Dear Parents and Carers

Walkathon Success
Wow – What a successful 2016 Walkathon!! The majority of the pledged money has been returned and the prize draw was a lot of fun and rewarded many of the students for their efforts. There was some luck in the main draw and many students picked up some great prizes! Some of the students who raised significant amounts of money were awarded a prize as well. Well done to everyone involved as the money raised goes to support the school with its list of resources and school upgrades. None of our strategic planning and purchases would be possible without the support of the community. The amount of money returned is very close to the expected pledged target of $17,000! This is an outstanding result. Thank you again to Louise Patton and Tracey Adamson for their excellent organisation, motivation skills and for their own time they have invested to make the event a huge success for the Parents and Friends Association and the school.

Boorowa Touch and Football Carnival Friday
This week ends on an active note with the annual Boorowa Touch Football and Netball Carnival being held on Friday. with over 80 students, approximately 6 staff and a large number of parents/carers volunteering to help with coaching and managing teams. I wish everyone attending a fun and entertaining day competing against a large number of schools from ACT and NSW. The event is usually very popular and fundraising supports both the Catholic and State Primary Schools in Boorowa through a joint initiative.

Parish Dinner Dance
I wish everyone attending the 2016 St Anthony’s Parish Dinner Dance a wonderful night. The event is to held this Saturday evening in the school hall.

Parent Considerations for 2017 Classes Open NOW but close on Friday 21 October.
Please formally email me if you have any considerations you believe will help to place your child in their class group in 2017. 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.

Parents and carers can 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. 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.
Parents and Friends Meeting Next Week
For your information, the next Parents and Friends meeting is to be scheduled for Wednesday 26 October at 7.00pm in the School Library.

Grandparents and Special Persons’ Day – FRIDAY 4 NOVEMBER
Just a reminder that we are looking forward to the 2016 Grandparents and Special Persons Day to be held on Friday 4 November. We look forward to celebrating the roles these people ply in the students’ lives and the support they give the school. Please see the other information provided by the school about the vent.
Have a great second week of term! God Bless.

Greg Walker
Principal

This week’s newsletter is brought to you by the Semester Two Mission Group. The mission group consists of Charlotte Flor, Neika Henson, Daanish Muzzammil, Riley Fleming and Tom Hansen. I will leave you in their very capable hands.

Orla Rutledge
Religious Education Coordinator

This term coming up to Christmas we would like to fundraise for both our local and international communities and have lots of ideas and ways that you can contribute to extremely worthy causes.

Melbourne Cup
On Tuesday 1st November we will be having a Melbourne Cup day where everyone is able to come in non-uniform and strut your stuff at our whole school fashions on the field. Some ideas might be to wear a pretty dress and fascinator/hat a bowtie/tie or be a little different and come as something out of the box such as a horse, jockey or the Melbourne cup. There will a prize awarded to one member from each grade judged by the mission group, for the best dressed male and female teacher and a class prize awarded to the class that raises the most money. It is a gold coin donation on the day and we look forward to seeing St Anthony’s all ‘dressed up’.

Where are your donations going?
This World Mission Month, students in Catholic schools across Australia are invited to ‘Sock it to Poverty’ by supporting missionaries, like Sister Eulie and her fellow Daughters of Charity, to help children break the cycle of poverty their families are experiencing by providing them with an education they would otherwise never be able to access.

In the most disadvantaged communities of Cambodia, many children are forced to stay home from school due to several reasons associated with the fact that their families live in poverty, such as:

- Some children are forced to stay at home to look after their younger siblings while their parents work long hours earning only just enough money to provide the basic necessities for the family.
- Other children are forced to work themselves to provide income for the family.
- Many families are so poor that they cannot afford the school fees, uniforms and books required to attend school.
- Or some children live in remote areas where there is no school or no public transport to get to school.
With no formal education, these children will not be able to get good jobs when they grow up and are very likely to remain living in poverty.

Maly, who lives in Beoung Trabaek Village on the outskirts of Cambodia’s capital city of Phnom Penh, is one of the precious children featured in the DVD ‘Just as you did it to one of the least of these... you did it to me.’ At only ten years old Maly must stay home all day in an unsafe area to care for her four younger siblings, including a baby sister, while her mother, Huong, works long hours selling shells on the street barely making enough to survive. Sadly, Maly’s father is often absent for long periods and Huong struggles to provide for her children when he is away.

Thankfully, with the help of Catholic Mission, Sister Eulie developed and implemented an innovative Mobile Tuk-Tuk Education Centre, which visits Maly’s village once per week to provide a free and accessible education to Maly and all the other children of her community who are not able to attend school.

Maly’s mother is very thankful for this project. “I know they are safe when the tuk-tuk is here”, she says. “Maly cannot go to school, so I thank you for the tuk-tuk coming to us. Maly seems so happy and I want her to have a good future”.

Maly also loves it when the tuk-tuk visits her village. “I want to learn Khmer and English. I also like taking my sister to the tuk-tuk so she can learn. I want my sister to become a doctor”, says Maly.

Sadly, there are still countless children across Cambodia who are not able to attend school. Sister Eulie needs your help so that the Mobile Tuk-Tuk Education Centre can visit more communities in need and help more and more children like Maly have access to education. Particularly, they would like to be able to afford to visit Maly’s community more than just one half a day per week, which is not enough for the kids to receive a proper education.

Students across Australia can ‘Sock it to Poverty’ and help children like Maly by fundraising for Catholic Mission. Together as a class or school group, students are invited to raise money by creating a fundraising activity based around socks or a Cambodia-inspired theme, and ask family and friends to sponsor them through cash donations.

Fundraising is an excellent way for students to reach out to children in Cambodia, and all around the world.

As part of nurturing the Catholic identity of your community, the Bishops and Directors of Diocesan School Administration have asked every Catholic School in Australia to support Catholic Mission’s work with children. Students have the opportunity to support Sister Eulie in helping children in the poorest communities of Cambodia break the cycle of poverty through the gift of education.

This year is the Year of Mercy, and the Holy Father, Pope Francis, has called us to be hands of Mercy.

It’s now up to us! Together we can give education and a new future to the least of these children in Cambodia and all around the world.

Neika Henson and Riley Fleming
October is operation Christmas child month. Operation Christmas child is about giving to kids in poor countries who don’t get Christmas presents. People get shoeboxes and fill them with presents that get sent to kids in poor countries. The Samaritans purse organise Operation Christmas child, here is a link to the website: https://www.samaritanspurse.org.au/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/

The St Anthony’s mission group is organising shoeboxes for our school to do. If families could bring things from the following list for: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14-year-old boys or girls. Any donations go to the (front office, library etc.) by the 25th of October.

Each shoebox should contain:

**Something to wear:** t-shirt, polo shirt, shorts, skirt, cap, beanie, etc.

**Something to love:** teddy bear, doll, soft toy, etc.

**Something special:** carry bag, sunglasses, necklaces, bangles, stickers, craft kits etc.

**Something for school:** exercise book, pencil case, pens, pencils, colouring pencils, sharpener, eraser, chalk, etc.

**Something to play with:** tennis ball, cars, skipping rope, marbles, musical instrument, yo-yo, slinky, finger puppets, etc

**Something for personal hygiene:** a bar of soap, face washer, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, scrunchies, hair-clips, etc.

**Please do not bring:** things that will scare or harm a child, liquids or things that can leak or melt, used items, playing cards, food or drinks. Please try to not have writing on the items that you donate. If you are unsure about any of the items go to The Samaritans purse operation Christmas child website and check their list.

Thank you for the support – The Mission Group Charlotte Flor
St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.

It is fast approaching that special time of year again and in the true spirit of Christmas we would love to celebrate as a school community by giving to those in need.

This year we are collecting Christmas items to create hampers which will be donated to families in the community who are in need. Our hampers will be displayed at our End of Year Thanks Giving Mass and then a representative from St Vincent De Paul will collect them and ensure they are delivered to families in need.

It would be very much appreciated if children in the following grades could bring the below items in by Friday 9th December:

Kinder – Bonbons or serviettes

Year 1 – Tinned ham, tinned meats or tinned fish

Year 2 – Tinned fruit or tinned vegetables

Year 3 – Lollies, chocolates or chocolate almonds/sultanas

Year 4 – Christmas cake, pudding or desserts

Year 5 – Sauces, chutney or relish

Year 6 - Christmas decorations

Thank you!

Daanish Muzzammiil and Tom Hansen

“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.”

Mother Teresa

Year 6 Mission Group.
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:
Rosemary L, Callum S, Saidee F, and Isabella Mc.

Have a wonderful day!

Student of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded this week’s student of the week for their class:


Certificates will be handed out at Friday morning.

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Families

Nicole Ptycia our contact teacher for Aboriginal Education recently sent a letter home which needs to be returned as soon as possible so appointments can be made. If you didn’t receive this letter or if you have any queries, please contact Nicole.

Nicole.Ptycia@cg.catholic.edu.au.

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. 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.

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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WEEK THREE

| Tuesday 25 Oct | Megan Doherty | 9am-12pm |
| Wed 26 Oct     | Peta Crowder  | 9am-2pm  |

Help is needed for Grandparents Day 4th November from 11-12pm

CLAIM THE DATE: Sushi Tuck Day
(Details coming out soon)

MARIST - FULL UNIFORM FOR SALE

Complete Marist uniform, brand new this year – only worn for 3 terms! Would suit boy starting Yr. 7 next year. Please call Michele on 0407493875 if interested.

Seeking 2 x 8-10 girls or boys to play in a mixed Oztag team in Calwell from this Thursday night. Games kick off at 5:35pm.

No previous experience necessary just a desire to have some fun and learn a new skill.

Cost $85 per player

Contact Rebecca Callaway on 0413 932 304 for more information
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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Phone: _______________________________________________________

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CANTINE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Canberra City Cheerleading

Presents A

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Saturday, 29 October

An under 18 fundraising event for Canberra City Cheerleading

Ages 12 and under - 6:00pm - 7:30pm
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