



**Week 4  
Term 2  
2017**



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# ST ANTHONY'S

PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

St Anthony's Fete and P&F Meeting this Wednesday Night

As it turns out, the heavy rain forecast went through overnight on Friday and the weather on Saturday was fine! Most people in Canberra were forecasting and expecting a big rain curtain to come through. Hindsight is a wonderful thing but the hard call was made last week from the available data at the time. There were so many families involved on stalls, volunteers and costs tied up in stalls and stocks.

I wanted to offer a big thank you to the Fete Committee, the parent volunteers and our school staff for all their hard work in preparation for the fete. I know they are all disappointed that the Fete could not go ahead as planned.

Thank you to our wonderful and generous sponsors who have supported our fete again in 2017. We are looking for ways to acknowledge your organisations and honour our commitments. We will be in touch again soon.

Thank you to the members of the broader community who support our annual fete. We are sorry that the Fete didn't go ahead this year, but we hope to have to back bigger in 2018.

The fete raffle was drawn on Saturday at midday, congratulations to the three lucky winners. The raffle makes up a good proportion of the fete profits, so that's a source of fundraising for the P&F to build upon in 2017.

The P&F meet this Wednesday evening at 7.00pm in the library. One of their agenda items is to discuss other P&F events to help the students have some fun, sell some fete stock and raise some money in different ways. One idea is to have a mini fair on a Friday afternoon in a couple of weeks but we'll wait to hear their plans.

Year 6 Camp

Thank you to Mrs Bernie Wilson, Miss Beth Lehmensich, Mrs Monique Egan, Mr Greg Rick and Mrs Alisa Spackman for attending camp with our Year 6 students in Sydney last week. This is a big ask to be away from family for the full week and give this time to the students and the success of the camp.

All of the staff have said that the students had a great camp and their engagement and behaviour was outstanding. They followed routines, listened to instructors, had fun and even slept through the night.

Congratulations to the students on their efforts.

## 2018 Enrolments

The official Catholic Education enrolment period closed on Friday. This gives us the chance to check the number of enrolment forms received for the Early Learning Centre, Kindergarten and other year levels. We will also follow up outstanding applications. It appears from initial checks that our enrolment numbers are promising for 2018. If you know of any parent with an outstanding application have them contact our school or ELC office as soon as possible.

Starting this Monday, I will have quite a number of days that I have devoted to 2018 ELC and Kindergarten interviews. This process will take a couple of weeks. Enrolment cross-check meetings are coming up soon with other school principals and then acceptances for places are offered on 21 June.

## Funding – Stop the proposed cuts

On Friday I attended a meeting of Archdiocesan Principals, Clergy and Catholic Education leaders to discuss the Australian Government's proposed cuts to Catholic schools funding. Catholic Education Director Ross Fox and Archbishop Christopher Prowse spoke and were resolute in leading the stand to address this issue. Catholic Education's key objections to the proposed funding policy/model remain consistent:

- The policy will require significant fee increases in Catholic schools in the ACT.
- The legislation increases the expected fee in every Catholic primary school across Australia to allow Catholic schools to reach the Schooling Resource Standard set by the Government.
- Concerns on the needs-basis in the model are shared by Government departments and public schools across the country.
- Catholic education holds significant concerns on the flawed data on Students with Disability that has been adopted in the new model.

This proposed GONSKI 2.0 funding model is **not good** for all schools. It is **not good** for all students. The funding model is **not equitable**. It **does not meet the needs of students in Catholic schools**. It is **not fair** funding for all students.

Catholic Education supports needs based funding and fair funding for all Australian school students **BUT the proposed funding model will greatly affect students in Systemic Catholic Schools, particularly those in ACT Systemic Catholic Primary Schools.**

**At the heart of the tradition of Catholic Education and its mission is to educate and support the poorest and most vulnerable students and families in our society.** This is under threat if the purpose of Catholic Schools is not understood and recognised by Governments at all levels.

**Catholic schools must be able to continue** their proud tradition of 158 years of service and education in Australia. **Catholic schools provide low fee, accessible, inclusive schooling** to those parents seeking this form of education for their child.

**The Government's proposed policy is due to be presented to the Senate for approval on 20 June so we have less than one month to speak up!**

**CATHOLIC SYSTEMIC SCHOOLS IN THE A.C.T. DO NOT RECEIVE SPECIAL DEALS! They receive the funding their students need.**

Parents who send their students to a Catholic school like St Anthony's, should be very proud of the education their child is receiving. Our staff are very proud of the quality education and care they provide for each and every student and we are committed to this continuing.

I would like to reiterate the level of great satisfaction parents of students at St Anthony's expressed recently:

***“St Anthony’s provides a supportive, community focussed environment with an ongoing commitment to upholding high standards of education and behaviour.”***

***“Staff, including the principal, deputy principal and teachers are friendly, welcoming and care about my children, and all children, and practise and encourage Catholic/Christian values.”***

***“I feel the school has the children’s best interests at heart and creates a safe, loving environment for them.”***

***“We like the culture, sense of community and calmness at the school, the teachers are well-respected by the students and students enjoy going to school.”***

***“We are continually impressed with the staff attitudes, welcoming environment and other students being so friendly. We LOVE, LOVE, LOVE the school.”***

***“I know my children are safe and happy and getting a great education at St Anthony’s.”***

**I would like you to tell me more of your stories about how you value your child’s Catholic education and also St Anthony’s School. I encourage you to send me an email of your story about Catholic education. I want to share real stories with the Government so they know there are real faces, real people set to be affected by their planned national funding model. Please email me your story as soon as possible and I will respond/contact you. Grandparents and students are also invited to write in.**

God Bless.

Greg Walker  
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.

Tine G KA, Fraser H KP, Thomas K 1A, Zara Mc 1A, Georgie H 1P, Jasleen R 1P, Olivia M 2A, Daniel G 2A, Samantha P 2A, Declan P 3A, Mason S 3A, Owen K 3P, Carly H 3P, Alexandria B 4A, Samuel Q 4A, Rachel Y 4P, Mia H 4P, David R 4P, Maddoc E 5P, Jack F 5L, Simon B 6A, Annabel P 6P,

#### Happy Birthday to:

Georgia B-Mc, Nichole D-H, Jake G, Ashleigh S, Olivia R, Annabella N, Eamonn S, Ella A and Jake Y.

Have a wonderful day!



#### **Vinnies Needs You!**



A reminder that this year, for the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal, we are

asking families to knit or crochet 20cm x 20cm squares to be pieced together to make blankets. These can be dropped in to the Front Office as soon as they are complete. In addition, if you are able to donate any wool or yarn for the knitting and crocheting, we will be doing some of that at lunch times with the children too.

If knitting and crocheting isn't your thing, we still need you for other donations. If you are able to assist with any of the following, we will be collecting them in Week 9 and 10.

- blankets
- socks
- scarves
- beanies
- toiletries (male and female)

Thanks so much for your ongoing support.



*Yoga, Meditation & Relaxation - Information Evening for Parents, 6-7pm Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May @ St Clare of Assisi in Conder.*

Suzanna Thell, local author of the yoga book "Deer-lightful" would like to invite all parents and staff for a session in relaxation and meditation.

**Please RSVP to either**

[Beth.Lehmensich@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Beth.Lehmensich@cg.catholic.edu.au) or

[Karen.Snowball@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Karen.Snowball@cg.catholic.edu.au)

*Book Fair - Library*

The Book Fair will be open before and after school for the rest of this week.

*Clothing Pool*

The Clothing Pool will be open this Wednesday from 3.00pm – 4.00pm.

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

**Pre-loved clothing:** Long Pants \$2, Polo Tops \$5, Jumpers \$5, Girls Winter Dresses \$15.

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

## St Anthony's Canteen

Open Tuesday - Friday

6231 4022

Manager: Mrs Maree Alchin

### *Roster of Volunteer Helpers*

<b>Tues 23 May</b>	HELP NEEDED 9am-12pm
<b>Wed 24 May</b>	Peta Crowder 9am-2pm
	Selina Walker 9am-2pm
	<b>BBQ Tuck Day</b>
	Bec Callaway 11:30am-2pm
	Mark Callaway 11:30am-2pm
	Chris Smith 11am-2pm
<b>Thurs 25 May</b>	Dianna Young 9am-2pm
<b>Fri 26 May</b>	Mary Russell 9am-2pm
	Selina Walker 9am-2pm
	Rachel Esler 9-10:30am
	Gemma Dowie 11:30am-2pm
<b>WEEK SIX</b>	
<b>Tues 30 May</b>	Megan Doherty 9am-12pm
<b>Wed 31 May</b>	HELP NEEDED 9am-12pm
<b>Thurs 1 June</b>	Dianna Young 9am-2pm
<b>Fri 2 June</b>	Jodi Stewart 9am-12pm
	Selina Walker 9am-2pm
	Dianna Young 9am-2pm
	Rachel Esler 9-10:30am
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*St Anthony's Netball*

**Year 3 Tornadoes** – The Tornado's played a closely contested game against SCA Smiggles. There were intercepts a plenty from all the team, with some fancy footwork and fantastic combinations in all parts of the court. The team worked hard together to bring the ball from end

to end, with their developing netball skills on show for all their family and friends.

**Year 3 Hurricanes** – The Hurricanes showed this week how strong they are as a team in Defence we were able to shut down Holy Family in their goal circle in the first half of the game with some extremely tight defence from Abby and Olivia. Gabby and Annie both netted some nice shots and showed great movement in the circle. Maya was relentless with her hands on defence forcing lots of loose balls, great work Maya!

Hurricane of the week went to Gracie for her great attitude and brilliant movement on the court and Coaches award went to Abby for dedication and brilliant defence.

Go Hurricanes!

**Year 3 Cyclones** - It was a soggy game on the grass against an older St Francis team. We were lucky to have our Hurricane mates lend us a player each quarter, thanks to Georgia, Olivia, Abi and Gabby. Players of the week were Charliese and Matilda. Charliese had a cracker of a game against a player who made her look short! Her defence and attack were both outstanding. Matilda was everywhere, picking up loose balls and intercepting anything that came near her. Go Cyclones!

**Year 5 Lightning** - Despite our team names, the weather fooled everyone and we ended up with a nice day for the St Anthony's Lightning v Thunder derby. We got off to a slow start, but our defenders got us back in the game in the second half and everyone worked hard to the end. Players of the week were Millie and Emily, who showed great versatility switching between defence and attack. Go St Anthony's!

**Year 5 Thunder** - The Year 5 Thunder and Lightning teams played each other on the weekend and it was a game played in true St Anthony spirit. The

girls worked hard for every turnover and every goal. The girls came off every quarter looking hot and bothered and finally like they had been playing a game of hard netball. Defense was key for this game with the opposition shooting a key asset we needed to stop. Anna and Taliyah getting the ball back when we needed it most. Center court girls worked hard and I am sure they all felt like they had run a marathon by the end of it. The ever ready shooters made the goals count and a huge team effort across the board. Great game by both teams.

#### *CELEBRATING OUR ACHIEVEMENTS*

Following the recent ACT Schools swimming championships, Ashley Patton has been selected in the ACT Swim team to compete in the national championships at the Pacific Schools Games in Adelaide in December. Ashley has also been selected as part of the Swimming ACT Achievers Squad to compete at Sydney Olympic pool in October.



**What:** *TNA TURNS PINK 3*, a marathon netball game from **8am to 6pm**.

**When and where:** **17 June**, Tuggeranong Netball Centre, Were Street, Calwell.

**Who:** you and more than 3,000 members of the ACT netball community.

**Why:** to raise funds for our 2 chosen charities, **Red Nose** and **BOSOM BUDDIES** by playing for Red Nose (the Red Team) and Bosom Buddies (the Pink Team).

**How:** Be part of these teams by playing at least 1 quarter (but you can play as many as you like). Form a team from your family and friends, or bring your club or representative team.

**BE PART OF HISTORY:** this includes the chance to be part of obtaining a new *Guinness World Record!*



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