Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Easter to Everyone!

Welcome to Mrs Anissa Symington who starts her first day at St Anthony’s this week. Thank you to Mrs Alisa Spackman for organising the new timetables for both Anissa and Angela Ryan in Learning Support. Welcome back to Mr Jon Liddle after his recent wedding and some time off. I hope everything went well during this special time.

**Holy Week Thanks**
Thank you to Year 6 students for their reverent Holy Week liturgy and Stations of the Cross depictions. The narrative, music, drama and significant pauses made the story very meaningful. Well done to Mr Greg Rick, Mrs Monique Egan and Mrs Orla Rutledge for their meticulous planning and practice with the students. The Holy Week and Easter Story is so important to tell and portray to the community each year. Below are photos from the Stations of the Cross on Thursday. During the liturgy these words were repeated at each Station of the Cross:

“By your Holy Cross you have Redeemed the World.”

**St Anthony’s ELC Enrolling Soon for 2017**
You will see the promotion of the new St Anthony’s ELC will pick up now with the CE Enrolment period starting in Week 1 next term. The ELC enrolment information night is on Wednesday 27 April at 6.30pm (Week 1 Term 2) here at St Anthony’s. Mrs Moira Najdecki and other key Catholic Education staff will be present to proudly present details about the newest Catholic ELC set to open in 2017 (Pending Approval).

Kindergarten enrolment evenings and open days will be held between Weeks 2 and 4 in Term 2 as per the usual in Catholic Schools Enrolment Period.

**Athletics Carnival Friday**
This Friday is our annual athletics carnival at Wanniassa playing fields. Well done to Mr Greg Rick and all the staff for working with their students to prepare them for their events. The day is normally a lot of fun for students and we hope they enjoy their events. Thank you for your involvement in whichever role you will take on the day. The school canteen will be at the oval on Friday so thank you to Maree Alchin and her volunteers for providing this service.

**Week 10 - Parent Teacher Interviews**
Please go to the following link to book parent teacher interviews you’re your child’s teacher:
Enter this event code: 6447q and follow the prompts.

**Interim Reports**
Teachers will complete an interim report for students in Years 3-6 as part of our schedule for reporting to parents. The interim report gives parents and carers the opportunity to see a brief summary of how their child has started the school year. As the meetings next week are Three-Way Conferences, they are led by the students so the interim report is to help share information that would normally be shared at a parent teacher style meeting – that’s why it is targeted at students ONLY in Years 3-6. Interim reports come home this Friday with each student in Years 3-6.
Year 6 Camp
Good luck to Mrs Monique Egan, Mr Greg Rick, Mrs Vanessa Phipps and Miss Tea Vujica who are all attending Year 6 camp in Sydney in week 10. Mrs Phipps will attend early in the week and Miss Vujica at the end of the week with their change-over day being Wednesday. I will be attending for the whole week with Year 6. Thank you to all of the teachers for giving up time at home to be away for the week with students. Let’s hope for good weather as we have moved the camp to Term 1 rather than later in the year to enjoy the outdoor program.

Fete Help Needed
Last week I spoke with some of our parent fete coordinators and they are busily preparing for the 2016 fete on Saturday 14 May. Things are moving along well but they really need to lock in volunteer help now as the number of stall coordinators and general volunteers is very low at present. Maybe interest will pick up now after Easter! There is a P&F meeting this week which will help promote the fete to the community. Please keep an eye out for ways you can register to help at the fete!

Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival
Thank you to Mr Wayne Young for organising the St Anthony’s teams for the Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival this Sunday at University of Canberra. The carnival is usually a great day with lots of friendly competition amongst our Catholic school teams.

Parents and Friends Meeting this Wednesday 30 March at 7.00pm
Please come along to the next P&F meeting this Wednesday evening to join in discussions about our school. Everyone is welcome!

All the best for a busy Week 9!

Greg Walker
Principal

‘THE EMPTY TOMB’

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb,’ she said, ‘and we don’t know where they have put him.’ So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter, following him, also came up, went into the tomb, saw the linen cloths lying on the ground and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had still not understood the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.
Thank you to the amazing Mission Group Leaders David, Kaiesha, Banjo and Jessica who have worked tirelessly to ensure that our community raised much needed funds for the community of Malawi. Tomorrow will be the last day of the Guess the Lolly Competition and the winner will be announced at Thursday’s Morning Assembly. Good luck to all those students who entered.

Thank you to all of YOU for your kind donations and support of the students and this worthy cause. We appreciate it so much and know that the community of Malawi do too.

Our Mercy Prayer Flags will be hung this week with weather permitting- the staff and students have done such an outstanding job of symbolising and writing prayers of mercy. 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 straight after the bell this Thursday 31st March for Community Prayer.

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

St Vincent de Paul- WINTER APPEAL

On Easter Sunday 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 before or after the school holidays. All items can be left in the front office. Please help us support the most vulnerable in our community by giving generously the things you no longer need.

Wishing you a faith filled Week 9

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;**
This 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:**
George B, Kate D, Maebh W, Riley C-M, Sofia D and Denzeil M.

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 Friday morning assembly.

**Health Alert**
The school has been notified of a case of head lice in Year 1. Please check your child’s hair and treat accordingly. Thank you.

**Athletics Carnival – Friday 1st April**
Students are to wear their sports uniform for the Athletics Carnival. If they would like to wear some of their house colours they can but it is not expected.

Our School Houses are:

- **Bradman:** Green
- **Paterson:** Yellow
- **Gilmore:** Blue
- **Fraser:** Red

**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.

**St Clare’s College – Enrolment Information**

St Clare’s College 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/](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

**Open Day – Sunday 1st May 2016, 9am-12pm**
Headmaster’s Address at 10am
Welcome by Head of Junior School at 10:30am

Students wishing to enrol at MacKillop should please note the following important dates:

**Year 7 2017 Information Night:** 6.30pm, Monday 2 May @The Wanniassa Campus (Mackinnon Street, Wanniassa). **Try MacKillop Day:** Thursday 5 May @The Wanniassa Campus (Mackinnon Street, Wanniassa) during school hours. An online registration form will be available for Try MacKillop Day in April. **Year 11 2017 Information Night:** 6pm, Wednesday 11 May @The Isabella Campus (Ellerston Avenue, Isabella Plains). Includes the Careers Expo and Curriculum Stalls. For more information about the enrolment process, please visit [https://www.mackillop.act.edu.au/](https://www.mackillop.act.edu.au/)

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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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**The Great Moscow Circus**

The Great Moscow Circus is coming to Canberra from Wednesday 6th April – Monday 25th April performing at Majura Park.
Ben - KL
I am reading *The Croco Dolly*. A little girl Adelaide is making a cake when out of one egg pops a crocodile. She loves him so decides to keep him. But how can you keep a crocodile? Adelaide dresses him up as a dolly so no one will notice but he starts to get too big to keep hidden from everyone. Adelaide and Croco Dolly have lots of fun and create lots of mess when they are out until eventually she is told that she must get rid of him. You will have to read the book to find out what happens and if they can still be friends. I like this book because I can read all the things that everyone says about Croco Dolly in the speech bubbles and my favourite bit is when they are in the theatre.

Matilda – KL
I am reading a book about a boy called Sam who runs away because his family call him a different name and he does not like it. He goes to the park, then he crosses the road and he even climbs over a fence. Later a big boy finds him and he takes Sam home to his family. They are really happy that he is home and he gets a big cuddle from his sister. He even starts to like his new name. My favourite part in this book is when he gets big cuddles from his family because I like cuddles too.