Let us pray
that God will fill us with joy at the coming of Christ.

Lord God,
May we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ
Experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanks giving.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

Dear Parents,

Last Friday, I spent an enjoyable time, celebrating with the school community at the St Andrew's Feast Day Mass. This was followed by an extra-ordinary activity with the water slides donated by the P&F. A wonderful day was had by all. Some buddy classes also decorated biscuits and celebrated together with a variety of activities.

A special mention was made at the Mass for Mrs. Bridget Jones. Bridget has been a foundation member of the St Andrew's School Staff. Bridget has held a number of roles within the school including Assistant Principal, Learning Area Coordinator, Librarian and of course classroom teacher. She has given her all for the benefit of your children that she has taught. St. Andrew's will miss Bridget but we all wish her well in her retirement.

SCHOOL FINISHING DATES FOR 2015: This year, all of the children in Years KW – 5 are expected to attend school until Friday 11th December. They will be dismissed as normal at 2:45pm on that day. The Year 6 Graduating Students will be dismissed directly after the Graduation celebrations and Awards Ceremony which will be held on Wednesday 9th December commencing at 6:30pm in the Church.

FREE DRESS DAY – MONDAY 7th DECEMBER 2015: The children will be able to wear free dress on Monday 7th December for a gold coin donation to Catholic Christmas Charities. Children are not allowed to wear thongs or non-supportive shoes. Thank you for your support. The Year 6 Spiritual Ministry.
CAROLS NIGHT – ALL INVITED: On Friday 4th December you are invited to the annual Carols Night commencing at approximately 5:30pm with a bring-your-own picnic tea. The venue is the school oval, weather permitting, otherwise if inclement weather – School Hall.

At approximately 6:00pm, the School Choir will lead all families with a range of Christmas Carols. All class groups are requested to wear a Christmas t-shirt and a small Christmas hat. (Please keep it VERY SIMPLE!!!!! – no larger hats to block the vision of other children).

THE PLAYGROUND IS OUT OF BOUNDS ON THIS NIGHT! This will prove to be a very rewarding night for those families, who wish to commence the season of Advent in this way. If parents require any other clarification, they are welcome to contact Mrs. Mulholland directly.

LIBRARY LOANS: All students need to return their library books immediately so that a stock take can be undertaken. To all parents and children I appreciate your support of the St Andrew’s School Library and look forward to this continuing in 2016.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE FINAL WEEK OF SCHOOL:

- **Monday 7th December, 2015:** All children will be able to wear Free Dress for a gold coin donation to Catholic Christmas Charities.
- **Tuesday 8th December:** Kindy and Pre-Primary will have their St Andrew’s Splash day celebrations. A separate note was sent home with all of the details. Please see your child’s classroom teacher if any more information is required.
- **Wednesday 9th December:** This is the last day for the Year 6 students. If they are bringing in items to sign, please be aware that they are not permitted to sign their school uniforms but are welcome to sign their leaver’s shirts or sports shirts under the supervision of teachers. No other parts of the uniform need to be signed. Year 6 students are not to attend school on Thursday or Friday unless they are in the school choir or band and are required by Mrs Mulholland. They should also just be at school for the event time and NOT for the entire day. Thanksgiving/Graduation Mass: This Mass will commence at 6:30pm sharp, in the church. The children are expected to wear full Summer School Uniform with all boys wearing a tie. (Year 6 Students should be at Church by 6:10pm).
- **Year 6 Awards:** ALL of these will be presented at a ceremony, to be held in the Hall at the conclusion of the Graduation/Thanksgiving Mass.
- **Year 6 Second Semester Reports:** Year 6 reports will be sent home on Wednesday 9th December with a copy of the Newsletter.
- **Thursday 10th December, 2015:** is the 2016 Class Orientation from approximately 10:40am – 11:30am. The children will be directed to their new classes and meet with their new class teachers for 2016. An exciting time for all! The final Newsletter and Term 1 Planner for 2016 is uploaded to our website on this day.
- **Friday 11th December:** All second semester reports and Newsletter will be given to the children in Kindy White – Year 5. Last Day of Term for Kindy White-Year 5 with a normal school finishing time of 2:45pm applying. (With the exception of our Year 6 children who will be dismissed on Wednesday 9th December after graduation).

God Bless

Mr. 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 those children who are celebrating their birthday soon….

- Emilio E
- Billy B
- Katie L
- Martin N
- Jesna T
- Liam M
- Jelyn S
- Riley G
- Caitlyn D

**ST ANDREW’S BOOK ORDERS FOR 2016:** Campion have collected the book lists from St Andrew’s. Late orders – missed cut-off date can be placed online at www.campion.com.au. All late orders are home delivery only. The total cost of processing and delivery will be $5.50 per item up to a maximum $17.50. Campion will endeavour to despatch your order before school begins. They cannot guarantee delivery before school term starts.

**LOST PROPERTY:** Please check the tables outside the office before the end of school term. Property not claimed will be washed and given to a good home.

**CLARINET SCHOLARSHIPS:** Scholarships are being offered to 2 students (Year 4 or 5 only) willing to learn to play clarinet. These scholarships will pay for part of the lessons in 2016. If anyone is interested, please collect an application form from the office as soon as possible.

**P&F NEWS**

We hope that you all enjoyed the Splash Day last Friday. The teachers certainly looked like they enjoyed themselves and it was great to see them embrace the fun and spirit of the day, adding to the enjoyment of the students.

We have also held a planning meeting for next year’s activities and will be looking for volunteers to coordinate various events throughout the year. Please try an offer your help where possible, it will be very much appreciated.

The first event for next year will be the Welcome to St Andrew’s Night on Friday 12 February. The P&F are trying something a bit different for this event - a movie night. Families will be welcome to bring a picnic, relax on the oval and watch a family movie while they mingle with friends, old and new. Mark the date in your diaries now!

The P&F are still looking for someone to permanently fill the position of Secretary. Gwen Carroll has kindly offered to stay on in the position until a new volunteer can be found. Please contact any member of the P&F or Mr Fontaine if you would like to offer your time.

The P&F would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who have helped with various events over the year and we look forward to working alongside you all in 2016. Your contributions, big and small have helped us achieve great things at St Andrew’s.

Regards

P&F COMMITTEE
Although our time has finished,
Our smiles will never fade.
We won’t forget the handprints left,
On memories we have made!

Dear Kindy Gold,
Thank you so much for a wonderful school year. I have had so much fun being your teacher and I wish you all the best of luck in all that you do. Remember to always do your best and to be kind to one another.
I am very proud of you!!
Sincerely
Mrs Lo Faro