PRAYER OF ST ANDREW

Loving God,
As the community of St. Andrew
we thank you for your guiding hand
and ask for your continued blessings upon us.
May our school be a place where we value truth, justice,
kindness and the special gifts of one another.
May we have the strength and commitment
to meet life’s challenges,
with St Andrew as our guide.
AMEN.

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome is extended to all families upon their return to St Andrew’s Catholic Primary School for 2016. The school year has commenced very smoothly and thanks are expressed to all those concerned, for this success. I apologise for the length of the newsletter but it contains a lot of important information and please use the additional material as necessary.

I would like parents to feel welcome in the school and to be a part of their child’s education in ways that they feel confident.

I ask all parents to please be aware of the classroom dynamics and understand that if your child is late to class 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 is also 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 end of last 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 the children.

I would like to personally invite all parents to the information open afternoon (PP – Year 6) which will be held on Tuesday 16th 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. If you cannot make it on this day then it is just as important to contact your child’s classroom teacher and obtain 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 12th February on the school oval / Undercover Area. Gates open at 6:00pm for a BYO Picnic Tea and the movie will be “The Book of Life” animation. 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 being sent home 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 50 iPad’s for the Junior Classes to use. 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.

WORK COMPLETED OVER THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
A number of maintenance jobs have been completed over the holidays. These have included the refurbishment of some of the classrooms with dividers, painting, upgrade of the play equipment, painting of the school’s fixtures and fittings, plumbing work, repairs to school gates, replacement of selected shade sails, garden rejuvenation and refurbishment of the Year 2/3 toilet block.

A 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 ongoing 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 FRIDAY MORNINGS (before school).

YEARS 1 – 5 (2016) – SWIMMING LESSONS
The students in Years 1 – 5 in 2016 will be completing their swimming lessons at Arena Aquatic Centre. Lessons will be conducted from Tuesday 26th April – Friday 6th May inclusive. (There will not be a lesson on Monday 25th April, ANZAC Day - Public Holiday). Lessons will need to be paid for before the lessons commence, DURING TERM 1.

YEAR 6 CAMP
Parents of children who are in Year 6 are reminded that the Year 6 School camp will be held from the 16th – 18th March inclusive. The cost of $270 must be paid prior to your child’s attendance by the 1st March. (This amount has been included on your first term’s fees). If paying separately, please speak directly with Mrs Durtanovich). A number of initial expenses and deposits have already been outlaid by the school.

Year 6 Parents need to pay their camp fees immediately, before the children attend the camp. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

TERM DATES FOR 2016
Term 1 Monday 1st February – Friday 8th April
Easter falls outside of the school holidays this year.
Term 2 Tuesday 26th April – Friday 1st July
Term 3 Tuesday 19th July – Thursday 22nd September
Term 4 Tuesday 11th October – Friday 9th December (Students)
Wednesday 7th December (Year 6)
Tuesday 6th December – All kindergarten’s last day
**PUPIL FREE DAYS AND DESIGNATED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS – 2016**

These will be the Pupil Free Days in 2016. **Tuesday 8th March, Tuesday 7th June, Monday 27th June, Monday 18th July, Friday 23rd September and Monday 10th October 2016.** (KINDY ONLY – Tuesday 8th November) The Staff will be involved in Professional Development on these days with regards to Religious Education, Literacy, Numeracy and Reporting.

**KINDY 2016 Extra Pupil Free Day – Tuesday 8th November, 2016**

**TERM DATES**

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

**ASSEMBLIES 2016 – FRIDAY MORNINGS**

Assemblies will be held on **Friday mornings**, in the school hall, commencing at 8:45am sharp in 2016. Please look at the Term Planner for further details and location.

**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.

**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

**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.

**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. If you have questions please do not hesitate to book an appointment with Mr Fontaine.

**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 AFTER SCHOOL
Parents are reminded that the children are unable to play on the equipment before and after school due to 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 collected 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.

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 Mondays. Banking information is available from the office.

SCHOOL FEES
School Fee accounts have been sent home. All families will receive a yearly statement as well as a term 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.

HEALTH CARE CARD UPDATE
As you are aware from the information presented in past newsletters and from the press, in 2016 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.

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.

HOMEWORK
Children, on many occasions, take work to do at home. This may range from a few pages of reading 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.

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 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.

SUPPORT A READER – MONDAY 8TH 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 8th February. If you are interested, please speak directly with Mrs Greaves 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 Emma Greave is co-ordinating. (Monday 8th 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.

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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                        (2) 1.30pm-2.30pm |
| Tuesday 9 February    | Playgroup 8.30am-11.30am  
                        Hall Staff Meeting |
| Wednesday 10 February | Ash Wednesday Mass Years 1-6 (Hosted by 6W)                           |
| Thursday 11 February  | Regional Catholic Teachers’s Mass SSPCPS 3.30pm  
                        (no parent meetings) |
| Friday 12 February    | Staff Prayer  
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Happy Birthday to those children who are celebrating their birthday soon….<br>Blake A, Alexandra R, Ellyannah M, Liam L, Max M, Scarlet S, Jessica M, Ben W, Max M, Eireann F, Oliver H
BANKING: SCHOOL BANKING ACCOUNT OPENING DAY – FRIDAY 4th MARCH

We are very excited to introduce our new ‘Outback Adventure’ theme for this year’s banking rewards. If your child is already involved in school banking, then we look forward seeing their excited faces as they save their money, collect their tokens and claim their reward. If you would like your child to get started on their savings journey, we are having an account opening day after the assembly on Friday March 4th. Jenni from the Commonwealth bank will be coming to our school to talk about the new competition being run this year and opening accounts so you can avoid waiting in the line at the bank. Just bring in your driver’s license or passport and we will get you started. If you have a Kindy child who is not at school on a Monday (banking day) but would still like to join in, you can send their bank book in with an older sibling or take it to the office.

P&F NEWS

Welcome back to another school year and to those new families who have joined our school. We hope you enjoyed your Christmas break and are settling back into your school routines.

The P&F have already been busy this year. Our calendar of events is filling up and we are looking forward to working with the Year 6 students who are part of the Cultural Ministry to bring these events to you.

Our first event for the year is the Welcome to St Andrew's movie night, being held on the school oval next Friday 12 February from 6.00pm. So pack a picnic and some chairs and get together with some friends you may not have had the opportunity to catch up with yet. Refreshments will also be available for purchase on the night. Further details will be sent home on a flyer and information placed on the P&F Facebook page. It should be a fun night.

At the end of last year the P&F set aside money to purchase iPads for the school. This was topped up by some of the money raised from the fundraising we undertook over the year. As a result we are very pleased to tell you that Mr Fontaine was able to secure 50 iPads from this P&F contribution, which will be a fantastic resource in the classroom. So thank you to all those families who paid their P&F levy and who supported our fundraising efforts in 2015. We are confident that our children will benefit greatly from this.

We are still looking for someone to take on the position of P&F Secretary. If you have any Admin and organisational skills you feel are not being fully used this is the job for you! Please contact Mr Fontaine or anyone on the P&F if you are interested.

As always, the P&F Facebook page is a good way to keep in touch with what's happening at the school. If you haven't already requested to join please do so: St Andrew's Clarkson CPS P&F Group.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Welcome Night and are hoping for yet another great year of collaboration and community building at our school.

COMMUNITY NEWS

LOOKING FOR SOUL FOOD? The Centre for Faith Enrichment is offering two short online courses in Term One. (1) Encountering Jesus Anew in the Year of Mercy: Tuesdays 16th February – 8th March, 12pm-1pm, $20; (2) Dive Deeper: Exploring Faith: Tuesdays 23rd February – 8th March, 8pm-8.30pm, $15. For more information or to register, visit www.cfe.org.au or call 9241 5221. These courses are a great opportunity to explore matters of the soul in a relaxed and friendly way, with no exams or assignments! ALL welcome!

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YEAR 3B’S SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The students of 3 Blue have had an amazing time during the holidays. They have shared some of their favourite moments below:

I went to a Wedding in Thailand because my aunty got married, it was great. Jack

We went to Bali with our friends and the hotel was a party hotel! Tilly

I loved playing on bikes and scooters with my cousin James. Oakley

Steph came over and we went to Atlantis Play Centre. Emma

I stayed in a hotel in Bunbury and I swam in the pool. Elias

Our friends came over from Melbourne and we went to the beach in Mandurah. Steph

I saw an octopus in Yanchep lagoon, it changed colour! Chris

I went to Rottnest Island and while I was snorkelling I saw lots of fish. Alyssa

I saw a big and a small stingray on the beach at Dunsborough. Kayne

I went to the Great Escape at Hillarys and I slid down the big slide 3 times! Paolo

I cut the ribbon to the Castle in Hong Kong Disneyland and I met Cinderella! Allegra

I went to South Africa and I fed a lion some meat and I touched a hippopotamus. Natasha

We got a new labradoodle puppy and we called her Coco, she is very cheeky! Chloe

I played GTA on the X-Box with my brother Friday. Maker

I snorkelled at Penguin Island and I saw fish, penguins and eagles. Gryff

Coming to Australia last week and going to the beach was great. Suryansh

I loved getting my slugterror slugs because it is my favourite show. Pat

At the Maze I went on the water slides and solved a mystery. Deng

I watched Swan Lake with my uncle and aunty, it had lots of big orange jelly fish. Poppy

I went to Outback Splash and I went down the big water slide. Eshpreet

I went to Karrinyup Waters and there was a giant bouncy pillow, I did a somersault. Billy

I went to Albany and spent my time having fun with the Dennis family. Summer

I stayed in a cabin where there was a jumping pillow and a swimming pool. Josh

I stayed at the Crowne Hotel and swam in the deep end. Irela