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First Sunday of Advent
In your coming Lord, may our hearts be open,
So that we may be filled with peace.
May our minds be open,
So that we may know your will.
May our eyes be open,
So that, in others, we might see your light.
And may our lives be open, so that you may come to us
And fill us with hope and joy.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
AMEN

Dear Parents,

As we are about to enter the Season of Advent we should explore many themes in our own lives. Although you will probably not be directly confronted with the crowds of hungry or suffering people this day, as Jesus was, you doubtless do know someone who is in need; spiritually, emotionally or materially. Possibly this week you could spend some time and open up your compassionate heart to another.

A sincere thank you to all of the wonderful and dedicated parents and Staff who attended last Wednesday night’s AGMs. It is refreshing to see the commitment of so many people, who make the St Andrew’s community so vibrant. I thank the following parents who will join with Fr Robert, Fr Israel, Mr Smith and Mr Archer and myself on the School Board for 2017. They include; Gwen Carrol (Board Chair) Michelle Hendry (Vice Chair) Bede Callaghan (Treasurer) Jo Zanoli (Secretary) Nancy Enriquez (Parish Representative) Jennifer Lynch (P&F Representative) Members: Serena Spadaro, Leanne Stainton, Stuart Pestana and Glenn Barrie.
It is a pleasure to report the following parents that have joined together to participate in the St Andrew’s Parent and Friends Association Executive for 2017.

*Mel Boschin (President), Larissa Rodoreda (Vice President), Mel Leedham (Treasurer) Narelle Pestana (Secretary).*

Both the School Board and P & F Association of the school are very innovative and energetic who always consider the needs of the children. I eagerly look forward to working with them all again next year.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL HAMPERS – GIVE A GIFT AT CHRISTMAS**

A sincere thank you is extended to all of those very generous family who donated to the St Vincent de Paul Hampers. I was overwhelmed when I saw all of the hampers in the Library.

**NATIVITY NIGHT – ALL INVITED**

On Tuesday 29th November you are invited to a new initiative, the Nativity Night commencing at approximately 5:00pm 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 Kindergarten children will be acting the Christmas Story and some Year 5 Students will narrate. ALL OTHER STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOL ARE INVITED and will also be in the Stage area performing Christmas Carols, and will work together with the school choir.

All class groups are requested to wear a Christmas t-shirt and jeans or shorts. (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. **IT IS HOPED THAT ALL CHILDREN IN THE SCHOOL WILL ATTEND THIS EVENT!**

**ENROLLING YOUR CHILD AT ST ANDREW’S**

Parents who have younger children (0 - 3) are encouraged to book in their children for future years, as places are limited. (There is a small fee associated with placing your name on this list). We can only enrol your child if the school has the appropriate forms on file. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

**PRE-PRIMARY ORIENTATION**

On Tuesday afternoon the current Kindergarten parents were invited to the 2017 Pre-Primary Parent Orientation afternoon. There was a lot of relevant information and it was wonderful to see the new bonds that have been created between the parents. A very productive and informative afternoon was had by all!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

Congratulations are extended to the following students who were awarded scholarships for their secondary education. They are Zac W – Rugby, Ellyannah M – Aviation, Lachlan W – Music, Nukuroa M – Rugby, Ella M – Academic. We are so proud of all of our students and acknowledge their successes.
WE ARE SO LUCKY!
St Andrew’s School is blessed to have two languages to teach our children.

Ibu (Mrs) Belcastro has almost completed her second year as our Indonesian language teacher. She joined our Staff after the retirement of our long serving Indonesian teacher Ibu Chin. Our school has a long time sister school relationship with Suta Dharma in Bali, Indonesia. The school is located in the town of Ibud not too far from Kuta Beach. A couple of years ago I met the Principal Ibu (Mrs) Putu. After handing over some donated pencils we chatted about our schools and the benefits that our students receive through the skype and buddy relationship that Ibu Chin has established. If you are going to Bali with your family, Ibu Putu is most happy to welcome you to her school.

Mrs Judith Birchall teaches our Students the Indigenous Noongar language. Mrs Birchall is a highly regarded language teacher and shares her teaching duties between St Andrew’s and Yanchep District High School which has a sizeable indigenous population. Mrs Birchall brings the Noongar language alive to our children and teaches them a great deal about indigenous culture as well. We thank Mrs Birchall for the great work she does to bring NAIDOC Week and National Sorry Day alive to our Staff and children. On 1st December, we will be experiencing an incursion which will educate our children about the environment from the indigenous perspective.

I remind all parents and guardians that the warmer weather is now with us. Please ensure that your child has a broad brim school hat to wear each day at school. As part of the morning routine the application of high protection sunscreen is advised. Each classroom has a container of sunscreen available to children for purposes of repeat application. Drinking water should be supplied from home and water fountains are located in the school yard. Please talk to your child about sensible play on warm days. By doing so you are reinforcing Staff comment.

Please ensure with the proposed hot day on Friday, that all children wear a wide brim hat and a rashie vest while on the slides. A separate note accompanies this newsletter with all of the details. Please read it carefully and ensure that your child is well prepared.

Mr Fontaine has returned from his leave and is most happy to be back leading our school community.

Let Us Pray – Lord we beseech you to stand strongly amongst all our families that they may grow in their love of you and all that is good in our world. Be with those of our families who are tested by difficult circumstances. Guide them to the positivity of your Word. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

As we enter the last few weeks of the school year please remember to support your children and the school in a positive way. We have many events on the planner and we all need to maintain balance and demeanour.

God bless

Mr Fontaine and Mr Smith
PRINCIPAL/SHORT TERM 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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SCHOOL NEWS

PARISH CELEBRATION - ST ANDREW’S DAY MASS

The Parish Liturgical Planning Committee invites all St Andrew’s School to participate in St Andrew’s Day Mass this Sunday, 27 November at 9:00am.

Some students have already expressed an interest in attending and have accepted a role to play in the Mass. They may be involved in reading a prayer of the faithful or being a part of the entrance procession with the school flag.

Students will need to attend in full school uniform if they have a role to play and will sit with parents when tasks are completed. All other students are encouraged to attend and are welcome to wear their school uniforms as well if you would like them to. Students from the other two parish schools will be involved as well.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Year 6 Graduation will take place in the Church at 6.30pm on Wednesday 7 December. Graduating students need to present in an impeccably groomed manner. Parents please consult the Student Diary which lists the correct summer uniform for boys and girls. Boys must wear the school tie. Mass will be followed by the presentation of awards, the viewing of a PowerPoint which is currently being worked on by the graduating class and a light supper. Families are advised to circle this date on the Term Planner.
PHONE CALLS TO THE OFFICE
Calls made to classroom teachers are NOT put through to the classrooms during school time. Teachers are working with your children and they are not available to take your calls. A message can be left for the teacher or you may email them via the school email address: admin@standrews.wa.edu.au The office staff are also handling too many messages from parents to students; especially late in the school day. Messages for students which are received early in the day are placed in classroom message bags. These are picked up from the office each day at about 2.00pm. There are no guarantees that messages that are phoned through after this time will be delivered due to the administrative pressures that office staff experience late in each school day. You should make all arrangements for pick up with your child before they come to school.

CLASSROOM CLEAN UP
During Weeks 8 - 9 classroom teachers will start to organise times when student desks and chairs as well as general classroom furniture such as book shelves will need cleaning. Teachers and Teacher Assistants will greatly appreciate all the help that they can muster at this ‘challenging time’ of the term. Please volunteer in advance as many hands make light work.

DAILY DROP OFF AND END OF DAY PICK UP
It is important that children are delivered to school and picked up in a timely manner. We understand the occasional event happening that impacts a regular arrival and departure but it is very concerning when parents are frequently tardy. We would prefer that parents and guardians addressed our concerns.

EXITING FAMILIES
We never like to lose people from our flock but fully understand that this occurs from time to time and for a variety of reasons. Should your child not be returning to Saint Andrew’s Catholic Primary School in 2017, please notify the Principal in writing as soon as possible. In your letter please detail your child’s class, their full name, the departure date and where they will be going to school in 2017. There is a transfer letter that goes to the new school from Saint Andrew’s CPS.

MAKING JESUS REAL
There is a book by Carol McLeod titled “Have you filled a bucket today?” In the book Carol takes the “One percenters” further. She says that each time you say or do something to someone else: Smile, Wave, Help someone by opening a door, etc. you are filling up their bucket as well as your own. They feel good and so do you. No doubt we have all experienced a bit of happiness inside us when we do these small acts. On the reverse side, when we are nasty and say or do hurtful things, when we finally cool down and think about what we have done then we are disappointed about it. Carol goes on to say, “We are emptying the other person’s bucket as well as our own.” This book is worth getting and is available on many websites. There is a video clip on You Tube about it. It is at http://www.youtube.com.watch?v=4GOh18uZBlw.

SUMMER UNIFORM ORDERS
Summer uniforms orders can be collected from the Uniform Shop from the 29 November to 9th December.
**NATIVITY/CAROL NIGHT**  
Nativity/Carol Night on the school Oval / Picnic Dinner will be held on Tuesday 29th November. Please don’t forget to put this important whole school event in your diaries. The Kindy children are presenting the Nativity, some students from Year 5 will be narrating and the whole school will be singing the carols led by the school choir.

Kindy children will be wearing costumes and the rest of the students can wear shorts/jeans and a Christmas tee-shirt or a tee-shirt in Christmas colours. Choir members can wear a Christmas hat.

Picnic on the oval is from 5.00pm onwards, followed by the performance of the Nativity at 6.00pm. The evening should conclude at about 6.30pm.

**MUSIC GALA/ VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU MORNING TEA**  
A Whole School Music Gala will be held in the hall commencing at 8.45am on Monday 28th November. The annual Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea will occur at the conclusion of the Music Gala.

**LOCAL MATTER JAR**  
You’re On A Jar this Month, Last Chance; St Andrew’s P and F is on a Local Matter Jar at Grill’d Ocean Keys: If you are eating out as a family in the month of November please consider eating at Grill’d Ocean Keys. ‘Local Matters’ is the Grill’d restaurant community donation program that sees each Grill’d restaurant donate $500.00 back into the community every month. The donation is split between 3 local community groups $300/$200/$100. Simply eat your food and having received a Grill’d token with your order place it into the container labelled Saint Andrew’s P & F prior to leaving the restaurant. Please help our P & F, help our children.

**SCHOOL FEES ARE VERY IMPORTANT**  
Thank you to the families who have already met their fee commitments for the 2016 school year. The deadline for 2016 school fees is Monday 28th November. Fees can be paid by cash, credit card, and direct debit or BPAY if these options are in place. As you can imagine schools operate on sizeable budgets and the paying of school fees has a determining factor in meeting expenses.

**PRAYERS FROM A CHILD’S HEART:**

1. Sometimes I have so many questions about zillions of things. God, I’m glad that the really important answers are in your big answer book, the Bible! Amen.

2. Lord, I pray for the rescue missions going on in the world. Help those affected to know they have lots of friends who care. Amen.

**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.

**PARKING/PICK UP ALONG VICTORSEN**  
A neighbour from the school is tired of parents blocking her driveway. Her children are late for school and is feeling very frustrated. She will be speaking to the Shire Rangers! Just put yourself in her position. Courtesy goes a long way!
With the warm weather finally here, it’s time to start thinking about the P&F water sliding fun as part of the St Andrew’s Day celebrations for Years 1 to 6.

Kindy and Pre Primary will be sliding as part of their end of school year celebrations.

**Years 1 to 6 - Friday 25 November**

Every child in Years 1-6 at school on Friday 25 November will be able to participate with parental permission during school hours.

Four fantastic water slides will be set up on the school oval with the excitement starting after recess and continuing until just before the final school bell for the day. Children will be able to purchase icy poles on the day for $1.00.

On this day children may attend school in their sports uniforms. Parents will also need to pack a separate bag containing bathers, rashie, towel and hat. Children will be given time before the event to change into their bathers. Sunscreen will be put on in the classroom before going out to the oval and bottles of sunscreen will also be available on the oval for re-application throughout the afternoon.

Permission slips will be sent home separately. Permission slips for each child will need to be returned to the class teachers prior to the event.

**Kindy and Pre Primary - Tuesday 6 December**

For our Kindy and Pre Primary children, a separate age appropriate water slide event has been planned for Tuesday 6 December during school hours. This will coincide with their end of school year celebrations and will require parental permission.

Parents will need to send their children to school with a separate bag containing bathers, rashie, towel and hat. Children will be given time before the event to change into their bathers. Sunscreen will be put on in the classroom before going out to the oval and bottles of sunscreen will also be available on the oval for re-application throughout the afternoon.

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Year 1 White

This term we have transitioned from playing in the Junior Primary playground to the ‘Big’ play areas! We can now play on the large climbing frame and have a special section. We prepared for this with many trial sessions to learn where we will play and how to play on the equipment safely. We know all of the rules to keep us safe. We love exploring our new spaces to have fun with our friends!

I love the sliding bars – Emily
I like laying down under the tree – Sasha
Playing footy on the oval is fun – Gabriel
Sliding down the fireman pole – Christiaan
It’s great because it’s all bigger and taller – Ella
Going down the slide is fun – Harriet
I love playing ‘chasey’ on the oval – Simon
The monkeys bars are cool – Natasha
I run fast playing ‘chasey’ on the oval – Thomas
I love going fast down the slide – Annabelle
I like playing hide and seek – Charlotte
Skipping on the oval is fun! – Ding
I like sitting on the warm grass – Taya
I love running with lots of room on the oval – Henry
I like sitting under the cool tree – Connor
I love playing soccer – Max
The pole slide is cool – Che
I like investigating new bugs and insects in the garden - Isaac
Playing soccer on the oval near my brother is great – V.J.
Making tall towers in the sandpit is my favourite – Scarlet
I like doing ‘roly-poly’s’ and handstands on the grass – Amelia
I like sitting under tree and laughing with my friends – Joshua H
I like walking around – Taj
I love playing chasey with my friends – Josh C
It is different to the Junior Primary playground – Tori
Running around on the oval with my friends is awesome – Sid
I love the monkey bars – Kiahra