Dear Parents and Carers,

2017 Kindergarten Information Evening – Wednesday 11 May
This Wednesday afternoon and evening is the 2017 Kindergarten Enrolment Evening and Open Night. Tours are available at 5.30pm with the information evening at 6.00pm. Information will be presented about the school and also more specifically how students are supported and challenged to achieve their best academic results in a faith filled and caring environment.

Parents interested in the St Anthony’s Early Learning Centre are also welcome to attend if they missed the recent ELC evening or wish to know more about our primary school.

2017 Kindergarten Information Evening
Wednesday 11 May
5.30pm School Tours
6.00pm School Presentation

School Open Mornings
Thursday 12 May 9.30am – 11.00am
Tuesday 17 May 9.30am – 11.00am

Please remember that the 2017 Catholic Schools Enrolment period closes on Friday 20 May and application forms must be lodged before this date for our Early Learning Centre/Preschool, Primary School and Secondary Colleges.

Currents school families with children eligible to enrol at St Anthony's ELC or in Kindergarten also have to ensure their enrolments are in by 20 May 2016. Enrolment numbers are cross checked and calculated promptly after the enrolment period ends and offers for placement are decided at this time. Late enrolments may not be calculated in our numbers which affects our class sizes for 2017. Students may be placed on a waiting list.

St Anthony's Annual School Fete

This Saturday 14 May
10.00am – 2.00pm

Now just 4 sleeps away and everyone can’t wait! Come along and enjoy this great community event and the tradition which is St Anthony’s Fete. The Fete Committee has worked tirelessly for months to be prepare the event and now they just need your support!

SEE YOU AT ST ANTHONY’S FETE!
Mother's Day Thanks
I hope that everyone had a lovely Mother's Day on Sunday. It was wonderful that many of you were able to attend our breakfast and liturgy on Friday. It was a beautiful autumn morning to gather for the breakfast and a really nice atmosphere amongst the community. The staff enjoyed preparing and serving families at the breakfast. We appreciate the efforts mother's and families make to the school community and to the lives and education of their children.

Thank you to staff for a massive collaborative effort to make our Mother's Day Breakfast and Liturgy a huge success. Our school community is richer through the event. Thank you to Mrs Orla Rutledge for again coordinating the breakfast in such fine style. Well done to Year 2 for a prayerful, reflective and fun liturgy that was very well attended.

NAPLAN
Good luck to our Year 3 and 5 students who will complete their NAPLAN assessments this week. Thank you to the staff that will support the students during the tests and for the encouragement and preparation they have already given. NAPLAN assessment provides the school with annual data on students when they are in these years at school and when they are assessed with these types if tasks. The information forms part of our school’s whole assessment schedule and data collection process. Assessment collected is used to inform our teaching and school initiatives and support.

St Anthony’s Academic Growth
The great news is that we are seeing very positive results and growth in student achievement through recent NAPLAN data and other measures. We are also focusing on developing the wellbeing, confidence and self-esteem of every child so they can strive to reach their potential.

Examples of Initiatives Include:
- Kidsmatter Framework
- Bounceback Program
- Everyone Everyday Program
- Kulture Break and Dance Nation
- Sensory Play Environments
- Seasons for Growth Program
- Social Skills Programs/Activities

The 2015 NAPLAN data showed that our Year 5 students achieved levels of academic growth substantially above the national average in all 5 areas tested. Included in NAPLAN data was also that student achievement Numeracy is improving. Our school and system data collected shows that in literacy the student achievement is increasing for students at all levels i.e. students experiencing difficulty, students with sound knowledge and also students that are very capable. The majority of students are moving forward in their learning.

Examples of Initiatives Include:
- Early Literacy Initiative Teacher
- Numeracy Intervention Teacher
- Learning Support Teacher (full-time)
- Gifted and Talented Teacher/Coordinator
- Frequent Enrichment Clubs
- Set literacy block and numeracy block times.
Assessment data is used to ensure that our teachers are differentiating their teaching in a way to improve student learning and develop successful and capable learners. Students identified as needing support are catered for in a myriad of ways, through a range of programs, class support and intervention. The school is also including more and more opportunities for the more capable students to be extended and to use their skills and knowledge in new ways.

**Examples of Initiatives Include:**
- Mission Impossible G&T Program
- Gateways Program
- Da Vinci Challenge
- Tournament of the Minds Challenge
- Maths Olympiad
- Differential activities in the students own classroom

**You may also be aware that St Anthony’s school staff have been working with experts in their respective curriculum fields.** Working together as a community and with experts in their respective fields will build an understanding of how students learn and how they can be supported at school and at home.

**Kaye Lowe Literacy Expert – Literacy Workshop TONIGHT!**
This week we welcome Kaye back for her second visit to St. Anthony's. You may recall Kaye presented a parent night in 2015. Kaye is a renowned author and expert in literacy in Australia and globally. She is fully committed to improving literacy teaching in our Catholic schools.

You are again invited to attend Kaye's literacy parent workshop on **tonight.**

6.00pm - 7.30pm  
**Block 2 (Kindergarten Block)**

This year Kaye returns for two days were she will conduct a number of interviews, conversations, lessons and workshops. Kaye will discuss our literacy teaching and the ELI program. Thank you to Mrs Trina Twyford for her organisation for the visit and her ongoing role leading the ELI program with Mrs Alisa Spackman and Mrs Jenny Staltari.

**Peter Sullivan Numeracy Expert – Successful Visit!**
Last week Peter Sullivan spent a full day at St Anthony's facilitating workshops about teaching and learning of Mathematics and numeracy. Peter is the writer of the current Australian Curriculum for Mathematics and a renowned expert in Mathematics in Australia and globally.

Peter met with staff in each year level during the day and then offered a parent workshop on Tuesday evening. It was pleasing to see that about 35 parents attended the evening to learn from Peter's wisdom and experience. I hope that each parent picked up some strategies to help their own child and also some of the current research about how students learn mathematically today. Peter will continue to work with our school as a critical friend to ensure quality teaching and learning continues in numeracy.

**Peer Support**
This Friday will see students involved in the peer support program being led by our Year 6 leaders. The students enjoy these sessions and the interaction with cross age groups and also the values and activities offered.

I wish everyone a wonderful Week 3 at school and look forward to seeing you at the school fete.

God Bless

Greg Walker  
Principal
School Fees
Term 2 school fees are due on the 2nd of June. 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

All Catholic Schools and Early Learning Centres are enrolling now for 2017. We are having open mornings and an open evening please see below:

St Anthony’s Open Times
Wednesday 11th May – 5:30-6pm
Thursday 12th May – 9:30-11am
Thursday 17th May – 9:30-11am

Parent Information Session
Wednesday 11th May – 6pm
If you know any families who are interested in enrolling at our wonderful school, please let them know about these dates.

Administration Fees
An administration fee of $5 will be charged if copies of documentation such as birth and baptismal certificates are requested from the Front Office to complete enrolment applications for current students applying for High School or other schools. This fee is charged to cover the copying and time required.

Happy Birthday to:
David L, Tori H, Darcy V and Dechlan L.
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.

Kinder Mass
Kinder Mass will be held this Thursday 12th May at 10am at school, everyone welcome.

Athletics & Cross Country Carnival Ribbons
Ribbons for place getters at the recent Athletics and Cross Country carnivals will be presented at Friday morning assembly.

Clothing Pool – OPEN TOMORROW
The Clothing Pool will be open this Wednesday from 3.00pm – 4.00pm.
New items: St Anthony school bucket hats $11 each. Sizes S, M, L.
Pre-loved clothing: Boys long pants $2, Polo Tops $5, Jumpers $5, Winter Dresses $15.
Please note we do not have credit card facilities so please bring along your cash.

QCity – Travel Passes
From Thursday May 12 2016, there will be changes in the way that parents/guardians apply for an SSTS Travel Pass. Applications can be completed online at: www.transportnsw.info/school-students. Applications will no longer be processed by Qcity Transit. Additional information can be found on our website: http://stanthonyss.act.edu.au/notesforparents/

Class Artwork – Silent Auction
All classes during library time have created an original piece of artwork to be auctioned at 1.00 pm this Saturday at our school fete. The artwork is ready for viewing and can be found as you enter the library.
If you are interested in purchasing a piece of art, silent bids can be made and placed in a box situated near the artwork. Our starting price is $20, this ensures we cover the cost of materials used and framing. All bids need to be completed by an adult. The Live Auction will start with the highest silent bid.

Book Fair
Our Book Fair books arrived yesterday and classes over the next couple of days will have the opportunity to visit the Library to make a wish list. Books will go on sale this Thursday. The Book Fair will also be open during our School Fete. Books can be back ordered if sold out.

Opening Times:
Thursday 8.30 – 9.00 am 3.20 – 4.00 pm
Friday 8.30 – 9.00 am 3.20 – 4.00 pm
Saturday 10.00 am – 2.00 pm
Please feel free to visit the library to look at the books and view our artwork.

Mrs Richardson, Teacher/Librarian
**ST ANTHONYS NETBALL**

**Year 2 Cyclones** - Our champion year 2 teams played each other, and at times it did look like a Hurricane mixed with a Cyclone! It was a fun game for the girls who are all learning so much. Excellent defence from both teams and some lovely goals were scored. Coach’s awards to Jessie and Kate for their FAB (Feet, Arms, Ball) shooting styles that we have only just learnt and for some amazing intercepts. Gooooooo Cyclones and Hurricanes!

**Year 2 Hurricanes** – We had a great game on the weekend against our fellow Year 2 team the St Anthony’s Cyclones. It was great to see how far the girls have come in both teams in such a short time. The Hurricanes showed some exciting attack in the first quarter resulting in some goals and we will continue to work on passing and finding free space which at times can be quiet challenging. Our defensive effort was outstanding this week with some great performances in defence from the girls with some very exciting intercepts and scrambling for the ball. Way to go Hurricanes. Coaches’ award this week went to Anneliese for her exciting play in both attack and defence and Isabel for trying really hard and not giving up. Fantastic game from all players in the Hurricanes and Cyclones GO ST ANTHONY’S!

**Year 3 Firebirds** - The girls faced wet and slippery conditions as their 3rd game of the season commenced but showed great persistence and resilience. The 2 teams were evenly matched in skill, but strong defence and improved passing placed the Firebirds in the lead at half time. We also saw some fantastic grabbing of the ball as the girls grew more confident in working as a team. Georgia, Ashleigh and Sasha played strongly in new positions all scoring goals that lead to the team’s first victory in 3 weeks. Go Firebirds!

**Year 4 Thunder** - Great win on the weekend, Thunders team work gets better each week. Played hard all game and adjusting to the new hard courts. Movement down the court was our best attribute. A big thanks to Emma Fletcher for helping the team across the line, the support from the year 3’s has helped heaps.

**Year 4 Lightning** - Tough game this week against Trinity! Our defence was excellent but we found it hard to connect in attack. We tried out a few new combinations and have plenty to work on. We missed Ash with her broken arm, but were lucky to welcome Taylah into our team, who took to it like a duck to water in her first game of netball. Thanks to Penny who played up for us and did a great job in defence. Penny - you are a star! Coach’s award to Millie who was excellent in defence and worked tirelessly in attack. Go Lightning!

**Year 6 Freckles** - This week the Freckles faced off against Dolphins Miami. Caitlin was ‘nothing but net’ in the first quarter with 5 goals from 5 attempts. Molly added to total in the second quarter, as did Andrea in the third which were both well played. We scored a fabulous 7 goals in the last quarter thanks to Molly and Jenna. Great defence from Brooklyn, Emma and Georgina. Well done Mia and Sera. The final result was 19 - 4 - go Freckles!

**St Anthony’s Canteen**
Open Tuesday – Friday
6231 4022 - Manager: Mrs Maree Alchin

**Roster of Volunteer Helpers**

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**WEEK FOUR**

| Tuesday 14 May | Lea Huber 9am-2pm |
| Wednesday 15 May | Peta Crowder 9am-2pm |

**25TH May – Pizza Tuck Day**
(Orders via flexischools close 23rd May)

Flexischools online ordering: flexischools.com.au
We made it – YAY - bring on the weekend!!!

A huge thank you to everyone who is making the fete possible this year – whether you are baking a cake, donating an item, running a stall, helping set up, whatever it may be, big or small, the fete wouldn't be possible without you. A wonderful effort by a great community. Well done to all – and THANK YOU!!

Hope you all enjoy the fete on Saturday 😊

A FEW LAST THINGS:

**FLEXISCHOOLS FOR FETE-MATE AND RIDE PASS** – this has now CLOSED.

Vouchers will be delivered to your child on Friday – please look out for them in their school bags. If you missed out and still wish to purchase either of these items please send your money (fete mate $5, all day ride voucher $25) and order (in a clearly named envelope) to school by Wednesday 11 May 2016.

**OPEN SHED** – There are no more ‘open sheds’ scheduled but if you would like to donate items to the trash and treasure, plants, toys, books or clothes stall it can still be arranged, drop them into the front office or contact us at 2016fete@gmail.com

**TOMBOLA AND PICK-A-POT** – Thank you to everyone who brought in donations towards Tombola and Pick-a-pot. The names have been drawn and the below students have won a $5 voucher to spend at the fete! Congratulations!!! Your voucher will be sent home with you on Friday.

Eamon Sheargold (KL)
Sammi Panagiotou (1P)
Philip Scaria (2A)
Megan Snell (3L)
Tracy Tao (4L)
Ben Symington (5A)
Nicholas Snell (6A)
**RAFFLE** – If you haven’t brought back your tickets please do so ASAP. Tickets will be available to buy on fete day before the raffle is drawn at 1pm – good luck to everyone.

**CAKE STALL** – Don’t forget to deliver your donations to the front office on Friday or directly to Mel and Liza at the cake stall on Saturday morning.

**SET UP** – If you have put your name down to do the set up on Saturday morning please meet at the blue shed by 6.30 am.

**PARKING** – There will be traffic marshals (thank you Teachers!) directing the traffic as it enters the school but please use common sense in the car park – **there are children around, so slow down!** Please also note:

- The staff carpark is designated parking for stall holders only.
- People with a disability will have designated parking at the front of the school building.
- There will be emergency access signs and no parking signs in place, please respect these directions.
- There will be limited parking due to the ELC construction and soccer, so if you have a friend who lives nearby then it might be useful to park there and walk down.