Jesus, you spent forty days in the hot, dusty desert to get ready to do your Father’s work. 
Help us to get ready for Easter during the forty days of Lent. 
Help us to forgive others, to say ‘sorry’ and to make peace with everybody.  
Help us to say ‘yes’ to others so that we can follow you more closely. 
In this time of Lent give us generous hearts to become better people.

Dear Parents

To all our students and families with Irish heritage we wish you a very happy St. Patrick’s Day, early next week.

I hope that all families had an enjoyable extra-long weekend. On Tuesday the staff were involved in a professional development session with a facilitator in the area of Religious Education. We all appreciate your prayers and support.

CONFIDENTIALITY IN THE CLASSROOM

As a staff, we appreciate the support and assistance that a number of parents offer the teachers and children within the classrooms. This can take place through directed programs such as reading assistance, Kindy/Pre-Primary duties or even helping in the Library/Canteen. With this being the case, it is essential that confidentiality is maintained on individual student’s progress and development. Please ensure that if you are kind enough to help, that you are extremely confidential about all of the students that you work with. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.
GATE OUTSIDE OF YEAR 1 – PLEASE KEEP CLOSED AT ALL TIMES
Gate 3 which is located outside of the new, Year 1 classroom, and is used for the Kiss n Ride now has a d latch on it. This gate needs to be kept closed at all times. Parents will be able to access the school via this gate and using the d latch. I understand that it may cause some inconvenience, especially for parents with prams, in opening the gate, but it does make this entrance a lot safer for the children exiting the school (and parents). Thank you for understanding. All access to the school during normal school hours should be through Gate 4, near Administration.

SCHOOL FEES
All first billing cycle fee accounts should have been settled by now. If any family is having difficulties in paying their school fees, they should book an appointment with Mr Fontaine immediately. All fees not paid within the next week will be subject to our School Fee Collection Policy.

Thank you to all of those parents who are on Health Care Cards and have completed their application for School Fee Relief. If you have not done this as yet, please do so by the end of the week as school fee reminders will be sent home shortly. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

KINDY FINAL REMINDER FOR 2017
We are in the process of finalising 2017 Kindy enrolments. If your family, parish member, friend or neighbour have indicated to you that they intend or want to come to St Andrew’s Kindy in 2017, could you please inform them that they must put in an application immediately. Interviews are currently being conducted, so please rush to avoid disappointment.

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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Special birthday wishes to those children who will be turning another year older soon:


SCHOOL NEWS

GRIEF AND LOSS IN CHILDREN

Being angry, sad and upset can be an indication that a child is suffering grief and loss. There could be a number of reasons for this but one possible cause could be parents separating, a parent or sibling has died or significant change has occurred in the family. Children can find it difficult to deal with all their emotions. Learning to manage their feelings through education, knowing that it is normal to feel angry at times, can assist a child to feel empowered and in control.

Seasons for Growth is a peer group programme that helps children learn and discover that their feelings are normal and that others also feel the same. Seasons has been running at St Andrew’s for many years and will be starting again in Term 2. Parents who think their child could benefit by participating in the programme may like to discuss the idea with them.

Sister Wendy will be their ‘companion’ during the eight weeks that Seasons will run. Children attend during class time for 20/30 minutes. The school supplies the journals that each child needs for the sessions and will keep as a reference once the programme is completed.

Parents will need to complete a ‘permission’ slip for your child or children and return it to the office by the 17th March, so that the correct amount of journals can be ordered from NSW and arrive in time for the commencement of the programme. Permission notes can be collected at the School Office and returned to Administration. For more information you can call Sister Wendy at the school on 94078000.

P&F NEWS

DO YOU GET THE WEEKEND WEST? HELP RAISE MONEY FOR ST ANDREW’S

After coming second in the Ocean Keys School Rewards program, we are again in the running for another school competition....this time through the Weekend West. Each week for three weeks, simply cut out the “Classroom Cash” coupon in the Saturday West, and drop it in to the school office. We could win a share of $20,000! Ask your friends, neighbours and relatives for their coupons too.
**FIRST AID COURSE**
The P&F are offering a First Aid course to be held on the evening of Monday 14th March at 6.30pm -8.30pm in the school hall. This is a basic course to gain confidence in dealing with an unforeseen incident until help arrives. It will include CPR, choking, anaphylaxis, burns, animal bites, poisoning etc.

The P&F voted to subsidise the cost of this course to parents at one of our earlier meetings this year, and the cost to parents after this subsidy will be $20 per person. Please be aware that there is a limited number of places available, so please pay for your place at the office as soon as possible.

**MARGIN LOTTERY**
The Margin Footy Tipping competition is back for 2016! No knowledge of football is required, as you will be given your winning margin number and if the home team wins/loses by your allocated number.....you win the prize for that week. More information on the note sent home, and there are additional entry forms in the office and also on our Facebook group. Entry forms and money needs to be in the office by Wednesday 16th March.

**UPCOMING P&F EVENTS.....**
The Easter Bunny will be making an appearance at St Andrew's!

Our fabulous Mother's Day Stall will be returning!

Next P&F meeting is Wednesday 6th April at 6.30pm!

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**DRUMS: GORDON JANSEN**
* JS Music Studios
  * Musical instruments, equipment or accessories.
  * Music lessons, workshops & events.
  * Music tuition rooms for hire.
  * Rehearsal & recording studios for hire.
  * Bands & musicians.