Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back for Term 4 and I hope you are all rested and ready for the term.

**Tayah Sidney visit to St Anthony’s**

Term 4 started in a bright way with Tayah Sidney being able to visit her Year 6 classmates and teachers on Monday here at school. As you are aware, Tayah is receiving treatment for Acute Myeloid Leukaemia at the Royal Children’s Hospital Randwick. Tayah’s treatment is going well and she was able to spend some time in Canberra during the school holidays. It was great for Tayah to also be able catch up with her friends in person before heading back to Sydney to continue her treatment this week. Tayah’s father Jason thanked the school community, and the wider community, for its continued support and prayers. It is most likely Tayah’s treatment and recovery will continue into the early part of next year.
A.C.T. Election this Saturday 15 October – Update on Government Initiatives to Support Catholic Education

The ACT election is now just a few days away. The election has provided an important opportunity for us to raise the issue of fair and sustainable territory government funding for St Anthony’s Primary School. As an ACT Catholic school we receive the lowest levels of state/territory government funding of any Catholic schools in Australia!

Did you know that for each dollar of territory government funding going to a student in an ACT government school your child here at St Anthony’s receives just 17 cents? *By choosing to send your child to St Anthony’s, as a Catholic school in the ACT, you are saving the ACT taxpayer more than $152 million per year.

What We Have Asked for:

1. **Provision of land in new growth areas to provide parents a choice for a Catholic Education**
   Catholic Education is the second largest provider of school age education in the Territory after the ACT Government. Catholic Education needs to be given priority allocation of suitable land to allow choice in education for the new communities and for Catholic Education to continue to play its significant role in meeting the Territory’s need for school age education.

2. **Meeting the needs of students with disability**
   Between 2009 and 2016, the number of students with disability attending Catholic schools increased by 83%. Parents choosing Catholic schools are seeking Territory Government financial support to ensure a student with a disability receives the same level of support regardless of the school they attend.

3. **A commitment to progressively increase recurrent funding by 2020**
   Catholic Education seeks a commitment to increase recurrent funding from the ACT Government to 25% of the average cost of educating a student in an ACT Government school with an annual ‘cost of living’ increase in funding for Catholic schools proportionate to increases in ACT Government schools.

**Why Are These Commitments Important?**
Achievement of these commitments will ensure a sustainable base for Catholic Education into the future. At a school level the additional funding will assist to provide additional resources to meet school and student needs such as student support services, students with disabilities, information and communication technology costs and student wellbeing. It will also mean that increases to school fees and levies would be minimised.

Later this week the Catholic Education Commission will be publishing for all schools the response from all the major parties to the commitments listed above. I would urge you to consider the positions of the parties and if elected what their policies will mean for our school.

The responses will provide a very real policy difference for Catholic Education

*ACARA MySchool Website, February 2015
**Term 3, Week 10 Wrap**

Thank you to the staff that attended the Year 5 Camp to Ballarat in Week 10 – Mr Quantrill, Miss Ptycia, Mr Liddle and Mr Bradley. It is always a big ask for staff to be away from home for 4 days and 3 nights but they do this so that the students can have a wonderful experience like this. I have heard some great reports about the camp, the students learnt a lot and had a positive camp experience. Well done everyone.

Well done to the Year 3 team for an entertaining assembly on the last day of term – what an ask! However, with your support the students produced and fast moving and exciting performance all round! Well done.

Thank you again to Mrs Tracey Adamson and Louise Patton for the amazing Walkathon held in week 9 last term and for the huge fundraising effort. Walkathon money is due back no later than tomorrow *Wednesday 12th October* to ensure that all students who have returned money go into the prize winning draws which will take place this Friday afternoon at 2:30pm (once Year 3 have returned from their excursion). Hopefully students were able to collect their sponsorships over the holidays.

Congratulations to our Wakakirri Team consisting of Mrs Alisa Spackman, Mr Greg Rick and Mrs Monique Egan who did an amazing job with the production and should be proud of the students making the ACT final held in Week 10. Thank you to Mrs Beth Lehmensich and the other staff that helped in any way with the performance in the final. The Year 6 students performed well in the final and won the 2016 Best Adapted Story Award and the 2016 Spirit of Wakakirri Award. Wakakirri is often a highlight of their Primary School years for many of our Year 6 students.

**Our recent School Registration** was a huge success as you know and the report acknowledges all of the great aspects of St Anthony’s and provides us with recommendations to continue to improve the school. Everyone should be very proud of your ongoing efforts to support the education and wellbeing of your children and the school in any capacity that you can. This term will see planning for 2017 stepping up.

**Early Learning centre (ELC) Update**

Staffing processes continue to employ teachers, educators and support staff for the new ELC.

Unfortunately, the *car park has not been resurfaced* in the holidays as there was more rain in this period. The subsurface area needs to be fully dry for the asphalt to be laid successfully. Another time is being considered to complete this part of the project but the building work, internal fitting and the landscaping is coming along well and is due to be finished in November. The site is starting to be cleared now. The ELC looks great!

**School Master Planning Process**

The School Board is undertaking a SCHOOL MASTER PLAN to manage all of the current and future changes to the school site and facilities. With the building of the new ELC there have been many associated works considered and given priority. The school architects are working with a School Board sub-committee to bring the plan together. The draft plan was shown to those who attended the Week 9 P&F meeting last term. Lots of good feedback was provided on the ideas to date. **The DRAFT MASTER PLAN will be on display in the school foyer for a few weeks for you to view and make comment.** Feedback will be taken back to the School Board subcommittee.

**Year 3 Excursion**

Good luck to Year 3 who are off to the Arboretum for an excursion this Friday. This should be a lot of fun!
Sacrament of Reconciliation – Year 3 Students
This process will begin this week with the Parent Information Session scheduled for this Thursday evening 13 October 6.00pm. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is set for Week 7, Thursday 24 November at 6.00pm. If you have child in Year 3 please see the note coming home today with more details. Good luck to our Year 3 students as they prepare for this important sacrament.

Parent Considerations for 2017 Classes Open NOW but close on Friday 21 October.
In the next two weeks I will be calling for parents to send me, via email, any considerations for their child’s class placement in 2017. Enrolment numbers at St Anthony’s will be a little lower than they are now due to a smaller Kindergarten cohort expected in 2017. However, numbers are predicted to increase again in 2018 with more Kindergarten children expected to enrol after their preschool/ELC year.

Even though some parents may have spoken to their child’s class teacher during the year about the needs of their child, please formally email me if you have any considerations you believe will help to place your child in their class group. Please keep in mind that the number of students in each class can vary from year level to year level depending on overall cohort numbers. The school will endeavour to provide the support that each child, class and year level requires each year.

I am inviting parents and carers to write to me with any considerations they have for their child’s placement in 2017. The most valuable information you can provide is:

- Friendship interactions that may be affecting your child;
- Information pertaining to their learning needs;
- Family circumstances affecting your child.

It is not appropriate to request particular teachers or write about teachers in these requests. I would hope that your child’s teacher has been informed of any social support and learning support currently needed during the course of the year. Information you provide is used in conjunction with the teacher’s knowledge of each student to draft 2017 lists across the cohort of students. This is not an easy task and I’m sure you realise I cannot guarantee every request can be met. There are many factors that contribute to a child’s learning, social development and happiness at school and their class placement is just one of them.

I invite you to write to me or email me at greg.walker@cg.catholic.edu.au with your considerations. You will receive a reply from me or one of the front office staff so you know your request has reached me. If you don’t receive a reply, I do not have your request. Considerations will close on Friday 21 October.

2016 Grandparent’s and Special Person’s Day
This special day is on FRIDAY 4 NOVEMBER from 10.00am! (Please see the separate note coming home with details). Due to the busyness of Term 3, this date was moved to Term 4. Grandparents’ and Special Persons’ Day is one way for the school community to say a big thank you to all of the grandparents and special family members who fulfil this role in families. Family and school life is very busy these days so everyone works closely together so we would like to celebrate these important people. PLEASE MARK this date in your diary and invite some special people to attend if possible.

Again, welcome back for Term 4.

God Bless,

Greg Walker
Principal
Dear Parents and Carers,
A reminder to parents who have children who will start preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, there will be a Parent Information Session this Thursday at 6pm in Block 1.

Loving God,
Spring is a metaphor for change. Some changes we eagerly away, and some we abhor. Some changes we plan and others arrive uninvited. To all these changes we ask the gift of Your perspective beckoning us to expectation, hope and rebirth.
May the sunlight and the rain be reminders that You are at work renewing the earth. As a God of renewal, You are ever at work in our lives, too.
Open our eyes to the needed changes in our lives this Spring. Awaken us to a new life and perspective for we pray in Jesus’ name.

Everything Has Its Time
Ecclesiastes 3

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to loose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

Blessing
May spring showers fall gently upon you- quenching your thirst and refreshing you.
We rejoice in the promise of Spring
May sunshine warm your tender skin and coax you out of winter hibernation.
We rejoice in the promise of Spring
May your roots reach deep into the earth connecting you to all that lives and nourish you deeply.
We rejoice in the promise of Spring
May the vibrant colours bursting fourth all around you bring joy and excitement.
We rejoice in the promise of Spring

May the opening of blossoms encourage your own projects to expand and flourish.
We rejoice in the promise of Spring
May your work bear the fruits of hope, passion, gratitude, kindness and love.
We rejoice in the promise of Spring
May you draw people into your circle as bees are drawn to honey- with sweetness and sustenance.
We rejoice in the promise of Spring
May you delight in the full abundance of the earth each bountiful day.
We rejoice in the promise of Spring
May the God of all seasons bless us and help us be ever mindful of the hope of springtime.
Amen.
Dear ______________________

St Anthony’s Parish Primary school

invite you to celebrate

Grandparent’s and Special Person’s Day on Friday 4th November from
10:00am.

Please see over page for schedule.

We look forward to seeing you then!

Love

______________________________________________

Please RSVP with below slip by Thursday 27th October 2016

Name __________________________________________________
Class __________________________________________________
No of Guests Attending __________________________________

I will leave with my visitor between 1:15-2pm

Yes               No
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
Will be lunch time 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.

We hope you have a very special day!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday the 4th November, 2016 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 3rd November or on Friday morning if freshly cooked.

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Thanks so much for your assistance 😊

Ask Jesus what he wants from you and be brave!

Pope Francis

Orla Rutledge
Religious Education Coordinator.
School Fees

Term 4 School Fees will be issued next week. 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:


Have a wonderful day!

St Anthony’s P & F Trivia Night

Friday 18th November, 6:45 for a 7pm start in the school Hall. Flyer is available on the Skoolbag app. Book a whole table or feel free to pay individually and join others on a table. $10 per head, bookings and payments to be made to the Front Office.

Theme is “Era”sitable

Get your friends together, book a table and hit the history books for your chance to win cash prizes and impress everyone with your wealth of knowledge.

Walkathon

Just a reminder that all Walkathon money is due back no later than Wednesday 12th October to ensure that all students who have returned money go into the prize winning draws. Hopefully students were able to collect their sponsorships over the holidays and remember to return their donations this week.

Many thanks for your support!

Clothing Pool

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: Shorts $2, Polo Tops $5, Jumpers $5, Summer Dresses $10.

Please note we do not have credit card facilities so please bring along your cash.

Ez Cover

St Anthony’s has recently registered with Ez-Cover. Ez Cover have created an easier and cheaper way to cover school exercise books. Flyer is further down in this newsletter.

St Anthony’s Canteen

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

Roster of our Volunteer Helpers

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CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

I am organising the canteen roster for Term 4, 2015. I would love for you to come and help in the canteen, no doubt your children will get a kick out of seeing you as well. Duties include preparing food, serving, cleaning up and that all important cuppa.

Parents/carers/grandparents and siblings are very welcome. We have a playroom for the littlies to enjoy.

You can volunteer for the whole day 9 – 2 or for half the day, all help appreciated.

If you have any queries or would like to volunteer, please return the form below to school or call in and visit.

Maree 6231 4022
maree_alchin@hotmail.com

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Name: ____________________________________________________________

Phone: ____________________________________________________________

Email: ____________________________________________________________
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