



**Week 4  
Term 2  
2017**



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# ST ANTHONY'S

PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,



Clare McNamara's Note of Thanks

This week Clare asked me to pass on these words of thanks to everyone.

*Clare McNamara and Nicholas, Megan and Benjamin Snell would like to sincerely thank the St Anthony's community for the love and support shown to us since the death of our husband and father, Scott Snell, on 21 April.*

*We are so grateful to everyone who has contacted us, for your prayers and thoughts, and all the hugs, messages and calls. We also thank everyone who sent food following Scott's funeral, and those who have baked for us, cooked us meals and contributed to the amazing mothers' day care package received on the weekend.*

*We are so fortunate to be part of this wonderful community. Thank you so very much.*

**St Anthony's Annual Fete**

Well, we are close to this big event again! Just a few sleeps to go.

**SATURDAY 20 MAY 10am – 2pm**

There may be a few storm clouds and rain forecast for the end of the week. While we have one eye on the forecast as we are continuing our planning. Later in the week the Fete Committee will evaluate the situation.

The Fete Committee and staff have worked tirelessly to prepare for Saturday and it promises to be another great community event! Fingers crossed that everything will work out and it will be a great event!

**Battle Continues for ACT Catholic Schools Funding**

Firstly, I would like to express my thanks for the members of St Anthony's School Community and other Catholic Schools who attended the Public meeting held last Monday evening or viewed the meeting streamed online. We cannot underestimate the powerful message that this has sent to the government.

Minister Birmingham did send a letter to every Catholic school in the ACT confirming lower funding in 2027 than 2017. Many parents are quite rightly asking what these cuts will mean for them and what can they do to reverse this policy.

It is important to note that Catholic education and our communities are doing everything they can to fight for a better deal and limit the effect of any cuts on parents, including keeping school fees as low as possible across Catholic schools.

Today you will receive with the newsletter:

1. A fact sheet for Parents and staff to assist in understanding the changes.
2. A media release from Mr Ross Fox – Director of Catholic Education

Thank you for your support at this critical period for Catholic education and I urge you to continue to actively pursue fair funding for Catholic schools in the ACT. The voice of Catholic students, parents and staff can make a difference. We may be a small jurisdiction in national terms for the Federal Government but let's make some big noise about the funding issue and stand united!

St Anthony's is a special school, much loved and valued by students, parents and staff. St Anthony's is open to all students whose parents wish for them to attend. We are not an elite school. We are not a private school. Keep fighting for parents to be able to realistically maintain the choice for their child to attend St Anthony's and other Catholic schools in our system.

### Canteen Support Thanks

Thank you to Peta Crowder who managed the school canteen last week while Maree and Selina were away. This was a wonderful gesture and most appreciated. Thank you to the other volunteers who assisted to and those who continue to help our canteen provide this much needed service to our students.

### Year 6 Camp

Our Year 6 students and teachers travelled to Sydney yesterday to begin their week long adventure and camp. On Monday they enjoyed the afternoon at the world famous Taronga Park Zoo before heading to Narrabeen Sport and Recreation Centre for activities all week. We wish them luck and we will keep families posted on their happenings!

### Information and Technology Update/BYODD

As you may be aware St Anthony's is entering into a phase of students being able to 'Bring Your Own Designated Device BYODD' to support their learning in class. There was a parent information evening held last term and more information is available on the school website under the tab BYODD.

The BYODD program is intended to start in Year 4 in Semester Two this year where these students will have the use of their Chromebook in their classes for at least three years. This term some Year 2- 6 students have started to bring their own device which is a specific type of Google Chromebook. Again, see the school website for reference and specifications. School staff have started a data base of student's name and their class which will be updated when students bring their designated device.

The students who bring their own device will have an ORIENTATION SESSION with our ICT Coordinator Mr Jon Liddle. Children must inform their classroom teacher when they first bring their own computer. Class teacher will then inform Mr Liddle. The Orientation session will include a discussion about SECURITY, CYBER SAFETY, USER AGREEMENTS, STORAGE PROCEDURES and USE at SCHOOL.

SECURITY. Students who bring Chromebooks to school will have a central supervised place to store their Chromebook before school – in the initial phase of the program this will be in the OOSCA Centre with Necta and her staff. This will be assed as the number of Chromebooks increase. Students will not be allowed to use their devices at recess or lunch. We value the socialisation that students learn in play settings and this must be maintained. Classrooms blocks will be locked when there are no teachers in attendance, i.e. sports lessons, excursions, assemblies.

This is an exciting time for the school community and in the learning opportunities for our students. The school staff will manage the uptake of the BYODD and the program itself. If you have any questions, please

do hesitate to contact your child's teacher or Mr Liddle. Our teachers continue to receive professional learning on how student learning can be enhanced through the use of ICT and in a BYODD environment. Catholic Education support our program and provide regular coaching and pedagogical information for our staff.

Mr Liddle is released from his Year 5 class on Monday and Tuesday each week to support all areas of ICT within the school, including BYODD. More information will be disseminated to the school community shortly and information will be regularly updated on the school website.

#### 2018 Catholic Schools Enrolments Closing Friday 19 May

To ensure your child's enrolment is to be considered for your Catholic school of choice, you must return your enrolment form by this Friday 19 May.

This includes St Anthony's Early Learning Centre and Primary School, as well as Catholic Secondary Colleges. At times your child may be placed on a waiting list if their form is returned after this date.

**St Anthony's Primary School**  
**Next Open Morning and School Tours**  
**This Wednesday 17 May 9.30am – 11.00am**

**Early Learning Centres Tours available on Tuesday mornings or on request.**

**For more enrolment information please contact our school or Early Learning Centre Offices. Information is also available on our school website.**

Wishing you all well during these interesting times. God Bless.

Greg Walker  
Principal

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Principal

#### School Fees

**Term 2 School Fees have been emailed to parents and are due on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June.** 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.

#### Subscribe to the Newsletter via Skoolbag

You now have the opportunity to subscribe to the newsletter via the skoolbag portal on the home page of the website. This will replace the old email addresses used to email the newsletter.

#### Successful Learner Awards

Congratulations to the following students who will be award a Successful Learner Award this Friday at morning assembly. Well Done.

Yvaine M KA, Rafa D KP, Georgia B-Mc 1A, Lachlan Mc 1A, Leon B 1P, Lachlan B 1P, Marcus D 3L, Willem H 4P, Izma I 4P, Sebastian D-E 4P, Ashley P 5A, Mackenzie J 5P, Olivia C 3P, Tadhg M 5L.

#### Happy Birthday to:

Shaydah-Rose L, Chloe B, Charlie L, Caitlin O'M, Ella W, Eliza B, Mitchell B and Liam Edwards.  
Have a wonderful day!



### Book Fair News

**VERY EXCITING NEWS!** Our books have arrived ready for our Book Fair in Week 4. All students will have the opportunity to view the books and make a Wish List during their library lessons.

Books can then be purchased:

Week 4	Thursday and Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> May
Before School	8:30 – 9:00 am
Lunch Time	1:15 – 1:55 pm
After School	3:00 – 4:00pm

Unfortunately, Year 6 will be away on camp, they will be given the opportunity to view and order books at the end of Week 3.

**DON'T FORGET**, books will also be on sale during our School Fete.

I am so looking forward to seeing you all at the Book Fair. Danielle Richardson

### Seasons for Growth Program



Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives. At St Anthony's we recognise that when changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce and related circumstances, young people may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively. We are therefore offering a very successful education program called *Seasons for Growth* which will commence in week 6 of this term. This program is facilitated in small groups and is based on research which highlights the importance of social support and the need to practice new skills to cope effectively with change and loss. The program focuses on issues such as self-esteem, managing feelings, problem-solving, decision-making, effective communication and support networks.

If you believe your child may benefit from participating in the *Seasons for Growth* program please contact the coordinator, Johanna Barling, on [johanna.barling@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:johanna.barling@cg.catholic.edu.au) for more information.

### Mission Group Update

Last term, the Year 6 Mission Group led St Anthony's in Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. The St Anthony's community raised over \$1100 for this very worthy charity and the money will be put to good use both in Australia and in other needy parts of the world.

This term, our Mission Group will be leading us in the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. We have contacted our local St Vinnies Conference in Wanniasa and they are putting together a list of items that the people they serve are truly in need of this Winter. We will seek donations for these items very soon. In addition, we are going to bring a little handmade love to our appeal this year. We are asking students, teachers, mums, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins to knit or crochet 20cm x 20cm squares. These squares will then be pieced together to create handmade blankets for those who need them. The wool and the colours you choose to use are entirely up to you and once you are complete, the squares can be dropped off at the Front Office to be pieced together.

For some knitting tips, visit: <http://www.knitting-naturally.com/knitting-blanket-squares.html>

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at [beth.lehmensich@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:beth.lehmensich@cg.catholic.edu.au)

The Mission Group would like to thank you all for your support and encouragement in Term One and are looking forward to another big success in Term 2.





## Sports Report

Hi All,

The following students have made it through to TPSSA in a variety of sports- for A.F.L- Samuel Q, Cian H, Damian C and Ashley P. For Softball- Zoe B, Sarah M and Taylor M. For Rugby League- Kai C and Will P and for Touch- Emily K. Congratulations to all of these students.

For these students to successfully tryout out for these sports, their parents needed to go onto the Schoolsport A.C.T website and register their child. This website also allows you to see up and coming events for each sport. Without registering on this website, your child is unable to tryout at the sport. I encourage families to go onto the website and look to see if there are any sports that your child is interested in trying out for. I have attached the website below for everyone to look at- [www.schoolsportsact.asn.au](http://www.schoolsportsact.asn.au)

TPSSA Cross Country- For those children who have made it into the Cross Country, don't forget that notes are due back this Friday! I have received many notes and money already, thank-you to those families who have already returned them. Please make sure that you are there next Tuesday by 9:00am. I will be there nice and early. You don't want to be late for your race.



Have fun playing sport!

## Ride or Walk to School (RWTS) Update

Our School is pleased to be part of the Ride or Walk to School program, encouraging our students to ride, walk, scoot and skateboard to school!

Overwhelming evidence shows that kids who use active travel to get to school are more alert and ready to learn and it also contributes to them achieving their recommended 60 minutes of daily physical activity. Another big bonus is it reduces the number of cars coming to school each day for pick up and drop off. Even if it's only part way, we'd love to see lots of our students riding and walking each day.

Students will be participating in various activities and events to promote riding and walking and we'll be sharing news, hints and tips in the newsletter and on our Facebook page.

This Friday is **National Walk to School Day** however at St Anthony's we have decided that since we have our School Community is already very busy with the School Fete this week we have postponed this event until Friday 9th June (Week 7). More information will be made available closer to the date.

Since our School is part of the RWTS program we have also been made aware of a special offer from Box of Bikes. Please see the notice below if you are interested.

And remember cycling, walking and skating are simple ways for children to incorporate physical activity into their everyday lives. Their daily journey to and from school provides an ideal opportunity to put this into practice.

Tracey Adamson  
RWTS Coordinator



# St Anthony's Canteen

Open Tuesday - Friday

6231 4022

Manager: Mrs Maree Alchin

## Roster of Volunteer Helpers

<b>Tues 16 May</b>	HELP NEEDED 9am-12pm
<b>Wed 17 May</b>	HELP NEEDED 9am-12pm
<b>Thurs 18 May</b>	Dianna Young 9am-2pm
<b>Fri 19 May</b>	Dianna Young 9am-2pm
	Sue Duckett 9am-12pm
	Rachel Esler 9-10:30am
<b>WEEK FIVE</b>	
<b>Tues 23 May</b>	HELP NEEDED 9am-12pm
<b>Wed 24 May</b> <b>BBQ Tuck Day</b>	Peta Crowder 9am-2pm
	Selina Walker 9am-2pm
	HELP URGENTLY NEEDED OR TUCK DAY WILL NEED TO BE CANCELLED
<b>Thurs 25 May</b>	Bec Callaway 11am-2pm
<b>Fri 26 May</b>	Mary Russell 9am-12pm
	Selina Walker 9am-2pm
	Rachel Esler 9-10:30am
	Gemma Dowie 11:30am-2pm

24/5 Tuck Day – BBQ. Helpers Needed, orders available on flexichools, orders due 22/5 5pm.

A HUGE THANKS TO PETA CROWDER FOR KEEPING THE CANTEEN GOING WHILE WE WERE IN SYDNEY.

[www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)

### St Anthony's Netball

**YEAR 3 Hurricanes (6 May)** - It was a wet start to our game against St Francis this week and considering the conditions the girls really pushed on and showed great determination and effort throughout the game. Our attacking end just kept trying despite some very tall opponents and our effort in defence was solid. We have some areas to focus on at training this week with quick passing and getting in front of our players but every week the girls are putting in 100% effort into every game which is fantastic to see.

Hurricanes of the Week went to Ella who has made a fantastic start to the season displaying a great attitude at training and games and Coaches award went to Georgia for continuing to display learnt skills at training and applies them in games. Keep up the great work everyone!  
Go Hurricanes!!

**Year 3 Cyclones (6 May)** - We played a great game against St Clare's, both teams had great passages of play. Players of the week were Matilda and Olivia. Matilda went on a scoring frenzy, scrambled for every loose ball and intercepted endlessly. Olivia has some of the strongest hands in the team. She reeled in passes from everywhere, worked hard to shadow her opponents and shot beautifully.

**Year 3 Cyclones (13 May)** - The Cyclones played another closely contested game against Trinity and showed great determination to score well every quarter. Thanks to Tahlia who filled in for us and showed how well she has learnt netball in a short couple of weeks. Players of the week were Lauren and Charlie. Lauren is also new to netball and her passing was outstanding, she grabbed a great intercept and was so close to landing her first goal. Charlie was full of energy after returning from illness and didn't let her opponents out of sight, shadowed closely and chased every ball. Go Cyclones!

**Year 5 Lightning (6 May)** - We played an awesome defensive game against St Clares, working hard all game to prevent our opposition from scoring. Thanks to Kate who did a terrific job filling in from year 3. Players of the week were Taylah and Gabbi. Taylah for silky movement in attack and excellent shooting. Gabbi for stopping everything in defence, grabbing countless intercepts. Go Lightning!

**Year 5 Thunder (6 May)** - Thunder bounced back from their loss last week with a great win on the weekend. All round team effort with Jas even having a run as shooting grabbing 5 goals. Defensive effort spread amongst my Defenders only allowing in 3 goals. Amber and Anna taking some beautiful intercepts. Brooke and Abi seemed to be having their own little shooting competition, which was only ruined by the coach giving Abi a quarter off. The girls looked like they enjoyed the game and are playing nicely as a team.

**Year 5 Thunder (13 May)** - Slow start for Thunder this week, perhaps the no training session last week put them off their game. After a little chat from me at quarter time the team I know and love showed back up to play. With the shooting team showing back up and playing a nice team roll. My defenders took intercepts when needed and Amber ran her heart out in the centre

position never slowing down. Was not the best game we have put on the court since our return but was proud that they bounced back from the slow start to come off with a nice team win.

**Year 6 Powershots (6 May)** - saw the Powershots come up against a strong Maddies Magnificent. The girls played admirably, showing determination to the end. Players of the game – Georgina for reading of the play and many intercepts and Mikaela for working hard and not letting a tough and physical opponent get to her.

**Year 6 Powershots (13 May)** - Powershots played HF Cherry Ripes. The team 'clicked' and there were some fantastic combinations moving the ball up the court. Everyone worked hard on coming forward and using a variety of tactics to attack. Player of the game – Jenna for great movement in the circle to stay in front against strong defence and super quick transition to defence. Well Done Powershots!

## ***URGENT- Fete Raffle books***

**Thank you to everyone that has sold and returned their raffle books.**

**For those that have not yet returned their books we need them back, sold or unsold, immediately as it will be drawn THIS Saturday at the School Fete 😊**

**Thank you,  
2017 Fete Team**

# BBQ Tuck Day

## WEDNESDAY 24 May



If your child would like to enjoy a BBQ lunch please order at [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) by 5pm Monday 22 May. **No other lunch orders are available on tuck day. If you are unsure how to order please contact the canteen or look at the newsletter. If you are sending in cash with a paper order they will not be accepted after Friday 19 May.**

The cost is listed below.

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<b>Sausage Sandwich</b>	<b>\$2.50</b>
<b>Kyneton Drinks</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>Water</b>	<b>\$1.50</b>

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Special days like these are not possible without the fantastic support of families. If you can help, please return this slip to the canteen. Help will be needed from 10.30 – 2.00. **If we do not get enough help particularly someone to cook the BBQ the day may be cancelled.**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

With thanks Maree Alchin (Canteen Manager) 6231 4022