Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good Canberra Day Holiday long weekend.

**Wedding Bells**
Good luck to Mr Jon Liddle and his fiancée Hayley for their wedding this weekend on the South Coast. On behalf of the community I wish them both well for this exciting time in their life. Jon will be on leave from Thursday this week and all of Week 8 leading into Easter.

**Catholic Schools Week**
It was good to be able to share some good news with the community in Catholic Schools Week about the student NAPLAN results. I’m confident that student results are improving from Kindergarten to Year 6 and the staff and I committed to continuing to support each child’s learning.

Congratulations again to the five members of St Anthony’s community that received Catholic Education Recognition Awards on Friday evening.

**Outstanding Awards:**
- Bernie Wilson – Build Community
- Libby Andrew – Build Community
- Excelle
ence Awards:
  - Tracey Adamson ** – Build Capacity
  - Monique Egan ** – Build Capacity
  - Greg Walker – Build and Celebrate Catholic Culture

I know that St Anthony’s was well represented and that the awards received were acknowledged by other schools. Well done.

**Three Way Conferences**
On the topic of student learning – at the end of this term all parents and carers will have the opportunity to attend a Three Way Conference with their child and class teacher. The junior classes may again opt for a parent interview as the students are not quite able to lead a discussion on their learning.

Three Way Conferences/Parent Interviews
Kindergarten to Year 5
Week 10 starting Monday 4 April

Please note: Year 6 conferences to be conducted in another week due to their school camp in Sydney in Week 10.

More information will be out shortly about how to select your conference times.
Harmony Day and Take a Stand against Bullying Day
This Friday 18 March is Harmony Day which also lends itself to ‘Take a Stand against Bullying Day.’ This week teachers will reinforce the new Everyone Everyday Program with their class. Harmony is all about respecting others as well as yourself. At a deeper level it is also about appreciating others and getting to know others better.

Our senior students have planned to highlight the importance of ‘Taking a Stand against Bullying.’ This is a good time to remind students about strategies they can use if they feel bullied or are the bystanders to bullying. It is important to always promote the term ‘bullying behaviour’ when discussing incidents and not label any particular person/student as a bully. If that person is able to turn their behaviour around they should no longer be considered a bully. It's their behaviour that can be targeted/changed and St Anthony’s staff work constantly to provide a safe environment for all students. If you would like more information or tips about bullying, please go to this link: http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/

Seasons for Growth Training
This week we have a number of staff undertaking the companion training for the Seasons for Growth Program. This is a grief and loss program for students and comprises small group focus activities and themes. It is hoped our trained staff will be able to do this in 2016. Thank you to the staff volunteering to be a companion.

Water Fun Day Rewards
Due to the rain on Friday the water fun day reward play will be on this Thursday 17 March. The P & F are organising the sessions for the winning classes. Let’s hope for a fine day this time around! Well done to everyone for supporting the spare change challenge with money going to fete fundraising.

Tuggeranong Swimming Carnival
This Friday is the Tuggeranong PSSA Swimming Carnival. We have a strong squad competing. Good luck – swim the best you can.

Year 5 Assembly
The Year 5 students are presenting our values assembly this Friday at 2.15pm. I wish them luck for the first performance of 2016.

Early Learning Centre Building Update
As mentioned previously...the old music room will undergo a trim to allow a footpath to be built. This work begins this Tuesday. When a false wall is put in place music lessons may be able to continue in this room but there may be some relocation of lessons.

The ELC project is moving along well. The footings for the buildings have been set and the slab is not far away. The retaining wall at the rear of the ELC will also be built soon. You may have seen that the soil removed from the cut of the site has been relocated on the side of the oval to increase the width of the oval. We are reclaiming space to ensure a good sized oval remains.

All the best for Week 7.

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

Next Week the Mission Group will be hosting a range of activities for Project Compassion. The Mission Group consists of 4 Year 6 Leaders- David, Banjo, Jessica and Kaiesha and we are hoping with the schools help together we can raise around $250.00 to send to the community of Malawi.

Some of the exciting things the Mission Group will be doing to raise funds for Malawi are:

- Movie and Popcorn at lunchtime for a gold coin donation.
- Sensory Garden Free Play afternoon to the class who raises the most money during the week.
- Guess the Lolly Amount 50 cents per guess.

Please remember all money raised is going to people in the world who are in need of clean, water, hygiene, education and fresh food.

As well as these fantastic fundraising ideas the Mission Group have come up with a beautiful way for our school to pray for those people who are less fortunate than ourselves. Each class will be receiving four calico flags. Each flag will contain a symbol of mercy on the front and a prayer for mercy on the back. These flags will be hung under the roof of the walkway. The Mission Group are hoping that they will look a little bit like the Tibetan prayer flags which symbolise peace, compassion, strength and wisdom. Hopefully as the Tibetans believe, the wind will carry these prayers around the school spreading good will and compassion to all in our community.

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

4 Lisbon will be leading Community Prayer in Block One
Kinder Assisi 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.
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

Happy Birthday to:
Lachlan Mc, Joshua Mc, Joshua M, Jaymie N, Izma I and Justin S.

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.

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.

Clothing Pool – Open Wednesday afternoon
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.

Harmony Day is celebrated across the country on March 21st. At St Anthony's we will be celebrating Harmony Day on Friday March 18th. Harmony Day is a chance for us all to celebrate Australia's cultural diversity and learn how important it is to understand and respect one another. Young people play a very important role in creating an Australia where everyone belongs!

On Friday March 18th everyone is invited to wear something ORANGE to school to help celebrate Harmony Day. Students could wear an orange T-shirt, an orange hair ribbon, an orange cap, a pair of orange socks etc. It is not designed to be a non-uniform day, just a splash of ORANGE to promote harmony. Traditionally the colour orange relates to social communication, stimulating two-way conversations. It aids in the development of new ideas and frees the spirit of its limitations, giving us the freedom to be ourselves. At the same time, it encourages self-respect and respect of others.

Our Mission Parliament Groups will be leading the students through some activities on Friday to promote the idea of harmony!

Recognition Awards Mass & Dinner;
Last Friday night I went along to a celebration arranged by Catholic Education. This celebration commenced with Mass at the Cathedral, followed by a meal at St Francis Xavier College, Florey. It appears that Greg Walker nominated Bernie Wilson and me for the category “Build Community”. Bernie and I were presented with a certificate for Outstanding Contribution to Catholic Education. It was a privilege to accept this award on behalf of EVERYONE involved in the building of and the fund raising for our sensory garden in 2015. This award was presented to me, but on behalf of us all, as a school community. So many people stepped up and lent a hand with the multitude of tasks that were required to get the job done. Without the support of all of those people (you know who you are), this award would not have been possible. Parents, grandparents, teachers, Mr B and Greg, Necta & staff, family, friends and the even Director of Catholic Education stepped up for the cause. This united effort converted a dream into an operational Sensory Garden which has been officially opened. This project was an extremely rewarding experience that was just plain good fun in every way. Well done to all, it was a proud evening for St Anthony's School. Congrats to Bernie and Greg on their awards and achievements for the school. Libby Andrew
St Anthony’s Canteen
Open Tuesday - Friday
6231 4022
Manager: Mrs Maree Alchin

Roster of Volunteer Helpers

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BOOKSHELF

Imogen 1L
I like reading Just Crazy by Andy Griffiths. It is a funny chapter book about a boy called Andy. I like Andy because he leaves his Band-Aid on for a month. He didn’t want to take it off but wanted to wait for it to fall off. There are lots of different stories in each chapter. I have two favourite chapters. The first is called Learn to Read with Andy. In this chapter he jumps on his bed even when he hears his mum stomp down the hall. He lies to her and tells her it was not him but his legs. He gets punished!! My other favourite chapter is Um-Mah, when Andy has to look after his cousins. They are naughty and put sponges in the toaster and throw games on the floor. They even throw Andy’s Mum’s crystal animals in the air. He catches them in his hands and in his mouth. His little cousins lie to his mum so she does not believe Andy when he tries to tell her what they are doing.

A great fun read! This book is packed with fantastic stories accompanied by amazing illustrations that entertain and make you laugh out loud. Mrs Twyford.