What presents will your loved ones discover under the tree this Christmas? Will they find the treasures of the local department store or the riches of heaven? Gifts that money can purchase or what the heart can give? Here’s an idea.

Resist becoming embroiled in the frenzied pace of shopping this year. Use that time well. Time to sit with a child, to hold your spouse, to be with your God.

Time to think up your own unique approach to gift-giving. Perhaps gifts that spend your time and presence instead of your money. Gifts that reduce tension and create an atmosphere of peace. Gifts that take a little extra thought for the uniqueness of the receiver; that show you are prepared to put yourself out – even change a well-worn habit. Gifts that show you care about the world, the environment. Gifts that arise from a heart of love and which plant a seed of faith – no matter how tiny or fragile. Gifts that belong to the scene of a tiny child lying in a manger. Gifts that clothe a poorly-clad shepherd boy or challenge the wisdom of kings. Gifts that bring light to the darkness and point the way to God-among-us. What gift will you place under the tree this Christmas?

Christmas Masses at St Andrew’s Catholic Church Clarkson

Christmas Eve Carols 6.30pm and Mass at 7.00pm  Carols 11.30pm and Mass at 12.00am
Christmas Day Mass 9.00am

May God’s blessing be upon you all in the Christmas Season.
DATES TO REMEMBER

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SCHOOL MATTERS

**Congratulations to those children who will be celebrating their birthdays soon.**


**PE UNIFORM DAYS FOR 2011**

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**SCHOOL HATS**

All children must have the broad brimmed school hat on the first day of school in 2011. Today I spoke to the children about this and it is clear that there are quite a few children who will need to purchase one before school starts. The Uniform Shop is open on Tuesday 1st February from 10am to 12pm

**AUZZIE OF THE TERM FOR TERM 4**

**MAISIE MOORE 2W**

Maisie makes an effort to look out for those around her, she genuinely cares for her peers and shows compassion to others. Maisie offers assistance to her peers and often helps those who are upset. She does this even when it means she will miss out on something she loves to do. Maisie always has nice things to say about others and compliments her peer’s work. Maisie is an amazing, caring and generous giver.

**Molly Sloan 3B**

Molly is a beautiful young lady who always offers to help those around her. She has a wonderful character. Molly is a great friend who is always encouraging, compassionate and forgiving with her peers. She has a great sense of humour and shows respectful towards everyone she is in contact with. Molly continually uses her best manners. Further, Molly displays honesty in all situations.
**PRINCIPAL**  
Mrs Eileen Climo  

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS**  
Mr Warren Smith  
Mrs Bridget Jones  

**PARISH PRIEST**  
Fr Andrew Albis  

**ADMIN OFFICER**  
Mrs Lesley O’Neil  

**ADMIN OFFICER**  
Mrs Jacqui Durtanovich  

**ADMIN FINANCE OFFICER**  
Mrs Muzzie Rafferty  

**KINDERGARTEN**  
Mrs Susanna Lo Faro  
Mrs Alex Arundale  

**PRE-PRIMARY**  
Mrs Danielle Wildman  
Mrs Sarah Zjacic  

**YEAR 1**  
Mrs Kym Milner  
Mrs Bridget Jones and Mrs Joanne Rapinease  

**YEAR 2**  
Miss Caryn de Jong  
Mrs Margie Barton and Mr Matthew Sharpe  

**YEAR 3**  
Mrs Annette Parata  
Mrs Melissa Di Cesare  

**YEAR 4**  
Miss Donna Winters  
Miss Jacqui Cooney  

**YEAR 5**  
Mrs Nicky Sullivan  
Miss Michelle Ioppolo  

**YEAR 6**  
Mr Warren Smith and Mrs Marion Kenny  
Mrs Karen Young  

**SPECIALIST STAFF**  
Physical Education: Mrs Dawne Peacham  
Library: Mrs Kristy Graffin, Ms Claire Atkinson  
Reading Recovery: Mrs Emma Greaves, Mrs Eileen Peters  
Arts: Mrs Clare Mulholland  
Library: Mrs Anne Phillips  
LOTE: Mrs Agatha Chin  
Computer: Mrs Anne Phillips  
Pastoral Care: Sr Wendy Lailey  
Support: Mrs Joanne Rapinease  
Mr Matthew Sharpe  

**TEACHER ASSISTANTS**  
Kindy: Mrs Rebecca Kerridge, Mrs Caroline Quintal  
Preprimary: Mrs Julie Johnson, Mrs Allyson Wilson  
Year 1: Mrs Helen Thomson, Mrs Claire Morgan  
Year 2: Mrs Charlynne Reyneke  
Year 3 & 4: Mrs Jenny Colyer, Mrs Debbie Parody  
Year 5: Mrs Jacqui Durtanovich, Mrs Olive O’Brien  
Year 6: Mrs Karen Young  

**SUPPORT STAFF**  
Canteen Manager: Mrs Maria Cross  
Groundsman: Mr Tony Brock  
Uniform Manager: Mrs Annemarie Bramwell  
Mr Simon Chmielewski