



# ST ANTHONY'S

## PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Week 1  
Term 1  
2017**



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Sunday 9am & 5:30pm

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Welcome back for the 2017 school year. Good luck for the first week of school. I hope that you and your family have had a nice Christmas and New Year break. With each new year comes new opportunities and challenges, accompanied by a great sense of optimism and expectation. The school staff have been working hard to prepare for 2017 and embrace the programs to be in place for students.

### Welcome to New Staff

This year we welcome four new staff to St Anthony's in the primary school and 8 new staff to our Early Learning Centre (ELC).

### ***In the primary school we welcome the following staff:***

Ms Fran Sparkes (Year 5) who is on exchange from Canada with Nicole Ptycia for 2017. However, Ms Sparkes has had the benefit of an extended period of teaching in Australia. In 2016 Ms Sparkes taught in a Year 5 class in Mandurah in Western Australia. Ms Sparkes has a wealth of teaching experience and brings lots of ideas to share with our community.

Mrs Vicki Beissner (Year 5) joins our school on an exchange for 2017 from St Francis of Assisi Calwell with Mr Wayne Young. Mrs Beissner is an experienced teacher and I know she also brings lots of ideas to share with staff and students.

Mr Ben McDevitt (Year 3) joins our staff after a successful practicum in Year 3 at St Anthony's in 2016. Mr McDevitt has achieved outstanding results at university and he is looking forward to working with the students in his class.

Mrs Gabry Borzatti (Italian) joins our staff to teach languages in 2017. Mrs Borzatti is a mature teacher with experience in other fields including business and law which will also complement her teaching. Mrs Borzatti has recent teaching experiences including Alfred Deakin High School and other schools. Mrs Borzatti is very excited about sharing her passion for the language and culture of Italy. Mrs Borzatti will teach Italian on Tuesdays at St Benedict's Narrabundah and here on Monday, Thursday and Fridays.

### ***In the ELC we welcome the following staff:***

Welcome to Sharon O'Brien our new ELC Director and all of her the staff. Mrs O'Brien is an experienced early childhood educator and she is very excited about developing the preschool and long day care programs in the centre's foundation years. The ELC staff have been assembled over a period of months and the team is now ready to go.

Welcome to our ELC teaching staff, Miss Zoe Tsiouris and Ms Sarah McCulloch.

Welcome to our ELC Educators, Mrs Nicole Scandura, Miss Michaela Barbara, Mrs Stephanie Fisk and Mrs Jody Mitrousis.

Welcome to our ELC Office Manager, Mrs Lisa Bryson.

### ***Staff Returning:***

We warmly welcome back Mrs Leah Malpas and to Mrs Janice Spackman from their respective time on Maternity Leave. Mrs Malpas will be working two days in Year 5 and Mrs Spackman one day in a class to be announced shortly. Both teachers bring extensive experience in teaching and a good knowledge of St Anthony's school.

### **New School Counsellor:**

I would also like to offer a special welcome to our new CatholicCare Counsellor Nicole Tetley. Nicole will work a full day each Monday and also alternate Friday mornings. This amounts to an increase in funding for counsellor time for the school which is greatly appreciated.

### Good Luck Mrs Rutledge

Mrs Rutledge's last day of teaching in 2017 will be this Wednesday 1 February. Mrs Rutledge is due to have her first baby in about 4 weeks and I know she is very excited about this time. Mrs Rutledge will take maternity leave etc for the remainder of the school year. I wish Mrs Rutledge and her husband Sean all the best for this special time.

### Religious Education Coordinator

Miss Beth Lehmensich is our Acting Religious Education Coordinator in 2017. Miss Lehmensich has been working with staff and Fr Lachlan to plan the liturgical, sacramental and religious programs and events for the year. Miss Lehmensich is looking forward to sharing her faith and ideas with the school and parish communities in this important role. Miss Lehmensich has been instrumental in designing the school theme, music and values for 2017.

### Staff Professional Learning

The 2017 school staff, including our new ELC staff group, have been working for the past week or two preparing for 2017. Last week all staff joined together to learn more about a range of teaching and learning initiatives and we are all very excited about the programs organised for the students.

### Early Learning Centre Opening

Congratulations to all of our ELC staff on the mammoth effort to have the ELC up and running for day one on Monday! An amazing effort. Thank you to the staff continuing to assist Sharon and the ELC staff.

### Kindergarten Students Begin

Today students in our two Kindergarten classes started for 2017. Mrs Adamson and Mrs Devlin were thrilled to have their students attend after the long wait to start school! All of the students had a lovely day and we look forward to sharing this memorable time with them.

### Car Park

Thank you for your patience in navigating the new car park design. This new design as well as new students starting in the ELC and for Kindergarten has meant that it has been extremely busy. There still needs to be an adjustment made at the top of the internal car park section for cars to exit to the overflow parking when there are no spaces in the front section. We are working on the change needed here. Work is underway on the overflow car park section at the back of the school oval where up to 40 cars can also park. Once work is complete over 100 car parks will be available and accessible.

A new path is planned from this car park across the oval to the school assembly area and classrooms. Hopefully the traffic in the car park precinct will reduce towards the end of the week when students settle in and other forms of transport are utilised.

### School Master Plan and Current Oval Work

You will also notice that some of the work on our school master plan has commenced. The work underway includes upgrading the areas between the new ELC, car park, oval and the asphalt area. Excavation has taken place and trees removed. As per our master plan, it is hoped a new netball/basketball court area can be installed for coemptive use and school sport lessons. We are also looking at new storage options for P&F and school resources and also new seating, shade and other sections for use by the community. We will endeavour to plant some new deciduous trees for future shade in the area. The school oval will shortly have an overhaul with the site being levelled, irrigation re-established and then new grass seeding. The area of the oval surface has been maintained if not increased with the salvaging of soil from all of our projects. Trees on the oval perimeter have been trimmed to above eye level height for safety and better visibility allowing the area to be clean and manageable. All of the work is hoped to be completed by the end of the term (pending appropriate quotes on the sports court surface).

### WWVP Cards

If you are volunteering in the school and working with children, you need to have a current A.C.T. Working with Vulnerable People Card (WWVP). Visitors must carry their WWVP Card with them when volunteering at school and be able to show the relevant teacher or staff member upon request. A copy of your card must also kept at the school office so please ensure you drop in to have it photocopied for our records. You understand the protection of children is an important matter, legislated by government and our school system. The school is subject to regular spot checks to ensure we comply and all relevant people have their WWVP card.

The school appreciates and thrives on the support and generosity of parents, carers and visitors so please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any queries.

### Visitors to School

Except for the start of the school day, drop off and assembly – and afternoon pick up time, ALL parents, carers and visitors must sign in and out of the school office. Visitors must also wear the required visitor's sticker so it can be clearly seen by staff to know you have signed in. If your child is late for school or leaving during the day you must also come through the front office in person to sign them in and out. Thank you for your cooperation with all of our safety procedures.

### Heat Wave Considerations

With the extreme hot weather expected at times this week the staff have modified lining up, play time, time students and staff have in the sun/outside. This includes regular drink breaks, refilling water bottles, reinforcing hats on at all times, play in the shade at recess and inside play at lunchtimes (when extremely hot). This may also mean NO SPORT outside on the hottest days.

### 2017 Hall Hire Available for Community Groups

This year vacancies exist for hall hire in our school hall on Monday and Wednesday evenings. This is a wonderful chance for a community group or club to secure a hall space at reasonable price. The school charges just \$25 per hour to hire the hall. Unfortunately, individual bookings are not available for functions. If you know any club or organisation that may be interested, please have them contact Judy mead in the school office.

### Opening School Year Mass this Friday

I warmly invite you all to our opening school mass to be celebrated this Friday at 10.00am in the school hall. Fr Lachlan Coll will lead and celebrate our mass with the school community.

### Meet the 2017 School Staff Evening – Next THURSDAY 9 February

Once again the school staff look forward to meeting all students and their families at a meet and greet session on Thursday 9 January between 5.00-7.00pm. The evening consists of classroom visits, some

classroom presentations, and a BBQ on the asphalt for everyone. More information on each year level presentation will follow shortly.

### School Office Hours

Just a reminder that the school office hours are 8.30am – 4.00pm daily. This is when the office will be open and someone will also be available to take phone calls. Outside of these times it will be unlikely you will be able to contact school staff by telephone. Alternatively you can contact the front office staff on [office.stanthonyswanniassa@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office.stanthonyswanniassa@cg.catholic.edu.au)

ELC office hours and contact details are different to the primary school office but more information will be provided on the ELC operation shortly.

Again, I wish everyone a wonderful start to the school year. God Bless.

Greg Walker  
Principal

### Staff for 2017

Principal	Mr Greg Walker
Assistant Principal	Mr Michael Bradley
REC (Acting)	Ms Beth Lehmensich
Co-ordinators	Mrs Monique Egan & Mr Angas Quantrill
Front Office	Mrs Judy Mead, Mrs Sarah Waller and Mrs Annette Smith
Learning Support Teacher	Mrs Alisa Spackman
Teacher/Librarian	Ms Danielle Richardson
Learning Support Assistants	Mrs Marg Nolan, Mrs Jenny Staltari, Mrs Angela Ryan & Mrs Anissa Symington
Numeracy Interventions Teacher	Ms Kelly Mara
Canteen	Mrs Maree Alchin
Groundsman	Mr Leo O'Keeffe
Cultural Studies Teacher	Ms Gabri Borzatti
Counsellor	Ms Nicole Tetley
Music Teacher	Ms Bernadette Wilson
OOSCA Director	Mrs Necta Gianakis
OOSCA Finance Officer	Mrs Sarah Waller

### 2017 CLASS TEACHERS

Kinder Assisi	Mrs Anne Marie Devlin	4 Assisi	Miss Tea Vujica
Kinder Padua	Mrs Tracey Adamson	4 Padua	Mrs Laura Stankovic
1 Assisi	Mrs Vanessa Phipps	5 Assisi	Mr Jon Liddle/Mrs Leah Malpas
1 Padua	Ms Bernadette Whitfield	5 Padua	Mrs Vicki Beissner
2 Assisi	Ms Jo Dignan	5 Lisbon	Ms Frances Sparkes
2 Padua	Miss Stephanie Edlinger	4 Lisbon	Mrs Leah Malpas
2 Lisbon	Mr Angas Quantrill	6 Assisi	Mr Greg Rick
3 Assisi	Ms Johanna Barling	6 Padua	Mrs Monique Egan
3 Padua	Mr Ben McDevitt	6 Lisbon	Ms Beth Lehmensich/Mrs Bernie Wilson
3 Lisbon	Mrs Heather Naylor/Mrs Angela Bartkowiak		

### St Anthony's Early Learning Centre Staff

Director	Ms Sharon O'Brien
Front Office Manager	Ms Leisa Bryson
Teacher (Koala's)	Ms Zoe Tsiouris
Teacher (Possums & Bilby's)	Ms Sarah McCulloch
Educators	Mrs Nicole Scandura, Miss Michaela Barbara, Mrs Stephanie Fisk and Mrs Jody Mitrousis

## IMPORTANT SCHOOL INFORMATION

**School Hours:** Supervision of students begins at 8:30. Morning assembly begins at 8:55. Recess begins at 11:00 for eating followed by play between 11:10 and 11:45. Lunch begins at 1:15 for eating and 1:25 to 2:00pm for play. The official time for the school day to finish is 3:20pm and early bell rings at 3:10 releasing children who walk, ride, cross the oval or catch the bus. The children can be collected from the asphalt or they will make their way to the line for their method of travelling home ie: Bus/Walkers/Oval Crossing/OOSCA/Drive through Line. Children are expected to be **OFF** the grounds no later than **3:45pm**. We recommend that parents collect their children from the Wanniasa Oval – students will be taken across to the ovals car park for collection, especially now Pre-School classes are dismissed at 3pm.

**Contacting Staff:** The easiest form of communication with any staff member is through email. The email addresses are: [Firstname.Surname@cq.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Firstname.Surname@cq.catholic.edu.au). Please allow teachers time to return your email.

**Pupil Information Cards:** Cards will go home this week. We ask that parents complete the card (**front and back**) carefully. These cards are used so we can contact parents quickly in case of emergency and to update our computer records. If, at any time during the year, your contact details change **please notify the office immediately**. Return your completed card to your child's teacher as soon as possible. If you do not know your child's Sports House, please leave it blank and we will fill it in.

**Messages to Students:** Please make sure that your child is aware of how they are getting home and who is collecting them from school and what to do if it is raining. If you need to get a message to your child please call the front office before 1pm. It is not plausible for the front office staff to leave the front office area unattended to deliver messages and the PA system should only be used when necessary and not constantly interrupting your child's learning.

**Late arrival and early collection from school:** Parents are required to sign their child into school if they are late, the student then hands the white slip to their teacher. Students will be sent to the front office to sign themselves in if they arrive to the classrooms without a slip. This allows the school to know the whereabouts of all students in the case of an emergency ie: fire/lockdown. When arriving at school to collect your child/ren early you will need to sign the students out and take the white slip to their classroom and hand it to their teacher. In an emergency we are happy to call your child/ren over the PA system however please understand that this method interrupts the whole school. It is always preferable for you to physically collect your child/ren from their classroom to keep them safe. This process can be time consuming so please factor this into your schedule.

**Health Advice:** If your child suffers from any health problems that can cause serious episodes resulting in an emergency plan (e.g. asthma, severe allergic reactions etc.) we require specific information that would enable us to quickly identify both the student and the appropriate action. Please contact the front office if your child requires an Action Plan. Parents of children who had Action Plans in place last year will be contact this week for those plans to be updated.

**Medication:** We are required by law to hold a signed 'Consent to Dispense Medication' form before we administer medication to any student (All medication needs to be supplied by parents/carers). If your child needs temporary or long term medication please contact the office to obtain the necessary consent form. Similarly, if the dosage requirements alter, it is necessary for us to hold a 'Notification of Change to Medication'. These forms are also available from the front office. As a safety precaution we ask that regular medications be placed in a segregated container (available from most pharmacies) with the child's name, dosage and frequency clearly marked.

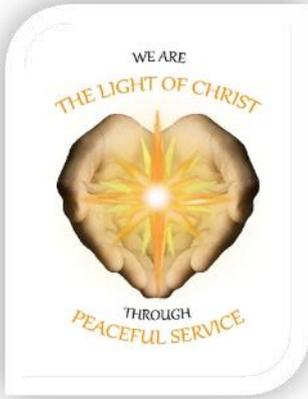
### **PLEASE LABEL ALL YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS**

**School Banking:** St Anthony's provides the students the opportunity to bank at school. Bendigo Bank come to school every Tuesday morning. For further information please contact Sarah Waller by email: [Sarah.Waller@cq.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Sarah.Waller@cq.catholic.edu.au).

**Traffic Arrangements:** If your child needs assistance getting in and out of your vehicle please do not use the flow through area. You will need to exit your vehicle in the allocated car park and collect your children from the asphalt until they can independently get in and out of your car. Parents who arrived before 3:20pm will be required to park in the car park and walk to the asphalt to collect their child/ren. In the afternoon please do not start queuing into the school until you are absolutely sure that the last bus has collected children. You will know the right time as staff will call the pick-up children from the asphalt area to the front of the school. Please be courteous and patient.

**NO RIGHT HAND TURN INTO THE SCHOOL FROM WHEELER CRESCENT DURING DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIMES (Buses excepted).**

# *We are the Light of Christ through Peaceful Service*



Following on from last year and taking our lead from Pope Francis, our theme this year will keep the phrase 'We are the light of Christ' and add, 'through peaceful service'. This can be interpreted in many ways, but for St Anthony's this year, we will be focussing on finding peace within, in order to serve others. There will be a large emphasis firstly on meditation and contemplation and secondly on service.

The image that we will be using for the year has been designed within the school and each element has symbolic significance.

Firstly, if you look at the hands, they resemble the shape of a heart – our giving comes from a place of love. They are open and presenting. There are darker shades around the hands, this reminds us that we all have elements of darkness in our lives, but they are not barriers which prevent us from opening up and sharing our light with others.

Moving to the light inside the hands, you'll notice the stronger orange rays take on the shape of a cross, this cross represents the Light of Christ that we each carry. The light represents our personal and individual gifts, the offering of ourselves.

The concept of peaceful service is brought to light in John's Gospel (John 13:1-19) when Jesus washes the feet of his disciples. Luke's Gospel reveals that this act of humble service occurred at a time when the apostles were fighting among themselves about who was the greatest. Jesus, in this act of service, demonstrates that he is equally at home with the exercise of power, and the humility of servanthood. Obviously leaders today live in a world that is immeasurably more complex than it was one hundred, much less two thousand years ago, the simple truth is that people long for leaders who put the interests of others ahead of their own, who are willing to do what is right above what is easy or politically expedient, and who are not afraid to lay their reputation on the line for a cause and a vision that is vastly bigger than themselves.

Jesus' leadership was different for his day - and for our day too. He always looked for the perspective of the least among the group. This was not the top-down hierarchical style of the day. Instead he emphasised collaboration, trust, empathy, and an ethical use of power.

Being a leader who follows in the footsteps of Jesus means we must understand service; that leadership is not lording over others; nor is it about being a doormat; but rather rising to our own potential and reflecting the value of others back to them. In our lives we should always be mindful of opportunities to lead in this way.

## School Fees

Term 1 school fees will be emailed to all families next week. If you are new to the school please contact me to provide your preferred email address for the school fees to be sent to asap. 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

## Clothing Pool

The Clothing Pool will be open this Wednesday from 3.00pm – 3.45pm.

**New items:** St Anthony school bucket hats \$11 each. Sizes S, M, L

**Pre-loved clothing:** shorts \$2, Polo Tops \$5, Skorts \$5, Jumpers \$5, Girls Summer Dresses \$10.

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

Happy Birthday to:

David R, Patrick C, Kai B, Zoe B, Anezka B, Reeni K and Oliver R.

Have a wonderful day!



Sport Days

Please find listed below the Sport Days for all year groups.

Kindergarten	Wednesday & Friday
Year 1	Wednesday & Friday
Year 2	Wednesday & Friday
Year 3	Tuesday & Thursday
Year 4	
Year 5	
Year 6	Tuesday & Thursday

Library News

Welcome back to the new school year. By the end of this week all classes will have had the opportunity to borrow books to take home and read. A reminder that all students need a library bag (plastic bag) to protect books as they travel backwards and forward to school.

OOSCA News

All parents will need to update their records at OOSCA. Current details on all accounts will be available at OOSCA during drop off and pick up for your convenience.

# St Anthony's Canteen

Open Tuesday - Friday  
6231 4022

Manager: Mrs Maree Alchin

## Roster of Volunteer Helpers

<b>Tues 31 Jan</b>	HELP NEEDED
<b>Wed 1 Feb</b>	Peta Crowder 9am-2pm
<b>Thurs 2 Feb</b>	Carol Coulton
<b>Friday 3 Feb</b>	Lea Locke 9-10:30am
	Rachel Esler 9-10:30am
	Selina Walker 9am-2pm
	Dianna Young 9am-2pm

**WEEK TWO**

<b>Tues 7 Feb</b>	Megan Doherty 9am-12pm
<b>Wed 8 Feb</b>	Renee Kite 9am-12pm

*Thank you to all our volunteers who do an amazing job in helping with the operation of our school canteen. We would love to hear from more family members who can volunteer, any amount of time is greatly appreciated. Please contact Maree in the Canteen, or just pop in.*

Please remember to update your child/ren's class on flexischools, so that their lunch orders go to the correct classroom.

Flexischools On-line Ordering  
Go to [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)

- Click register
- Enter your email address
- You will be emailed a link to an online form – follow the link
- Choose a username and password and complete the form
- Add each student and their class
- Top-up the account using visa and mastercard.

Flexischools is now the only way to place an order at the canteen. Over the counter sales are still available at recess and lunch (snack foods only).



## CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

I am organising the canteen roster for Term 1, 2017. I would love for you to come and help in the canteen, no doubt your children will get a kick out of seeing you as well. Duties include preparing food, serving, cleaning up and that all important cuppa.

Parents/carers/grandparents and siblings are very welcome. We have a playroom for the littlies to enjoy.

You can volunteer for the whole day 9 – 2 or for half the day or just for an hour or two, all help appreciated.

If you have any queries or would like to volunteer please return the form below to school or call in and visit.

Maree 6231 4022

[maree\\_alchin@hotmail.com](mailto:maree_alchin@hotmail.com)

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### CANTEEN ROSTER

All Day

9-11.30

11.30-2.00

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Please indicate: Weekly/fortnightly/monthly

Name:

Phone:

Email: