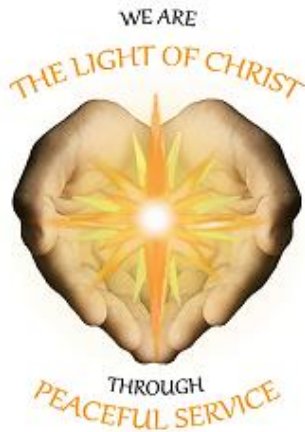




**Week 4  
Term 1  
2017**



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# ST ANTHONY'S

PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Mrs Stankovic's Return

Thank you for your support of Mrs Stankovic and her family during this time of sadness with her father's passing. Laura's father's funeral was today (Tuesday) and a number of staff attended in support. Mrs Stankovic is planning to return to teach her class this Thursday and I know she is looking forward to resuming her role.

School Initiatives in 2017

With the school year underway many programs have begun. Our school receives annual funding through Catholic Education to support various initiatives in the school. Each funded initiative has criteria which must be met but I am pleased to say that the school has some autonomy in how the funding is used to strategically benefit students in our school. Below are some of the roles being undertaken by teachers to support students across the school. Utilising the knowledge and experience our class teachers have of our students is important to the success of each role and everyone benefits.



**2017 Aboriginal Contact Teacher Role**

Congratulations to Ms Johanna Barling who has taken up the Aboriginal Contact Teacher role for 2017. Johanna continues the work carried out in recent years by Miss Ptycia and Mrs Spackman. This is an important role and one that evolves each year with new goals to achieve. The focus is clearly to close the gap in Indigenous student attendances and for more students to be represented in the top 3 bands of achievement. Ms Barling will also lead the curriculum implementation of Indigenous perspectives and plan cultural activities for the school community. Mrs Jo Dufelmeier will teach Ms Barling's Year 3 class each Tuesday while she undertakes the role.

**2017 Wellbeing Teacher Role**

Congratulations to Mr Greg Rick who has taken up the Wellbeing Teacher role. This is a new role to be started in 2017. Mr Rick's role is to support teachers and students in a range of ways. Mr Rick will be a contact for supporting students in their interactions, relationships and engagement at school. Mr Rick has been teaching at St Anthony's for a number of years and has a good knowledge of most students. Mr Rick will be able to help teachers to evaluate each student's needs and research appropriate strategies from our wellbeing programs like School Wide Positive Behaviour, 'Kidsmatter', 'Bounceback' to assist. Mr Rick may also be able to help in developing some mentor partnerships and relationship building sessions. I hope the role is one of a personal nature based on good research and practice. Mrs Janice Spackman will teach Mr Rick's Year 6 class on Thursdays.





### **2017 Information Communication Technology (ICT) Teacher Role**

Mr Jon Liddle will continue his role as ICT Teacher/Coordinator in 2017. Mr Liddle has done a great job in recent years preparing our school for the next phase of our digital learning journey. Mr Liddle has worked tirelessly in classrooms to start the year to try and get everything up and running and I think he has done an amazing job! Mr Liddle has also started teaching class groups across the school on how to use our new fleet of 70 Google Chromebooks. Mr Liddle also presented information about our 'Technology 4 Classrooms' (T4C) plan and general ICT ideas to the School Board last Wednesday evening. There is a parent/student showcase on ICT planned for later this term and more details will be distributed soon. Mr Liddle will have two days per week off class to embed the use of ICT and associated pedagogy in the school. Mrs Leah Malpas will teach Mr Liddle's class on Monday and Tuesday each week.

### **2017 Early Literacy Initiative (ELI) Teacher Role**

Mrs Angela Bartkowiak will continue in 2017 in the role of ELI. Mrs Bartkowiak works with teachers to support the teaching and learning of literacy through inquiry based daily literacy block sessions. Recent results show that the extra support in classrooms and teaching differentiated to the level of students does lift the achievement of students at all levels. Mrs Bartkowiak undertakes this role on Mondays and Tuesdays and has a strong presence in Year 1 and other infants' classrooms where research shows intervention has the best results. However, Mrs Bartkowiak is supporting literacy block practice in Years 3 – Year 6 as well, as positive signs are present in the senior year levels.



### **2017 Early Numeracy Initiative (ENI) Teacher Role**

Mrs Kelly Mara will continue to teach numeracy through the ENI role. Mrs Mara is in her fourth year in this role and has a deep understanding of how students work mathematically. Mrs Mara works closely with students in Year 2 where research shows students respond best to numeracy intervention. However, Mrs Mara works in supporting all teachers with teaching mathematics and assessment techniques. Mrs Mara works in this role at key times on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Many students have shown great gains in their understanding of numeracy and their achievement, leading them to be more confident and capable mathematicians in the senior year levels.

We have highly dedicated, knowledgeable and professional staff at St Anthony's and they all bring something valuable to each and every student's experience of school. I thank all of our staff and particularly the staff taking on these key roles mentioned above and other roles. Your child's class teacher/s has the support of a broader team of staff working collectively to assist them. Through targeted professional learning and expert coaching and mentoring, our staff keep developing their capabilities each year.



### Oval Precinct Update

Progress is being made on the oval precinct again. The soil and debris is being sorted and the oval is being levelled again ready for irrigation to be re-established across the new surface. The oval will be top dressed and seeded when the weather cools down. Quotes are being finalised for a multi-purpose court but nothing has been locked in as yet. A path is planned to connect the new overflow car park with the school. We are still trying to find a solution to the shed storage spaces. The school fete is on Saturday 20 May so we are conscious that this big event uses our school grounds and this event won't be in jeopardy.

### All staff undertake CPR and Anaphylaxis Training

Just for your information, in the past week all staff have undertaken their annual training in CPR and anaphylaxis. Staff also receive additional training in first aid to ensure that qualified staff are present at school and on excursions, camps and sports carnivals.

### Overflow Car Park Now in Use

The overflow car park is again open for use. The gate to access the overflow area should be opened by a member of staff at approximately 7.30am and will close at approximately 4.00pm. The gate will be open for longer periods when school events are held. With this new overflow car park now open, the school has over 100 parking spaces to support drive through processes. As mentioned above, a new path is planned to link the car park more directly with the school.

### P & F Meeting – Wednesday 22nd February

This meeting will be held at 7pm in the school library. All parents and carers especially new families are warmly invited to attend. The P & F undertake many essential services in the school community and carry out many valuable tasks to support the school. However, the P & F can only continue to exist and meet its goals through the generosity of the parent body. No two years are the same on the P & F and new members and ideas are always welcome. Please consider coming along and maybe bring a friend.

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

Greg Walker  
Principal

### School Fees

**Term 1 school fees are due on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March.** 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 experience financial difficulties. Please contact me for more details. Parents who do not wish to pay the building fund due to financial difficulties need to write to Mr Greg Walker, this is a yearly requirement. Thank you, Judy Mead.

### Happy Birthday to:

Jason B, Arabella Mc, Chevonne V-R, Tracy T, Emily W, Anthony G, Annabelle R, Michaela S, Alexandra W, Dante V-D, Chloe E, Dylan H and Zhen Y.

Have a wonderful day!



### Successful Learner Awards

Congratulations to the following students who are this week's Successful Learners:

Jacob M KA, Tejas G KP, Luca A 1A, Alexander S 1P, Mary-Grace B 1P, Kobie H 2A, Seth R 2A, Anneliese T 3A, Aiden B 5A, Oliver V-P 5L, Mia V 5L, Nitin G 6P, Jenna H 6L.

Certificates will be presented during Friday Morning Assembly commencing at 9am.

### Medical Alerts for 2017

Last week Medical Alert forms were sent home to parents of those students who have known medical conditions – please complete these forms at your earliest convenience. If you did not receive a form and feel that your child should have a medical alert form (including their photo) displayed in Sick Bay to be used in the case of an emergency, please contact Sarah Waller as soon as possible.

### TPSSA (Tuggeranong Primary School Sport Association)

#### Trials

Hi All,

It is that time of year again, when trials for TPSSA start. In order to participate in a chosen trial, and be considered for selection to a Tuggeranong Representative Team you will need to log onto the School Sport A.C.T website and make sure that you have registered. <https://www.schoolsportact.asn.au/>

A multi-trial is happening.

When: Tuesday, March 7th Week 6  
and Thursday, March 16th Week 7.

Where: Trinity Oval

Time: 4:00 -5:30pm

The sports will include rugby league, AFL, softball and touch football.

You may try out for all of the sports or just one of them. There will be teachers from all different schools there to assist you.

Have fun! Mrs Bartkowiak

## NETBALL REGISTRATIONS

Registrations are open for St Anthony's Netball teams from years 2-6. Registrations and payments are due by Wednesday 1 March. Please see information and instructions on the school website under 'Notes for Parents'. Thanks to the 70 children from years 2, 3 and 4 who attended last week's Come and Try Netball sessions, they were a lot of fun. Thanks to Mrs Spackman, our year 6 helpers Georgina, Mikaela and Jenna, and our Canberra Darters helpers Sophie and Laura.

## OOSCA News

OOSCA Statements will be emailed out again this Thursday. If you haven't received a statement, please contact Sarah Waller via email.

[Sarah.Waller@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Sarah.Waller@cg.catholic.edu.au).

## Newsletter – ICT Coordinator (Jon Liddle)

In 2017, St Anthony's Principal and Executive with the support of the School Board has made the important decision to fund a two day per week dedicated Teacher/ICT Specialist.

*IT and education is one of my passions. I am looking forward to working with both teachers and students in implementing and integrating ICT tools within the classroom, while also preparing students for our ever-changing technological world.*

Some important ICT milestones have already been accomplished this year and last year at St Anthony's.

Last year we had a \$50,000 refurbishment of our wireless network which allows us to support a larger number of devices more reliably. The School Board also approved the purchase of 70 Chromebooks which allow the students to access their student Google and Office 365 accounts and applications. These devices are being used to support some exciting pedagogy across grades 2 – 6. A further 90 iPads have also been distributed across the school and are assisting teachers in providing a collaborative and creative work environment.

Currently, we are investigating the possibility of St Anthony's becoming a Bring Your Own Designated Device (BYODD) school. There will be more information in relation to this initiative soon.

Below is a link that raises some big questions about schools and the use of ICT.

<https://au.news.yahoo.com/video/watch/33142462/a-look-inside-future-classrooms/#page1>

(For those with the SKOOLBAG App I will send the URL as a link – the link will be provided)

*"We need technology in every classroom and in every student and teacher's hand, because it is the pen and paper of our time, and it is the lens through which we experience much of our world." (David Warlick).*

## 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.

## Health Alert

There has been a confirmed case of Head Lice in Year 4. Please diligently check your child's hair and treat appropriately.

# St Anthony's Canteen

Open Tuesday - Friday

6231 4022

Manager: Mrs Maree Alchin

## *Roster of Volunteer Helpers*

|                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Tues 21 Feb</b>   | Megan Doherty 9am-12pm |
| <b>Wed 22 Feb</b>    | Renee Kite 9am-12pm    |
| <b>Thurs 23 Feb</b>  | Bec Callaway 11am-2pm  |
| <b>Friday 24 Feb</b> | Rachel Esler 9-10am    |
|                      | Sue Duckett 9am-12pm   |
|                      | Mary Russell 9am-12pm  |
|                      | Dianna Young 9am-2pm   |
|                      | Gemma Dowie 11am-2pm   |
| <b>WEEK FIVE</b>     |                        |
| <b>Tues 28 Feb</b>   | HELP NEEDED            |
| <b>Wed 1 March</b>   | Peta Crowder 9am-2pm   |

**Sushi Tuck Day – 8<sup>th</sup> March**  
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