



**Week 7
Term 1
2017**



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ST ANTHONY'S

PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL



Dear Parents and Carers

Wonderful News! Tayah Sidney is well and starts high school this week!

It's wonderful that I can share the news with you that Tayah Sidney has returned to Canberra and will be starting secondary school at St Mary MacKillop College this Wednesday in Year 7. This is great news for Tayah who has successfully completed her treatment for Acute Myeloid Leukaemia over 8 months in Sydney and is now feeling well. Tayah is looking forward to resuming all of her activities and schooling again.

Tayah and her father Jason came to St Anthony's yesterday and shared morning tea with staff. This was a chance for staff to say hi to Tayah and Jason and congratulate Tayah following her stoic and courageous efforts through her treatment and recovery period. On behalf of the school community I wish Tayah all the best for her upcoming endeavours.



School Photos this Thursday

Just a reminder that our School Photos are on tomorrow Thursday 16th March. From 9.00am I have proposed that Year 5A, Year 3L (job shares) will be first followed by the ELC classes and Kindergarten classes. The other classes will follow through the morning/day. Please try to ensure your child is at school on time on Thursday. If your child has an appointment during the day, please let your child's teacher know and we will try to accommodate this – but cannot guarantee it.

Link, Listen, Lead and Learn Professional Learning (4L's)

This Wednesday and Thursday we have three staff on the 4L's Professional Learning Course. They are Mr Greg Rick, Mrs Bernadette Wilson and Mrs Jo Dignan. Essentially this course is a leadership development opportunity strongly founded in a faith formation context. This program is one of our flagship programs for staff and I know these staff members will benefit greatly from the course. The staff are required to undertake professional reading, undertaking reflection on practice and take part in collaborative sessions with other school leaders.

Sports Gala Day News

Thank you to Mr Angas Quantrill and Mr Greg Rick for taking our respective Rugby League and AFL teams to the recent gala days. The students did very well and enjoyed the sports round robin events. I'm pleased to say that the Year 6 Rugby League team made it through to play in the grand finals of the ACT competition which are on this Wednesday at Rugby Park Ainslie. Good luck to the players involved.



Week 8 – Three Important School Evening Events

Just some advance notice that Week 8 is going to be very busy with three important evening events on the calendar.

- On Wednesday evening 22 March at 6.30pm we have the Bring Your Own Designated Device (BYODD) parent meeting and showcase. The meeting is about ICT at the school and the exciting BYODD proposal. Please see separate note coming home today.
- On Thursday evening 23 March at 6.30pm we have the ELC Term One Parent Information Night. This is a very important night for the community as a whole and for our families with students in the ELC. The purpose of this evening is to share more information about the ELC operation and the Early Years Learning Framework in place.
- On Friday evening 24 March we have the first school disco of the year. It is a double header with a separate junior and senior sessions starting from 5pm. Junior (Kinder – Year 2) 5:30-6:45pm and Senior (Years 3-6) 6:45-8pm.

Next Parents and Friends Association Meeting

Due to the parent ICT meeting and showcase on next Wednesday evening the next P&F meeting will be held Wednesday 29th March at 7pm.

St Anthony's Swimming Carnival a Great Success!

Just catching up with some thank you's from Week Five!! Thank you to Mrs Monique Egan for all of the work she did in preparing for the school swimming carnival and all of the staff from our helping hands committee for the event. The staff did a fantastic job in organising the carnival and I have heard so many great recounts about the day. The parents and volunteers present helped with many of the tasks on the day which allowed the carnival to run smoothly. Without parent support it would not be possible to cover the time keeping, point scoring and encouragement required. The carnival was a terrific way to start the sporting year and it was a great success. Student's received place ribbons on Friday if their individual times in each race/event/age group placed them in the top 3. Well done to everyone involved.

Learning Progressions Trial starts this week

St Anthony's staff are involved in the new ACARA Learning Progressions trial which starts this week. One teacher from each year level is required to assist. Each teacher is required to assess 6 of their students against the literacy learning progressions and see where they will be on this continuum of learning. Each teacher is also asked to moderate and comment on a series of student writing samples (not from within the school) in the second phase of this trial. It is great that our staff have been selected to trial a national assessment tool in advance of it being rolled out in all schools.

2017 Parents and Friends' Executive

At the first P&F meeting for 2017 a new executive was formed. Each of the following parents was nominated and accepted for their respective roles.

President:	Paul Locke
Vice President:	Bronwyn Bergensen
Treasurer:	Patricia Rae
Secretary:	Simon Passlow

I thank these parents for accepting to undertake these important roles in the school community and wish each of them well for the year ahead. The Parents and Friends Association undertakes a number of essential services and activities during the year that support the school and the community. Other parents have volunteered for other roles on the P&F in 2017 and I will publish these soon.

All the best for Week 7!
Greg Walker, Principal

School Fees

Term 1 school fees are now OVERDUE!

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:

Cyril E, Lachlan Mc, Joshua Mc, Joshua M, Jaymie N, Riley E, Izma I and Justin S.

Have a wonderful day!



Successful Learner Awards

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

Maddison J KA, Sophie H KP, Riley S KA, Elizabeth H 1A, Jack D 1A, Ben C 1P, Karissa S 1P, Layla F 2A, Luke A-W 2A, Rafael G 2A, Declan D 4P, Emily K 5A, Jack W 5P, Bailey O'R 6P.

The Clothing Pool

The Clothing Pool will be open this Wednesday from 3.00pm – 3.45pm.

New items: St Anthony 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.

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



St Anthony's Canteen

Open Tuesday - Friday

6231 4022

Manager: Mrs Maree Alchin

Roster of Volunteer Helpers

Tues 14 March	HELP NEEDED 9am-12pm
Wed 15 March	Peta Crowder 9am-2pm
Thurs 16 March	Carol Coulton 9am-2pm
Friday 17 March	Rachel Esler 9-10:30am
	Selina Walker 9am-2pm
	HELP NEEDED 9am-12pm

WEEK EIGHT

Tues 21 March	Megan Doherty 9am-12pm
Wed 22 March	Renee Kite 9am-12pm

School Disco: Friday 24TH March

Tickets available through Flexischools.
Theme: Team Colours

Junior Disco (Kinder – Year 2) 5:30-6:45pm

Senior Disco (Years 3-6) 6:45-8pm

HELP NEEDED AT BOTH DISCOS

Claim the Date: 5th April 2017 Athletics Carnival

Helpers needed to BBQ (10am-1:30pm) and Serving (11am-1:45pm). Food orders available on Flexischools next week.

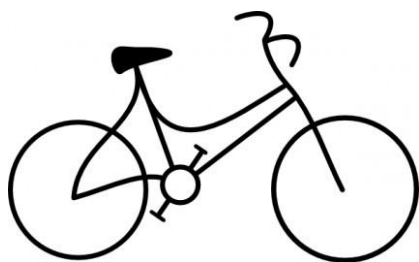
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School Photo's Tomorrow

Please arrive on time tomorrow for the School Photo's **in full summer school uniform** (No Sports Uniforms Please)

Friday 17th March 2017

National Ride2School Day



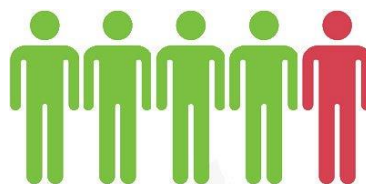
This Friday is **National Ride2School Day**. We want you to join us at any of our four meeting points where we will leave at around 8.30am to either walk or ride to school.

- Near Kidstart (Mini Wanniasa Shops)
- Near the playground at the Wanniasa Main Shopping Centre
- Kambah (Meet on the Kambah side of Athlon Drive underpass near the School)
- Bonython/Greenway (meet under the Drakeford Drive underpass near the School).

Our School has committed to embedding active travel in our School Community and this is our first community event for this year. We hope that this will promote and support healthy travel to school for the long-term.

If you still need convincing, then consider the following

Did you know that students who actively travel arrive awake and alert, improving their concentration in class and ability to understand the curriculum?



In the 1970s, 4 out of 5 students rode or walked to school. Today it's now 1 in 5.



Students should get at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day, including vigorous activities that make them 'huff and puff'.

Regular physical activity is important for the healthy growth, development and well-being of children and young people.

