Dear Parents and Carers,

Greg Walker has taken long service leave this week to travel to sunny Maroochydore in Queensland for the Under 15’s National AFL Championships. It is hard not to be jealous that he and his family are enjoying the warm weather when we are enduring the cold.

Indigenous Performer

Today the school had the Indigenous Performer Fred Reid visit. Thank you to Nicole Ptycia who organised this event. The students really enjoyed this interesting and informative performance.

100 Days of Kindergarten

Kindergarten have been celebrating 100 days of school. What a wonderful milestone. They certainly have grown up and learnt so much since the start of their schooling journey. I’m sure that they have enjoyed the celebrations.

Car Park – Afternoon Drive Through

Please be patient using the drive through area at afternoon pick up, especially in the rain when we are unable to utilise oval crossing. The new building and car park arrangements have temporarily made congestion worse and we understand the frustration. The student’s safety is paramount and as such we all need to take time, be patient and follow staff instructions. I sincerely thank the majority of parents and carers who patiently use this zone and consistently model safe behaviour to their children.

School Uniform

There seems to be an increasing number of students who are not wearing the correct uniform. Please make sure that your child is in full school uniform and beanies and coats etc are school colours. We really appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Updating contact details

If you have changed any contact details recently, please inform the Front Office as soon as possible.

Wishing everyone a happy and peaceful week,

Michael Bradley
Assistant Principal
What is World Youth Day?

World Youth Day (WYD) is a Catholic event for youth celebrated on Palm Sunday each year at the diocesan level, and every few years at an international location. It was founded by St John Paul II in 1984, and has since spanned generations of pilgrims.

World Youth Day is more than just a meeting drawing thousands or even millions of young people. WYD is a testimony of a living Church that is continually being renewed. Youth are the protagonists of this meeting of faith, hope and unity. The main goal of WYD is to let youth know about the message of Jesus Christ, in the context of a joyful meeting of the Pope, young people and leaders of the Church. It is also true that through young people of faith the young ‘face’ of Jesus is shown to the world.

In 2016 the youth of the world gather again, this time in Krakow, Poland. Krakow is where St John Paul II was Archbishop before his election to the papacy. World Youth Day in Krakow will celebrate John Paul’s vision for young people, renewed again with the presence of Pope Francis.

World Youth Day Prayer

God of mercy, transform me,
that my eyes may be merciful,
that I may marvel at the beauty of my neighbour’s heart.

Transform me, O God,
that my ears may be merciful,
that I may be attentive to those in need.

Transform me, O God,
that my tongue may be merciful,
that all I proclaim is in love and peace.

Transform me, O God,
that my hands may be merciful,
that I use them to serve my neighbour.

Transform me, O God,
that my feet may be merciful,
that my pilgrim journey leads me to compassion.

Transform me, O God,
that my heart may be merciful,
ever open to the joy of your presence.

May Your mercy, O God,
rest upon me and transform me into Yourself,
for You are my all.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen  St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.
First Eucharist

Thank you to those students and families who attended the First Eucharist Commitment Mass last Saturday 23rd July, 2016. If you were unable to attend Mass last weekend it is essential that you attend one Mass prior to the Sacrament at either 6:00pm on Saturday evening or 9:00am or 5:30pm on Sunday. Please hand Father Lachlan one of your prayer cards and introduce yourself and your child to him. The commitment Mass is symbolic of your commitment to the faith and a vital part of the Sacramental Preparation.

Final Parent/Child Home Group Session. This is a compulsory session (students need to attend this session) and will be held this Thursday 28th July, 2016 6pm St Anthony’s Primary School Block 1 (Kinder/Year 1 Block). This session finalises the Home Group Sessions.

Community Prayer

Please join us straight after the bell this Thursday 28th July for Community Prayer.

3 Lisbon will be leading Community Prayer in Block One.
2 Assisi will be leading Community Prayer in Block Two.

Orla Rutledge
Religious Education Coordinator

School Fees

Term 3 School Fee Accounts will be placed in your eldest child’s bag this week and are due on the 25th of August. If you require a copy of the last financial years building fund statement they can be collected from the front office. 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:

Ethan L, Jessica N, Mason S, Jacob C, Mikaela M, Leon B, Tom H, Camilla G and Sophie M.

Have a wonderful day!

Student of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who are this week’s student of the week:


Certificates will be presented at Friday morning assembly.

P & F Meeting

The P & F Meeting scheduled for next Wednesday has been postponed due to the Wakakirri Performance. An alternative date will be confirmed.

OOSCA

Due to increases in running costs OOSCA fees will increase. These changes will come into effect from Monday 15th August. Before School Care fees will increase to $14 per session and After School Care Fees will increase to $24 per session.

Students not returning to St Anthony’s in 2017

If your child/ren will NOT be returning to St Anthony’s please let the school know as soon as possible. Below is a tear off slip which can be completed and returned to school or there is an e-form on the skoolbag app.
**Book Club**

Book Club orders are due this Friday. All orders are to be placed online, no cash orders will be accepted.

**Emailing School Fee Statements**

Please provide a preferred email address for school fee statements to be sent to. It would be preferred if you could email this address to Judy Mead to minimise mistakes from handwritten addresses. We hope to have this process up and running by next term. You can also provide this information using the skoolbag app.

**ACTION – Changes to Bus Services**

On Monday 29 August 2016, ACTION will be implementing a new timetable for the weekday bus network. This includes some timing changes to the ACTION schools network.

There have been changes to your dedicated school service/s. We encourage you to view this information now on the [Transport Canberra Website](http://www.transportcanberra.gov.au).

Many regular route services have also changed and students using these services will be also affected. This new timetable information is now available on the Transport Canberra website, under [Weekday timetable changes, 29 August 2016](http://www.transportcanberra.gov.au).

**Route 644** - This service will commence 10 minutes later at 7:40am

**Route 500** – This service will finish 4 minutes later at 4:06pm

**Route 536** – This service will finish 10 minutes earlier at 4:02pm

**Route 695** – This service will finish 4 minutes earlier at 4:09pm.

**Route 61** – Route change - please check online.

We further advise that parents and students are able to use our [NXTBUS](http://www.nxtbus.com) system to view live bus information for selected stops or stations.
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.schooldisabilitydataapl.edu.au/

Yours sincerely

Patrick Kelly
Senior Officer Wellbeing & Diversity
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: ____________________________________________