Crazy Socks Day  Thursday 25th August

Come dressed in school uniform with your most fancy crazy socks. Wears socks with amazing colours or designs. Attach eyes and hair to make socks with faces. Create socks and change them into people that walk with you. Maybe your socks are super human, maybe they are princess socks or the latest Pokémon. Let your imagination go wild. For a gold coin donation all money raised will go towards a Cystic Fibrosis cure.

Dear Parents, Children and Friends,

Lots of things can happen in a short time and this certainly has been the case over the past two weeks and it looks the same for the foreseeable future, but I guess that’s school life.

Since the last newsletter the Confirmation Programme has commenced in earnest with the Parent Information Evening being held two weeks ago, the Commitment Masses being celebrated last weekend and tonight the Confirmation Workshop is being held at school. The workshop will commence at 6.30pm in the library and all families of children intending to make their Confirmation are expected to attend. Please continue to support the children as they prepare to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit by keeping them in your prayers.

To celebrate Father’s Day this year we are having an afternoon of activities on Wednesday 31 August from 4pm – 5pm. An invitation was sent home last week outlining all the details. Please note that if dad can’t turn up a family substitute may attend in his place, this could be mum, uncle, grandad or family friend but only one person per family can accompany a child/children. Your support with this would be greatly appreciated.

Wet and cold days can often cause us to revert to being a little more selfish than usual as we want to get out of the rain or cold as quick as we can. Due to this pressure we can revert to behaviours that can have a negative impact on others in our community. Over the past few days we have had families parking in the wrong areas, speeding, holding up traffic by parking in front of the gates and generally not following the traffic rules that they normally would do. Please remember to always remain courteous and patient when driving, especially in wet and slippery conditions. Remember the safety of children is always paramount.

There is no school for the children on Friday 19 August and on Monday 22 August as they are pupil free days. Only a small number of children have signed up for Vacation Care and thus, there are still places available in the Camp Australia Programme for both Friday and Monday.

The children’s disco is only around the corner and families would have received a letter of invitation from the P&F last week informing you of the details. If you would like your child/children to attend the disco on Friday 26 August, please return your acceptance slip and monies to the P&F box located in the office by Wednesday 24 August.
The Year 5 children went to Scitech yesterday as part of Science Week and from what I heard the children thoroughly enjoyed the outing. They were also commended for their behaviour, congratulations Year 5’s! The Scitech Afterschool Programme for Year 5 and 6 children commences next Thursday afternoon for the next four weeks.

Next Tuesday children from the Year 5 and 6 class will be performing ‘One Minute Silence’ at the Catholic Performing Arts Festival. The following Tuesday, 30 August, children from the Year 3 and 4 class will perform ‘The Nutcracker’ drama in Morley. We wish both groups all the best for their performances. A big thank you to Mrs Dolbel and her team of helpers for preparing the children over the past term and I am sure they will go well.

The next P&F meeting will be held in the staffroom on Tuesday 23 August at 8.45am, all families welcome.

Finally, congratulations and best wishes to Joslyn Kilgallon and Tanner Selyer on their pending wedding this Saturday. Please keep them in your prayers during this very exciting time in their lives.

Take care and God bless,
James

KINDergarten 2017

Children born between 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 are due to commence Kindergarten next year. If you have not registered your child, please see the office ASAP. Families who already have siblings at the school and have returned their applications for Kindergarten 2017 will be guaranteed a place. Sibling interviews will be held early in Term 4.

School Fees

Term 3 school fees are now due, please attend to these at your earliest convenience. School fees can be paid via direct debit, Bpay, cheque or cash. No Eftpos facilities are available at the school. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please make an appointment to see Mr Danaher ASAP. Appointments can be made via myself, by contacting me on 9562 9500 or email bastian.geneve@cathednet.wa.edu.au

Families on Health Care Cards please ensure that you have provided your updated copy to the school office in order to receive the discount towards tuition fee only.

Kind regards,
Mrs Geneve Bastian, Finance Officer

Drama and Performing Arts

Further congratulations go to our children involved in the Performing Arts, Christian Drama “A Tribute to Pope Francis and his namesake Saint Frances of Assisi.” They have been awarded an Honourable Mention for Outstanding Performance. Many in this cohort will present their drama at the St Andrew’s Parish, ten year anniversary celebration mass next Sunday, 28th August, at 9.00am.

Congratulations to Zander Thexeira, in Year 6, who performed magnificently in his violin Solo. Zander’s relentless striving for perfection in his music is a real credit to him.

We wish Kavanagh Wild, Claudia Gheorghiu and Samantha Snesar every success in their Piano Solos next week.

The Performing Arts Choral Speech ‘One Minutes Silence’ is next Tuesday 23rd August at 11.15am at Wellington Room, Wellington Recreation Centre, corner of Wellington Road & Mangini Street, Morley.

The seventy children participating in the Year 3/4 Performing Arts drama, “The Nutcracker”, can be seen at Assembly next Friday 26th August and again on Tuesday 30th August when they perform on the big stage at 12.15pm at the Wellington Recreation Centre in Morley. To avoid disappointment, we hope parents will mark Tuesday 30th August in their diaries as a not to be missed magical performance.

God bless, Kathryn Dolbel (Drama Teacher)
** We have been informed that you can book tickets on line for the 2016 Festival Concert at Perth Concert Hall on Monday 12th September directly through Perth Concert Hall (not ticketmaster as previously stated).

Web sales: www.perthconcerthall.com.au
Phone Bookings: Call 08 9231 9999 9am-5pm Monday to Friday.
Box Office: In person from the Perth Concert Hall box office 9am-5pm Monday to Friday.

LIBRARY NEWS

Yes, can you believe it is already week five of the term and we are counting down to our Book Week celebrations. I must make mention of the wonderful effort Year four have displayed this last week in being fully prepared for class and entering into all aspects of the Library programme with enthusiasm. Great effort Year four and you are also selecting some excellent reading material to take home and enjoy.

Book Week commences in week nine, that is Monday 12th of September with a visit from a well known Australian author who is talking to all classes from Pre-Primary to Year Six. On Friday 16th of September the Book Character parade will be held and all students are encouraged to join in the fun and come dressed as a character from their favourite book. The theme for Book Week this year is Australian Stories and with this in mind the children can come dressed as an Australian icon, native animal or popular personality. We are continually discussing ideas for dressing up during class time and hope this will help make choosing a costume a little easier. Remember to support our Aussie writers, their fun characters help to make reading a pleasure. Keep well.

Regards
Library Ladies
Anne Versteegen and Marie Gray

SPORTS NEWS

After School Sports
Please note Soccer will not be run tomorrow due to the pupil free day. A make-up day will be held week 9, Friday 16 September.

State Cross Country
Mia Conroy (Year 5) represented our school at the State Cross Country. Over 90 schools participated and 359 students ran in Mia’s race. Mia did exceptionally well and came 21st overall which is a fantastic effort. Well done Mia, you should be very proud!
P&F NEWS

School Disco – Friday 26 August
A note went home last week to all families regarding the Disco being held next Friday 26 August. Please refer to this note for times and information. All permission slips and monies need to be returned to the P&F box located in the office by no later than Wednesday 24 August.

Fathers’ Day Stall
Our Fathers’ Day Stall will be held on Friday 2nd September. A note went home this week. Slips and monies need to be returned to the office by Friday 26 August.

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UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop hours are:
- Tuesday afternoons 2.00pm – 3.00pm
- Friday mornings 8.00am – 8.30am (during school term)

- If you cannot make these times, please come to the office and fill out an order form along with payment and the order will be filled on the next opening day. **Orders will not be filled outside of these hours.**
- We can only accept cash or cheque – the school does not have facilities at all for Eftpos/credit card payments.

**Parents, can you please check all your children’s clothing, especially jumpers and hats to ensure that children are wearing their own items.**

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to the following students who will be celebrating their birthdays over the coming two weeks:

Matias Fritis, Emily Epble, Shyne Volner, Alana Urwin-Collier, Johnny Kuch, Zaraiyah-Lily Headland, Brodhay Van Der Vlugt, Saul Dennis, Sonny Longstaff, Amy Gheorghiu, Ethan Harms, Jaxon Blake, Jayla Smith, Yuto Whetstone, Tomoya Whetstone, Alfie Glenn, Sydney Snesar, Layla Gray, Isaac Tebbit,
We wish you all a fantastic day!

**ST ANDREW’S PARISH, CLARKSON** (Cnr Belleville Gardens & Victorsen Parade)

Parish Priest: Father Robert Carrillo 9407 7512
Assistant Priest: Father Israel

Mass Times:
- Saturday 6.00pm
- Sunday 7.30am/9.00am/5.30pm

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**ST ANDREW’S PARISH ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT**

When: Saturday August 27th at 7:00pm
Where: St Andrew’s Community Hall, Victorsen Parade, Clarkson

$10 pp (Table of 8). Raffle prizes galore!
Soft drinks/Tea/Coffee for Sale
BYO food/wine

Tickets are available at the back of church at all weekend masses. Any enquiries to be directed to Veronica on 0402 290 827

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**TRINITY COLLEGE CURRENTLY TAKING ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS**

If you are looking for a holistic, quality Catholic education for your son, Trinity College in East Perth may be the school you are searching for. We strive to provide the highest level of teaching and learning in an environment that keeps expanding to meet the physical and emotional needs of all students. To learn more about the extensive things on offer such as our state-of-the-art robotic observatory or our Design and Technology centre using the latest equipment in technology laboratories, please visit our website for further information. Interviews are now taking place for Year 7 in 2018, with limited places available for Year 7 next year. Visit [www.trinity.wa.edu.au](http://www.trinity.wa.edu.au) or contact 9223 8121 to book a guided tour.

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**Enrol now for VacSwim October school holiday swimming lessons**

It is important for every child to learn to swim and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim offers affordable school holiday swimming lessons run by qualified instructors at a range of locations throughout the state. To enrol or find out more, please visit [education.wa.edu.au/swimming](http://education.wa.edu.au/swimming).

Reminder: VacSwim October enrolments close on Monday 29 August.
Irene McCormack Catholic College
Music Department
presents

Recital
NIGHT

Thursday, 18th August, 2016
Paul Rafter Centre Foyer
Pre-concert 6.00pm
Concert begins 6.30pm

Showcasing College Ensembles & Senior Student Solos