Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the last week of the first term of school for 2016. It seems like yesterday that we were all preparing for the first day of school, our kindergarten students have now finished their first term and our Year 6 students now only have three terms remaining of their primary schooling. I am currently on Year 6 camp which is always a highlight of the student’s final year here at St Anthony’s.

**Athletics Carnival**
Thank you to Greg Rick who organised last Friday’s carnival. Thank you to all the staff, parents and carers who assisted on the day and to Maree Alchin and all the canteen helpers for catering for the event. The students had a great day.

**Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival**
Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Catholic School’s Soccer Carnival last Sunday. On the day teams from 26 schools played 202 games of soccer - thank you to St Benedict’s Narrabundah for hosting this event. Thank you to Wayne Young and Judy Mead for organising all our teams and payments. Thank you to the parents who helped on the day making sure that their children had a wonderful time, especially those parents who were coaches and managers.

**Term 2**
Term 2 resumes on Tuesday 26th of April for Term 2. (Monday 25th April is the Anzac day public holiday). Students should be wearing full winter uniform; however, the first two weeks are optional as the weather can still be quite warm.

**Parent Teacher – 3 Way Conferences**
Interviews and conferences have taken place this week, they are an important part of the assessment process and informing parents of the progress children have made this term. Thank you to our teaching staff who have made the time to meet with parents and helping to maintain positive partnerships.

I hope that all families have the opportunity to rest during the break.

God bless,

Greg Walker
Principal
‘THE ROAD TO EMMAUS’


Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’ He asked them, ‘What things?’ They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him’.

Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over’. So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognised him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he had appeared to Simon!’ Then they told what has happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.
Biblical Commentary

Jesus appears mysteriously to the depressed and disillusioned disciples on the road to Emmaus on the afternoon of his Resurrection. This road is approximately 11 kilometres from Jerusalem. The disciples think that Jesus is a pilgrim who must have witnessed Jesus’ Death. During the walk Jesus remains ignorant about the events of the past few days. He listens intently to their discussion. The disciples tell him of their shattered hopes and dreams for Jesus, the prophet, who through his great and mighty works and preaching would redeem Israel. The concept of redemption for these disciples and for many other Jews meant that a conquering, all-powerful Messiah would come and lead them to freedom. Their idea of redemption had been decimated by the death of Jesus. They also believed that the women’s story of Jesus’ Resurrection was simply an idle tale.

Jesus, still the stranger to the disciples, proceeds to explain through scriptures that fulfilment of the expectation of the People of God for a Messiah had been accomplished through the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

Upon arriving at Emmaus the disciples welcome the stranger, who has now become the companion on the journey, to stay and prepare to spend the night with them. Jesus remains and takes bread, gives thanks, breaks it and gives it to them. It is at this moment, as the scriptures have been explained to them that their hearts burn, they are transformed and they realise their companion is the Risen Jesus. It is the message of faith nourished by Jesus, the living bread that many believers take from this narrative. Believers are sustained by faith in Jesus that burns within their hearts.

Another universal message for believers is that death does not put an end to one’s life. However, the essence of this passage is that the Messiah must suffer and die before he enters glory (24:26). This explains that the death of Jesus, the Messiah was in keeping with God’s purpose.

ANZAC DAY

ANZAC Day goes beyond the anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915. It is the day on which we remember Australians who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. The spirit of Anzac, with its human qualities of courage, mateship, and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity.

Please join us to commemorate all service men and women on Thursday 7th April at 2:15pm in the hall. Year 3 will be leading us in this very special Prayer Celebration where we remember service men and women past and present and all those people around the world who are still living in war torn countries.
Community Prayer

There will be no community prayer this week. Please join us for ANZAC Day Liturgy on Thursday 7th April at 2:15pm in the school hall led by Year 3.

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A Prayer for Holidays

Lord God, caretaker of life, you are always present. You live in us. Watch over our school community during our holiday break, and keep us safe in your watchful gaze. Bless our school community as we celebrate our holidays. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

“In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you.” (Matthew 7:12)

Orla Rutledge
Religious Education Coordinator

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School Fees

Term 1 school fees are NOW OVERDUE. 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

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Happy Birthday to:


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Student of the Week

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


Certificates will be presented to students at Friday morning assembly.

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Have a wonderful day!
**Fete Information**

**OPEN SHED**
For donations towards Trash and Treasure, the toy stall, book stall and plant stall, we will be opening the shed this Thursday (7th April) afternoon from 3:10pm to 4pm and Wednesday (6th April) and Friday (8th April) morning from 8am to 9am.

Please note - Trash and Treasure – Electrical Items cannot be accepted.

**STALLS**
We still have quite a few stalls that require someone to coordinate them, including - Tombola, Pre-loved clothes stall, Books and Plants.

If you are keen to give one of these a go we would be so happy to hear from you – please contact us to sign up or to find out more details [2016fete@gmail.com](mailto:2016fete@gmail.com).

If co-ordinating a stall is not your thing then just volunteering a few hours to help out is a HUGE, HUGE help – there can never be too many helpers on board, so please let us know if you are able to help out and in which capacity you prefer – some options are – setting up on fete day morning (7am – 9am), packing up after the fete (2pm-4pm), shopping for fete requirements prior to the fete (purchasing drinks, prizes etc), volunteering for a couple of hours at a stall or selling raffle tickets on a weekend.

Without volunteers helping out with the above tasks it becomes a huge job for one person, so please consider helping out in any capacity you can so the fete can run as smoothly as possible.

**ST ANTHONYS NETBALL**
We are fielding 8 great teams this year - the Fantales, Freckles, Powershots, Thunder, Lightning, Firebirds, Hurricanes and Cyclones. It was great to see our excited players get started with their first game on Saturday.

**YEAR 2 HURRICANES** - The Hurricanes Debut was on Court 9 against the St Clare of Assist Swifts. It was a very friendly and enjoyable game for all players and cheering parents. The girls showed some great defence with some exciting intercepts and started to gain some passing momentum in the second half. There were lots of big smiles and rosy cheeks by the end of the game and a great sense of achievement. Coaches award to all Hurricanes for a fantastic effort in their first game of Netball. Go HURRICANES!

**YEAR 2 CYCLONES** - It was an exciting (and at times hilarious!) netball debut for the Cyclones. Once we figured out which direction to pass we were off! We put together some good passing down the court and were rewarded with 3 great goals. We started to get the hang of defence by the end of the game. Coach's awards to Olivia for amazing shooting, including a swish from downtown; and Melodie for sticking like glue to her opponent. Go Cyclones!

**YEAR 4 LIGHTNING** - Our first game with full rules and on the big courts was awesome. Trinity Force made us work hard for the ball but we quickly developed our combination in attack with great ball movement and team work. Our defence was like a brick wall, not letting in a goal. Special mention to Ashleigh and Penny from year 3 who stepped up a grade with ease. Coach's award to Emily for countless breathtaking intercepts, congrats on an outstanding netball debut Em. Go Lightning!

**YEAR 4 THUNDER** - no game (bye).

**YEAR 6 FRECKLES** - "And the Freckles have been off to an amazing start to the season, with a huge 19-5 win over the St Francis of Assisi Starmovers. There certainly must have been something in Molly's pancakes because she scored an exceptional 14 goals during the game. Caitlin and Mia also scored 2 and 3 respectively and did so very very well. The pocket rocket award goes to Sera who was everywhere on the court. Rock solid defence by Jenna, Emma and Georgina. And a welcome back to Brooklyn who did so well in her first game back after a few years. Go Freckles!"
St Clare’s College

St Clare’s College will be holding a Try a Day @ St Clare’s on Friday 29th April giving girls an opportunity to experience opportunities available at St Clare’s College. Register on the school’s website for your daughter to attend - https://stcc.act.edu.au/.

Open Evening: Tuesday 3rd May
Tours between 4pm-6pm and 6:30-7:30pm
Formal presentation by the Principal, Mr Paul Carroll and senior students between 6pm-6:30pm

Marist College Canberra

Open Day – Sunday 1st May 2016, 9am-12pm
Headmaster’s Address at 10am
Welcome by Head of Junior School at 10:30am


St Mary MacKillop College Canberra

Students wishing to enrol at MacKillop should please note the following important dates:

Year 7 2017 Information Night: 6.30pm, Monday 2 May @The Wanniassa Campus (Mackinnon Street, Wanniassa). Try MacKillop Day: Thursday 5 May @The Wanniassa Campus (Mackinnon Street, Wanniassa) during school hours. An online registration form will be available for Try MacKillop Day in April. Year 11 2017 Information Night: 6pm, Wednesday 11 May @The Isabella Campus (Ellerston Avenue, Isabella Plains). Includes the Careers Expo and Curriculum Stalls. For more information about the enrolment process, please visit https://www.mackillop.act.edu.au/

St Edmund’s College

St Edmund’s College Canberra

St Edmund’s College Open Day
Saturday 7 May

Session 1
10:00am Registration
10:15am Principal’s Welcome by Mr Daniel Lawler
10:30am Tour
11:30am Morning Tea

Session 2
12:30pm Registration
12:45pm Principal’s Welcome by Mr Daniel Lawler
1:00pm Tour
2:00pm Afternoon Tea

To register please go to stedmunds.act.edu.au/openday

St Anthony’s Canteen

Open Tuesday – Friday
6231 4022 - Manager: Mrs Maree Alchin

Roster of Volunteer Helpers

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WEEK ONE – TERM TWO

| Tuesday 26 April | Megan Doherty 9am-12pm |
| Wednesday 27 April | Peta Crowder 9AM-2pm |

Thank you to all those who helped at the Athletics Carnival last Friday you made the day run very smoothly.

NEW ITEM: Fruit Muffin $1
THIS WEEK ONLY: Watermelon Slice $1

Flexischools online ordering: flexischools.com.au
Marcus – 2A
My favourite book that I like reading is called A Nifty Nest by Sally Odgers. The story is about two finches who live in a very nice valley called Finch Valley. Mr Mortar decides to build a village in the valley so all the other finches fly away as they are worried they will have nowhere to build a nest or straw to use. The people in the village are very happy and have a party to celebrate. But a big storm means they have to run inside. The two clever finches use the decorations and ribbons to make their nifty nest and all the villagers think this is wonderful. I liked this book because the finches were creative because they used the decorations to make their nest and it also has a happy ending.

Charlotte – 2L
I am reading The Cat in the Hat by Dr Seuss. I like this book because it is funny. In this book there is a cat who likes to have fun. He falls off a ball when he is hopping on it and he makes a big mess around him. There are two children in the story and they like to watch the cat do his tricks. They are shocked when they see everything around them falling down but they are having fun too.
I like this book because the cat does some funny tricks, although I don’t think he realises it. He makes the children happy too. It is raining and they can’t go outside but they are having more fun inside with the cat. I like this book so much I am going to read more Dr Seuss books.

Would you like to appear here next Term?
Contact Mrs Twyford