



**Week 8  
Term 1  
2017**



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# ST ANTHONY'S

PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Week 8. The week promises to be very busy with a multitude of events scheduled.

National Walk or Ride to School Day

Thank you to Mrs Tracey Adamson for organising and promoting another successful walk or ride to school day on Friday. There seemed to be a large increase in the number of students either walking or riding to school in the morning. The lovely autumn weather was a bonus and it was great to see students and families trying healthy ways to travel to and from school. Well done to everyone for supporting the event and to the staff that met the students at checkpoints and travelled to school with them.

BYODD Evening 6.30pm Wednesday

This very important evening starts at 6.30pm in Block 1. We are encouraging parents of all students to attend, but in particular parents of students in Years 2-6. The evening will be an opportunity for all present to discuss the research, pedagogy and details of the proposed BYODD program and other elements of the use of ICT in the school.

ELC Parent Night 6pm Thursday

This is another important night for the school. Parents of students in the ELC will be presented with more information about the preschool program, pedagogy, student development in the early years and upcoming events.

School Disco Friday

Friday night is our first disco for the year and it is a double header! This is a great opportunity for students to socialise and have some fun. New students can get to know other students and new friendships can be made! Thank you to Maree and the P&F for their organisation of our discos again.

Special Parent Forum this Saturday

On Saturday 25 March CE are facilitating a parent forum headlined by Michael Carr-Gregg. It will be an interesting agenda looking at various aspects of raising and educating a child in today's world. You are warmly invited to attend and Michael Carr-Gregg is an amazing, and a well-regarded expert on child psychology and wellbeing in the Australia and internationally.

If you have not yet registered and would like to attend please register through the following link:

<https://cg.catholic.edu.au/lat-news/parental-engagement-forum-25-march-2017/>

The parent forum is on at Merici College Braddon from 9.00am – 3.30pm or for the time you are able to attend.

Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival this Sunday

On Sunday 26 March the Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival at The University of Canberra Bruce. St Anthony's has 5 teams entered which is terrific. Thank you to Mr Ben McDevitt for his great work in organising for our teams to compete. I wish all the teams could luck for their games and I hope they enjoy the friendly competition!

### P&F Working Bee Coming Up Early Term 2

At our recent P&F Meeting Matt Cox volunteered to assist with coordinating some parent working bees this year and some minor works projects. The school has identified some upcoming tasks around the school grounds that will benefit the students and the community.

### ***Working Bee – Saturday 29 April – 10:00am -2:00pm***

***This working bee is to fix some additional seating around the playground. If you are able to help with sweeping up tan-bark, have a hammer drill, or a cordless screwdriver then you can help. We have about ten sets of seats to install, but it shouldn't take too long with a few of us.***

Book the date in now and if you can help for some time on this day that would be great. Thank you to Matt for taking on this role and for having an interest and the skill to undertake some of these tasks to improve our school.

### 2017 School Board Members

The St Anthony's School Board has reconvened for 2017 and they have begun work together on supporting the governance of school in many ways. This year there are 11 members of the School Board:

Fr Lachlan Coll, Greg Walker, Jason Egan (Chairperson), James Fletcher (Deputy Chairperson), Sharrin Wells (Treasurer), Jen Corkery (Secretary), Maria Valenti (P&F Representative), Niki Best, Claire McNamara, Michael Bradley and Monique Egan (Staff Representative).

I thank all members of the School Board for their commitment and generosity in taking up or continuing in these roles.

### Make Up Days for School Photos

For individual students and family sibling groups that may have missed the school photo day last week there are two more opportunities for these photos to be taken. These opportunities are on the days the Early Learning Centre will have their class photos:

- Monday 27 March
- Thursday 6 April

Please let your child's teacher and the front office know if you would an individual photo or family photo taken on either of these days.

### NOTICE OF DISRUPTION - Power Outage this Thursday

ACTEWAGL has advised the school there will a planned power outage for St Anthony's and our region of Wanniasa between 8.00am and 12.00pm this Thursday 23 March. Obviously classrooms will be without power for lights and computers etc. but we can manage. However, the canteen, OOSCA and the ELC may be affected with any food preparation.

- Canteen lunch orders for hot food may be affected and other foods may need to be provided/substituted for hot food i.e. sandwiches.
- No hot breakfast will be available at OOSCA but other foods will be provided.
- The ELC should be OK as the outage is in the morning.

### Year 1 Assembly – Earlier start time!

I have invited our ELC students and staff to join us for the Year 1 Assembly on Friday 31 March and subsequent class assemblies. This should be every exciting for everyone.

**We will start the assembly a little earlier at 2.10pm so that the ELC students can be back in the ELC for pick up at 3.00pm.**

### No School on Monday 24 April 2017

As you may be aware from previous correspondence there is no school in the ACT for any schools on Monday 24 April, including St Anthony's. (The day prior to the national ANZAC Day Holiday).

- With this change there will be no OOSCA service available on this day.
- In regards to the Early Learning Centre, a decision will be made shortly based on student numbers. More information will be provided at our ELC meeting this Thursday evening.

God Bless,

Greg Walker

## 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 experiencing 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:

Marli S, Ben C, Lachlan M, Anna C, Alec T, Martina F, Caleb F and Keshav S.

Have a wonderful day!



### Successful Learner Awards

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

Solomon D-J KA, William C KP, Jot D 1P, Amelia W 1P, Alina F 2A, Liam E 2A, Ruby Y 2A, Amy L 4A, Olivia M 4A, Olivia R 5A, Griffin H 5L, Kayla B 5L, Oliver R 5L, Patrick O'L 6A, Alec T 6P, Riley C-Mc 6L.

Awards will be presented at Friday Morning assembly.

### 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



### Term 2 Start Date

Term 2 will commence on Wednesday 26th of April not Monday 24th of April as previously advertised on the Catholic Education calendar.

## Fete – Out of Uniform Day FRIDAY 24th

### March 2017

This Friday, students are invited to wear their team sporting colours for a gold coin donation. All proceeds will go to this year's fete.

## **St Anthony's Canteen**

Open Tuesday - Friday

6231 4022

Manager: Mrs Maree Alchin

### *Roster of Volunteer Helpers*

<b>Tues 21 March</b>	Megan Doherty 9am-12pm
<b>Wed 22 March</b>	Renee Kite 9am-12pm
<b>Thurs 23 March</b>	Carol Coulton 9am-2pm
<b>Fri 24 March</b>	Rachel Esler 9-10:30am
	Jenny Holder 9am-12pm
	Sue Duckett 9am-12pm
	Selina Walker 9am-2pm
<b>WEEK NINE</b>	
<b>Tues 28 March</b>	HELP NEEDED 9am-12pm
<b>Wed 29 March</b>	Peta Crowder 9am-2pm

### **School Disco: Friday 24<sup>TH</sup> 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: 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017 Athletics Carnival**

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

### **Term 2 Canteen Volunteers**

If you are able to give some time to help in the Canteen next term, please contact Maree to have your name placed on the roster. Weekly, Fortnightly or even monthly – a whole day or even an hour, we would really appreciate any help or assistance.

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