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Companions on the Journey

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PENTECOST

The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world.

It holds all things together and knows every word spoken by people.

Alleluia

***God our Father, let the Spirit you sent on to your church
to begin the teaching of the Gospel***

continue to work in the world through the hearts of all those who believe. Amen.

Dear Parents and Guardians

The ***liturgical season of Pentecost*** commences this Sunday. We remember when the Apostles were given the power of the Holy Spirit. This celebration of the Holy Spirit is a reminder to us that the Holy Spirit enters our lives, especially through prayer.

As I previously mentioned in the newsletter and with last Sunday being the Ascension of the Lord the following insight was brought to my attention when reading information presented by Pope Francis. *Connected with the Ascension is the sending of the Apostles to all the nations to invite humanity to enter God's reign and make it 'present' in their lives. While the Apostles preached in synagogues, by riverbanks, and in marketplaces (agoras), these days, people congregate around computers and digital devices. Pope Francis points out that one cannot speak to today's people without entering the culture of communication and the digital network. Could this be the reason why the feast of the Ascension and World Communications Day are on the same day?*



While we are still limited by Government restrictions, could I please remind all family members who collect their children from either the front of school or oval gates to please maintain social distancing.

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

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Children will be required to follow their correct uniform days and **wear their full winter uniforms from Wednesday 3rd June, (after the long weekend).**

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

One of our school policies supports our school communities to improve educational outcomes for Aboriginal students, while acknowledging, respecting, and reflecting Aboriginal peoples' histories and cultures, including their unique values, languages, and spirituality, for the betterment of all students. National Reconciliation Week begins with Sorry Day on 27 May and runs through to Mabo Day on 3 June. This year's theme is '**In This Together**'. National Reconciliation Week is about non-Aboriginal and Aboriginal people coming together to celebrate the respectful relationships they share through a process of truth, justice and then reconciliation.



KISS N RIDE – PICK UP – NAME ON DASHBOARD

Can you please place your surname on your car dashboard (this has been provided for you) if collecting your children each afternoon using the Kiss n Ride. It just makes it so much easier to safely allocate the children to their car. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

SUBTLE CHANGES TO BEFORE SCHOOL & THE KISS N RIDE

- Exiting the Kiss and Ride in the afternoons will be a **left turn only onto Victorsen Parade.** (NO RIGHT TURN WILL BE ALLOWED).
- ***Oval gate will now be open in the mornings*** as well.
- In the morning, Kiss and Ride drop off ***entry to the school will be through the Year 1 Gate only.*** (Gate no 3 – the same gate as the afternoon collection gate).
- The main administration gate (***Gate 4- gate to the office***) ***will no longer be available for drop off in the mornings.***
- Please ***maintain social distancing,*** if collecting your child.

SCHOOL CANTEEN

Mrs Cross, Our Canteen Manageress, and her assistants in the canteen have all completed the Covid-19 hygiene, food handling course training course for hospitality workers and have been certified. The course covers the following:

- Understanding Covid-19
- Reporting of personal health issues
- Maintaining person and work environment hygiene practices
- Reducing cross contaminations
- Effective cleaning and sanitising practices.

This course is not mandated but we feel that it would be best practice to undertake the course. We thank Mrs Cross and her dedicated helpers.

CANTEEN news

Next Wednesday 3rd June the Canteen will increase its services to the students by offering a limited daily hot/cold food selection for morning tea. Foods may include noodle cups, pizza slices, soup, jaffle, hash browns, cheezies, pikelets, popcorn and Corntos. Not all foods will be available on each day, but a selection. Both slushies and fruit ice poles will be available at lunch times.

SEMESTER ONE REPORTS / INTERVIEWS PP – YEAR 6

MODIFIED, SEMESTER ONE, SCHOOL REPORTS will be emailed home via SEQTA Engage on the afternoon of Thursday 25th June. Friday 3rd July is a Pupil Free Day and is set aside for Parent – Teacher Interviews. Parents need to be aware that due to Covid-19 restrictions and the different modes of educational delivery this year, that this semester, reports will look very different and will not be in the same length or detail as usual. Interviews will be conducted over the phone.

REPORTS WILL BE SENT HOME TO ALL FAMILIES VIA SEQTA ENGAGE. Please ensure that you have downloaded this to obtain your child's report. Later in this newsletter, there is information on how to complete this. If you are still having difficulties, then please contact Mr Redding or email Administration
admin@standrews.wa.edu.au

Once reports have been emailed, Teachers will contact parents via Dojos or Seesaw giving times available for over the phone interviews (at this stage). An interview day has been set aside for Friday 3rd July. We ask parents to contact their child's classroom teachers, (through Dojos or Seesaw) to have a **SHORT OVER THE PHONE INTERVIEW**. Alternatively, interviews could also be conducted in the weeks prior, both before and after school. If these options are available, the teacher will let you know. These will still be conducted over the phone. Please be aware that the teachers will allocate interview times on a first in first served basis and therefore parents who leave their contact with teachers until the last minute may find that their preferred time is no longer available and interviews may have to be conducted next term. We encourage all Parents to take this opportunity to discuss their children's progress, if they have concerns, with teachers.



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

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 our 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



PARISH NEWS

St Andrew's
Catholic Church
Clarkson



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

www.standrewsclarkson.com

Contact the parish secretary (9407 9815) should you require any further information or to speak to a priest.