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Companions on the Journey

**NEWSLETTER NO 12 2020**  
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*Almighty God,  
Help us to understand what has happened, Lord.  
Give strength to those who are still suffering –  
The homeless, the hungry, those who have lost loved ones, those who are sad.  
Show your love to them, give them hope and show us the way to help.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*



Dear Parents

We hope that all mothers and grandmothers of students from St Andrew's School had a wonderful Mother's Day last Sunday. This week we have had over 90% attendance and most of our students not at school is due to illness. (With this attendance rate, it has caused some problems with the afternoon Kiss n Ride. We have addressed the issue by sending all families a note earlier in the week as well as relisting the directions within the latter part of this newsletter. Please take the time to read it carefully so that we can avoid any long delays. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter).

**I am pleased to announce from next Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May, St Andrew's Catholic Primary School will re-commence face to face teaching for all students.** We eagerly look forward to receiving all students back at school. (This Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May we will be transitioning from remote learning to face to face teaching for all students).

Today, it has been announced by the Premier, Education Minister and CEWA that it is compulsory for all children to attend school as from this Monday, 18 May. There are exceptions for students who are medically vulnerable or those who have family with chronic health issues. If your family has any concerns, then please contact your child's classroom teacher directly through Dojo or Seesaw, to discuss options. If a child is unwell or sick, then they must stay home, and this is not a prerequisite for remote learning. Of course, they can work through their home education packs but will not have the opportunity during the day to communicate with staff as they will be involved with face to face teaching. The Premier also announced that if a student remains at home without a good reason, they will no longer be provided with home leaning packages.

We have and will continue to maintain our disinfection, cleaning, and health routine until further notice. This includes classrooms, toilets, taps, equipment, communal areas, and playgrounds, these are just some examples.



I will continue to send any correspondence to all families from our school via the newsletter link (email) and our wonderful P&F will continue to post the information on the School's P&F Facebook Page. These options have proven to be our most effective modes of communication.

**At this point of time, parents are still unable to access the school grounds** and the current drop and collection of students will remain until this situation changes. (We apologise for any inconvenience caused). This initiative will not be reviewed until Phase 3 of the Plan by the Premier and Education Minister.

Playgroup will recommence either later this term or at the commencement of Term 3. We will wait for confirmation when this is to occur. If you have children attending this activity then you will be contacted in due course, by one of our wonderful Playgroup Education Leaders.

While there have been no formal decisions from the government authorities, school reports this year may look very different?

At this stage we must remember that this is both a biological and psychological pandemic for our staff, students and community and we must act accordingly.

While I have been in total admiration of our dedicated and pastoral staff, 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. I also wish to acknowledge our wonderful community who continues to support us all in these very difficult times.

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 a smooth transition from the school grounds. Social distancing protocols are being strictly followed in the reception area.

### **SCHOOL FEES**

If any family is having difficulties in paying their school fees, please book an appointment with Mr Fontaine. Any discounts applied for, need to be accompanied by a school fee relief form.

### **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. We await a formal government decision as to when the canteen can offer more services.

### **UNIFORM SHOP**

All uniform shop orders need to be completed 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 assist you.

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

This week has seen higher attendance figures. Under normal circumstances children would be in full winter uniform for the start of Week 3. As we are impacted by Covid-19 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 advice on this matter will be given when we can open the uniform shop. Children will be required to follow their correct uniform days and wearing their full winter uniforms from Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, our return to school after the long weekend.

### **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?

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

The current system of dropping off and picking up students will remain in place until we are advised by CEWA that parents can park and enter the school.

Current arrangements for Kindy and Pre-Primary students before and after school is working well. Please continue this, as outlined in the last newsletter.

We have had traffic jams on the street at 2:40pm/2:45pm – **we need drivers / collectors of Year 4 – 6 students to come to the oval gate wherever possible, or enter the school kiss n ride a bit later, around 2:50pm – 2:55pm to ease congestion.**

These are challenging times, managing traffic flow in **Covid-19** restrictions – your assistance is greatly appreciated!

**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.**

### **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.**

### **SCHOOL NEWS**

***Happy birthday to  
Lucas K, Madeline B, Riley P, Taj C, Dylan Thomson,  
Kobi F, Layla S***

***Happy  
Birthday***

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**

## P&F NEWS

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)

## 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 read the pastoral letter from the Archbishop of Perth which contains further details. This letter was sent all families of the school on Tuesday. contact the parish secretary (9407 9815) should you require any further information or to speak to a priest.

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

SAT/SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9/10 MAY  Week 3 <b>Mother's Day</b>	11 MAY	12 MAY	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  <b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b> Foundation Day	2 JUNE  <b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b>	3 JUNE	4 JUNE	5 JUNE
6/7 JUNE  Week 7	8 JUNE	9 JUNE  <b>SCHOOL PHOTOS- CANCELLED</b>	10 JUNE	11 JUNE	12 JUNE
13/14 JUNE  Week 8  <b>Sacrament of Eucharist 6pm, 9am, 11am and 5.30pm TBC School Choir to Participate – 11:00am Mass 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:	1 JULY  NAIDOC WEEK	2 JULY  NAIDOC WEEK	3 JULY  <b>Pupil Free Day Reporting TBC</b>