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,

Please keep Natalie and Taya McCormack, and families in your prayers at this difficult time. Kindly pray for the soul of Brian McCormack and the Souls of all other faithful departed. Also, keep in your prayers all of the families who have been affected by tragedies within our world. It is by the strength of prayer and support that we can contribute to these people.

Last Friday, I spent an enjoyable time, celebrating with the school community at the St Andrew's Feast Day Mass. The mass was very reverent and a special mention to Mrs Campbell who stepped in to co-ordinate this event. Also to Mrs Young who led the singing and choir admirably. This was followed by an extra-ordinary activity with the water slides donated by the P&F. A wonderful day was had by all. The operator of the slides told me that they attend many schools throughout Perth and the country and St. Andrew's School is one that they love to attend because of the behaviour and manners of the children. Congratulations to all.

Last week, we also had a number of events for the children. They included Water Wise Talks, Hopman Cup visit, Karate Child Safety Awareness and Anti Bullying Campaign and an AFL Clinic (James). A sincere thank you is extended to Mrs Campbell, Mrs Peacham and Mr Gavin Smith for organizing these events.

On Monday we had a Music Gala Showcase. It is not a concert but a time when the whole school gathered to watch snippets of the children’s learning from within the in-school music lessons. The amount of talent shown by our students is extra-ordinary as is the wonderful tuition provided by our music tutors. It is wonderful that our students are continually provided with extra curricula opportunities.

Following our Music Gala we held the Parent Volunteers and Helpers Morning Tea. This annual event, provides an acknowledgement of those parents who assist the classroom teachers and the school in
so many different and varied ways. On behalf of everyone at St. Andrew’s School, I sincerely thank all of our volunteers and helpers, and thank them for their contributions.

NATIVITY
A wonderful event was held last Tuesday night where our Kindergarten children performed, Year 5 narrated and the rest of the school formed the choir for the Nativity. We were so happy to see many children and families attend! A special mention to all of the staff and especially Mrs Mulholland and our Kindy staff for the preparation of this event.

FREE DRESS DAY – MONDAY 5th DECEMBER 2016
The children will be able to wear free dress on Monday 5th December for a gold coin donation to Catholic Christmas Charities. The theme that was decided was Holidays / Christmas. Children are not allowed to wear thongs or non-supportive shoes. Thank you for your support. The Year 6 Spiritual Ministry.

SCHOOL FINISHING DATES FOR 2016
The Year 6 Graduating Students will be dismissed directly after the Graduation celebrations and Awards Ceremony which will be held on Wednesday 7th December commencing at 6:30pm in the Church. This year, all of the children in Years Pre-Primary – 5 are expected to attend school until Friday 9th December. They will be dismissed as normal at 2:45pm on that day.

APPLE STORE DISCOUNTS FOR THE ST ANDREW’S COMMUNITY
If you buy your next Apple product (iPad/ Macbook etc) from the Apple Store in the city or Booragoon and mention that you are connected with St Andrew’s School, you will get a 6% discount on devices and a 10 % discount on accessories and further discounts on ‘Apple Care’ plans. This offer is available to all families associated with Catholic Education and it could be useful for students heading in to high school as well. (This information has been brought to us by one of our kind parents who works in the Apple store in the city.)

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 2017.

ST ANDREW’S BOOK ORDERS FOR 2017
Campion Books have collected the book lists from St Andrew’s. Late orders – missed the cut-off date but will need to 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.
ACTIVITIES FOR THE FINAL WEEK OF SCHOOL

- **Monday 5th December, 2016**
  All children will be able to wear Free Dress for a gold coin donation to Catholic Christmas Charities. The Theme will holidays / Christmas.

- **Tuesday 6th 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. Kindergarten last day for 2016

- **Wednesday 7th 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). (Refer to note sent home early this week).

  **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 7th December with a copy of the Newsletter.

- **Thursday 8th December**
  2017 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 2017. An exciting time for all! The [final Newsletter and Term 1 Planner for 2017 is uploaded to our website on this day](#).  

- **Friday 9th December**
  All second semester reports and Newsletter will be given to the children in Pre-Primary – Year 5. Last Day of Term for Pre-Primary - 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 7th 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….
LJ S, Grace J, Liam C, Billy B, Scarlett G, Natasha N, Katie L, Martin N, Jesna T

SCHOOL NEWS

YOUNG VINNIES
To all the students and parents of St Andrews Catholic Primary School we, the Young Vinnies group, thank you! The OVERWHELMING generosity from you all has allowed us to make over 38 Christmas hampers for the less fortunate in our local community. Father Robert has sent his thanks as he has many families in need this Christmas. May God Bless you Miss Poz, Mrs Parata and the Young Vinnies

MARTIAL ARTS
This week the students in our school, from Pre-Primary to Year 6 have been very fortunate to have Mr Gavin Smith from GKA to teach them some Karate skills. The students learnt about stranger danger and how to react if in danger. Many thanks to Mr Smith and his assistants Anthea and Jackie. Thank you for giving up your time to visit our school. If any student is interested in joining a GKA club, the flyer which has been sent home gives you the contact name and number of your local club.
Dawne Peacham {Physical Education Teacher}

SUMMER UNIFORM ORDERS
Summer uniforms orders can be collected from the Uniform Shop from the 29 November to 9th December.

SIBLINGS STARTING KINDY IN 2018
If you have a child born between July 1 2013 and June 30 2014, you must forward an enrolment form to the school office immediately. Interviews will be held in February 2017 and positions are filling up fast.
TUITION FEES
Thank you for those parents that have finalised music tuition fees. When you completed the Instrumental Programme form you signed an agreement. As you are well aware this is the Tutors livelihood. Your prompt payment is greatly appreciated. Please ensure that your child collects their musical instrument at the end of the year.

P&F NEWS

SPLASH DAY
Last Friday’s Splash Day was a huge success in spite of the very hot temperatures. The children did a wonderful job of wearing their hats, rashies and applying the sunscreen all day while having fun.

When they were not on the slides, they were getting cooled down by the teachers at a water soaking area or dancing to the music. The children and staff at St Andrew’s must be applauded for their spirit and good manners on the day.

The staff from CastlesWA said it is always a delight to visit our school and are always amazed at the courtesy they are shown.

Thank you to our volunteers who helped out with the sale of icy poles. Your assistance to the P&F is always appreciated and valued. Well done everyone!!

We are resting the Splash Day next year and it will be back in 2018. Stay tuned as the P&F is bringing an incredible event in 2017 to celebrate our 20th year. We will need the support of all parents to ensure it can go ahead smoothly.

ST ANDREW’S CPS 20TH ANNIVERSARY
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. A very important event will be held next year to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the school. The P&F will be looking for a minimum of two parents from each class to help run the event. Please pass your name onto any of the member’s or leave it at the front office with Mrs O’Neil.

WELCOME TO ST ANDREW’S NIGHT
The first event for next year will be the Welcome to St Andrew’s Night on Friday 10th February (TBC). With the success of last year’s event - a movie night, the same format will be held next year. 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!

THANK YOU
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 2017. Your contributions, big and small have helped us achieve great things at St Andrew’s.

Regards
P&F COMMITTEE