Dear Parents and Carers

School Registration

Well we are nearly there! One week to go. Here are a few quotes I shared with staff this week to keep their spirits up during the busy preparation time and to reassure them of the importance of their roles:

“Teaching is a beautiful job; as it allows you to see the growth day by day of people entrusted to your care. It is a little like being parents, at least spiritually. It is a great responsibility.” — Pope Francis

“A teacher affects eternity; they can never tell where his influence stops.” — Henry Adams.

“Teachers, I believe, are the most responsible and important members of society because their professional efforts affect the fate of the earth.” — Helen Caldicott

“What the teacher is, is more important than what they teach.” — Karl A. Menninger

“If you are planning for a year, sow rice; if you are planning for a decade, plant trees; if you are planning for a lifetime, educate people.” — Chinese Proverb

“What sculpture is to a block of marble, education is to a human soul.” — Joseph Addison

“A mind when stretched by a new idea never regains its original dimensions.” — Anonymous

St Anthony’s will undergo the School Re-Registration process next week on Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 August.

School Registration is a process that occurs every 5 years in all Catholic Primary and Secondary Schools. Our last Registration was in 2011. A panel consisting of Catholic Education staff, Catholic Education Principals and often a representative from the ACT Government Education Directorate/Sector or the Non-Government School Sector is appointed. The panel is listed below for your reference and will spend two full days in the school.

The panel members will review all aspects of the school with a strong focus on teaching and learning. In recent weeks the financial and the facilities/maintenance aspects of the school have also been reviewed.

We welcome the following panel members to St Anthony’s and look forward to showcasing our great school to them.

Our 2016 Registration Panel Members are:

- Elizabeth Moroney (Panel Chair. Catholic Education – Senior Officer: School Services)
- Maree Williams (Catholic Education - Head of Religious Education and Curriculum Services)
- Katrina McGrath (Catholic Education - Senior Officer: School Registration)
- Peter Galvin (Principal St Jude’s primary School Holder)
- Sue Norton (Principal Fraser Primary School)
- Anne D’Amico (Acting Principal Holy Spirit Primary School Nicholls)
Book Week
The 2016 Book Week theme is “Australia. Story. Country.” Good luck to our Teacher Librarian Ms Danielle Richardson for arguably her biggest week of the year! It is an important time to promote a love for reading and the purpose of the library as a resource hub within the school. Thank you to Danielle for organising a range of activities this week to celebrate Book Week and invite people into the library. The week will culminate with a book character parade on Friday 26 August at 9am followed by a book presentation by Ms Nicole Lawder MLA, Member for Brindabella.

First Eucharist
Congratulations to our Year 4 students who received the Sacrament of First Eucharist on Saturday evening. It was a very reverent and special celebration and one that the candidates will never forget. Thank you to Mrs Orla Rutledge and the Year 4 teachers Mrs Laura Stankovic, Mrs Heather Naylor, Mr Josh Vaughan and Miss Beth Lehmensich for preparing the candidates for the sacrament and to all of the staff that attended the Mass to witness and support the candidates and the families.

Year 2 Assembly Postponed
The Year 2 assembly planned for this Friday has been rescheduled for Friday 9 September at 2.15pm due to the school staff preparing for school registration next week.

Year 1 Excursion
Today, Tuesday 23 August, our Year 1 teachers and students attended an excursion to the National Museum. I hope the day was an interesting and rewarding learning experience.

NAPLAN Digital Trial
Well done to Mr Jon Liddle, Mr Michael Bradley and the Year 4 teachers for conducting an online trial of NAPLAN on Thursday last week. NAPLAN will go online nationally in 2017 and all schools have to test their capacity to undertake the tests in a digital format. The test results for each student were not recorded it was actually the ICT infrastructure that was being tested on this occasion. However, the student and staff feedback will be very interesting to see what the pros and cons were for each test. It was good that Year 4 trialled the test as they will be in Year 5 next year.

Assumption Mass
Thank you to the staff and students who attended Mass last Monday on the Feast of the Assumption. Thank you for taking the time to walk the students to and from our parish church to make this celebration more special. This takes time and effort and I appreciate this for the children to be present in our church.

Catholic Education Update on Pornography Issue is Secondary Schools
Mrs Moira Najdecki wanted to share the following information with school communities.

“"I am pleased to advise that following consultations with various agencies the Website in relation to the Pornography ring has been taken down. However, I must reiterate that it may come back up. I will keep you informed.

The Catholic Education Office has been in consultation with various agencies across ACT/NSW and NCEC. We will continue to work with the AFP and Education Directorate to provide you with up to date information.

There has been a group convened by the Education Directorate who will meet weekly with the AFP to communicate to school communities. The first meeting discussed a joint communication strategy.

Education Directorate ACT/CE/AIS/AFP and other agencies will provide a national communication plan to parents/students and the wider community. This communication will provide parents/students and school communities with the resources to assist them in obtaining support and follow up if they need assistance in reporting incidents to Police. The CEO will be part of this communication plan and I would appreciate your support in forwarding this information onto your school communities. We are expecting the first communication will be provided over the next week.”

Have a great week. God Bless.

Greg Walker
School Fees

Term 3 School Fee Accounts have been sent out and are due on THIS THURSDAY 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

Community Prayer

This week’s community prayer will be hosted by Kinder Padua and 6 Padua. Thursday morning at 9am.

Happy Birthday to:


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.

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, this includes students who have enrolled at Marist or St Edmund’s College. Below is a tear off slip which can be completed and returned to school or there is a e-form on the skoolbag app.

Emailing School Fee Statements

We have not had a great response from families providing their preferred email address to have school fees emailed. Either use the eform on the skoolbag app or email Judy.Mead@cg.catholic.edu.au.

CRAZY SOCK DAY - THURSDAY 25 AUGUST

As a reward for smashing our first Walkathon fundraising target, Thursday 25 August is Crazy Sock Day! All children are invited to wear socks/stockings of their choice to school on Thursday.

Year 2 Assembly

This assembly has had a change of date and will now take place on Friday 9th September @ 2:15pm.

St Anthony’s Canteen

Open Tuesday – Friday
621 4022 - Manager: Mrs Maree Alchin

Roster of our Volunteer Helpers

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Onesie Whole School Disco

Friday 9th September 2016
Pre-order now through flexischools

ACTION BUSES

A reminder that there are a range of changes to dedicated school services as well as regular route services that will affect students. We are encouraging families to plan their travel in preparation for Monday 29 August 2016. Transport Canberra website or call 131710.
WALKATHON 2016! (UPDATE 3)

We’ve had another fantastic week of Walkathon fundraising, pushing our grand total up to $5,454.90!! We have smashed our first fundraising goal, which means Thursday 25 August is CRAZY SOCK DAY! Everyone is invited to come dressed in their craziest socks or stockings on Thursday.

The class that raised the highest amount last week was 1L – well done!

Congratulations to everyone who is working so hard to find sponsors and remembering to bring in their sponsorship card on Thursday. A huge thank you to everyone in the community who has so generously provided sponsorship.

Unfortunately, our Aussie athletes didn’t have a huge gold medal haul at the Olympics last week, only adding two golds to the total (hope we didn’t jinx them!) So on top of the two Aussie gold rush prizes at our weekly prize giving last Friday, we gave away two bonus prizes as well. The lucky winners were Caomh (1P), Molly (3P), Sarah (1P) and Tadhg (4P), congratulations!

There are many more opportunities to win prizes in the lead up to the Walkathon. Remember that sponsorship cards are due on Thursday to be in the weekly prize draw at Friday assembly. Every $10 raised receives a ticket in the prize draw, and every little bit of money helps.

Happy fundraising! See you on Friday!
Library News - Book Week

**Monday**  
**Guessing Activity**  
Students will be asked to guess which teacher belongs to items displayed in library.

**Wednesday**  
**Parent/Carers Reading Time** 8.30 am - 9.00 am  
We invite parent/carers to come to the library and read with their children.

**Thursday**  
**Special Visitor - Nanna Noels**  
8.30 am - 9.00 am reading in the library  
9.30 am - 10.30 visiting Kindergarten

**Friday**  
**Book Character Parade - 9.00 am**  
- Come dressed as your favourite book character.  
- Prizes for the best Australian inspired costume to go with our theme: 'Australian Story Country'.

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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: ___________________________________________