Dear Parents and Carers

This week I write to invite you to two important events coming up at St Anthony’s.

**Grandparents’ and Special Persons’ Day**

This Friday 23 October is our annual Grandparents’ and Special Persons’ Day. At St Anthony’s we value the special relationship our students have with their grandparents and the special people in their lives. We also value the special part these people play in supporting our students and families.

Grandparents’ and Special Persons’ Day is a way for the school staff and students to say thank you! The day consists of classroom visits from 10.00am, school tours, shared time for morning tea and a school concert that starts at 12.00 noon. Please see all the formal advertised times and details for the day through various forms of media. I hope to see many grandparents’ and special people on Friday.

**Sensory Garden/Playground Opening**

Next Wednesday 28 October at 2pm is the official opening of the St Anthony’s Sensory Garden and Playground. After many months of planning and hard work the garden and playground is ready for use from next week. The area will provide many different forms of play, exploration and relaxation for a wide range of students at the school. The sensory nature of the design offers many students tactile ways to play and engage by themselves or with others.

There are so many people and organisations we wish to thank for supporting, funding and building the project that started as a dream for our students. Thank you to Bernie Wilson, Libby Andrew, Lee Shute, Leah Malpas and other wonderful staff and volunteers for finalising the garden – including recent planting of shrubs and the painting of the tunnels. A bare and underutilised patch of ground in the school has been turned into an oasis for students to play and learn. I invite you to come along to the opening and be part of this important celebration. See you next Wednesday if you can make it!

**2015 Parent and Carer School Survey**

It is that time again that part of my focus is on planning for the 2016 school year. Part of this process is to review the 2015 school year and gain feedback on the areas the school has met your expectations and also areas where you feel the school could further improve.

2015 has been an exciting and dynamic year where staff have continued to work hard on improving student learning. Many projects, activities and celebrations have been held. It has also been a year when the School Board and the Parents and Friends’ Association have worked tirelessly to raise funds for the school and strategically plan for the future. I am certainly interested in your feedback and will provide the log in details for the survey and other information shortly. I encourage as many people as possible to reply. This is the time to say what you are proud of about the school and staff and also provide constructive feedback to further improve the school. Written comments are also encouraged as they are beneficial and give context for any ratings provided. Thank you for your continued support in 2015.
St Anthony’s Trivia Night – Friday 13 November (Week 5)
The upcoming Trivia Night being organised by the P&F will be a great social event for parents and friends to celebrate the year together. Everyone loves a challenge so come along and challenge other tables for the title of the smartest group in the school! What should appeal about this night is that you don’t have to be a volunteer like other school events – come and relax together! Please see all details about Trivia Night being circulated electronically. REGISTER SOON TO BOOK A TABLE OR ORDER TICKETS TO JOIN A TABLE!

Parents and Friends’ Meeting Next Week
Just for your information, the next P&F meeting for 2015 is to be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 28 October in the school library. Your attendance and input is always valued and helps the parents and staff that attend discuss ways to support the students, families and staff at the school. It has been a bumper year for fundraising by the P&F and the school is planning many wonderful projects for the students. Come along, bring a friend and be part of this exciting journey.

Boorowa Touch Football and Netball Carnival
Thank you to all the families who were able to go to Boorowa last Friday and help with all our teams. Thank you to Mr Greg Rick who organised for us to attend and the staff members who went along. By all accounts it was a great day.

All the best for Week 2. God Bless.

Greg Walker
Principal

‘GRANDPARENT’S AND SPECIAL PERSON’S DAY’

This Friday 23rd October is a very special day for the St Anthony’s School Community. It is Grandparents and Special Persons Day 😊 We are expecting approximately 500 visitors and would greatly appreciate support in providing one of the following items for the Grandparents and Special Persons to share at morning tea on Friday. The school and staff will also assist in providing morning tea. If you have more than one child at school- please provide the item that your eldest child is asked to bring. If you would like to provide more that would be greatly appreciated too.

If you would like to make or provide something alternative to the items listed below that would also be fantastic. Please bring items to the front office by Thursday 22nd October or on Friday morning if freshly cooked.
Eldest Child Year Group | Item
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Kinder | Biscuits (Sweet)
| For example: Tim Tams
Year 1 | Biscuits (Savoury)
| For example: Water Crackers.
Year 2 | Slices/Muffins
Year 3 | Cakes
| For example: lamingtons, donuts etc.
Year 4 | Chocolates/Lollies (if possible wrapped)
| For example: A bag of Mars Bars.
Year 5 | Dips
Year 6 | Cheese

**Schedule for the day...**

**10:00 – 11:00**
Grandparents and special visitors are invited to arrive during this time and join the children in their classrooms. During this time the children will share their work and complete a small task with their visitor.

**11:00 – 11:40**
Will be recess time; sandwiches and cold drinks will be available for visitors. Special treats will be available for purchase in the canteen.

**11:40-12:00**
Grandparents and special visitors are invited to be seated in the hall prior to the concert.

**12:00 – 1:15**
The whole school will present a special concert in the hall. This concert will include songs, dance and other talents of the children.

**1:15 – 2:00**
Grandparent’s and Special Person’s Day Concludes
Grandparents and Special visitors are invited to take their children home during this time (a sign out register will be at the front of the school).

**2:00** Class will resume as normal for those students who are not taken home earlier.

Please send in the attached slip no later than Wednesday 21st October for catering purposes 😊

Name: ___________________________________________ Class: ____________________

No of Guests Attending: ___________

I will leave with my visitor between 1:15 – 2pm (Please circle) YES NO
To our lovely St Anthony’s Community,
We have a range of meals available in our canteen freezer for families who are in need. The circumstances of individuals and family’s needs are so personal and differ greatly from financial worries, illness, separation and so many more. These meals have been made from the heart from members of our community who want to support you and your family in any way they can.

These meals are for ANY FAMILY in our community that are in need for ANY REASON. These reasons do not need to be discussed with anyone and will be treated in a confidential and private way.

If you would like to take a meal or have a meal dropped off to your family home please contact Orla Rutledge on 6231 4022 or via email: orla.duggan@cg.catholic.edu.au

Alternatively if you know of a family in need (again their circumstances do not need to be discussed) please feel free to contact me on the above details so you can collect the meals for them.

If you would like to cook or buy a meal from the heart that would be greatly appreciated. It can be as simple as grabbing a frozen pizza in your weekly shop and dropping it off to school reception or cooking a meal in a container that does not need to be returned and writing the ingredients on the lid.

*I would ask that you please ensure that none of the meals contain nuts.

YOU (our parents, carers, families, friends and students) are all the light of our St Anthony’s community - thank you for your constant care, support and love.

Community Prayer
There is no community prayer this week.
Please join us for Community Prayer straight after the bell on Thursday 29th October (Week 3).
4 Lisbon will be leading Community Prayer in Block 1.
1 Assisi will be leading Community Prayer in Block 2.

“LAUDATO SI’, mi’ Signore” - “Praise be to you, my Lord”

Paragraph 65.
Without repeating the entire theology of creation, we can ask what the great biblical narratives say about the relationship of human beings with the world. In the first creation account in the book of Genesis, God’s plan includes creating humanity. After the creation of man and woman, “God saw everything that he had made, and behold it was very good” (Gen 1:31). The Bible teaches that every man and woman is created out of love
and made in God’s image and likeness (cf. Gen 1:26). This shows us the immense dignity of each person, “who is not just something, but someone. He is capable of self-knowledge, of self-possession and of freely giving himself and entering into communions with other persons”. Saint John Paul II stated that the special love of the Creator for each human being “confers upon him or her infinite dignity”. Those who are committed to defending human dignity can find the Christian Faith the deepest reasons for this commitment. How wonderful is the certainty that each human life is not adrift in the midst of hopeless chaos, in a world ruled by pure chance or endlessly recurring cycles! The creator can say to each one of us: “Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you” (Jer 1:5). We are conceived in the heart of God, and for this reason” each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary”.

Franciscus

Orla Rutledge
Religious Education Coordinator.

School Fees
Term 4 school fees will be sent home in the next fortnight. Payments may be made by cash, cheque, credit card, BPAY, EFTPOS or Direct Debit.

There is a formal process to apply for fee concessions if you are experiencing financial difficulties. Please contact me for more details. Parents who do not wish to pay the building fund due to financial difficulties need put this in writing addressed to Mr Greg Walker, this is a yearly requirement. Thank You. Judy Mead

Student of the Week
Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded this week’s student of the week:


Certificates will be presented at Friday morning assembly.

Piano/Guitar end of year concert.
Wednesday 11th November
5pm-6.30pm
St Anthony’s school hall
Tea and coffee provided
please feel free to bring a small plate
Would love to see you all there
From Sharon

Celebrating our Achievements
Congratulations to Tahlya (6A) who successfully competed in the Rhythmic Gymnastics NSW Country Championships in Orange during the holidays. Tahlya came away with 1 gold, 2 silver and a bronze and was 2nd overall champion. Tahlya has been selected to attend the Rhythmic Gymnastics Team Future camp at the AIS in December. This selection is an amazing achievement with only 40 girls Australia wide chosen.

Happy Birthday to:
Rosemary L, Callum S, Laura M, Isabella Mc, Aisling L and Harnazz S.

Happy Birthday

Have a wonderful day!
Save the date:
The junior school K-Yr 2 Christmas Party has been booked for Friday 4th December 2015 from 6-8pm. Invitations and more details will be sent home in the coming weeks. For new families, the event provides the junior school children to run around in the air conditioned comfort of the playland and parents an opportunity to get together and de-brief about the past year. A small fee is charged. Santa will make an appearance and all children will be provided with a small gift.

Market Garden
We are holding a market garden afternoon on Wednesday 21st October. The garden will be open from 2:45 – 3:30pm. Vegetables available for sale are Beetroot, spinach, parsley, snow peas and onions. First in best dressed.

CanTeen Roster:

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Cordial cups are back – 50c each
Tuck Day orders need to be returned by Friday 6th November

Flexischools On-line Ordering
Go to www.flexischools.com.au
You are invited to

1st Birthday
Curtin Vet

&

Dog Adoption Day
ARF
ACT Rescue & Foster

Join us at the Curtin Vet Clinic
(Curtin shops in Curtin)
on Saturday 24th October 11am – 1pm

• Take a tour through the vet clinic
• Come and meet ARF rescue dogs available for adoption
• Come and meet ACT rescue cats available for adoption
• Meet the rangers
• Meet local dog clubs and dog trainers
• Fundraising for ARF/ACT rescue through:
  • Sausage sizzle
  • Curtin Vets walking club cake stall
  • Facepainting/Raffles
To celebrate Children’s week this year, OOSCA has decided to host a Halloween Fancy Dress disco and sausage sizzle to celebrate the children and families that make OOSCA so special.

So come on down to the School hall for an afternoon of dancing, fun and some dinner.

All OOSCA families and siblings are welcome.

Time: 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Date: Friday 30th October.

(Please RSVP to OOSCA by Wed 28th October for catering purposes)

Children not booked into OOSCA that day must be accompanied by an adult.