A Prayer for Saint Valentine’s Day

Most Gracious Heavenly Father,

You gave Saint Valentine the courage to witness to the gospel of Christ,
even to the point of giving his life for it.
Help us to endure all suffering for love of you,
and to seek you with all our hearts;
for you alone are the source of life and love.
Grant that we may have the courage and love to be strong witnesses of your truth
to our friends and family and to the whole world.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Amen.

Dear Parents

SAINT ANDREW’S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL 20th ANNIVERSARY PHOTO.
Next Tuesday, the 21st February our school photographer, MSP Photography will be in attendance to take an aerial photograph of all students from Kindergarten – Year 6 at 11.00am. All current staff and Board members will also be included in this one off school photo.
Please ensure that you do your best as Parents to:

- Have your children at school for this photograph. This means you may have to change appointments.
- Organise your children to be in full summer uniform. This means neatly groomed students. (Those students who have Physical Education on Tuesdays should bring their runners in their bags.)

Teachers have and will continue to remind students and Parents via electronic diaries and homework books.
I remind you all that there will be no other photo opportunities – if students are sick or are away for other reasons they will miss out.

SACRAMENTS 2017 – FINAL REMINDER
Are you the parent of a Baptised Catholic child in Year 4 – 6 who has missed out on celebrating their First Reconciliation? Or, do you have a child in Year 5 or 6 who has missed out on celebrating their First Communion? If so and if you would like your child to receive one of these Sacraments this year, you will need to speak with Mr Archer this week please.

RECONCILIATION PROGRAM - SACRAMENTAL PARENT NIGHTS AND MASSES
1. **This weekend, on the 18th and 19th February are the commitment masses** for the children wanting to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They are held during the normal parish masses and times and all families need to attend.

2. **On Thursday 23rd February** A parent /child workshop for those children intending to receive reconciliation for the first time will be held in the St Andrew’s School Hall at 6:30pm. The workshop will commence at 6:30pm sharp.

NAPLAN - PARENT INFORMATION
All parents who have children in Years 3 or 5 will receive a NAPLAN Parent Information Brochure shortly. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact either myself or your child's classroom teacher.

KINDY 2018 ENROLMENTS
We are processing applications for children who intend to participate in the St Andrew's 2018 Kindergarten Program. If any parent has not enrolled their child and they are born between July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014, they need to do so immediately. (We can only enrol children who have the correct enrolment application forms and that we know want to participate in our program.) Please do not assume that we ‘know’ that your child is seeking enrolment into the St Andrew’s Kindergarten program.

OPEN AFTERNOON
Thank you to all of the parents who attended this very important event. A lot of very valuable information was handed out and if you were unable to attend, please ensure that you collect the handout from your child’s classroom teacher.

YOUR CHILD’S PROGRESS
If you have any concerns with regards to your child's progress, the school policy is very clear in its pathway. **Your initial meeting must and should be with your child’s classroom teacher.** At this meeting it is imperative that you explain the situation clearly and allow the teacher both the right of reply and time to manage and deal with your concern. Please remember that your child's teacher may be unaware of the concern and may require time to research and gather information. While I support the contact with teachers via email or letter, please be aware that there is no replacement for a face to face meeting. Also, as a staff, we are building resiliency in students where they set fair rules for all to play and solve problems which may arise. Many students, when discussing their day with their parents remember an isolated incident, which had been dealt with, and parents need to just listen, ask them what they did in the situation and support them from home. Once all of the information has been gathered and analysed, our caring and dedicated staff have made excellent decisions as to the wellbeing of the child.
If after several meetings with the teacher, and you feel that no resolution has occurred then parents have the options of booking an appointment with one of the Assistant Principals, either, Mr Archer or Mr Smith.

Finally after the parent has exhausted these other avenues, Mr Fontaine is the final port of call. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

HEALTH CARE CARDS
Thank you to all of those parents who are on Health Care Cards and have filled in their application for School Fee Relief. If you have not done this as yet, please do so by the end of this week as School Fee reminder forms will be sent shortly. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

AQUA FUN DAY
The children in Years 1-6 will be invited to participate in the AQUA FUN DAY which will be held on FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY at the Arena Joondalup. Information was sent home to all families last week.

A reminder that Monday 6th of March is a Public Holiday and Tuesday 7th March is a Pupil Free Day.

BEGINNING OF THE YEAR SCHOOL SOCIAL FUNCTION
On Friday night, the P&F organised a movie night in the school hall. There was a fantastic turn out and many delighted faces, even though we have had the wettest start to the year in history! The movie was excellent viewing and the big screen added to the impact of the night. Food and drink was available from the “Yellow submarine”. I personally want to thank all of the P&F members who organised this inclusive event and all of the parents and children who also supported the school. Thank you one and all.

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.
DATES TO REMEMBER

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Happy birthday to Max O, Mimi G, Vivienne B, Ishaan D, Kalista B, Ben H, Brenden W, Ava P, Aislinn T, Chloe T who have or will be celebrating their birthday soon!

RENE MCCORMACK CATHOLIC COLLEGE
Mr Marshall, Principal of IMCC will attend St Andrew’s CPS to talk to ALL YEAR 5 parents after assembly on Friday 9th March.

P&F NEWS

STRANGE MAGIC MOVIE NIGHT Thank you to all those families who attended our Welcome to St Andrew’s Movie Night. It was lovely to see so many enjoying a night out with their families. We wish to thank the Yellow Submarine Van for coming and providing drinks and snacks to the masses and Mel Boschin for organizing the event.

ST ANDREW’S DAY COLOUR RUN Thank you to all those parents who attended the Colour Run Information night last Wednesday. There were some great ideas put forward. If you were unable to attend and wish to be involved or would like further information please email the P & F on: standrewspandf@yahoo.com.au. Information will be mostly dispensed via email for this event.

OCEAN KEYS SCHOOL REWARD PROGRAMME Remember to get your receipts into Ocean Keys (or online) and improve our school’s chances of winning part of $8000. It runs until the end of February.
St Andrew’s CPS P&F AFL Margin Lottery

The P&F is once again running a margin lottery for the 2017 AFL season. If you would like to be part of this competition, you will need to fill out an entry form and return it with your entry fee to the P&F via the school office no later than Monday 20 March. This will allow time for the draw to take place before the first WA game, Dockers V Geelong, on Sunday 26 March.

How this works:

- Everyone receives at least one number between 1 and the number of entries sold (we are aiming for 100, but need at minimum 40), via a lottery system. This will be your margin for the entire season.
- The winning margin of the WA home game (Eagles or Dockers) for the round will decide the winner for the week. Whoever has this margin in the lottery draw wins the round. If there is no game in Perth as in Round 12, then the margin is decided on the first WA team on the fixture for that weekend (Brisbane Lions V Dockers).
- Entry fee is $10 paid in advance of the lottery draw. You can buy more than 1 entry to increase your chances, buy one for everyone in the family, or get your co-workers involved. There is no limit on the number of entries you can buy. The more the merrier!
- There will be one weekly prize for the winner - at a minimum the weekly prize will be $10.
- If no one holds the winning margin number, then the weekly prize will jackpot to the next week. For example, if we have 100 entries and the margin is 101 or greater, the prize money will jackpot.
- The prize money will also jackpot if the game is drawn.
- The first lottery draw will take place before Friday 24 March. A list of participants and their margin number/s will be published on the P&F Facebook page.
- Weekly winners will be announced via the P&F Facebook page and the Newsletter.
- Prize money will be distributed at the end of the season – if one of the home teams continues on into the Finals, then we will keep playing until there are no home teams left.
- For further details please contact the P&F via the P&F Facebook page or standrewspandf@yahoo.com.au
- Thanks for supporting the P&F and good luck for the season!

2017 P&F AFL Margin Lottery
Entry Form

Please submit entry form and $10/entry to the P&F via the school office

Name/Family name: __________________________________________________________

Eldest Child’s name and class (for distribution of prizes):
________________________________________________________

Number of entries required: __________________________________________
(If more than 1 entry required, please use this space to indicate the names to be used.)

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Amount enclosed: $__________

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