Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Week 10 – After a busy term I’m sure everyone is looking forward to the upcoming school holidays and a winter break!

I have been pretty busy in recent weeks undertaking Kindergarten and ELC interviews, report reading, ELC planning and attending the recent conference in Perth. By Thursday this week I will have completed the remainder of the 2017 ELC interviews. That will be the end of some 88 interviews between the ELC and Kindergarten here at St Anthony’s! (David Thiele, Principal at St Thomas the Apostle has also conducted another 10 ELC interviews for families in his area). Each interview has been a delight and it is lovely to welcome all new students and in some cases new families to our school.

Purple Day for Tayah

Yesterday the community rallied to help Tayah and her family at a time of great need. The Purple Day (Tayah’s favourite colour) was a way for our community to show support for Tayah herself as she undergoes chemotherapy and other treatment for Acute Leukaemia. Even though we can’t be in Sydney with her we can be sending a huge message of support back here in Canberra! Purple Day was also a chance to raise some money to assist Tayah’s father Jason as his life and work needs to adjust to be with Tayah. Together we can raise awareness about Leukaemia and give Tayah as much support so she can to be strong and feel our love. All funds raised will go directly towards supporting Jason and Tayah.

Mr Rick spoke with Tayah and Jason today and she is doing really well with her treatment so far and her body is responding well. This is good news at this time and for the journey ahead.

Staff Farewells

Thank you to Mrs Trina Twyford – Trina recently advised me that she wished to resign from her ELI and literacy roles at St Anthony’s at the end of the term. It is with sadness I accept her resignation. In the over 3 years Trina has been at St Anthony’s she has undertaken many roles including Year 4 teacher, Learning Support Teacher and Early Literacy Initiatives teacher. Trina is passionate about teaching and literacy. She has been instrumental is demonstrating explicit literacy teaching that has accelerated the achievement and language skills of many, many children. Trina has worked very closely with staff to model and share her practice and I believe the school curriculum and practice at St Anthony’s will continue to have at its core much of Trina’s beliefs. Good luck Trina and we all hope you keep in contact with the staff and students at the school.

Thank you to Mrs Emily Henderson – As you are aware, Emily completes her latest teaching period on Year 4 at the end of this week. Emily, her husband Adam and little girl Quinn are relocating in Sydney for the duration of Adam’s 15-month Navy posting on base and at sea. Emily and Adam plan to return to Canberra at the end of this time and Emily has applied for leave from her teaching position while she is away with her family. I am delighted to say that the Year 4 students have enjoyed having Emily as one of their teachers, as has her job-share partner Heather. Good luck Emily with the move to Sydney and we hope this is a rewarding and interesting chapter in your family’s life.
**Vacant Year 4 Position** – The part-time position vacated by Mrs Henderson was advertised recently and an experienced teacher has been successful in the position to work with Mrs Heather Naylor. Details of the appointment will be announced later this week.

**NAIDOC Week**

Week 10 this week is part of the NAIDOC Week celebrations in our archdiocese and nationally. There are also celebrations and reflections towards the end of the holidays and in Week 1 in parishes and at St Christopher’s Cathedral Manuka. Thank you to Miss Nicole Ptycia who has been working diligently behind the scenes in her role as Aboriginal Contact Teacher. I know she has been working on supporting our indigenous students and also with curriculum perspectives and also the Catholic Education Office staff.

This week students will be painting, drawing, reading, performing as well as tasting indigenous inspired food. You are warmly invited to attend our NAIDOC liturgy at 2.15pm this Thursday 30 June.

**Confirmation Thanks**

On Saturday evening 18 June Fr. Tony Percy confirmed the Year 6 students in a lovely celebration at our parish church. The evening went well and the candidates and families enjoyed the reverent and affirming celebration. The church was well decorated and many people commented on how it beautiful it looked. Thank you to Mrs Orla Rutledge, Mr Greg Rick and Mrs Monique Egan for all of their work in preparing the students, the retreat day and all of the work with the parent home groups and meetings.

**NCEC Conference Perth**

Last week I was fortunate to be able to attend the National Catholic Education Conference in Perth. The three-day conference consisted of key note speakers each day and a series of workshops to select. Many of the key note speakers were from overseas as well as other states – with Western Australian educators, schools and students prominent in presentations. There were 1400 delegates representing all Australian states. These delegates were clergy, principals, school leaders, teachers, Catholic Education staff and also Catholic school parents. There was a warm atmosphere at the conference and a sense of unity.

There was a sense of great hope and joy in the messages and stories about Catholic education being shared at the conference. The strong traditions of Catholic education in Australia were acknowledged. As was the way in which Catholic schools are the face of the Church for many people today and that education is one of the most important missions of the Church – particularly given some of the current challenges facing the broader Church. **Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez Maradiaga from Honduras affirmed the audience when he said that Australia has one of the best, if not the best, Catholic Education systems in the world. A glowing acknowledgment from a Church leader who travels the world and works closely with Pope Francis.**

I was able to attend sessions that I felt had themes and information relevant to St Anthony’s school community as well as my own leadership development. I look forward to being able to research some these initiatives further and investigate how they could be incorporated into the life of our school.
**Kindergarten Assembly Thanks**

Our Kindergarten students presented a wonderful assembly on Friday. They started with a prayer reminding us of the value of the gift of PATIENCE. Then they proceeded to read stories, sing and dance as they presented some of their class work from this term. Well done Kindergarten teachers too!

**Year 1 Fairy-tale Ball**

Today our Year 1 students celebrated their literacy and dance work through a celebration of a Fairy-tale Ball! This was a very popular event and lots of fun for the students, staff and parents. Once the dancing finished the grand feast was something for the whole kingdom to enjoy! Well done Year 1!

**Dance Nation Spectacular**

This Thursday evening, 40 St Anthony’s students from Year 4 and 5 will take part in the Dance Nation Spectacular at the National Convention Centre. The students have participated in 16 weeks of specialised ‘hip-hop’ dance lessons to prepare their presentation. They will perform their individual school dance on the evening before joining in the spectacular finale involving students from many ACT schools. Thank you to Mrs Jo Dufelmeier and Kulture Break coach Xander for all of their work in preparing the students and costumes. I am sure the students will enjoy their time in the spotlight and performing on stage. The students have learnt to value and respect their individuality and go outside their comfort zone. The Kulture Break theme is “You don’t become someone – You are someone!” – a really affirming perspective for each child. Good luck to these students.

**Year 5 Market Day Thanks**

A belated thank you to Year 5 teachers for all of the work that went into supporting the students with their market day stalls and for inspiring their business and entrepreneurial side! Well done to the students and families for their efforts with each stall. It is one of the favourite days of the year for Year 5 students and they learn so much. I understand that Year 5 students have decided to donate the profit from their stalls to support Tayah Sidney and her family in their time of great need. A very worthy choice! Well done Year 5.

P & F Meeting will be held tomorrow night at 7pm in the School Library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Again, I wish everyone a well-deserved winter holiday break. God bless.

Greg Walker
Thank you, thank you, thank you for your incredible support, kindness and generosity on PURPLE DAY! It is my great pleasure and privilege to announce that we raised over $2,700.00 to support Tayah and her family during this very difficult time. This is an absolutely incredible amount - more than we could have ever hoped for or imagined raising and that’s because of all of you!

https://www.gofundme.com/2b7bpj7h

Each one of you are Jesus in disguise - Mother Theresa.

Community Prayer

Please join us for Community Prayer straight after the bell on Thursday 30th June. 3 Assisi will be leading Community Prayer in Block 1. Kinder Padua will be leading Community Prayer in Block 2.

“In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you.” (Matthew 7:12)

Orla Rutledge
Religious Education Coordinator.
School Fees

**Term 2 school fees are NOW OVERDUE!**

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

Happy Birthday to:


**Have a wonderful day!**

Student of the Week

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


Certificates will be presented during Friday morning Assembly.

OOSCA

OOSCA Statements will be sent home this week, these statements will include bookings for the rest of the term and will be due by next Friday. If your account isn’t up to date by the start of Term 3 bookings will have to be cancelled unless you have made contact with either Necta Gianakis or Sarah Waller to discuss your account. We do apologise that we have to do this however OOSCA has a large amount of high debtor families and we have had to resort to drastic measures to recover fees charged. Thank you to all the families who make regular payments and support OOSCA so well.

Health Alert

Please be advised that a parent of students at St Anthony’s has been diagnosed with Whooping Cough. Please consult your doctor if you have any concerns.

St Anthony’s Canteen

Open Tuesday – Friday

6231 4022 - Manager: Mrs Maree Alchin

**Roster of our Volunteer Helpers**

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Thank you to Bernie Traynor who has sharpened the Canteen knives for us.

**Price Increase**

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Flexischools online ordering: flexischools.com.au

St Anthony’s Netball

**Year 2 Cyclones** - After a long weekend and lots of tears from two weeks of rain cancellations we were bursting to play, and it showed with an amazing first quarter and consistent play for the rest of the game. Our shoulder passing has really improved and there were some awesome plays down court to score goals. Our full-court defence was outstanding. Coach’s awards to Melodie and Olivia. Melodie worked so hard at training last week and had an outstanding game. She found great space, had lots of goal assists through strong shoulder passes and stuck like glue to her opponents. Olivia worked really hard in defence and took so many intercepts even her nose took one! She bravely soldiered on and responded by shooting a huge long-range goal. Go Cyclones!

**Year 2 Hurricanes** - After missing 3 weeks of Netball the Hurricanes were desperate to get back on the court and have some fun. This week we played against the Holy Family Smarties on Court 10, after a slow start the girls pulled together beautifully as a team and displayed some of the best defence we seen this season shutting down the scoring in the second half. It
was a great team effort with the girls really focussing on with sticking with their players which resulted in some fantastic touches and intercepts. Shanyka scored a much anticipated goal and we finished the game with lots of smiling happy faces. Hurricane of the week went to Zahra and Georgia for their continued effort at training and the games and showing respect for their team mates and Coaches award went to Abby for some brilliant defence and Isabel for her improved attitude at training and on the court. Looking forward to this week games against the Cyclones. GO HURRICANES !!!!!!!

**Year 4 Thunder** - Thunder came out on song, ready to put last week’s cold wet game behind them. They defended like champions only letting the opposition score 2 goals for the entire game. Brooke was on fire with her shooting this week and was well supported by her fellow shooters. Moving down the court and knowing each other’s roles are really starting to show halfway through the season. Super effort from the entire team, one more game before school holidays and a bye putting Thunder off the court until end of July. Go Thunder!

**Year 4 Lightning** – Bye

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**STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO ST ANTHONY’S IN 2017**

*(EXCLUDING CURRENT YEAR 6 STUDENTS)*

- My child/children have an enrolment application pending at another school.

- My child/children will not be returning to St Anthony’s in 2017.

Child’s Name: _____________________________ Class: __________________

Destination School: ________________________________

Parents Signature: __________________________________
23 June 2016

TO: PARENTS AND CARERS

Dear Parents and Carers

RE: 2016 NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY

Catholic schools along with government and Independent schools across Australia will again be participating in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). Our involvement in this process is crucial as it will provide valuable information about supports required for a broad group of students in our schools. The NCCD will enable National and State governments to better target support and resources in schools, this in turn will help Catholic Schools access the support for all students with additional needs.

The NCCD is not limited to students with diagnosed disabilities. It uses a very broad definition of disability, taken from the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, which includes a range of health issues and learning difficulties where schools implement strategies to support students in participating effectively in their learning.

The Data Collection will take place in August. No personal or identifying information about any student will be included, however, if you decide you do not wish information about your child to be included in the NCCD, you are asked to contact your child’s principal to discuss your concerns. If you are still concerned you should request and complete an opt-out form and return to the principal.

More information about the NCCD is available at: http://www.schooldisabilitydatapl.edu.au/

Yours sincerely

Patrick Kelly
Senior Officer Wellbeing & Diversity