Dear Parents and Carers,

Holy Week
Welcome to Week 8 which is Holy Week – a time of great significance in the Catholic Church when God's unconditional love for us saw Jesus give the ultimate sacrifice of His life for us. Jesus' Resurrection is then a sign of salvation and that we are forgiven for our sins and failings and we are reborn to a new, deeper relationship with God and others. Stations of the Cross will be held at 10.00am this Thursday in the hall which will be a meaningful way to draw the students to a deeper understanding of the Easter Story and Jesus’ journey in his final days. You are warmly invited to attend this liturgy.

Harmony Day Thanks
Thank you to our Year 6 leaders that presented the Harmony Day assembly on Friday. Their focus was on taking a stand against bullying - a very important message and one that is very powerful when the student's portray it through drama and dialogue. The students in Kindergarten to Year 6 all listened and watched their presentations. It was great to see a splash of orange being worn by some students and everyone talking about how to reduce bullying behaviours and the effect it has on each other. Students have been encouraged to keep the conversation going in their classrooms, on the playground at home. Below are some of the Year 6 leader’s posters that they have also displayed around the school.

Staff News
Following recent interviews for the vacant Learning Support Assistant (LSA) position I can announce that the role has been split to include two people, each working for two days per week. I welcome back to our staff Angela Ryan who worked as an LSA here at St Anthony’s in the latter part of 2015. I also welcome to our staff Anissa Symington who has worked in a number of schools in Queensland and the A.C.T. as an LSA. I know that both Angela and Anissa will work well in supporting the students with their learning and teachers in their roles at the school. Angela and Anissa role will primarily be in classrooms between Monday and Thursday.

There was a strong field of people interested in the position including some with relevant qualifications and experiences, so I thank the people that applied for the position.

Child Protection Night
Thank you to parent Libby Andrew and teachers Nicole Ptycia and Johanna Barling for presenting the P&F Child Protection Information evening for parents and carers last night. The program was not as well attended as previous years however the information and themes about how to educate and care for children was well received by those present. There were many good questions asked and ideas shared so the evening was a success and hopefully people can keep sharing information in this important area and network with other parents. In the last four years I have seen the program offered up to 100 parents have attended. Well done to Libby for sharing her experience and training and also the teachers that provide an educational context to how we also teach protective behaviours themes and social awareness skills to the children.
School Photos are on Tuesday 29 March!!
Wow! Right after the Easter Weekend! This week we will really have to spread the word about the school photo day being after the long weekend. The students need to wear full summer uniform on Tuesday regardless of whether it is their sports day. Please have students at school on time as the photo schedule starts straight after morning assembly.

St Anthony’s Early Learning Centre Enrolments Opening 2017

St Anthony’s Early Learning Centre

Contemporary  Creative  Caring  Community

Enrolling May 2016
Opening February 2017 (Pending Approval)

St Anthony’s Early Learning Centre will be located in Wanniassa and will provide quality preschool education in North Tuggeranong, catering for families in the suburbs of Wanniassa, Kambah, Oxley, Monash, Greenway and Bonython. The Early Learning Centre will accept children who turn 4 years of age by 30 April of the year they attend the ELC. Catholic Education of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn oversee the centre and the Director is supported by the principals of St Anthony’s Primary School and St Thomas the Apostle Primary School. A new centre is currently under construction that will include exciting, innovative and collaborative facilities for preschool education and long day care programs.

Contemporary: providing innovative design features and modern resources.
Creative: incorporating play based learning giving every opportunity for students to develop and grow.
Caring: respected in a caring environment central to the ethos in both primary schools.
Community: belonging to school communities with strong values and high expectations.

Your child’s school journey of learning in a caring and inclusive environment begins at St Anthony’s Early Learning Centre. Opening your child’s mind to learning and discovery is a gift for life.

Enrolment Enquiries Welcome:
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www.stanthonyss.act.edu.au
St Thomas the Apostle Primary School Kambah - 6231 4144
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www.sttap.act.edu.au
2017 Enrolment Period:
Monday 2 May to Friday 20 May 2016
You are Welcome to attend our Information Enrolment Evening: TBC

Parents and Friends Meeting – next Wednesday
P & F Meeting will be held in the library next Wednesday at 7pm. I encourage everyone to come along.

I wish everyone a Holy and restful Easter break.

Greg Walker
Principal
‘STATIONS OF THE CROSS’

The Stations Of The Cross are a Catholic devotion which commemorates the Passion and death of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Each of the fourteen stations stands for an event which occurred during Jesus' Passion and Death at Calvary on Good Friday. At many Catholic Churches and Chapels, mounted along the sides of the interior walls are fourteen plaques which depict each Station Of The Cross.

Please join us on Thursday 24th March at 10:00am for Stations of the Cross. Year 6 will be leading us in our Prayer Celebration which is such an important part of our Liturgical Year. We hope that we can prayerfully walk in solidarity with Jesus as we remember his last contemplative moments in the Garden of Gethsemane to his long walk to Calvary where he died on the cross.

The 14 Stations are:

- 1st Station: Jesus is condemned to death
- 2nd Station: Jesus carries His cross
- 3rd Station: Jesus falls the first time
- 4th Station: Jesus meets his mother
- 5th Station: Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry his cross
- 6th Station: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus
- 7th Station: Jesus falls the second time
- 8th Station: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem
- 9th Station: Jesus falls a third time
- 10th Station: Jesus clothes are taken away
- 11th Station: Jesus is nailed to the cross
- 12th Station: Jesus dies on the cross
- 13th Station: The body of Jesus is taken down from the cross
- 14th Station: Jesus is laid in the tomb

Tara’s Walk for Change

On Saturday morning many people gathered to walk in honour of Tara Costigan and all those women, men and children who have passed away or been affected by Domestic Violence. It was a privilege to listen to the CEO of the Tara Costigan Foundation Michael Costigan address the community and speak about the incredible initiatives the foundation has been paramount in establishing such as the National Family Violence Summit and Tara’s Angels.

Project Compassion

This 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 afternoon in each class 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 starting on Wednesday.

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
There will be no Community Prayer this week as we are having the Stations Of The Cross Liturgy.

St Vincent de Paul- WINTER APPEAL
Last night some staff from St Anthony’s went out on the St Vincent de Paul Night Patrol Van. This van provides food, warm clothes and warm drinks for the homeless people in Canberra. With the sudden change in weather there has been a massive shortage in sleeping bags, blankets, warm socks, beanies and gloves. If you have any of these items at home that you no longer use please bring them into the school sometime this week as there are more St Anthony’s staff rostered onto the night patrol van this weekend 😊 All items can be left in the front office and will be delivered to the van this Sunday evening. Please help us support the most vulnerable in our community by giving generously the things you no longer need. Guild Pizza in the city (located where APK previously was) have generously offered to donate pizza to the night patrol van. This is a very generous offer, if you are looking for somewhere to eat in the city don’t forget about Guild.

Easter Mass St Anthony of Padua Church Wanniassa.

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

Wishing you a faith filled Easter Weekend.

Orla Rutledge
Religious Education Coordinator

School Fees
Term 1 school fees are NOW OVERDUE. 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

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

Happy Birthday to:
Marli S, Benjamin C, Lachlan M, Anna C, Alec T, Martina F, Caleb F, Cullyn P and Sera G.

Have a wonderful day!
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 Thursday morning assembly.

TPSSA Swimming

Congratulations to the following students who will receive a ribbon at Thursday morning assembly:

- Ashley P 2nd Place 50 Mtr Breaststroke
- Luca P-S 2nd Place 50 Mtr Backstroke
- Luca P-S 3rd Place 50 Mtr Freestyle
- Ben S 2nd Place 50 Mtr Breaststroke
- Ben S 3rd Place 50 Mtr Backstroke
- Emily K 3rd Place 50 Mtr Breaststroke

Congratulations!

Fete Raffle

As you are all well aware the fete is just around the corner and the raffle is one of the major fundraising items of the fete. WE would like to thank all the St Anthony families that have contributed to all the fundraising events we have had so far this year. Your support is very much appreciated!

The raffle ticket books will be in your child’s bag today and the cash prizes will be drawn on fete day (Saturday 14th May). If you would like more books they can be picked up from the front office. If you could please bring in your raffle books once all tickets are sold that would greatly help with the preparation of the raffle draw on fete day.

St Clare’s College – Enrolment Information

St Clare’s 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/.

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