Dear Parents, Children and Friends

Welcome back from your holidays and the beginning of Term 2. I know in speaking with the children many of you were able to take a few days away and enjoy some family time. Others of us spent time at home going out on day trips and generally relaxing. It comes as a bit of a shock to go to bed a little earlier and get up in the dark these mornings as we settle back into our school routines.

It has been lovely to see the children return to school in their full winter uniform. Our red jumpers do us proud. It is expected by the beginning of week three all children will be in winter uniform, however please understand the Uniform Shop is awaiting receipt of jumpers, ties etc. As soon as the delivery arrives we will advise families who have pre-ordered uniforms.

The final day of term 1 saw a very successful Lap-a-thon run by the P&F. The children were well supported by mums, dads and staff who ran, walked, hopped, skipped and jumped their way around the field with the children. It was a fun morning and congratulations go to the P&F team for organising the event. Please do not forget to send in your child’s Lap-a-thon money to their class teacher by the end of week 2 so we can get a final total for the day.

On Wednesday we paused as a school to reflect on ANZAC Day and pray for those who have given their lives for our country and for those presently serving overseas. Our thanks go to the Year 6’s and staff who lead the service in a very reverential way with the children.

As the weather is becoming cooler with rainy days increasing just a reminder the pedestrian gates open at 8am. No children should be dropped off to wait outside the gates at any time. Accordingly when the children arrive at school they are not to go to their classroom but wait beside the library area or in front of the building. A teacher is on duty from 8am until 8.20am when the children are dismissed and go up to their classroom in preparation for the day. Parents, if you have young children you are welcome to stand with them but then encourage independence by allowing them to walk to the classroom with their classmates.
Next Thursday night at 6.30pm the First Eucharist Parent Information Evening will be held at St Andrew’s Church. If your child is to receive their First Holy Communion (Eucharist) this year you need to attend this meeting. Further details of the evening are in the body of the newsletter.

The P&F have been very busy over the past few weeks organising next Friday’s Mother’s Day Stall and the children will have the opportunity to select their pre-paid items and secretly tuck them away for Mother’s Day. All mothers are invited to a Mothers’ Day morning tea on Monday 9 May, please see details on the note going home today. You will need to RSVP if attending.

We are currently working with the Council regarding having Wardens to assist the children at the new crossing on the corner of Marmion Avenue and Lukin Drive. Presently the new crossing is unmanned as there are no Wardens to fill the vacancies in our area.

The Catholic Education Commission of WA has appointed Insight SRC to conduct a school survey as part of the Quality Catholic Schools programme that all schools in WA are involved in. This has been an ongoing study over the past few years. Staff, children and members of the community will be asked to complete the online survey. Those randomly selected will receive details shortly. The survey aims to identify what we do well as a school and the challenges we face. The information gained from the survey will enable us to set the future direction for our school. Thank you to the families completing the survey.

This weekend the Archbishop, Tim Costelloe is visiting Saint Andrew’s Parish. He will be meeting with parishioners, the schools and church groups in getting to know the Community. An invitation is extended to all of us to join him at one of the Masses this weekend either: Saturday, 30th April 6pm, Sunday 1st May 9am or 5.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

I have included in our newsletter a feature article written for the PinoyStrayan Newspaper mentioning our involvement with SEED’s in the Philippines. We are famous for our continued support of the children and the difference to their lives we are making. It features a number of the communities Mrs Finnegan and I visited in 2015, including our two schools we support.

This Friday we invite you to join us for Mass at 8.45am to celebrate the beginning of Term 2. Father Israel will be our celebrant. We would love to see you.

Have a wonderful week and all God’s blessings.

Fiona Christie

FIRST EUCHARIST (Holy Communion)

Dates to Remember

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| Saint Andrew’s Church, Clarkson.  
5th May Thursday 6.30pm | Sat 14th May 6.00pm  
Sun 15th May 7.30am, 9am, 5.30pm |
| **Note:** This is for Parents only  
You will also register for the Workshop and the Sacrament of Eucharist. | **Note:** You will be asked to hand in your blue Commitment Card during Mass. |

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| Brighton CPS Library  
Thurs 19th May 6.30pm | **Venue:** Saint Andrew’s Church, Clarkson. |
| SACPS Community Hall  
Tues 17th May 6.30pm | **Saturday** 11th June 6pm  
**Sunday** 12th June 9am or 5.30pm |
| **Note:** This is for both you and your child.  
You can attend any one of the above Workshops regardless of which school your child attends. No siblings please! | **Note:** There is but one weekend for the reception of the Sacrament of Eucharist spread over three masses. |
SCHOOL FEES
2016 term 2 school fee invoices will be sent out via the eldest child early next week. School fees can be paid by direct debit, Bpay, cheque or cash. No eftpos facilities are available at the school. Direct debit forms are available at the office for those families who are interested in paying by direct debit. 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. If you wish to create a payment plan please come and see me. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please make an appointment to see Mrs Christie. Appointments can be made via Mrs Brunton in the office or by contacting me at bastian.geneve@cathednet.wa.edu.au
Kind regards, Mrs Geneve Bastian, Finance Officer

SPORTS NEWS
Before/After School Sports years 3-6
All sports will begin next week (week 2) for those children who sent in their nomination forms last term. Please ensure all monies have been paid by the commencement of the sport and all soccer forms to be returned to the coaches in week 2. See the table below for payment details and any other information required for all sports.
All students must be in correct sporting attire for all activities and bring along a water bottle each week. Parents please be prompt when dropping and picking up your child and note all siblings who are not participating in the activities must be supervised by parents.

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LIBRARY NEWS
Welcome to the wonderful world of Dr Seuss now staring in the Brighton Catholic PS Library. The Cat in the Hat, Fox in Socks and Thidwick The Big-Hearted Moose are just some of the crazy characters that Dr Seuss has created and which we are fortunate to have in our collection. In the first week back at school it is always a challenge to get the troops organized and the routines up and running but all grades have made a very positive start. The overwhelming majority of students arrived with their Library Bag and were able to borrow this week, taking home one of the many new books that have filled the Library shelves. Well done all! We are also promoting our, Fiesta of Fabulous Books, featuring countries from South America. Until Europeans arrived in South America, it was free of many infectious diseases known today. We literally made them sick, not a great start to friendly relations. Find out more about these exotic places when you next visit the Library. Have a great start to the term.

Regards
Library Ladies
Anne Versteegen and Marie Gray

P&F NEWS

Mothers Day Stall
A note went home earlier this week to all families regarding the P&F Mothers’ Day stall being held next Friday 6 May 2016. If you wish your child/children to purchase a gift, please return the form and money together in an envelope to the P&F box located in the office. All forms and monies need to be returned by Wednesday 4 May 2016.

Entertainment Book
A yellow note is going home today to all families regarding the Entertainment Book. If you wish to order your book please follow the instructions on the note.

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UNIFORM SHOP
We are still waiting for our order of school jumpers, ties, tracksuit jackets and pants from our supplier. The order should arrive within approximately the next few weeks, we do apologise for the delay. As soon as the order arrives, a note will go home with your child advising of pick-up.

** Please note: the old style sports jacket and tracksuit pants are no longer able to be worn.

The uniform shop hours are:

- **Tuesday afternoons** 2.00pm – 3.00pm
- **Friday mornings** 8.00am – 8.30am

- 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.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS
Congratulations to the following students who have recently celebrated a birthday or who will be celebrating their birthday over the next few weeks:

Maximus Nguyen, Shannan Da Cruz, Dean Swarbrick, Zac Mettam, Ava Rosich, Benjamin Musenge, Rori Nugent, Adam Turner, Benjamin Turner, Loushia Deng, Lily Ripley, Ollie Baines, Cole Baines, Eadiee Mariner, Kayleigh Rowe, Dion Humphrey, Puonyuom Deng, Lillian Atwon, Levi Fagence, Jai Fagence, Billy Dwyer, Tyanna Parkinson, Liam Von Senger.

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
The SEEDS of Compassion...
From Perth to Bacolod With Love

How heartwarming it is to learn about the outreach work that certain Australians are doing for our countrymen! For the past four years, assistance to communities in Bacolod has been delivered by a group from Perth known as SEEDS, an acronym for St Emilie Empowers Devoted Service.

As the name suggests, it all started at St Emilie's Parish in Canning Vale WA back in 2012.

Moved with compassionate desire to reach out to the less fortunate in neighbouring Asian countries, an outreach group led by Janienne and Jim Wood and Janienne's sister, Monica Orsi, was encouraged by Fr Robert Carrillo to visit his home province in the Philippines. In June 2012, Jim, Janienne, and Monica, along with other like-minded parishioners, embarked on an observation trip to Bacolod. What they saw and heard tugged at their hearts. Right then and there, they made up their minds that they would come back to the Philippines to render outreach service in the communities in Bacolod. Thus was born SEEDS.

With the support of colleagues, SEEDS has since been organising fundraising activities for specific projects in Bacolod and surrounding areas. Yearly visitations in 2012, 2013, 2015, and most recently, in January of 2016, have been occasions to deliver more than $90,000 of funds which went to various beneficiary communities for food distribution, relief and resettlement projects, cottage industry cooperatives, high school and college
scholarships, and assistance for aged care facilities.

With wider support now coming from various communities and sponsor organisations, SEEDS has grown beyond the geographic confines of St Emilie’s parish. Fr Robert himself, erstwhile parish priest of St Emilie’s for 12 years, has been re-assigned and now serves the Catholic community of St Andrews in Clarkson WA. Fr Robert remains a key person in the SEEDS outreach activities, providing critical and helpful advice to volunteer mission groups traveling to the Philippines.

In 2015, Brighton Catholic Primary School offered teaching staff an opportunity to join the mission, with fares and accommodation paid by the school. Brighton’s Deputy Principal, Fiona Christie and Linda Finneghan, Teachers Assistant, have joined the mission and remain keen supporters of SEEDS.

In Bacolod, SEEDS has organised a counterpart organisation to help deliver the outreach services, working hand in hand with Social Action Center, Fr Ernie Larida and Fr Tomas Rito, and teams of outreach volunteers from the beneficiary communities.

The Bacolod communities anticipate the annual visitation with much excitement. Young and old alike make their benefactors welcome into their communities and homes, always with a smile, a song, a dance, and a grateful heart that the visitors find really hard to forget.

After four years, SEEDS has a better appreciation of how they want to proceed with the mission. Whilst not ignoring the basic necessities, the group is convinced that education will take the lion’s share of the budget in the form of scholarships, classrooms, and IT equipment.

Aside from food parcels and medical mission, the following are presently counted into SEEDS’ beneficiary activities: 9 scholars in universities, 41 kindergarten students in Guimbal-a-on, Sacred Heart Seminary, San Mateo Catholic Academy, Our Lady of Lourdes Academy, Domus Dei (home for retired priests), St Mary’s Home for the Aged, and La Salle Ville Extension.

In the years ahead, SEEDS will be seeking wider participation among Australians and Filipinos alike. We can only be thankful in behalf of our countrymen, and we encourage the Filipino migrant community in Perth and WA to throw in their support to grow SEEDS so that its worthwhile mission for our brethren in the less privileged communities of Bacolod will prosper. Thank you, SEEDS! May your tribe increase! Mabuhay and God bless!