Dear Parents and Carers,

Staff Retreat
St Anthony’s staff gathered together at St Clare’s College, Griffith on Friday afternoon for staff retreat which concluded lunch time on Saturday. Our focus for the retreat was Mercy. Staff worked together to create symbols of Mercy we had open discussions and time to reflect on our own journey’s. Thank you to Mrs Orla Rutledge who led our retreat, Mrs Trina Twyford and her daughters for beautiful afternoon and morning teas and especially to all the staff who took the time away from busy schedules and families to be together as a staff. We are truly lucky to have such a wonderful group of people working here at St Anthony’s, the retreat further highlighted to me how important faith formation is to all of us which flows on through the school community. Special thanks to St Clare’s College for allowing us to use their beautiful spaces.

Principals Retreat
Tomorrow I travel to Bowral for the Archdiocese Principal’s retreat which will be led by the Catholic Archbishop of Canberra Goulburn Christopher Prowse. Catholic Education will also present workshops including a new Leadership Framework, Pedagogy and Wellbeing and Governance and Risk Management. I am looking forward to some time with colleagues and participating in a time of prayer and reflection. Please be assured of my prayers at this time.

Catholic Schools Week
Next week is Catholic Schools Week. We will be reflecting on the values of being part of a Catholic School Community.

God Bless,

Greg Walker
Principal
How many certain and painful situations there are in the world today! Let us open our eyes and see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters who are denied their dignity, and let us recognise that we are compelled to heed their cry for help! May we reach out and support them so they can feel the warmth of our presence, our friendship, and our fraternity! May their cry become our own, and together may we break down the barriers of indifference that too often reign supreme and mask our hypocrisy and egoism.

It is my burning desire that, during this Jubilee, the Christian people may reflect on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. It will be a way to reawaken our conscience, too often grown dull in the face of poverty. And let us enter more deeply into the heart of the Gospel where the poor have a special place of God’s Mercy.

POPE FRANCIS Misericordiae Vultus 15.

**Grade Mass**
Please join us for the Year 4 Grade Mass This Thursday 4th March at 10:00am in the School Library.

**Community Prayer**
Please join us for Community Prayer this Thursday 25th February.

- 2 Padua will be leading Community Prayer in Block One
- 1 Lisbon will be leading Community Prayer in Block Two.

**Sacramental Enrolment Forms**
During Week 2 students in Years 3, 4 and 6 were given Sacramental Enrolment forms. Thank you to all those families who are beginning to send them in to the front office. Please return these forms no later than **Tuesday 15th March, 2016 with a copy of your child’s baptism certificate.** More forms can be found at the front office and on the school website.

**Parish Trivia Night**
The annual Parish Trivia Night will be held on Saturday 2nd April- more information will be coming soon 😊

**Parish Working Bee**
There will be a working bee in the parish on Saturday 19th March commencing at 8am all are welcome to attend.

*Orla Rutledge*
Religious Education Coordinator.
**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.

**Vacation Care - OOSCA**

Booking forms for Vacation Care will be available in week seven. No early bookings will be accepted. These forms will be made available on the website, on the skoolbag app and via email.

**Happy Birthday to:**

Ryan W, Taliyah F, Lachlan R, Benjamin C, Elizabeth F and Hayley A.

Have a wonderful day!

**The Spare Change Challenge is on!**

Now is your chance to round up all those heavy and bulky coins lining your pockets and weighing down your purses. We need your coins! It doesn’t matter if you forgot to send them in for the last few days, the challenge is still running and the Water Play Day is still up for grabs! Your donation, no matter how big or small, can go a long way to helping fund future projects and resources at the school.

**Request for Class Representatives**

Following from the notice that went out last week, thank you to those parents who have shown interest in being involved in the role of Class Representative for 2016. As a result, we have been able to allocate Representatives for KA, KL, 2A, 2P, 2L and 4 L. We still however, have many more positions to fill for those classes that are not listed and would love for more parents to come forward and assist in these roles. Just remember, you can control what is involved and can contribute as much or as little time as you can spare, perhaps you can team up with one or two other parents for a team effort?

If you are interested in helping build a better sense of Community within our school and would like to nominate yourself, or would like more information please email rousba.eladhami@gmail.com. Thank you

**ST ANTHONYS NETBALL**

The year 4 teams are in need of two more players. If you are interested in registering, please contact sanetball2903@gmail.com or Lou Patton on 0438 319 428.

**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 Shorts $2, Polo Tops $5, Girls Skorts, $5, Summer Dresses $10.

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

**School Disco**

Our first disco for the year will be held THIS Friday 4th March. Kinder – Year 2 5pm-6:20pm and Years 3-6 6:30-8pm. The theme is fluro (the brighter the better).

**St Anthony’s Canteen**

Open Tuesday - Friday
6231 4022
Manager: Mrs Maree Alchin

**Roster of Volunteer Helpers**

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**DISCO NOTES DUE – Wednesday 2 March**

**DISCO 4th MARCH – Kinder-Year 2: 5-6:20pm**

Students: Apple slinkies, due to the vast number of lunch orders on Fridays we will only be able to make apple slinkies from 10am-10:15am due to time constraints. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Term 1 Tuck Day has been cancelled due the Athletics Carnival.

Flexischools On-line Ordering
Go to www.flexischools.com.au
Basketball Players Wanted

Tuggeranong Southern Cross Basketball Club still has vacancies for the Coming Winter season in the Following teams:

- Under 10 boys and girls (Born in 2007 or after)
- Under 12 Boys (born 2005 or 2006)
- Under 14 Boys and girls (born in 2003 or 2004)
- Under 16 Boys and girls (born in 2001 or 2002)
- Under 19 Boys (born in 1998, 1999 or 2000)

Basketball is a fun sport and we have teams for all standards from representative through to novice….so absolutely no experience required!!!!
For information email Info@southerncrossbasketball.net
ANZ NetSetGO is Netball Australia's only junior entry netball program. It has been developed to provide children from 5 to 10 years with the best possible learning and playing experience to develop a positive introduction to netball, ensuring enjoyment and continued participation.

ANZ NetSetGO incorporates skill activities, minor games, music, dance and modified matches in a fun and safe environment. The weekly program is coordinated by accredited coaches to ensure a quality experience for all participants.

The program consists of 2 tiers – “Net” and “Set”. The ages mentioned with each tier below are not strict, more of a guideline for centres and coaches. The tiers are briefly explained in the image below.

Tuggeranong Netball Association run NSGNET for 4-8 year olds on Saturday’s 9-10am on the dates below:-

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TNA will hold a come and try day on Saturday 9th April, 9-10am at the Calwell netball courts. This is a free session to see if you to find out more about the program and registration details. Registrations are online and open. All details are posted on our Facebook page and website http://tuggeranongna.act.netball.com.au/ or go to http://finder.netsetgo.asn.au/common/pages/public/programfinder.aspx
It's time to fly high with the Prime Ministers 2015 CLUB OF THE YEAR!

AFL with the Calwell Swans is an exciting fun filled game for boys & girls from ages 4-12 years old!

All First year players receive a FREE UNIFORM!

Register today to take advantage of our reduced fees & EARLY BIRD SPECIAL! *

Visit: www.calwellswans.com.au

OR contact Todd at calwellswans@gmail.com

*Early Bird registration & payment is required by March 19th

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TUGGERANONG BULLDOGS

Auskick Rookies (5-7yrs)
Junior AFL (7-12yrs)

Come and give footy a try for FREE!
Pre-season training will be running from Thursday 4th Feb to 17th March.

Gordon Oval 201 (Behind Lanyon Vikings Club)
5:30 - 6:30pm

Bulldogs Kickstart program for players new to AFL. (Conditions apply)

New junior players receive a backpack, drink bottle, shorts and socks! Rookies receive an AFL pack.

Contact us or see our website for more details.

Email: playafl@tuggeranongbulldogs.com
Website: tuggeranongbulldogs.aflcanberra.com.au