Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done on supporting your child/ren in their first week of school. Things seem to have gone smoothly throughout the school and students are settling into their new classes.

Thank you to Mrs Orla Rutledge for organising our opening school mass last Friday. It was a nice way to start the school year and introduce our theme “We are the Light of Christ, Rich in Mercy.”

This Friday morning at 9am our assembly will have a special focus as all Year 6 students will receive their leadership badges and some students in Year 5 and Year 6 elected to leadership positions will also be presented with their respective badges.

Thank You Mrs Jacki Hagger
This week we farewell Jacki as her last day is Friday 12 February. Thank you to Jacki for her 6 years at St Anthony’s and for all of her efforts in the classrooms and in the front office. We wish Jacki all the best for her new role back in the ICT sector in which she has great interest and skill. This Friday at our 9am assembly we will thank Jacki as a community and you are invited to attend.

Meet-the-2016-Staff Evening
This Thursday evening is our Meet-the Staff evening between 5-7pm. This year teachers wish to share more information with you and will present information in a more formal way.

The plan for the evening is as follows:

**5.00pm**  
Evening starts.
Community BBQ will run throughout the evening.

**5.15pm**  
K-6 Presentation #1 in all year levels/classrooms - up to 30 minutes.

**5.45pm**  
K-6 Presentation #2 in all year levels/classrooms (repeat of first presentation) – again up to 30 minutes.

**6.15pm**  
Time to speak with your child’s teacher.

Join the Community BBQ on the asphalt and mingle with other families and staff.

**7.00pm**  
Evening Finishes.

*The evening is designed this way so that parents and carers with more than one child will be able to attend either presentation # 1 or #2 to listen to information.*

Please feel free to grab a sausage for dinner on your way home or at any time during the evening.

On the night, teachers will distribute a Term One letter from their year level to present with a range of educational and administrative information for you. This should provide each family with the context for learning in Term One as the students begin the year. Parents will receive a Term Letter at the start of each term. This year one of the school’s focus areas is to provide more information about student learning and increase communication from class teachers to families.

Thank you for your continued support of your child’s learning and I hope you bare able to attend on Thursday evening.

Ash Wednesday Liturgy
Tomorrow is Ash Wednesday and you are warmly invited to attend our liturgy at 9.30am in the school hall.

God Bless

Greg Walker
Principal
Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday.

The name Shrove comes from the old word "shrive" which means to confess. On Shrove Tuesday, in the Middle Ages, people used to confess their sins so that they were forgiven before the season of Lent began. Shrove Tuesday is a day of celebration as well as penitence, because it's the last day before Lent. Pancakes are eaten on this day because they contain fat, butter and eggs which were forbidden during Lent. This year Shrove Tuesday is today the 9th February, 2016 enjoy your pancakes everyone 😊

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption. The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance.

This is a beautiful clip that depicts Jesus’ 40 days in the desert. It calls us to reflect on our own lives during this Lenten season https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NWKrHk-yVI0

Please join us for our Ash Wednesday Prayer Celebration 10th February, 9:30 am in the School Hall.

Alternatively there are Ash Wednesday Masses being held at St Anthony of Padua Parish at 9:00am and 6:00pm.

Opening School Mass
I would like to thank Father Lachlan, parents/carers, students and teachers for their reverence and participation in our Opening School Mass.

Year 6 Badge Ceremony
The Year 6 Students will be presented with their leadership badges this Friday 12th February at 9:00am in the School Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Community Prayer
There will be no Community Prayer this week due to Ash Wednesday Liturgy.

Orla Rutledge
Religious Education Coordinator.

John 10:10
'I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full'
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.

OOSCA News
Thank you to the OOSCA staff for a very well-run and organised Vacation Care.

Accounts for Vacation Care are now overdue and prompt payment would be greatly appreciated. Accounts for the first two weeks of Before and After School Care will be emailed this Thursday and payment will be due next Friday.

If accounts are not kept up to date, bookings will be cancelled as we now have waiting lists for most After School Care Sessions.

St Vincent de Paul Doorknock
URGENTLY NEEDED 75 VOLUNTEERS FOR THE VINNIES DOORKNOCK; At present we have enough volunteers to cover 50% of our parish area. If you have 60 – 90 mins of time to assist by collecting donations to assist people less fortunate than ourselves, please call Mario on 0431 240 530 or refer to last weeks ad for more details.

St Anthony of Padua Parish Information
Ash Wednesday 10th Feb is a day of fast and abstinence. Mass and distribution of the Ashes at St Anthony’s Church will be at 9am and 6pm.

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent commencing at 7pm

The annual parish trivia night will be held on Saturday 2nd April, please save the date.

Please help support HeartKids NSW by participating in our Sweetheart Day Campaign this February!
We will be dressing in a “splash of red” on Friday 12th February to help HeartKids NSW raise funds for children with childhood heart disease – the greatest killer of Australian children under 1.

So please remember to send your child to school in with their gold coin on that day. If you would like to make a greater donation you can do so at our special fundraising page:


Jacob Traynor in Year 6 was diagnosed with complex congenital heart disease shortly after birth, and rushed to Sydney for lifesaving surgery. In the next 18 months, Jacob endured two open heart surgeries, and another at the start of 2015. Jacob’s heart function is now normal, and he finally gets to be “just a regular kid”.

Heartkids have been there for Jacob and his family throughout, from keeping them company in intensive care to the fun of family camps. Heartkids also support research, which is very important for kids like Jacob, for whom medical advances can be the difference between life and death.

Please support Heartkids, and help us celebrate Sweetheart Day on Friday February 12 by wearing a splash of red and bringing a gold coin donation. If you would like to make a greater donation you can do so at our special fundraising page:


Thanks for your support, it will help our school make a real difference!
Happy Birthday to:
Jacob G, Rihanna B, Margaret B, Jack W, Rachel Y and Simon B,

Have a wonderful day!

ST ANTHONY'S NETBALL
Netball season is coming soon! Boys and girls in years 2-6 are invited to join a St Anthony's team for the winter season at Tuggeranong Netball Association. Registration will be online this year and due by Monday 22 February with the first game on 2 April. If you have played previously you should receive an email soon with instructions on how to register. If you haven't played previously, instructions will be available at the meet the staff night this Thursday, at our Come-and-Try days next week and on the Skoolbag app soon. Come-and-Try sessions:

Year 2 - Mon 15/2 at recess
Year 3 - Tues 16/2 at lunch
Year 4 - Wed 17/2 at lunch

Library News
Book Club: Our first lot of Book Club Order Forms for the year have been sent home this week. All orders are to be made online, no money is to be sent to school. Orders will be finalised Friday of Week 2 (12th February, 2016). It usually takes between one and two weeks for the books to be delivered to school.

This year Mel Scott-Cameron has undertaken the task of being the Coordinator of Book Club. If there are any concerns please contact the library and she will do her best to assist you.

All points accumulated from Book Club go to the library and are used to buy new resources for the students.

Family Reading Time: This year in the library during week 3 of each term, we are going to have Family Reading Time. Last year we enjoyed reading by torch light during Book Week, we thought we might do it again first term.

Parent(s)/Carer(s) and Siblings you are invited to the Library to read with your child.

When: Thursday Morning - Week 3
Where: Library
Time: 8.30 – 8.55 am
Bring: Torches

We look forward to seeing you.

Danielle Richardson
Teacher Librarian

Parents and Friends’ Association Annual General Meeting
This year the first meeting of the Parents and Friends’ Association (P&F) is to be held on:

Wednesday 17 February at 7.00pm in the School Library

All parents and friends are members of the P&F and are invited to attend. It would be great to have a strong representation of parents with students from a variety of year levels. This will ensure we can work together to further support all staff, parents and the students in 2016.

The meeting will start with the Annual General Meeting (AGM) reflecting on the achievements of the association from 2015. All executive positions on the P&F will be declared vacant (as is the case at the start of each school year) and nominations called for to fill the roles in 2016. I encourage you to consider taking on a role within the P&F to continue the great work of previous members and also to bring in new ideas and initiatives.

Following the AGM the first General Meeting for 2016 will commence, chaired by the executive members elected.

Our parents, friends and extended family members are an asset to St Anthony’ School and contribute wonderfully to the school community and the each students time at the school.

Woden Valley Youth Choir wants you.
WVYC has three choirs of young people from age 8 - 21. There are currently vacancies in all three choirs. go to http://www.wvyc.org.au and click on “Joining” to get more information and register to audition.
**St Anthony’s Canteen**
Open Tuesday - Friday
6231 4022
Manager: Mrs Maree Alchin

**Roster of Volunteer Helpers**

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Thank you to all our volunteers who do an amazing job in helping with the operation of our school canteen.

**Claim the dates:**
School Disco – Friday 4th March
Tuck Day (Pizza) – Wednesday 16th March

**NEW PRODUCT:** Watermelon Frozen Yoghurt
$2.10 (Gluten Free)

Flexischools On-line Ordering

- Click register
- Enter your email address
- You will be emailed a link to an online form – follow the link
- Choose a username and password and complete the form
- Add each student and their class
- Top-up the account using visa and mastercard.

Flexischools is now the only way to place an order at the canteen. Over the counter sales are still available at recess and lunch (snack foods only).

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Want to be a Buffalo?

The Tuggeranong Buffaloes would like to invite all players, new and old, boys and girls, from under 6’s through to under 16’s, to play with us for the 2016 Rugby League season.

There is also a girls division for U13’s to 15’s or U16-18’s

Register online now at [playnrl.com.au/register](http://playnrl.com.au/register) or come down to one of our rego days

- 14th February at McDonalds Tuggeranong from 10am to 1:00pm
- 21st of February at Kambah oval Number 1 from 10am to 1:00pm

For more information check out [www.thebuffaloes.org](http://www.thebuffaloes.org) or facebook
Hayley L-2L
I am reading Lily the Elf-The Precious Ring by Anna Branford. In the story a little human girl drops a ring in a garden. Lily’s dad was in the garden helping his friend to fix a broken toadstool when Lily finds the ring. She thinks it looks like a hoop and decides to use it as a paddling pool and have lots of fun with it. Lily knows this ring does not belong to her and that somebody might be missing it, even though it’s broken. Lily’s dad helps her to fix it, but will they do the right thing and give it back? You’ll have to read to find out. I like this book, because there are lots of pictures in it that show what is happening in the story.

Ziyad G-6P
I like to read interesting books by Roald Dahl, R.L Stein and David Walliams. One of my favourites is Gangsta Granny. The story is about a boy who doesn’t like spending time with his Nan. He thinks she is boring, until he notices that she steals from jewellery shops. He discovers that she would love to steal the Crown Jewels but thinks it’s far too hard. He decides to help her and she agrees on the condition that they return the Crown Jewels the next day, she just likes the challenge, she does not want to keep the jewels. Working together they get to know each other better, have fun and they even get to meet the Queen. Who, by the way, is very impressed that they were able to break in. This book is funny, interesting and it makes you laugh out loud and it makes you remember that old people are not boring. My grandparents are pretty cool, they do fitness and racing. But I’m 100% sure that they are not gangsta grandparents.
Did you know that February is Childhood Heart Disease Awareness Month? Valentine’s Day has been registered and celebrates International Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) Awareness Day. Coinciding with this, on Friday 12th Feb 2016, St Anthony’s Parish Primary School has joined the campaign to assist in raising much needed fundraising dollars and awareness for the range of support services provided by Heartkids NSW/ACT. This unique body has been and continues to support families within our own school community. Friday’s plain clothes day brings opportunity to support and donate to those already helping some of our own.

Statistics remind us that 1 in 100 babies born in Australia every year (8 a day) suffer from some form of CHD. CHD is the greatest killer of infants under the age of one. It is estimated that 32,000 children (under 18 years of age) are currently living with CHD in Australia. Some minor issues can be mended; other more serious conditions are still without a cure. Heartkids NSW/ACT is part of a body who service this whole country. Monies raised go into; Awareness, Advocacy, Research and Support. Without this support there is little hope of ever finding a cure.

Children with complex CHD’s from the ACT and across NSW are treated in Sydney hospitals. For most this means periods of time spent away from the family support and home. Heartkids NSW/ACT continues to provide support to these families by;

- Access to the family support co-ordinators (based in NSW and the ACT) who conduct hospital visits and provide various support and friendships
- Hospital care bags which include meal and petrol vouchers
- Caring Heart Program; provides financial assistance for families to access counselling
- Heartkids newsletter is available electronically and keeps all families well connected
- Assistance with the provision of home INR testing units and equipment
- Annual family and teen camps to bring people together through their journey
- The Bereavement Support Program

Any donation will go a long way in supporting our local school campaign to support Heartkids.

Happy Sweethearts Month thank you from the bottom of our hearts!
I am organising the canteen roster for Term 1, 2016. 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.

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maree_alchin@hotmail.com

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