Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Week 6. This week is Catholic Schools Week in ACT and NSW and a great time to celebrate your child’s education at St Anthony’s. The Catholic Schools Week theme is:

“I belong. You belong. We belong.”

St Anthony’s School Motto is “Tell the Good News.”

I am proud to share the good news about St Anthony’s as we celebrate Catholic Schools Week.

- St Anthony’s is a Catholic School educating its students in a faith filled, value rich environment. The school has high expectations for each student’s learning, development and behaviour. The 2016 school theme is “We are the Light of Christ, Rich in Mercy” and I am proud the community collectively works to support each other.

- Students of all ability levels at St Anthony’s are making great gains in their achievement! The school has a growth mindset that all students can learn and our results show that this is the case. Results in numeracy and literacy show that students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are improving at above average rates. The school is to be acknowledged for these results in coming days as 2015 NAPLAN results are announced. The school has many initiatives in place that respond to the data we have about our students.

- St Anthony’s is a school where each child belongs. The wellbeing and development of each child is central to a good education. This year St Anthony’s has adopted the “Everyone Everyday” program to foster a deeper understanding in students that everyone is different and has something special to contribute to the school. Everyone deserves each other’s respect.

- This Friday three members of St Anthony’s Community will receive a 2015 Catholic Education Recognition Award. Bernadette Wilson (teacher) and Libby Andrew (parent) will receive an award for their outstanding efforts in planning and coordinating the building of our new SENSORY PLAYGROUND for students. Congratulations. I am also proud and humbled to be receiving an award as our principal and for building community spirit.
The School Board is developing a master plan in conjunction with Catholic Education to ensure that St Anthony’s facilities are strategically improved to provide contemporary places for 21 Century teachers and learners.

In 2016 St Anthony’s school will receive a full upgrade of wireless internet connectivity and related services allowing students to use technology to engage in learning and complete tasks in new and innovative ways.

The St Anthony’s Early Learning Centre is currently under construction and will open in 2017 (Pending Approval). Enrolments will open in May for next year and this will provide foundational pre-school education and long day care for families living in Wanniassa, Kambah, Monash, Oxley, Greenway and Bonython.

St Anthony’s is blessed to have quality teachers and staff, dedicated to catering for the holistic development of each child in the school. They have demanding and increasingly complex roles yet every day I witness first-hand how each staff member cares for the students and parents and I am filled with admiration.

St Anthony’s Parent Community is vibrant, engaging and supportive and contribute in so many ways to their child’s education and the functioning of the school. They are committed to maintaining the lovely community feel that exists in the school.

St Anthony’s Primary School is a parish school and we have the wonderful support of Father Lachlan Coll and members of the parish in our ministry.

DISCO Thanks

Thank you to the parents, volunteers and staff that attended the disco on Friday night. The first disco of the year was successful and the Fluoro theme lit up the hall. Thank you to Canteen Manager Maree Alchin and her volunteers for all of their work to allow the students to enjoy this social event. It was great to see some of our new students attend and continue to build friendships.

Enjoy Catholic Schools Week and let’s celebrate together how we contribute to the life of St Anthony’s School and Catholic Education in general. I would like to wish everyone a wonderful Canberra Day long weekend this weekend as we complete Week 6. This will be a well-deserved break for everyone and an extra day to catch your breath as we head into the remainder of the term.

God Bless,

Greg Walker
Principal
The theme for Project Compassion 2016 is “Learning more, creating change”.

As Pope Francis says “Education is an act of hope”, so this year Project Compassion celebrates the power of learning, and the many ways in which Caritas Australia is working with local partners around the world to provide vital learning and renewed hope to children, women and men most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

Throughout Project Compassion 2016, inspiring stories from Malawi, Laos, Papua New Guinea, Australia, Cambodia and India will show how education, training and sharing knowledge can empower individual communities to transform their futures and create lasting change.

"Together we can empower the world's poorest people with the opportunity to learn, grow and create change."
BISHOP GREG O’KELLY

Last Friday the Year 6 Leaders ran their very first Peer Support Session for 2016. The whole school was divided into groups and watched a short film from the Caritas Website about Doney and her community in Malawi.

Doney’s story and many more inspiring stories can be found at the following address http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion/weekly-stories/week-1-Doney

The Peer Support Leader’s discussed the importance of always looking at the one another’s strengths, discussed the difference between ‘needs’ and ‘wants’ and talked about ways we can make a difference in the lives of others.

A project compassion box has been given to each class group/year group and all funds will go straight to Project Compassion- there is also a box in the front office. As well as this the Year 5 and 6 Mission Group Leaders will be organising some whole school fundraising activities in the coming weeks. It is such a worthy cause and any donations would be greatly appreciated.

Grade Mass
Thank you to Father Lachlan, Year 4 teachers, students, parents, carers and community members who celebrated Mass with the Year 4 students last week.

Community Prayer
Please join us for Community Prayer this Thursday 10th March straight after the bell.

2 Assisi will be leading Community Prayer in Block One
1 Padua will be leading Community Prayer in Block Two.
Sacramental Enrolment Forms
Please return Sacramental Enrolment 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. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

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.

Vinnies doorknock:
Raised a huge $18,660 in our parish with around 91 volunteers collecting 73% of our total area. Heartfelt thanks to all who assisted. Many thanks to those who also made financial contributions to the annual appeal.

Parish Trivia Night;
Saturday 2nd April at 7:30pm in the school hall. This is a free, relaxed and fun filled night. You can come by yourself, as a couple or group. Pls call Brian for more information 0414 878 167

Easter Mass times:
Holy Thursday; Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7pm followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10pm
Good Friday; Stations of the Cross 10am, Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 3pm
Holy Saturday; Vigil Mass 7pm
Easter Sunday; Mass at 9pm

Stations of the Cross are held every Friday during Lent commencing at 7pm
Second Rite of Reconciliation; Corpus Christi Parish Tuesday 22nd March 7:30pm

School Photo’s – 29TH March
School Photo’s will be taken on Tuesday 29th of March. This is the first day back at school after the Easter break. ALL students are to be in full school uniform regardless of their sport days. Photo envelopes need to be returned to your child’s classroom teacher by Friday 11th March.

If you would like to have a family photo taken (siblings attending St Anthony’s ONLY) please send $10 to the front office in an envelope clearly marked “FAMILY PHOTO AND YOUR SURNAME”. Thank you.

Happy Birthday to:
Mia S, Nadia T, Georgie H, Sasha V, Eliana L, Cyril E and Andrea P.

Have a wonderful day!

Protective Behaviours Information Night
You are invited to our upcoming Protective Behaviours Information Night – Monday 21st March at 7pm. This information night is for parents and carers and will be held in the Library.

HOT CROSS BUNS FUNDRAISER
Orders are due this Friday for the St Anthony’s Hot Cross Buns Fundraiser. These buns from Bakers Delight are just delicious, so please ask everyone you know!

The more packs we can sell, the more funds we can raise for our school.

Traditional, fruitless and choc chip varieties are available, so every taste is catered for.

If you have misplaced your order form, please click on this link http://stanthonyss.act.edu.au/srcfiles/Hot-cross-bun-order-form.pdf, the order form is also available on the schools app. Money for your order must accompany the form please, thank you.
We have received a Thank You from Heartkids (Sweetheart Day). St Anthony’s raised $1,000 for this charity which is a fantastic effort. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts for all your support – we couldn’t do our important work without it!

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**St Anthony’s Canteen**
Open Tuesday - Friday
6231 4022
Manager: Mrs Maree Alchin

**Roster of Volunteer Helpers**

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**WEEK SEVEN**

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CLAIM THE DATE: Athletics Carnival 1st of APRIL

HELPERS NEEDED

Thank you to all the wonderful people who helped at the Disco last week. Big thank you to Nicolle Sullivan for making the disco packs.

Without your help and support we would not be able to have a disco – the children had such a great time.

Flexischools On-line Ordering

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**Ardo 4P**

The book I am reading is Maxx Rumble Soccer Knockout by Michael Wagner. There are a lot of books about Maxx but there are three in this series about soccer and his love of sport.

Maxx and his brothers enter a soccer competition that will last for 3 weeks. There are 8 teams in the competition but there can be only one winning team. Maxx is on the Stone Valley Saints team and they have got to work together to figure out how they are going to beat the other teams who often cheat. Can they do it?

This book is funny as Reoxy keeps getting hurt by the ball and he even gets it in the face. The other good thing about these books is that they are good for all ages and readers. Give them a go!

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**Jai 4P**

I really like reading joke books and there are heaps of them to borrow from the library. There is even a Spider Man Joke Book. I am reading K Zone – Ultimate Joke Book and it is really funny. It is packed full of fun stuff you can share with your friends and make them laugh about.

Why do gorillas have big fingers?

“Cos they have big noses!”

I think everyone should have a look at the books and find a funny joke to share with their friends.

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Would you like to appear here next week? Contact Mrs Twyford
All the fete plans are coming along very nicely – THANK YOU to the hard work of so many people.

**STALLS**

A huge thank you to the stall holders who have already signed up to run a stall again this year. We still have quite a few stalls that require someone to coordinate them, including:

Tombola, Pre-loved clothes stall, Books, Plants and Craft or ….. If you have any bright ideas for a new stall then please let us know the details. It is always great to have something different and exciting on offer!!

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).

**Volunteers**

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.

**Fundraising**

**Spare Change Challenge**

We are very pleased to report that the Spare Change Challenge was a GREAT success! WELL DONE and THANK YOU!!

The two classes that bought in the most spare change are:

2P and 5L

They will be rewarded with an afternoon of water play this Friday 11th March.

**Easter Hot Cross Buns**

As you already know, a Hot Cross Bun fundraiser is currently running. Orders are due in by this Friday 11th March and will be delivered to the school on Thursday 17th March.

**‘Open shed’ day**

For donations towards the trash and treasure stall, toy stall, book stall and plant stall, we are holding an open-shed THIS WEEK (7 – 11 March) on Monday, Thursday and Friday afternoons from 3 till 4pm. We will do another one closer to the fete if needed.

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

A huge thank you to our sponsors to date, in particular our major sponsor Savvy School Wear who has again come on board and been extremely generous in their support. Please support our sponsors with your patronage as without them, our ability to raise much needed funds for our school, through the fete, would not be possible.

If you own a business and would like to support your community by sponsoring the fete then we would be very grateful and would love to hear from you! Sponsorship can be made in a variety of forms from financially sponsoring a specific stall, financially sponsoring the raffle, donating a prize for the chocolate wheel or donating goods and equipment.

Please consider helping us out, get in contact with us via email for further details.

For any questions, to sign up to volunteer, or to be a sponsor please contact us via email at: 2016fete@gmail.com

Think that’s all for now!!

THANK YOU

The 2016 Fete coordinators
JOYELLE CALISTHENICS CLUB

Do you like to keep fit and have fun??

Joyelle CaliDance is looking for some enthusiastic new members to join our teams! We are seeking members aged between 3 and 15 years of age. Classes are held in Kambah, Wanniassa and Pearce. Several disciplines are learnt as well as flexibility and muscle strength development.

COME ALONG AND TRY IT NOW - THE FIRST TWO CLASSES ARE FREE!!

If you would like to come and try this great multi-disciplined dance and strength class please call Ali on 0412831695 or email juniors@joyelle.com.au