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Companions on the Journey

**NEWSLETTER NO 11 2020**  
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*A PRAYER IN GRATITUDE FOR OUR MOTHERS.*

*Good and Gentle God,  
we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the  
women of theory who have joined with you in the  
wonder of bringing forth new life.*

*You who became  
human through a woman, grant to all mothers the  
courage they need to face the uncertain future that  
life with children always brings.*

*Give them the strength to live and to be loved in  
return, not perfectly, but humanely.*

*Give them the faithful support of husband, family  
and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual  
growth of their children.*

*Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain  
them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all,  
give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when  
they need it most. Amen*

Dear Parents

The month of May is devoted to Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Mary's participation in Christ's church in communion began at the Annunciation. Like Jesus, she obeyed the Father's will. From that moment, she was in communion with him.

For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honour Mary, Mother of God. Not just a day in May, mind you, but the entire month.

The custom spans both centuries and cultures, with roots going back as far as the Ancient Greeks. In medieval times, the idea of a month dedicated to Mary can be traced back to the baroque period. It was at this time that special devotions were organised throughout the month of May. This custom became especially widespread during the nineteenth century and remains in place today.

The parish of Saint Andrew and Saint Andrew's Catholic Primary School would normally feature devotion to Mary at all masses throughout the month of May.



### PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you to all families who have generously donated to Project Compassion this year. If you still have a mission box at home, please send it in with your child or phone the office to arrange a way of dropping it in. You can also donate to Caritas Australia online, to support Project Compassion. This year, with interruptions in parishes and schools due to the pandemic, charities have faced challenges in obtaining the usual amounts they receive. Your support to Caritas through Project Compassion is greatly appreciated.

**We remind Parents, Students and Staff that “if they are displaying signs of cold or flu they have the opportunity to be assessed at a fever clinic or by their local G.P.” Directors Update No: 25 (6.5.2020)**

**It is with sadness that we inform you that because of regulations related to COVID19 the school’s P&F will not be facilitating the Mother’s Day activities they had planned.**

We hope that all mothers and grandmothers of students from St Andrew’s School have a wonderful ***Mother’s Day on Sunday***. May you all enjoy the pampering that you so thoroughly deserve. I would like to share this reflection with you.

- It is Mother’s Day, a time to remind me to remember. Remember all that you have done for me, all that you are, and all that you will ever be in my life.
- Through the good and the bad you have been there. Loving and crying all the way with me. Mending broken hearts and sharing the joys.
- Caught up in my busy life I am guilty of not always showing just how much I love you and to know that you are always in my heart; that my love for you is beyond anything that I could ever do or say.

**A reminder to all families that Monday 1st June, is a Public Holiday. Tuesday 2nd June and Friday 3rd July (TBD) are Pupil Free Days.**



**As previously mentioned, there are no NAPLAN testing events scheduled in the 2020 school year.**

#### **COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS**

It is our belief at St Andrew's school that:

- Ongoing communication throughout the year is critical to ensure parents and caregivers are kept informed of their child's progress.
- It also provides an opportunity for parents to inform the school of any developments at home.
- Parents/caregivers should not be surprised when they receive information on their child's progress and achievement.

***In addition to formal reports, schools and teachers report informally in a variety of ways, including:***

- interim reporting, as considered appropriate by parents/caregivers and teachers.
- parent/caregiver-teacher discussions, that may include three-way conferences in which the students participate.
- telephone discussions between parents/caregivers and teachers and informal encounters and discussions.
- annotations in homework diaries and journals.
- letters, email and other forms of correspondence from teachers and school to advise parents/caregivers about successes or concerns.
- student-directed reporting, in which students show how their knowledge, skills and understandings have developed through discussions or presentations of key achievements.
- formalized testing.
- and responses to requests from parents for additional information.

**Throughout the Covid19 crisis we at Saint Andrew's have endeavoured to keep all families informed about the latest directives of Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA). We will continue to keep you informed as further information is forwarded to us.**

Our entire staff have been absolutely amazing these past few weeks and we in Leadership really appreciate all the things they have done to keep the students happily engaged in their schooling both at school and at home.

Please note that interviews with a member of the Leadership Team are by appointment only and we are directed by CEWA that there are to be no school tours at this time. Parents wishing to pick children up for appointments should call ahead to ensure smooth transition from the school grounds. Social distancing protocols are being strictly followed in the reception area.

Mr Fontaine returns to work on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May. Hopefully, he has enjoyed his well earned period of Long Service Leave.

May God Bless You All

**Warren Smith and Fintan Archer**  
**ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS**

#### 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.



**A special happy birthday to  
Natasha S, Nicolas S, Liam A, Carter G,  
Amelia S, Anthony F and Gabriel M.**

## SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parents and Guardians

To make communication between school and home more seamless we are introducing 'SEQTA Engage'. This app allows parents to access quick updates about unresolved student absences. In addition, and in response to requests made by parents, this app will also make it possible for parents to access all past academic reports in a straightforward and easily accessible digital format.

It is our intention to move to digital reporting in 2020. As such we ask that you respond as soon as possible to today's email inviting you to 'SEQTA Engage'. If you do not take up the opportunity to sign on, paper reports will not be made available in addition to this digital format. We hope that this provides a new level of support and convenience for you and your family.

At this stage, all schools are currently waiting for directives from Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA) with regard first semester reports. As such we will fully inform all parents when we have been briefed on the first semester reporting system.

On behalf of St Andrew's Catholic Primary school, we thank you for your support and understanding. We wish you and your family love, happiness, and the light of the Lord.

**Shannon Redding - Technology / STEM teacher**

SEQTA



Engage



### **DROP OFF and PICK UP**

With the Covid19 regulation that there is to be no adult admission inside the school gates when dropping off or picking up we have taken the opportunity to extend the Kiss N Ride. At the moment, cars are entering the school carpark from the hall driveway entrance at the southern end of the school property.

This has been a great success given that there has been a reduced incidence of cars banking up on Victorsen Parade. Please note that this system will remain in place until we are advised by CEWA that parents can park and enter the school.

This event would require parents to park in the hall carpark which would lead to the chain being reattached separating the established Kiss N Ride from the hall carpark.

We ask that all Parents and Guardians observe the following:

1. **Kindy and Pre-Primary** parents park in the carpark at Anthony Waring Oval and walk their children to the Kiss N Ride gate in the morning.  
At 2.25pm, afternoon dismissal time for Kindy children, the Kindy Teachers will dismiss the Kindy children along with their siblings from the Junior Primary Teacher's carpark. Additionally, the Pre-Primary Teachers are following the same procedure at 2.40pm each afternoon.
2. Ideally, we would like to see the parents of children in Years 1- 4 going home from the Kiss N Ride in a first wave of cars from 2.45pm.
3. A second wave of cars would then arrive no sooner than 2.50pm and this would be the pickup time for our Year 5 – 6 students.
4. All Parents / Guardians may choose to use the parking along Waring Green. Each afternoon the oval gate is opened, and children can leave under teacher supervision.
5. Those few parents who insist on walking to the gate for collection of their children are encouraged to wait on the grass under the pine trees. A teacher will escort these children across the crossing. At the present time, the teachers helping children to their parent's cars in an organised manner are being hampered in their duty of care by parents blocking the Kiss N Ride paved area at Gate 3.

### **SCHOOL FEES**

If any family is having difficulties in paying their school fees, please book an appointment with Mr Fontaine who will return to work in Week 3. If financial concerns are more urgent and you need to speak to someone this week, please make an appointment to see Mr Smith before Friday. Any discounts applied for, need to be accompanied by a school fee relief form.

### **UNIFORM SHOP**

All uniform shop orders need to be done online, as our Uniform shop is closed. If you are having difficulties ordering online and need assistance, please contact the school office and we will help you.

### **CODE OF CONDUCT – REMINDER**

All members of our school community, including parents, are bound by the St Andrew's School Code of Conduct. Section 6 of the Code of Conduct relates to 'the privacy and confidentiality of information relating to ALL members of our school community'. Please be mindful of what you say and type with regard our school community. We encourage privacy, confidentiality, respect and observance of gospel values. Remember WWJD – What Would Jesus Do?

### **RETURNING TO SCHOOL – SCHOOL UNIFORM**

This week has seen higher attendance figures. We ask that Parents remember to send work packages back to school when children are returning.

Under normal circumstances children would all have to be in full winter uniform for the start of Week 3. Because we are impacted by Covid19 circumstances we advise that uniform items can still be ordered online. We acknowledge that those who require fittings in the uniform shop are unable to do so currently. Subsequently, further advise on this matter will be given when we can formally open the uniform shop.

### **CANTEEN**

We remind all members of the school community that the canteen is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Whilst Mrs Cross is not selling recess/lunch snacks at this time she is preparing pre ordered on line lunch orders and if needed bagged lunch orders which include correct money inside a fully labelled bag.

<b>ST ANDREW'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL</b> <b>TERM 2, PLANNER 2020 – PARENTS (10 Week Term)</b>
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SAT/SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2/3 May  Week 2	4 MAY	5 MAY	6 MAY	7 MAY	8 MAY
9/10 MAY  Week 3  <b>Mother's Day</b>	11 MAY	12 MAY Staff Prayer:  Staff Meeting	13 MAY	14 MAY	15 MAY
16/17 MAY  Week 4	18 MAY	19 MAY Staff Prayer:  Staff Meeting	20 MAY	21 MAY	22 MAY
23/24 MAY  Week 5	25 MAY	26 MAY Staff Prayer:	27 MAY	28 MAY	29 MAY
30/31 MAY  Week 6	1 JUNE  PUBLIC HOLIDAY Foundation Day	2 JUNE  PUPIL FREE DAY	3 JUNE	4 JUNE	5 JUNE
6/7 JUNE  Week 7	8 JUNE	9 JUNE  SCHOOL PHOTOS- CANCELLED	10 JUNE	11 JUNE	12 JUNE

13/14 JUNE  Week 8  <b>Sacrament of Eucharist 6pm, 9am, 11am and 5.30pm</b> <b>TBC</b> <b>School Choir to Participate – 11:00am Mass</b> <b>TBC</b>	15 JUNE	16 JUNE  Staff Prayer:  Staff Meeting	17 JUNE	18 JUNE	19 JUNE
20/21 JUNE  Week 9	22 JUNE	23 JUNE  Staff Prayer  Staff Meeting	24 JUNE	25 JUNE	26 JUNE
27/28 JUNE  Week 10	29 JUNE  NAIDOC WEEK	30 JUNE  NAIDOC WEEK  Staff Prayer:	1JULY  NAIDOC WEEK	2 JULY  NAIDOC WEEK	3 JULY  <b>Pupil Free Day Reporting</b> <b>TBC</b>

**PARISH NEWS**



For all Mass times and parish information please follow the following link.  
[www.standrewsclarkson.com](http://www.standrewsclarkson.com)

All Church activities have been provisionally suspended until further notice. Please contact the Parish Secretary (9407 9815) should you require any further information or o speak to a priest.

**P&F NEWS**

**P&F FACEBOOK PAGE**  
 Do not forget to check out the P&F Facebook page to keep up to date with things going on at school or to get in touch with us. The page name is St Andrew's Clarkson CPS P&F Group. We can also be contacted on the email address [standrewsparentsandfriends@gmail.com](mailto:standrewsparentsandfriends@gmail.com)

## COMMUNITY NEWS



Department of  
Health



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### Influenza (flu) vaccine for children

>Children aged 6 months to less than 5 years can receive the influenza vaccine for free.

>WA primary school-aged children can also receive the influenza vaccine for free (pre-primary to year 6).

>Influenza is a highly contagious disease.

>Children are at risk of serious health complications if they get influenza.

Influenza, commonly known as flu, is a highly contagious disease caused by the influenza virus. Children are at higher risk of serious complications from influenza.

It is strongly recommended that children from six months are immunised against influenza every year.

#### **Why should children get the influenza vaccine?**

Rates of influenza infection and hospitalisation are highest among children.

Children who become infected with influenza can develop serious illnesses, including convulsions (seizures or fits) and diarrhoea.

The majority of childhood influenza-related hospitalisations and deaths occur among children without underlying medical conditions.

#### **Where can I get my child get vaccinated?**

The influenza vaccine is available in metropolitan and country WA from [immunisation providers including GPs, community immunisation clinics and Aboriginal Medical Services](#). **Note:**

Consultation fees may apply.

#### **More information**

>Contact your GP or immunisation provider.

>Learn more about [influenza](#).

>Learn more about the [influenza vaccine](#).

>[Protect yourself from viruses](#).