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Companions on the Journey

<p><b>NEWSLETTER NO 8 2020</b> <b>26<sup>th</sup> March 2020</b></p>
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**Almighty and Everlasting God,  
You have given the human race Jesus Christ our Saviour  
as a model of humility.  
He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man  
and giving His life on the Cross.  
Help us to bear witness to You  
by following His example of suffering  
and make us worthy to share in His Resurrection.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son.  
Amen.**

Dear Parents

With reference to the Premier's announcement this morning, an email on COVID-19 will be sent to all families this afternoon.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> March, we celebrated the Annunciation of the Lord. The prayer, at the header of this newsletter, reflects this feast day within our Church.

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him . . . might have eternal life." (John 3:16). At the Annunciation, God revealed this good news to Mary. She was the first to hear and to believe that God would do what he promised. Her faith told her that nothing is impossible for God. Mary also heard God's invitation calling her to be the Virgin Mother of his Son.

Last Friday, we celebrated the "**National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence**". The children all completed work in class as well as having received a school bag tag for their personal use. A special thank you to Mr Archer who coordinated the events for the day.

It saddens me to report that the school **Canteen and School Uniform Shop will close after tomorrow until further notice**. We apologise for any inconvenience caused. (Uniforms can still be purchased on-line if required). Of course, once we have a confirmed return to school date for Term 2 we will be flexible as to the uniform that the children can wear.

Unfortunately, **Playgroup will have to be suspended until further notice**. We will keep the Playgroup parents informed through the Playgroup Leaders, Vanessa and Nicole. Thank you for understanding.

On Tuesday all parents **received emails** on the **latest school information** about Covid-19, a **pastoral letter from the Archbishop of Perth** and the opportunity to **collect work packs**, for those children who are working from home, from their child's classroom teacher.

**SCHOOL LIBRARY - CLOSED**

As per a directive we have had to suspend the services of the school Library and are undertaking both a stock-take and cleaning of the books, shelves and furniture. As you can imagine this is a mammoth job and I thank all of the staff who have undertaken this task so willingly.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION**

Both Fr Dariusz and myself will be meeting and monitoring the situation with regards to the proposed alternative date for First Reconciliation. As you are aware all activities that are held in the Church have been suspended until further notice. Again, both Father and I will keep you informed.

### **NAPLAN 2020**

We have received notification that NAPLAN **will not** proceed in 2020. We will keep you informed as to any future developments via the school newsletter.

### **BISHOPS LITERACY ASSESMENT 2020**

We have received notification that the Bishop's Literacy Assessment **will not** proceed in 2020. We will keep you informed as to any future developments via the school newsletter.

### **RUN CLUB**

Run club will not commence until next Term. An official start date has not yet been decided upon.

### **IRENE MCCORMACK SCHOOL BURSARIES – APPLICATIONS DUE NEXT FRIDAY**

A reminder to all children in Year 6 that completed bursary forms are **due to Mr Fontaine** by first thing Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020, OR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

### **FEES AND AFFORDABILITY IN 2020**

In acknowledging the far-reaching impact of COVID-19 for families in our school community, I assure parents that we remain determined that no family seeking a Catholic education for their child be denied the opportunity due to financial difficulty. **Catholic Education Western Australia is addressing potential concerns relating to fees and affordability that may arise as a result of COVID-19.** As details become clearer we will advise you via the newsletter.

### **STUDENT WATER BOTTLES**

A reminder that all children are able to have their own sealable water bottle next to them both in class and out to play. The drink fountain can also be used to fill their water bottles during the day if needed.

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 communit**

## **SCHOOL NEWS**



#### **KINDERGARTEN 2020 ENROLMENTS**

We are currently processing applications for children who intend to participate in the St Andrew's Catholic Primary School 2020 Kindergarten Program. If any parent has not enrolled their child and they are born between July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017, they need to do so immediately. (We can only enrol children who have the correct enrolment application forms and that we know want to participate in our program.) **Further information can be obtained on**

**the school web site [www.standrews.wa.edu.au](http://www.standrews.wa.edu.au) or call 6206 4100, during school hours. We look forward to seeing you!**

**ST ANDREW'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**TERM 1, PLANNER 2020 – Parents (10-Week Term)**

SAT/SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
21/22 MAR Week 8	23 MARCH	24 MARCH	25 MARCH	26 MARCH	27 MARCH
28/29 MAR Week 9	30 MARCH	31 MARCH	1 APRIL	2 APRIL	3 APRIL  BURSARY – Irene McCormack Secondary College Due to Mr Fontaine
4/5 APRIL  Week10  Palm Sunday	6 APRIL	7 APRIL	8 APRIL  Finance Meeting Board Meeting	9 APRIL  SCHOOL FINISHES	10 APRIL  GOOD FRIDAY

**STUDENTS AND STAFF RESUME TERM 2**  
**TUESDAY 28 APRIL**

**Happy birthday to**

Cameron H, Sarah H,  
 Aaron P, Simon P, Taj B, Steven S, Ida J



## LIBRARY NEWS

**“You’re never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child.” –Dr. Seuss**



## PARISH NEWS

**St Andrew's**  
Catholic Church  
Clarkson



For all Mass times and parish information please follow the following link.

[www.standrewsclarkson.com](http://www.standrewsclarkson.com)

All Church activities have been suspended until further notice. Please read the pastoral letter from the Archbishop of Perth which contains further details. This letter was sent to all families on Tuesday. Contact the Parish Secretary (9407 9815) should you require any further information or to speak to a Priest.

## P&F NEWS



Congratulations everyone on a fantastic effort as we achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Ocean Keys Shopping Competition. We won \$3,000.00 to put towards resources for the school. We will keep the community informed on how the money will be used at our future P&F meetings.

### **CANCELLED**

Unfortunately, all P&F Meetings are cancelled until further notice.

Join our Facebook page, St Andrew's Clarkson CPS P&F Group to catch up on what's going on around our school. It's a great way to get in touch or ask questions. You can also email the P&F executive at [standrewsparentsandfriends@gmail.com](mailto:standrewsparentsandfriends@gmail.com)

**PROPOSED TERM DATES ONLY  
ALL WILL BE CONFIRMED**

**ST ANDREW'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL  
TERM 2, PLANNER 2020 – PARENTS (10 Week Term)**

SAT/SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
25/26 APRIL  Week 1	27 APRIL  <b><u>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</u></b> <b><u>ANZAC DAY</u></b>	28 April <b>Students return TO BE CONFIRMED</b>  Playgroup 8:30 – 10:30 Hall TBC	29 April	30 April	1 May  <b>MJR Assembly (TBC)</b>  <b>P &amp; F Meeting 1:30pm Boardroom TBC</b>
2/3 May  Week 2	4 MAY	5 MAY  Staff Prayer:  Kindy – Better Beginnings Incursion 1:30pm TBC  Playgroup 8:30 – 10:30 Hall TBC  Staff Meeting	6 MAY  <b>Whole school Marion Mass 9:00am Church (4W) inc Schol Baptism TBC</b>  Math Olympiad Competition (Year 6 selected students)  <b>Eucharist Parent Information Evening 6.00pm Church TBC</b>	7 MAY  Mother's Day Gift Stall – 1:05pm K - 6 TBC	8 MAY  <b>PPW Mother's Day Assembly and drawing of Mother's Day Raffle (TBC)</b>  P & F Mother's Day TBC
9/10 MAY  Week 3  <b>Mother's Day</b>	11 MAY	12 MAY Staff Prayer:  Playgroup 8:30 – 10:30 Hall TBC  Staff Meeting	13 MAY  <b>CCC REGIONAL STAFF MEETING TBC</b>	14 MAY	15 MAY  <b>4B/ Merit Assembly TBC</b>
16/17 MAY  Week 4  <b>Eucharist Commitment Masses at all Church Masses TBC</b> <b>St Andrew's May Flower Mass Sun 17<sup>th</sup> 9:00am Years PP, 2, 4 &amp; 5.</b>	18 MAY	19 MAY  Staff Prayer:  Playgroup 8:30 – 10:30 Hall TBC  Staff Meeting	20 MAY  <b>2B Class Liturgy of The Word 9:00am – Church TBC</b>  Finance Meeting Board Meeting TBC  Eucharist Workshop BCPS Library 6.00pm TBC	21 MAY	22 MAY  <b>2W/ Merit Assembly TBC</b>
23/24 MAY	25 MAY	26 MAY	27 MAY	28 MAY	29 MAY

Week 5	<b>P &amp; F Meeting</b> <b>8:30am at drop-off</b> <b>– Staffroom</b> <b>TBC</b> <b>Eucharist Retreat</b> <b>– all day – school</b> <b>hall</b> <b>TBC</b> <b>Eucharist Workshop</b> <b>SACPS Hall 6.00pm</b>	Staff Prayer:  Playgroup 8:30 – 10:30 Hall TBC Mini Vinnes Pizza Day TBC Staff Meeting	9:00am National Similtatneous Story Time – Hall – Deb Parody – whole school. TBC		<b>School Cross</b> <b>Country Years</b> <b>2 - 6</b> TBC
30/31 MAY  Week 6  (Pentecost Sunday) 9am Parish Mass May Flower Celebration Years PP, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6	<b>1 JUNE</b>  <b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b> Foundation Day	<b>2 JUNE</b>  <b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b>  <b>CATHOLIC DAY</b> <b>TBC</b>	3 JUNE  Year 4 Reconciliations TBC  <b>LIFE LINK DAY</b>	4 JUNE	5 JUNE  <b>SCHOOL DISCO</b> TBC
6/7 JUNE  Week 7	8 JUNE	9 JUNE  No Staff Prayer  <b>SCHOOL PHOTOS</b> whole school K – 6 and Staff at 8am sharp TBC <b>Playgroup in</b> <b>Undercover Area</b>	10 JUNE  <b>Years 5 &amp; 6</b> <b>Human Growth and</b> <b>Development</b> <b>Course</b> <b>6:30 -8:00pm</b> TBC	11 JUNE  <b>WINTER</b> <b>Interschool</b> <b>Lightning</b> <b>Carnival</b> (Kingsway res.) TBC	12 JUNE  <b>Eucharist</b> <b>Rehearsals. All day</b> <b>in Church. BCPS –</b> <b>hall.</b> TBC
13/14 JUNE  Week 8  Sacrament of Eucharist 6pm, 9am, 11am and 5.30pm TBC School Choir to Participate – 11:00am Mass TBC	15 JUNE  <i>Enrichment</i> <i>Excursion (Trinity)</i> (TBC)	16 JUNE  Staff Prayer:  Playgroup 8:30 – 10:30 Hall TBC  Staff Meeting	17 JUNE  <b>1W Class</b> <b>Liturgy of The Word</b> <b>9:00am - Church</b> TBC  Finance Meeting Board Meeting TBC	18 JUNE	19 JUNE  <b>3W / Merit</b> <b>Assembly</b> <b>TBC</b>
20/21 JUNE  Week 9	22 JUNE	23 JUNE  Staff Prayer  Playgroup 8:30 – 10:30 Hall TBC Year 4 Excursion to Browns TBC Staff Meeting	24 JUNE  Year 3 Bunnings Excursion TBC	25 JUNE  <b>Reports Sent Home</b> TBC	26 JUNE  <b>Regional Cross</b> <b>Country</b> <b>Mawson Park</b> <b>Yrs 2 – 6</b> TBC
27/28 JUNE  Week 10	29 JUNE  NAIDOC WEEK	30 JUNE  NAIDOC WEEK  Staff Prayer:  Playgroup 8:30 – 10:30 Hall TBC	1 JULY  NAIDOC WEEK	2 JULY  NAIDOC WEEK  St Andrew's Speak Up – 10:40am - hall TBC  Free Dress Day Theme – Pyjamas Gold coin donation TBC	3 JULY  <b>Pupil Free Day</b> <b>Reporting</b> TBC

**Case** : COVID-19 Parent update  
**Date** : 23 March 2020

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## **STATEMENT TO PARENTS / CAREGIVERS**

Dear parents and caregivers,

In line with the latest advice from Commonwealth and WA governments, St Andrew's Catholic Primary School is planning to remain open at least until further notice, to provide the best possible education to your children. In line with the Prime Minister's and the WA Minister for Education's advice, parents may choose to keep their children at home during this unprecedented time.

State and territory Premiers and Chief Ministers have committed to the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee advice that says that it is safe to keep schools open.

In considering the potential risks associated with COVID-19, our school has been working with Catholic Education Western Australia in conjunction with the WA Department of Health and the Department of Education throughout the evolution of COVID-19 to ensure that we have the best possible preparedness and response strategies in place.

We are working hard to ensure that our teaching and learning continuity plan supports students to engage in remote learning should our school be required to close. Those students who are not attending school because parents have chosen not to send them will be able to engage with their learning by collecting a work pack from the teacher. Work packs were sent home to all families yesterday, which will be able to be used in the period leading up to the Term One Holidays.

Whilst supporting family decisions and the need for children to continue learning at home, it is important to ensure that our teacher workloads are carefully handled and that we are mindful of the fact that our staff are still teaching a class of students, face to face, throughout the school day.

The delivery of curriculum for students in Kindergarten – Year 6 will be a combination of online and hardcopy delivery, depending on the age of the children, student/parent access to devices and connectivity capability. We are very aware of the concerns of parents, which have been brought to our attention, about solely using a device to maintain the learning while away from school. The children will have the opportunity to participate in a number of varying and different online platforms, according to their age and appropriateness, as well as their hard copy. Our school staff have decided that they will mainly be using a hard copy, at this stage. This of course may change in the near future.

Teachers will endeavour to provide students learning from home, with a range of activities similar to what are happening in class, however, the learning at home may look different to what is happening in class (time spent on activities, level of differentiation and limited teaching points for example). By keeping the activities simple, it will hopefully alleviate any back and forth communication between school and home that could impact our teacher's ability to maintain learning both here at school and for those at home.

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU CLOSELY MONITOR YOUR CHILD WHILE THEY ARE ON THEIR DEVICES BOTH SOCIALLY AND FOR THE COMPLETION OF WORK.**

Individual parents should liaise directly with teachers, through DOJO or SEESAW, to determine the best way to communicate and provide work for the students. I take this opportunity of thanking our staff for their commitment to our students and school community and for the amazing effort they have put into ensuring the school functions to the best of standards.

Parents should also be aware that if your child requires extra work to be completed in this time, while at home, then extra activities, age and curriculum appropriate is available at the **LEARN AT HOME** website through the WA Department of Education. This site is available to all parents in Western Australia and is a valuable resource.

Please be assured that while the school remains open, social distancing will be enforced and cleaning regimes will continue to be completed to the highest possible standards to mitigate risks associated with the spread of the COVID-19 virus. I ask that you also have conversations with your child about the importance of these measures. If your child is feeling unwell in any way, please keep them at home.

In acknowledging the far-reaching impact of COVID-19 for families in our school community, I also assure parents that we remain determined that no family seeking a Catholic education for their child be denied the opportunity due to financial difficulty. **Catholic Education Western Australia is addressing potential concerns relating to fees and affordability that may arise as a result of COVID-19.**

COVID-19 is a changing situation that is affecting many areas of our lives, and it is normal for all of us to feel anxious and worried, your child included.

Our teachers and other school staff are doing a wonderful job in providing pastoral support to students at this challenging time. It is important to remember that as parents, you can help your child process all the information they are receiving and the changes that are taking place around COVID-19. You can stay informed and provide factual, age appropriate information about COVID-19 that will help your child feel informed and empowered, rather than afraid.

Everyone in the community has a part to play in helping control the spread of COVID-19. We will continue to follow the latest advice of the Department of Health. I will keep you informed about any changes for our school as updates become available.

Thank you for your support at this time, and as a Catholic community I encourage all of you to pray for those coordinating our response in Australia, and for all of those in Australia and abroad affected by COVID-19.

Yours sincerely

*Sam Fontaine*

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25 March 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We know that we are living through an unprecedented time in our history and that the social and economic impact of the COVID-19 virus has been significant. Some parents in our school have lost their jobs and many families are facing significant financial stress. We want to assure you of a very important and simple message: **the ongoing enrolment of every child at St Andrew's Catholic Primary School is guaranteed irrespective of a family's financial situation.**

Catholic Education's position is very clear on the enrolment of children in all Catholic schools. No parent who wishes their child to receive a Catholic Education would be denied the opportunity to do so because of financial circumstances.

If you are worried about your financial situation and your capacity to pay school fees, the following options are **immediately** available to you:

- The Centrelink Health Care Card Discount Scheme provides an **automatic fee concession** to the holders of eligible means-tested family concession cards. This discount applies to all year levels from Kindergarten to Year 12. **Additional financial considerations are also available** depending on each family's circumstance.
- For parents who do not qualify for the Health Care Card discount but who are experiencing financial difficulties, arrangements can be made to provide **immediate support** to assist you with tuition costs.

We want to assist you in every way possible to continue your child's enrolment at St Andrew's Catholic Primary School. It is critical that you contact either Mrs Jacqui Durtanovich or Mrs Muzzie Rafferty, School Bursars, so that we can put in place financial support arrangements to enable your child's ongoing education at our school.

Any arrangements which are made between parents and our school will remain **confidential**.

In line with the Prime Minister's announcement, education in our Catholic schools will continue to be provided during the COVID-19 crisis. As parents, you have a choice to keep your child at home or send him or her to our physical school site. We will continue, whether your child is at school, or at home, to provide rich and engaging learning activities and strong pastoral support.

Yours sincerely

Dr Debra Sayce  
Executive Director

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