6
School commences at 8:20am and finishes at 2:45pm. Parents are urged to ensure that their children are at school on time and collected promptly. All children not collected on time are required to be sitting outside the front office. It saddened me at the end of last year that some children were not picked up until very late. This is unacceptable and parents need to make alternative arrangements. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter. We are fortunate to have OSHC onsite for your convenience.
Kindergarten:
Term 1 – Term 4  8:20am – 2:30pm

Pre-Primary:
Full time / normal school hours from day one of Week 1
Term 1 – Term 4  8:20am – 2:45pm

Year 1:
Full time / normal school hours from day one of Week 1
Term 1 – Term 4  8:20am – 2:45pm

Start: 8:20am
Morning Recess: 10:20am – 10:40am
Lunch: 12:20pm – 1:05pm
End of School: 2:45pm

TEACHER’S DUTY
Please note that teachers are on duty until 3:00pm. If you are unavoidably late, please contact the school and collect your child from outside the Office.

PLAYGROUND BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL
Parents are reminded that the children are unable to play on the equipment before and after school due to injury, supervision and insurance concerns. Please supervise your children and inform them of this. Thank you for your support.

CHILDREN LEAVING OR RETURNING TO SCHOOL DURING SCHOOL HOURS
All parents must “sign out” their children when leaving the school during school hours. A book is located in the front office for this specific purpose. The procedure is as follows: Parents, upon arrival at school, must first sign out their child at the office and then collect them from their classroom. There is no deviation from this policy as we are required to know where the children are at all times.

When a child returns from an appointment, during school hours, the same procedure must also be followed. They are to be signed in at the office and then taken to the classroom.

A note is still required to cover the period of absence and should be given to the classroom teacher before the appointment if possible.

KISS AND RIDE AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP OF STUDENTS
To make life a little easier in the car park after school we are asking all families to write their surname in large black capital letters on a piece of white card that will fit on the sun visor of your car. When you enter the Kiss and Ride to pick your child up we ask that you flip your sun visor down exposing your surname which will allow teachers to find your child, ensuring that the Kiss and Ride process runs smoothly. DO NOT PARK OR GET OUT OF YOUR CAR whilst in the Kiss and Ride. Car parking is available at other locations around the school and parking causes anxiety for all of the other parents who are following the correct procedure when using this service.

EARRINGS AND JEWELLERY
Parents are reminded as to what has been written in the school handbook. That is, only one sleeper or stud is permitted in each ear for safety reasons. It is recommended that earrings are removed before sporting activities. Bangles, finger rings, body piercing and chains have proven to be dangerous and should be worn at home under parent supervision. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

UNIFORMS
All school uniform requirements can be purchased from the school uniform shop. The uniform shop is open on Tuesdays from 2.15pm-3.15pm and on Fridays from 8.00am-9.00am.

BANKING NEWS
Hello to all new and existing School Bankers! School Banking is on TUESDAYS. Banking information is available from the office.
STUDENT ABSENCES
A written note from parents or guardians are required for ALL STUDENT ABSENCES.

OUT OF SCHOOL CARE, BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE
If any parent requires the use of this service. OSHClub works with students at St Andrew's School and offers care at our school. Full details can be obtained by calling 9261 3200.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN IN OLDER YEARS
Children who are new to the school or who are in older grades and have not participated in the sacraments that are offered through the parish / school and would like to participate this year, will need to speak to Mr Archer urgently.

The following Sacraments include Penance / Reconciliation (usually Year 3); Holy Communion / Eucharist (usually Year 4) and Confirmation (Year 6). You need to see Mr Archer urgently so that you can enrol in the sacraments and participate this year.

SCHOOL FEES
School Fee accounts have been sent home. All families will receive an account, including those who are on direct debit. All parents who have received discounts in the past will need to re-apply for fee assistance. All families using the Health Care Card discount will need to read the information that follows and attend the office personally. All other families who need fee assistance but are not on a Health Care Card or PPS Card will need to apply for fee assistance from Mr Fontaine by the end of February, or during the year as the need arises. Any concerns regarding fees should be directed to either Mr Fontaine, Mrs Rafferty or Mrs Durtanovich, immediately for clarification.

Parents should ensure that all school fees are fully paid off during the school year of attendance. Outstanding balances, from year to year, soon add up and need to be cleared. The outstanding amount may cause anxiety for parents who have not kept up their regular fee payments or adjusted their fee payments so that they can be paid off in the calendar year. If you have fee arrears you need to pay an extra amount so that they are caught up and paid off. If you require assistance with this matter then please speak directly with Mrs Rafferty or Mrs Durtanovich, immediately for clarification.

HEALTH CARE CARD UPDATE
As you are aware from the information presented in past newsletters and from the press, in 2017 Health Care Card Holders will be eligible for a reduction in school tuition fees. The Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia have made a decision to extend the Scheme making those PCC holders receiving a “Parenting Payment Single” payment – code PPS on the card eligible for the same concession as HCC holders. The CEO website www.ceo.wa.edu.au contains further information and parents can log on and follow the links. Alternatively parents are welcome to book a confidential appointment with Mr. Fontaine to discuss their individual situation further. If you are on a Health Care Card, then you need to fill in the form and present the original of your Health Care Card for copying to the front office, immediately.

DIRECT DEBIT YOUR SCHOOL FEES AT NO CHARGE
The Catholic Development Fund is offering a service to parents of our school. This service will allow the CDF to collect fees and levies from parents through a means of direct debiting the parent’s bank account directly and crediting the schools account at no charge to parents. Please see Mrs. Durtanovich or Mrs Rafferty immediately if you would like to use this service.

HOMEWORK
Children, on many occasions, take work to do at home. This may range from a few pages of reading from a book to set assigned work. The key to a successful homework program is the parent’s interest and support. Homework is an excellent opportunity for pupils to consolidate their skills learnt in class with the help of their parents. Homework may also be given for practise / revision /consolidation of work learnt in class or research for a topic being treated in class. Homework is set each night from Monday to Thursday but not on weekends, as a rule. (Some children may choose to do homework on the weekend and this is acceptable so long as it is the child’s /parents’ choice).

In Year 6, Homework may take up to 25 minutes to complete. However, this should not be the case in the younger grades (1 – 5). The following should be used as a guide for homework.
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If your child is having trouble with their homework or the amount of time needed to complete it, please see the classroom teacher.

SUPPORT A READER – MONDAY 13th FEBRUARY

WANTED: ADULTS WHO HAVE A LOVE OF READING AND WANT TO SHARE THE JOY!

Support A Reader is a volunteer based program that trains parents and members of the community as ‘tutors’ to give children, who need additional assistance with reading, the opportunity to read regularly with a supportive adult on a one to one basis. Tutors are trained to give explicit support to assist children’s reading development.

We are seeking volunteers who may be interested in becoming tutors and could spare a small amount of time each week to work with children.

To become a tutor you will need to attend a one hour training session next Monday 13th February @ 8:30am. If you are interested, please speak directly with Mrs Brown or place your name at the office with Mrs O’Neil.

PARENT HELPERS AT ST ANDREW’S

As a staff, we enjoy and encourage parent assistance within the classrooms. However, parents should be aware of the following considerations. If you have any special skills or talents that you feel may be useful then please speak and liaise directly with your child’s classroom teacher. E.g. artistic abilities, craft, drama qualifications, cooking skills to name but a few. If you are considering helping with the reading roster in your child’s junior primary classrooms, then you should have completed the Support-A-Reader professional development run through the school which Mrs Sandra Brown is co-ordinating. (Monday 13th February is the next session). Ultimately, your participation within any classroom, excursion or learning activity must be kept with the utmost discretion and CONFIDENTIALITY of the children that you work with.

Code of Conduct

All school staff have now been in-serviced on our new Code of Conduct. The code applies to parents and visitors to the school as well.

Specifically, to follow this Code of Conduct at St Andrew’s School as a parent, particularly when volunteering at the school, you need to abide by everything outlined in this document, particularly the following points:

1. The safety and protection of students in every way is the ultimate purpose of this Code.
2. Parent volunteers need to respect confidentiality. For example, if you listen to a child read, you should not be commenting on their reading level to other parents. Each child’s academic achievement will be at their own rate. Privacy and respect is paramount.
3. Parents/Guardians should not raise issues via social media platforms or allude to the school in any way, name the school or name staff. This is not best practise for resolving problems/issues.

This information and more can be found on the full version of the document which can be located on the school website.

If you come in to the school as a volunteer at any time in the future, you will have to sign a statement to declare that you have read and understood this document prior to working in the school.
STUDENT ABSENCE DURING SCHOOL TERM TIME TO GO ON HOLIDAYS
Parents who remove their children, during normal school term time for a vacation, need to inform, the classroom teacher and the Principal in writing.

St Andrew's Catholic Primary School, does not support the withdrawal of children during important term teaching time for the purpose of vacations.

Should there be no alternative please be aware that it is not the responsibility of your child's classroom teacher to prepare and correct work during this time.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter and I am personally happy to discuss this further with any parent, if required.

May God Bless You All,

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.

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Staff Meeting |
| Wednesday 8 February | P&F Meeting 6.30pm - Staffroom |
| Friday 10 February | P&F Movie Night – Welcome back to St Andrew’s
Gates open at 6.30pm for picnic tea. Movie starts at 7.30pm |
| Monday 13 February | Support-A-Reader Parent training Session (Change of Date from Term Planner 1 2017) 8.30am-9.30am (KG-Yr3 Only) - Library |
| Tuesday 14 February | Staff Prayer
Playgroup 9.00am-11.00am Hall
Information Open Afternoon 2.45pm-5.00pm (PP-Year 6) |

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to Amarni H, Lucca d, Rose B, Matthew V, Sophia C, Ryan W, Thahlia S, Caleb H, Tessa C who have or will be celebrating their birthday soon!
**KISS N RIDE**

Please place your child’s family surname to a card and attach the card to the front passenger side visor of their car.

Parents are asked to have this ‘family Name’ card fully visible as they drive through the Kiss N Ride. This will allow the Duty Teacher at Gate 3 to call children to the Gate in a timely manner, thus assisting traffic flow.

*We ask that every family using the Kiss N Ride use the ‘Family Name’ card immediately.*

Please read the following traffic guidelines. They are in place for everyone’s safety.

- There is no entry to the main school entrance from the SOUTH.
- Kiss and Ride now fills from the north end through the main entrance only. Keep moving forward as cars ahead of you leave.
- The Kiss and Ride car park is a one way system only. NO REVERSING.
- The Kiss and ride is on the western side of the car park. You may not leave your vehicle in this area at the designated times.
- Parking is on the eastern side of the car park – bays are marked on the bitumen.
- There are three ACROD bays beyond the kiss and ride. These are to be used only if you have the correct ACROD sticker.
- Note the line marking on the bitumen at the exit from the kiss and ride car park. Two lanes – one a left turn and one a right turn.
- Do not block the entrance to the school kiss and ride. If the kiss and ride is full, you need to drive through the car park and re-enter it.
- Do not block through traffic on Victorsen Parade.
- Drive south to the roundabout and re-enter, through the main entrance.
- Gate 1 is the access gate from the north (Anthony Waring direction). OSH Club families need to use this gate, along with families who have parked at Anthony Waring Oval.
- Gate 2 is for families using the ACROD Parking Bays only.
- Gate 3 is for Kiss and Ride children and parents leaving with their children.
- Parents who park in the car – park near the hall should use Gate 4.
- Gate 4 is for children and parents whose vehicles are parked near the Hall or at the Church or who are walking / riding south. This car park is only accessible from the driveway nearest the roundabout on Victorsen Parade and Belleville Gardens. Bollards and a chain block a northern exit from this car park between 7.00am and 3.30pm each school day.
- Gate 5 (Oval gate) is for children who live west of the school. We recommend that children in Years 4, 5 or 6 use this exit. They are dismissed to parents by the duty teacher until 3pm.
- THE SCHOOL RECOMMENDS that where possible parents park in the Anthony Waring car park (93 bays) or Church car park and older children walk to and from school.
- Children are supervised at the gates until 3.00pm. You don’t have to be at school at 2.45pm on the dot!

**MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS/ ASSEMBLY**

All year 6 children have been placed into a Ministry as part of our Student Leadership model in 2017. The Ministries for 2017 are Communications, Cultural, Environmental, Library, Music, Spiritual and Sport.

The formal announcement and presentation of the badges will be held at this Friday’s Assembly, 3rd February 2017 at 8:40am in our School Hall. We warmly invite you to attend this occasion.
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The P & F Executive would like to welcome everyone back to St Andrew’s for 2017 and the 20th anniversary of our school. We also extend a warm welcome to those joining our school community for the first time and hope everyone enjoyed the break and remain safe and well.

The P & F has two meetings planned for Term 1: Wednesday 8/02/2017 and Wednesday 8/03/2017 at 6.30pm. Everyone is most welcome and encouraged to attend to help with the planning and implementation of events for this year. It is also an opportunity to learn about matters affecting the school from members of the school Leadership Team. Children are welcome. Agenda items can be placed in the P & F book in the office or discussed with any of the P & F Executive.

Our first event of the year is the Welcome to St Andrew’s Movie Night. This will be held Friday 10/02/2017 (Week 2) in the undercover area. Gates will open one hour before the movie commences for those wishing to have a picnic beforehand. Feel free to bring a beanbag/pillow for comfort. We ask that anyone that does bring a chair, to please sit at the back of the viewing area behind those seated at a lower level.

Hold onto your receipts and register this month at Ocean Keys Shopping Centre. Our school is again entered in the School Rewards Programme, which we were lucky enough to come 2nd in last year. It all starts Monday 6-28th February.

Term 1 also sees the return of the AFL Margin Lottery plus Easter goodies. Information related to the P & F Association is available in the weekly newsletter, the P & F Facebook page and in various locations around the school.
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM AT ST ANDREW’S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEW ENROLMENT / RE ENROLMENT

Tuition is offered for a variety of instruments and are offered to children throughout the primary school. Different instruments have different recommended ages of commencement requirements and hence starting to learn a musical instrument is in consultation with the school’s music teacher, Mrs Mulholland. All children learning an instrument must have an instrument of their own to practise on. The cost of lessons will vary depending upon whether the lesson is individual or a group and the length of time allocated.

2017 current costs are:
- $30 – 30 minute individual lesson
- $15 - 30 minute group lesson

Families should commit to an initial tuition for a six month period. A term’s notice in writing must be given to the tutor if the child is withdrawing from the program. Tuition costs are paid directly to the tutor, who will invoice families. Music tuition must be paid in advance, prior to lessons commencing. If tuition fees fall into arrears, without consultation with the tutor, lessons will be suspended immediately.

Families, who wish their child to be involved in music tuition at the school, must also be current in their school fees. Under no circumstances will children be able to participate in the program if their family are not up to date with their school fees.

Lessons are conducted on a rotating timetable, during school time which means that unless it is unavoidable, children will not miss the same subject each week. Small groups of children working with one tutor does not always allow this to happen, however, this is the goal. Parents are not able to select the lesson times as this will be coordinated directly with Mrs Mulholland and the Instrument tutor.

Lessons which are missed by the tutor will be made up at the earliest possible time. Lessons missed by the child will be forfeited and the tutor will NOT be expected to make up missed lessons.

If you are interested in the program, please completed and return the slip below and return it to Mrs Mulholland directly. Completing the slip does NOT commit you to lessons nor does it guarantee acceptance into the program. (Lesson spaces may already be full from pervious students participating in lessons.)

It is important for families to realise that the children learning the instrument must have a strong desire to do so, or there will be little success forthcoming.

Yours sincerely,

Clare Mulholland & Sam Fontaine
Music Co-ordinator / Principal
G:Office/Finance/Music Lesson Letters
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM AT
ST ANDREW’S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEW ENROLMENT / RE ENROLMENT
(Please circle)

Child’s Name (Print): ____________________________________________

Year Level: ______________________________________________________

Instrument (Number in order of preference if more than one choice):
Guitar      Flute      Clarinet      Fife (Woodwind Instrument)
Saxophone   Drums     Piano (Individual only)

Please circle your tuition preference: Individual Lesson    Group Lesson

Parent / Guardian Name (Print): __________________________________

- Our family will initially commit to tuition for a six month period.
- A term’s notice, in writing, will be given to the tutor if my child is withdrawing from the program.
- Our family is current in our school fees.

Parent / Guardian Signature: ____________________________________

Mobile phone number (which will be given to the tutor): ______________

Email address (for communication): ________________________________

OFFICE USE ONLY
Finance Approval: ____________________    Principal Approval: _______
Date: ________________________________
Message from
Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB
Archbishop of Perth
To all Primary and Secondary
Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Perth

Dear friends and colleagues,

As I sit at my desk writing this letter to welcome you all to a new year in Catholic Education I can see from my office window the increasing busy-ness of Adelaide Terrace as people return to work after the summer break. I hope you all had a restful and enriching time with family and friends and that the new year has begun well for you.

In welcoming everyone back to a new school year I particularly want to welcome those who are joining Catholic Education for the first time. Based as our Catholic education system is on the values of the gospel and the long and rich tradition of the Catholic faith, it is my hope that you will experience the warm welcome and whole-hearted support which should be the hallmark of the followers of Christ. I look forward to meeting many of you throughout the year and coming to appreciate the contribution you will undoubtedly make to this vital work of our Church.

Many of you, especially those who have been involved in our schools over the last five years, may have heard me speak about what I consider to be the unique contribution Catholic Education makes to the educational landscape here in Western Australia and in Australia as a whole. We are rightly proud of the excellence of our schools in so many areas: the quality of our teaching, the dedication of our staff, the depth of our pastoral care, the community spirit of our schools, the level of parental involvement, and so on. I have often remarked that a Catholic school will not be a good Catholic school if it is not a good school. We are all involved together in the work of education and we must, and do, strive to fulfill this role with as much professional rigour as we can. But what makes Catholic schools unique is the conviction that to exclude the God question, the spiritual dimension, from our educational enterprise, and for us as Christians in the Catholic tradition to exclude the person and the teachings of Jesus as they come to us through the Church, would be to deprive our children and young people of something that is vital to a full and enriching understanding of the world we live in and our place in it. A Catholic school will not be a good Catholic school if it is not Catholic.

In committing yourself to work in our Catholic education system you become a key contributor to this essential dimension of our schools. Our catch-cry is often that in our schools we educate the whole person. In the area of faith, spirituality and religion, it will be not just what we say but what we do and who we are which will make the greatest contribution to the fostering of a truly "Catholic" community in which are young people are invited into the mystery of God at work in their lives.

Thank you for committing yourself to this challenge which is also, of course, an awesome responsibility. You can be sure that you have my prayerful support as you seek to respond to what God is asking of you for the good of the children and young people in your care.

Yours sincerely in Christ

Timothy Costelloe SDB
Archbishop of Perth