Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back for Term 2. I hope you have all had a restful holiday break and some time as a family.

Staff News
Welcome back to Mrs Emily Henderson who returns 0.4 FTE (2 days per week – Monday/Tuesday) on Year 4. It is great to have Mrs Henderson back and we hope all goes well for the transition back into work. Mrs Henderson and Mrs Heather Naylor 0.6 FTE (3 days per week Wednesday/Thursday/Friday) will job-share on Year 4L. Thank you to them both for committing to the job-share arrangement and I am sure the students will continue their progress in Year 4.

Good luck to Mrs Leah Malpas as she begins her maternity leave and awaits the birth of her second child due in about 3 weeks.

Good luck to Mrs Laura Stankovic as she returns to full time from this term. Again we hope this transition works well for Mrs Stankovic and her family. Thank you to Mrs Naylor for working two days per week on Year 4 with Mrs Stankovic in Term 1.

Year 6 Camp Thanks
Thank you to Mr Greg Rick, Mrs Monique Egan, Mrs Vanessa Phipps and Miss Tea Vujica that attended the Year 6 camp with me in Sydney in Week 10. It was great to have a good staff to student ratio during the week to share the supervision and encourage each student to participate in the various outdoor education activities.

The Year 6 students were really engaged with activities at camp and also overall, very well behaved and harmonious. The teachers rated the students as A+ for their camp which is great to report back and a credit to them all.

ANZAC Day Liturgy
Well done to Year 3 students for their ANZAC Day Liturgy in Week 10. I understand that the liturgy was very special and was conducted respectfully as a tribute to our defence personnel past and present.
2017 Catholic Education Enrolment Period
The Catholic Education enrolment period is from:

Monday 2 May - Friday 20 May.

This includes enrolments for Early Learning Centres (Pre-schools), Primary Schools and Secondary Colleges. You are welcome to attend one of St Anthony’s Information sessions or open days or come to the school office to collect an enrolment form. Enrolment forms returned after Friday 20 May could be placed on a waiting list and a place not guaranteed.

Open Mornings:       Wednesday 4th May 9:30am-11am
                      Thursday 12th May 9:30am-11am
                      Tuesday 17th May 9:30am-11am

Open Evening:        Wednesday 11th May 5:30-6pm
Parent Session:       Wednesday 11th May at 6pm

St Anthony’s
Early Learning Centre

Early Learning Centre Information Evening
The inaugural St Anthony’s ELC Information Night is on this Wednesday 27 April at 6.30pm. The ELC is a Catholic Education initiative and a joint facility that will provide pre-school education and long day care options for students that live in the St Anthony of Padua St Thomas the Apostle parish areas.

You are warmly invited to attend the evening if you are interested in enrolling your child/ren in the new Early Learning Centre. If your children are school age, then we would appreciate spreading the word about the new ELC! Word of mouth is the best form of advertising.

Three Way Conference/Parent Interviews Thanks
Thank you to all parents, carers and students involved in meeting together in either three-way conferences or parent interviews in Week 10 last term. I hope that your meetings went well and that you were able to share and discuss how each student progressed during the term. Staff that attended Year 6 camp will conduct their meetings over the next week.

OUTSTANDING PARENT ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOPS – CLAIM the DATES!
St Anthony’s school staff work closely with parents and value the importance of a strong partnership between home and school as vital for successful learning and wellbeing. Frequently staff are asked by parents about how they can further assist their child with their learning and the two workshops being offered will provide so many practical ways to assist and how students’ learn today, which may not necessarily be how they learnt when they went to school!

In 2016 we are delighted to be offering two quality parent workshops designed to provide information on how best to support their child’s learning. Both sessions are being facilitated by renowned experts in their respective fields.
UNDERSTANDING STUDENT LEARNING IN NUMERACY – TUESDAY 3 MAY 6.00-7.30pm

Facilitated by Peter Sullivan. Peter Sullivan is currently Professor of Science, Mathematics and Technology Education, Monash University. He has extensive experience in research and teaching in teacher education. He was a member of the Social, Behavioural and Economic Sciences panel of the Australian Research Council College of Experts from 2005 to 2008, and was an editor of the Journal of Mathematics Teacher Education for 8 years. He is the immediate past President of the Australian Association of Mathematics Teachers and was the lead writer of the Australian Curriculum: Mathematics.

UNDERSTANDING STUDENT LEARNING IN LITERACY – TUESDAY 10 MAY 6.00-7.30pm

Facilitated by Adjunct Associate Professor Kaye Lowe at the University of Canberra. Kaye is acclaimed worldwide for her efforts in improving students’ reading and writing. Since completing a PhD at Indiana University, she has been an academic at the University of Kentucky, James Madison University (Virginia), University of Western Sydney and Charles Darwin University. She was the Chief Investigator and Evaluator of Reading First in Kentucky, Director of the Kentucky Adult Educators Literacy Institute and Director for nine years of U-Can Read (ACT). She has worked in many learning contexts including P-12, parent education, adult education, jails and juvenile justice. She has written four books about reading and writing and numerous articles on how parents and carers can support children to read. Her latest book, For the love of reading (PETAA) was released in March 2016.

St Anthony’s is committed to providing opportunities for parents to engage with their child’s learning and to be aware of the best research and strategies available. I hope that you are able to attend one or both of the parent evenings.

School Cross Country Carnival
St Anthony’s Cross Country Carnival is on this Thursday 28 April with races starting from 12.00 noon. Long distance running is a challenge for many students but we encourage students to simply run their best and learn from the experience. Year 6 girls have the option to attend ‘Try St Clare’s Day’ on this Friday – so this is why our carnival was moved forward one day to Thursday.

Term 2 Calendar
Term 2 is arguably the busiest term at St Anthony’s! There are many events planned by the school or scheduled for the school. An updated copy of the Term 2 Calendar will be provided for you asap.

Some of the important events for term 2 include:

- Three-Way Conferences/Parent Interviews for remaining classes.
- Catholic Education Enrolment Period (Weeks 1-4)
- Cross Country Carnival (Week 1 – Thursday 28 April)
- Mother’s Day Breakfast and Mass (Week 2 – Friday 6 May)
- School Fete (Week 3 – Saturday 14 May)
- Peter Sullivan’s visit/workshops/parent night (Week 2 – Tuesday 3 May)
- Kaye Lowe’s visit/workshops/parent night (Week 3 – Tuesday 10 May)
- NAPLAN (Week 3)
- St Anthony of Padua Feast Day (Week 7/8)
- Sacramental Preparation and Confirmation Celebration (Saturday 18 June)
- Semester One Reports

Of course we are only 18 sleeps away from the student’s favourite event of the year – the St Anthony’s Annual Fete on SATURDAY 14 MAY! The parents and staff on the 2016 Fete Committee have been working for months to make the fete a success again and the time is fast approaching. Please keep an eye out for all of our fete information!

I wish you all a great start to Term 2.

God Bless

Greg Walker
Principal
‘ANZAC DAY’

What is Anzac Day?
Anzac Day, 25 April, is one of Australia’s most important national occasions. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War.

What does ANZAC stand for?
ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. The soldiers in those forces quickly became known as Anzacs, and the pride they took in that name endures to this day.

Why is this day special to Australians?
When war broke out in 1914 Australia had been a federated nation for only 13 years, and its government was eager to establish a reputation among the nations of the world. When Britain declared war in August 1914 Australia was automatically placed on the side of the Commonwealth. In 1915 Australian and New Zealand soldiers formed part of the expedition that set out to capture the Gallipoli peninsula in order to open the Dardanelles to the allied navies. The ultimate objective was to capture Constantinople (now Istanbul), the capital of the Ottoman Empire, an ally of Germany.

The Australian and New Zealand forces landed on Gallipoli on 25 April, meeting fierce resistance from the Ottoman Turkish defenders. What had been planned as a bold stroke to knock Turkey out of the war quickly became a stalemate, and the campaign dragged on for eight months. At the end of 1915 the allied forces were evacuated from the peninsula, with both sides having suffered heavy casualties and endured great hardships. More than 8,000 Australian soldiers had died in the campaign. Gallipoli had a profound impact on Australians at home, and 25 April soon became the day on which Australians remembered the sacrifice of those who died in the war.

Although the Gallipoli campaign failed in its military objectives, the actions of Australian and New Zealand forces during the campaign left a powerful legacy. What became known as the “Anzac legend” became an important part of the identity of both nations, shaping the ways in which they viewed both their past and their future.

Early commemorations
In 1916 the first Anzac Day commemorations were held on 25 April. The day was marked by a wide variety of ceremonies and services across Australia, a march through London, and a sports day in the Australian camp in Egypt. In London more than 2,000 Australian and New Zealand troops marched through the streets; a London newspaper headline dubbed them “the knights of Gallipoli”. Marches were held all over Australia; in the Sydney march convoys of cars carried soldiers wounded on Gallipoli and their nurses. For the remaining years of the war Anzac Day was used as an occasion for patriotic rallies and recruiting campaigns, and parades of serving members of the AIF were held in most cities.

During the 1920s Anzac Day became established as a national day of commemoration for the more than 60,000 Australians who had died during the war. In 1927, for the first time, every state observed some form of public holiday on Anzac Day. By the mid-1930s all the rituals we now associate with the day — dawn vigils, marches, memorial services, reunions, two-up games — were firmly established as part of Anzac Day culture.

Later, Anzac Day also served to commemorate the lives of Australians who died in the Second World War, and in subsequent years the meaning of the day has been further broadened to include those who lost their lives in all the military and peacekeeping operations in which Australia has been involved.

Anzac Day was first commemorated at the Memorial in 1942. At the time, government orders prohibited large public gatherings in case of a Japanese air attack, so it was a small occasion with neither a march nor a memorial service. Since then, Anzac Day has been commemorated at the Memorial every year.
What does it mean today?
Australians recognise 25 April as a day of national remembrance, which takes two forms. Commemorative services are held across the nation at dawn – the time of the original landing, while later in the day, former servicemen and servicewomen meet to take part in marches through the country’s major cities and in many smaller centres. Commemorative ceremonies are more formal, and are held at war memorials around the country. In these ways, Anzac Day is a time at which Australians reflect on the many different meanings of war.

The Dawn Service
It is often suggested that the Dawn Service observed on Anzac Day has its origins in a military routine still followed by the Australian Army. The half-light of dawn was one of the times favoured for launching an attack. Soldiers in defensive positions were woken in the dark before dawn, so by the time first light crept across the battlefield they were awake, alert, and manning their weapons; this is still known as the “stand-to”. As dusk is equally favourable for battle, the stand-to was repeated at sunset.

After the First World War, returned soldiers sought the comradeship they had felt in those quiet, peaceful moments before dawn. A dawn vigil became the basis for commemoration in several places after the war. It is difficult to say when the first dawn services were held, as many were instigated by veterans, clergymen, and civilians from all over the country. A dawn requiem mass was held at Albany as early as 1918, and a wreath laying and commemoration took place at dawn in Toowoomba the following year. In 1927 a group of returned men returning at dawn from an Anzac Day function held the night before came upon an elderly woman laying flowers at the as yet unfinished Sydney Cenotaph. Joining her in this private remembrance, the men later resolved to institute a dawn service the following year. Some 150 people gathered at the Cenotaph in 1928 for a wreathlaying and two minutes’ silence. This is generally regarded as the beginning of organised dawn services. Over the years the ceremonies have developed into their modern forms and have seen an increased association with the dawn landings of 25 April 1915.

Today’s dawn services include the presence of a chaplain, but generally not of dignitaries. Originally, the services were simple, and usually followed the military routine. Before dawn, those who had gathered would stand while two minutes’ silence was held. At the end of this time a lone bugler would play the Last Post and then conclude the service with Reveille, the bugler’s call to wake up.

In recent times more families and young people have taken part in dawn services across Australia. Reflecting this change, some services have become more elaborate, incorporating hymns, readings, pipers, and rifle volleys. Other services, though, have retained the simple format of the dawn stand-to familiar to so many soldiers.

Community Prayer
There will be no community prayer this week.

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

Orla Rutledge
Religious Education Coordinator
**School Fees**
Term 2 school fees will be prepared and sent home in your child’s school bag next week. 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:**
Sebastian D-E, Grace L, Sean W, Aiden H, Daniel H, Oliver V-P, Abigai W, Talia E, Maddoc E and Frances M.

Have a wonderful day!

**Book Club**
Book club flyers were sent home in the students bags today. Orders are due next Friday 6th of May and need to be done online.

**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. Canvas drink bottle holders – $5 each

**Pre-loved clothing:** Boys long pants $2, Polo Tops $5, Jumpers $5, Winter Dresses $15.

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

**ST ANTHONYS NETBALL**

**YEAR 6 FANTALES** - The SA Fantales played a fantastic game on Saturday. With amazing passes, strong defence and unstoppable shooting, all players worked together as an amazing team to finish the game with a well-deserved win 34-12. GO FANTALES!

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**St Clare’s College – Enrolment Information**

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/](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

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**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

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**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/](https://www.mackillop.act.edu.au/)
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

Emergency Services Open Day
“The Emergency Services Agency (ESA) will be holding an ‘Open Day’ on Saturday 7 May 2016 from 10am to 2pm, for the community to visit the upgraded Ambulance station which is located on the corner of Reed and Scollay Streets in Greenway. There will be a range of activities for all to enjoy, including facepainting and a sausage sizzle. All funds raised through the sausage sizzle and soft drinks sales will be donated to Hartley Lifecare a not-for-profit community organisation that provides accommodation, support and respite care for children and adults with physical and complex disabilities.”

Map Mates
Join the fun! Come along to the Blue Sparks’ May orienteering event - MapMates. Held Saturday mornings for four weeks, MapMates teams will work together, learning new skills as they navigate around the safe, graded courses set in various bush parks around Canberra. The emphasis is on fun and adventure. Come to the welcome event on Saturday, 30 April 2016.
For more information, or to register for the event, see http://act.orienteeering.asn.au - look for the MapMates Symbol.

Tuggeranong Vikings
Water Polo Club Invites
Children 12 year and Under
To come and try Flippa Ball!

➢ Modified Water Polo program
➢ Emphasis on fun
➢ Introduces ball skills
➢ Improves swimming and water survival skills

Lakeside Leisure Centre Tuggeranong
Sundays 9.30-10.30am

More information found at: www.vikingswaterpolo.com

Register for Term 2 now!
Welcome back to Term 2 – The official countdown to the St Anthony’s Primary School FETE has begun. As of today there are only 19 days to go!! YAY!!!

**Volunteers** - We had a great response to our last call out for volunteers to help. Thank you so much to all who have put their hand up – we know and appreciate it is really hard (and impossible for some) because of sporting and other commitments on a Saturday, but we really appreciate that those that can, do help. If you do have the capacity and want to lend a hand, then there is always room for more, just send an email to 2016fete@gmail.com

**Flexischools for Fete-mate and Ride Pass** - Now is the time to get on line and order. The St Anthony’s Flexischools account has been updated to include the option of purchasing your fete mate and ride pass. All you need to do is log-on as per usual (when doing a canteen order) and you will now notice the 2016 fete as an option to select. If you enter into this you will then be able to order and pay for your fete mate using your flexischool account.

➢ The fete mate is $5 and includes: a sausage sandwich or hotdog, a Peters ice cream, a drink, a book from the book stall and a toy from the toy stall.
➢ The ride pass is $25 and includes unlimited rides on all the Durkins Amusements rides.

The fete mate and ride pass are available to order till Monday 9 May and will be delivered to your child on the Friday before the fete (13 May).

**Open Shed** - The next open shed days are:
   Thursday 5 May: 3:10-4 pm and Friday 6 May: 8:20 -9:10am

**Tombola Day** - Keep a look out for the note about donations towards the Tombola stall – each class will be assigned a particular item.

**Cake Stall** - Liza and Mel are running their famous cake stall again - if you love to bake then please consider baking something yummy for the cake stall.

**Lolly Stall** - Penny and her lovely Mum will be at the lolly stall again and would appreciate any ingredient donations i.e. coconut, chocolate, condensed milk, sugar etc. Alternatively, if you would like to make something to contribute to the lolly stall (i.e. homemade lollies, lolly kebabs etc) it would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please email 2016fete@gmail.com
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