



**Week 2
Term 1
2017**



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**The newsletter can be viewed
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ST ANTHONY'S

PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Start to the Year Thanks

Congratulations to everyone for their support with their child's successful start to the year. Our Kindergarten students are settling in well and the ELC students are having a great time in the preschool program and also in before school and after school care sessions. The ELC staff have worked hard to make the first week a success and lots of the administration aspects are falling into place now.

As you are aware the primary school has its meet the staff evening this Thursday and the ELC is planning a similar evening in Week 4, parents will be informed about this.

Opening School Mass

Thank you to Miss Beth Lehmensich for organising a lovely opening school mass and to the staff and children that were directly involved in parts of the mass. The mass was a nice way to start the year and the students were very reverent. I liked the symbols used and the students singing and I know the students are keen to use actions for the new 2017 school theme song. I also liked the gospel reading on the Good Samaritan and its connection to our staff spirituality day/theme held recently. The school theme "We are the Light of Christ, through Peaceful Service" is being permeated through the community and hopefully we can continue to bring it to life in many ways during the school the year.

Leadership Badge Ceremony Friday

This Friday all Year 6 students will receive their leadership badge for 2017 acknowledging that they have reached this important point in their time at St Anthony's. All students are leaders in some capacity and we want to provide them with the opportunity to show their skills and develop them further in 2017.

Year 5 and 6 students elected to leadership positions in Semester One will also receive their specific badges. We will also acknowledge their portfolios and roles for the semester. Each year the students have important roles to play and as a community we all contribute something to their experiences and development.

The St Anthony's student leadership model has been in place at St Anthony's for a number of years. The model has served the students and the community well but we believe it is time for a review of the model. This review may show that there are many elements working well and others they may benefit from being changed. Some parents have provided feedback in recent times and I hope to be able to canvas parent, staff and student feedback and ideas this semester so that any changes can be implemented for Semester Two.

Kaye Lowe Visit – Our Literacy Coach and Critical Friend

Kaye Lowe has worked with the school for two years now as a Literacy Coach and Critical Friend. Kaye is working with staff to implement a literacy block which reflects best practice in teaching and optimal student learning. The staff are making great progress in implementing the recommendations and students are learning ways to engage with literacy that are empowering, consistent and purposeful. Students are reading and writing for at least 20 minutes uninterrupted each session and teachers are providing 'feed forward' in new and meaningful ways. Students are taking part in sharing circles with teachers and peers. Students are conferencing 1-1 regularly with their teacher. Students are taking part in purpose based groups differentiated to their point of need.

Hopefully you will also see changes to the way quality books are displayed in classrooms and around the school. We are working with Kaye to make our learning environments more exciting and practical to support best teaching and learning in literacy. Many parents have attended Kaye's workshops in recent years and know how passionate and experienced Kaye is and how effective her initiatives are. Essentially the staff are implementing an inquiry approach to learning and this is something we will share more information with you as the year progresses.

2017 Meet Staff Evening this Thursday

You should have received a note yesterday inviting you to this evening on Thursday. There have also been messages in the Week One newsletter and on the skoolbag app.

Please come along and learn more about your child's year ahead from their class teacher and other staff. The evening runs between 5-7pm. Each year level is offering a parent session, repeated at 5.15pm and 5.45 pm to allow parents to get to various classes if needed. Teachers need to meet as many families as possible during the evening so please be mindful if you wish to discuss any matters in detail with your child's teacher, you will need to make another appointment time. Please don't be offended if I call all staff out to enjoy the BBQ at some point too!

The community BBQ will run the entire time so please stay for a while to mingle with the other families and staff.

New Focus for Student of the Week Awards in 2017

Our Student of the Week Cards – now going to be called Student Learning Awards, will begin in Week 3 this term. This year staff have aligned the descriptors for awards to the attributes of successful learners, often referred to as habits of mind. A lot of the initiatives within the school will also align with these values and skills.

You will see these attributes and habits of mind displayed around the school, mentioned at assemblies, discussed in classrooms and hopefully in conversations about your child's learning. The teachers know the importance of focusing on how students learn and their roles as a learner – not simply on what students need to learn (content only). Student Centred Learning is very uplifting and engaging for all involved and we are on that journey of helping students discover a love for learning and ways to see themselves as, and become, successful learners.

Car Park Update

You may have identified the main issue with the new car park is that if the lower (central) car park is full then you cannot directly access the top parking and overflow parking areas. This will be changed shortly. The exit turning circle at the top of the car park is also too tight for some vehicles and may need to be modified. I apologise for any inconvenience caused.



Please also be careful with the new 45-degree angle parking in the central section. I have been informed of one collision and I have witnessed one near miss where cars have backed directly into each other's paths. Please take extra time to look behind and beside you as your reverse on the 45-degree angle.

Other upcoming school events and dates that may be of Interest

Wednesday 15 February – School Board Meeting 5.30pm

Wednesday 22 February – Parents and Friends Association AGM and first meeting 7.00pm.

Wednesday 1 March – Ash Wednesday

Thursday 2 March – St Anthony's Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 8 March – Canteen Tuck Day

For all school events and dates please refer to google calendar on the school website. This site is updated regularly and changes are made within this online calendar.

I wish you all a wonderful Week 2 as the school year starts to get into full swing!

Through Christ's example and Grace, may we be mindful of placing others needs before our own, supported through our actions of peaceful service.

God Bless.

Greg Walker
Principal



Happy Birthday to:

Solomon D, Riley E, Zoe W, Matilda C, Grace D, Jacob G, Rihanna B, Margaret B, Jack W and Rachel Y.

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	Monday & Thursday
5 Assisi	Monday & Wednesday
5 Padua	Monday & Thursday
5 Lisbon	Monday & Friday
Year 6	Tuesday & Thursday

Library News

Class Library Days:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
2A	KA	3A
2P	KP	3P
2L	1A	3L
6A	1P	5A
6P	4A	5P
6L	4P	5L

School Office Hours

Please be mindful that the school office hours are from **8:30am – 4pm**. The phone will not be answered outside these hours.

Morning Drop Off

If you are dropping your child to school in the morning, please do not park in the bus zone. Buses can start driving through this area as early as 8:10-8:15am and they are unable to get through when cars are parked there. This is especially relevant for families using Before School Care for both the Early Learning Centre and the School. Your cooperation is extremely appreciated.

St Anthony's Canteen

Open Tuesday - Friday

6231 4022

Manager: Mrs Maree Alchin

Roster of Volunteer Helpers

Tues 7 Feb	Megan Doherty 9am-12pm
Wed 8 Feb	Renee Kite 9am-12pm
Thurs 9 Feb	HELP NEEDED
Friday 10 Feb	Rachel Esler 9-10am
	Sue Duckett 9am-12pm
	Nicole Gray 12-2pm
	Selina Walker 9am-2pm
WEEK THREE	
Tues 14 Feb	HELP NEEDED
Wed 15 Feb	Peta Crowder 9am-2pm

PRICE INCREASE: Frozen Yoghurt \$2.30

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

- 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).

Kinder Care 2017

OOSCA would love to welcome our new kindergarten students to St. Anthony's! Over the last week we have been running our Kindy Care program which has enabled some of the students develop positive relationships with the OOSCA staff and children, settle into the school's routine and participate in a range of experiences. While at Kindy Care, the children have had the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities such as making superhero capes, Sand Art, Hama Beads and sensory garden play.

