



**Week 5
Term 1
2017**



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ST ANTHONY'S

PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Staffing News

This week we formally welcome Asmaa Alaubidy to our ELC staff as a Preschool Educator and also afternoon program assistant. Asmaa has experience in this role and we wish her good luck in the new centre.

In Week 6 we welcome Catherine Cusack to the ELC Office Manager role. Catherine has an association with the school which may assist her in the role of greeting and working with our ELC families each day.

This week, one of our educators Nicole Scandura, leaves our service. Thank you Nicole for your time at St Anthony's during the busy establishment period and all the best for your next endeavour.

Welcome back to Laura Stankovic after her leave. Thank you to Mrs Natasha Lilley for generously providing her time in Year 4 for the first 4 weeks of the year. It is greatly appreciated and has assisted the Year 4 students and teachers maintain a good start the year.

ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY

This week, Lent begins with an Ash Wednesday Liturgy at 10.30am in the hall. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend. It will be made more special as we welcome our ELC students who will attend (2 classes). The ashes we receive on our foreheads are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolise penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance.

Ash
Wednesday 

The CHURCH SEASON of LENT

Below is an excerpt from Pope Francis 2017 message about the season of Lent. His message focuses on two things, that The Word of God is a gift and that Other People are a gift.

Dear Friends

Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God "with all their hearts" (Joel 2:12), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord. Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us.

Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return; by that patient expectation, he shows us his readiness to forgive.

Lent is a favourable season for deepening our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered us by the Church: fasting, prayer and almsgiving. At the basis of everything is the word of God, which during this season we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply.

Lent is the favourable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in His word, in the sacraments and in our neighbour. May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need.

The word of God is alive and powerful, capable of converting hearts and leading them back to God. When we close our heart to the gift of God's word, we end up closing our heart to the gift of our brothers and sisters (our neighbours).

I encourage all the faithful to express this spiritual renewal also by sharing in the Lenten Campaigns promoted by many Church organizations in different parts of the world, and thus to favour the culture of encounter in our one human family. Let us pray for one another so that, by sharing in the victory of Christ, we may open our doors to the weak and poor. Then we will be able to experience and share to the full the joy of Easter.

From the Vatican, 18 October 2016

Pope Francis' message gives inspiration to our 2017 school theme; "We are the Light of Christ, Through Peaceful Service."



Project Compassion Starts this Week too

Pope Francis also urges us to support our Church organisations reaching out to our neighbours. For us, our main organisation is Caritas Australia which operates Project Compassion during Lent each year. This year there is a theme around "Love Your Neighbour". Project Compassion boxes and pledge envelopes are available. The school will focus on supporting communities recommended by Caritas and Miss Beth Lehmensich is working with our Year 6 leaders on our awareness and fundraising.

Check your WWVP Cards

Now that school is back and our school sports carnivals are coming up, each parent and carer is **reminded to check** if their 'Working with Vulnerable People Card' (WWVP) is still current and renew their card if it is due. **New families or people who wish to volunteer this year are asked to register for a WWVP card now.** The card is free to obtain for volunteers at any ACT Shopfront, take identification and relevant documentation with you. You are required to have a copy of your WWVP card on file at school and have your WWVP Card on you or close enough to be able to show it if asked at school. It is likely that we will have another inspection at the school as in previous years.

St Anthony's school values, and is richer for, the volunteer work of parents and friends, so please apply for your card. **We also have the school fete coming up in Term 2 and we need lots of volunteers to make this a success again.**

Swimming Carnival this Thursday

Thank you to all of the staff and parents taking on tasks to make this sports carnival possible. There is a lot to do with the swimming carnival due to the range of strokes and distances, as well as the need to time many of the events. It is probably our biggest carnival so well done everyone.

Parent volunteers are needed for many roles on the day, please contact the school if you can help at the carnival or see one of the staff at the pool on the day.

Year 2 Focus Assembly this Friday

You are warmly invited to attend the Year 2 Focus Assembly this Friday at 2.15pm in the school hall. This is the first focus assembly for the year and I wish Year 2 students and staff good luck in preparation for Friday.

MacKillop Opening School Year Mass

This Tuesday I will take some of our Year 6 leaders to the MacKillop College Opening School Mass at 9.30am. The partnership with our feeder Catholic colleges is important and this is one way to be part of the college experience and culture.

Catholic Education and Principals' 2017 System Day and Retreat

This week on Wednesday to Friday I will join all primary and secondary principals for the first system day of 2017, followed by a two-day retreat led by Andrea Dean. The theme of our retreat is "Mary, Truly our Sister" – What Mary of Nazareth teaches us about leadership. Monsignor John Woods will celebrate Mass with the gathering on Friday morning.

Sports Gala Days Begin

This week the sports gala days for 2017 begin with Rugby League. Good luck to the students competing and the staff accompanying the teams. Next week is the AFL Gala Day.



St Anthony's Students Celebrate Carnevale – an Italian tradition!

This week your children may talk about discussing and celebrating Carnevale in their Italian classes with Mrs Borzatti. This is what it is all about.

Carnevale, also known as carnival or mardi gras, is celebrated in **Italy** and many places around the world 40 days before Easter, a final party before Ash Wednesday and the restrictions of Lent.

The above video helps you see the typical costumes and masks people wear at Carnevale. Some attendees spend a fortune and put incredible thought into their attire. The streets are like one big party filled with people dressed in elaborate costumes.

Carnevale in Italy was traditionally a period when roles were reversed – men and women, nobility and commoners. Today the period of Carnevale is a time when people put their daily lives on hold to laugh at themselves, their leaders and their world.



Pokémon Items Missing

In the last week or so one of our students has lost or had stolen a number of Pokémon collection items. They were last seen in his school bag and went missing. The lost items include approximately 130 Pokémon cards in two folders and a container. The school is following up the issue through announcements and calls to find them. This message is for the parents, as a child may present at home with some of these items or have a larger collection than previous. The child and the family involved simply want the items back as they are important and sentimental to them. No consequences necessarily expected for the child if they were taken from school. If you know anything about the Pokémon cards and items, please contact the school or they can be returned anonymously to the school in some way. Thank you.



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.

Have a peaceful week,

Greg Walker
Principal

School Fees

Term 1 school fees are due next Friday 10th 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:

Taylor M, Emma K, Ryan W, Taliyah F, Lachlan R, Benjamin C and Elizabeth F.

Have a wonderful day!



Successful Learner Awards

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

Archer E KA, Emmet S-Mc KP, Koen S 1A, Maggie K 1A, Ella A 1P, Ben S 1P, Moustafa B 2A, Heba B 2L, Charliese V 3P, Rosemary L 3P, Dante V-D 3P, Georgia B 3L, David L 3L, Gianna P 4P, James G 5A, Piper T 6P, Hemi J 6L.

Netball registrations due Wednesday 1 March

St Anthonys Netball registrations close this Wednesday 1 March for new and returning players. Please see information and instructions on the school website under 'Notes for Parents'. Past players who have not yet registered have also been sent an email reminder.



St Anthony's Clothing Pool

The Clothing Pool will be open this Wednesday from 3-4pm.

New Items: St Anthony's 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.

Environment Portfolio

Our Environmental Team will be selling Icy Poles from the Canteen next Monday 6th March to raise money for our Veggie patch. The team would love to be able to purchase seeds etc. for our winter crop. Icy Poles will sell for 80c each while stock lasts!



St Anthony's Easter Raffle

Please donate Easter Eggs that can be made up into baskets. It is hoped that there will be enough eggs to make sure each class will have a basket to raffle. Tickets are to be purchased from Classrooms. Any remaining baskets will be a whole school raffle.



DRAWN: Last Week of Term

TICKETS: 1 ticket for \$1 or
3 tickets for \$2



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.

St Anthony's Canteen

Open Tuesday - Friday

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Manager: Mrs Maree Alchin

Roster of Volunteer Helpers

Tues 28 Feb	HELP NEEDED
Wed 1 March	Peta Crowder 9am-2pm
Thurs 2 March	HELP NEEDED
Friday 3 March	Rachel Esler 9-10:30am
	Jodi Stewart 9am-12pm
	Selina Walker 9am-2pm
Week Six	
Tues 7 March	Megan Doherty 9am-12pm
Wed 8 March	Renee Kite 9am-12pm
	Peta Crowder 12-2pm
Sushi Tuck Day	Nicole Gray 12-2pm
	Selina Walker 12-2pm
	HELP NEEDED 12-2pm
Thurs 9 March	Carole Coulton

Sushi Tuck Day – Wednesday 8th March.
Orders are due on Monday 6th March 2017.

Save the Date: Friday 24th March
School DISCO

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School Sport ACT – Trial Information and Registration Process

Age Group	Tuggeranong Region - 12 and under
Sports	Multi-trial – Rugby League, Boys Softball, Girls Softball, AFL and Boys Touch Football and Girls Touch Football
Dates of Trials (Must attend at least one)	Tuesday 7th March (Week 6) and Thursday 16th March (Week 7)
Venue	Trinity Christian School - 34 McBryde Cres, Wanniasa ACT 2903, Australia
Time	4.00pm – 5.30pm. There will be an opportunity for students to change sports half way through if they register for more than one sport.
Requirements	Please bring a drink bottle Softball – Glove and bat if you have one AFL, Touch, Rugby – Football boots and mouth guards
ACT Event Details (if trial is for a regional team)	Softball – Thursday 6th April (Term 1, Week 10) Rugby League – Thursday 4th May (Term 2, Week 2) AFL – Tuesday 16th May (Term 2, Week 4) Touch Football – Thursday 18th May (Term 2, Week 4)
Cost of the Regional Event	\$8.00 (If selected to the Regional Team – to be paid directly to your school)
Eligibility	
Further Information	You will need to register for EACH sport your child would like to trial for. Students will not be able to join in a trial on the day without registering.

Registration Process

School Sport ACT now collects all registration information online – this is to prevent the movement to and fro of a paper note and have all information readily available to officials prior to the trial. As this process incurs a fee for data storage, system maintenance and admin a small \$3 fee payment via credit card will be required.

1. Go to the School Sport ACT website – www.schoolsportact.asn.au
2. Click Register (top right corner of homepage) for an Account – enter parent details and password
3. A confirmation email will be sent to your chosen email that will contain a link that you must click on to verify the email account.
4. Click Log In (top right hand corner of home page) enter password then click on top tab My Profile
5. You will see a 'dashboard' of your information, click green box to Add Student – enter student and medical details and save.
6. Go to the Sports Tab – choose your specific sport, click on Trial Information box then click on the Register to Trial link.
7. Select your child's name from the dropdown box and then enter the optional fields for Playing History, Preferred Position (if applicable) and Representative Experience.
8. Make the \$3 credit card payment then click to register.
9. An automated email will then be sent to your Principal/School Approver for their approval to trial (no need to take anything to school for the Principal to sign).
10. You will be able to see the process has been complete back in My Profile – once your Principal/School Approver has completed the approval process your child's information will be collated onto a list for the Team Manager and Coach prior to trial.
11. Note the registration process closes two days before the first trial date to allow sufficient time for approval and sharing of collated information.