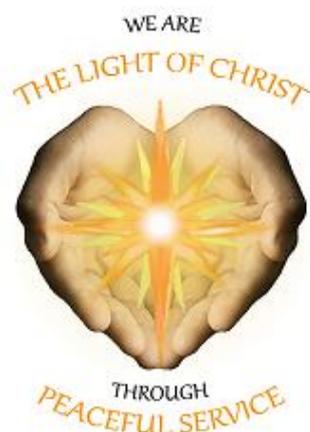




**Week 8
Term 4
2017**



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**The newsletter can be viewed
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6231 0491

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0413 905 557

**St Anthony's is a NUT FREE
School**

**Fr Lachlan Coll
St Anthony's Parish Presbytery
Sternberg Cres
Wanniassa ACT 2903**

Phone/Fax
6231 7310

Masses
Saturday 6pm
Sunday 9am & 5:30pm

<http://grapevine.com.au/~stanthonys/>

ST ANTHONY'S

PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

P&F Thank You

Thank you to our Parents and Friends Association for the hard work in 2017. The last meeting for the year was held last week. It was acknowledged that the parent community has worked very hard this year to support the school. The P&F plays an important role in school events and fundraising and results have excellent in 2017. The P&F donation to the school provided funds for the school and the funds this year contributed to building much needed multipurpose netball and basketball court. The court will be here for many years to come and for generations of students in the school to enjoy.

Thank you to our P & F President, Paul Locke, and the executive members for their dedicated volunteer work. **Paul has indicated he will not volunteer for the president's role next year, so I thank him for his excellent leadership and generosity in this role on the P & F.** Thank you also to the many parents and carers who attended meetings during the year and/or helped out in other ways. I look forward to continuing working in partnership with the P & F in 2018. Roles on the P & F will elected at the AGM early in 2018.

School Board Thank You

Thank you to members of the 2017 School Board. They have work hard this year to support the governance of the school and ensure that the school is function effectively and utilising it available resources. This year, three long-standing members of the School Board finish their terms and will be stepping down from the Board.

I would like to thank Jason Egan for his role as chair of the board over the last four years. He has done an outstanding job in leading the board during his time as chair and the school is showing great improvement in many ways. Jason has been involved in the P&F and School Board for many years over his 13 years in the school. He has just one year left in our community in 2018 I hope he enjoys that time as a parent.

Thank you to James Fletcher who is completing his four years on the School Board. James has held the role as Vice-President and has been instrumental in much of the Board work and has lead the Master Plan and Facilities Committee and been actively involved in the facilities upgrades of the school.

Thank you to Jen Corkery also finishes a number of years on the School Board. Jen has been very active in her role and has assisted the Master Plan and Facilities Committee. She has held the role as Secretary and strongly supported many of the school initiatives that have begun in recent years. Jen has just one year left at St Anthony's as a parent and I wish her well for 2018.

Early in 2018, current members of our community will be invited to nominate for the vacant positions on the School Board. Parents considering nominating need to be aware that the positions come with responsibility and it is likely that they may have to fill one of the executive positions. The roles of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary will need filling.

St Anthony's Students Top ACT Reading Awards

The 2017 Chief Minister's Reading Challenge Awards were held last week at the National Library. Our school Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister accepted 3 awards on behalf of the school. The students read the highest number of books daily during the challenge in each category from Kindergarten to Year 6. They shared this award with a number of other schools that were awarded in all 3 categories. The awards are a great achievement by our students and shows the commitment of our teachers to promote reading on a daily basis in classrooms. There is also a great opportunity for students to enjoy reading more and read their favourite authors at home.

Thank you to Mrs Angela Bartkowiak for leading the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge organisation and for promoting reading across the whole school. Congratulations to everyone and let's keep the momentum going in 2018.

2018 Staffing Update 2018

2018 staffing is not fully completed as yet, but I want to share the following staff information with you:

Yesterday the students and staff farewelled **Ms Jo Dignan** from St Anthony's. Ms Dignan is moving to Queensland next week as part of her career transition process. This will give her a great opportunity to start fresh and begin the next part of her life. Ms Dignan looked well and on the road to better health. Ms Dignan visited her Year 2 class from this year as well as other students in classes that she has taught in recent years. On behalf of the community I thank Ms Dignan for her time at St Anthony's and wish her well in the future. Our prayers and thoughts go with her.



Miss Leah Malpas has been successful in a part-time position at St John Vianney's school in Waramanga for 2018. This is an exchange position just for next year but may lead to Mrs Malpas picking up a permanent position at this school from 2019. I would like to thank Mrs Malpas for many years of work at St Anthony's and for her dedication and commitment to teaching students and providing care. This is a great opportunity Mrs Malpas to work in a new school community and although she will be missed at St Anthony's, we wish her all the best.

Mrs Vicky Beissner has been teaching at St Anthony's in 2017 on exchange and will continue at St Anthony's on a permanent basis. **Mr Wayne Young** was on exchange with Mrs Beissner and will now remain at St Francis of Assisi Calwell on a permanent basis. Congratulations to Mrs Beissner on successfully continuing at St Anthony's and we wish Mr Young all the very best in his endeavours at St Francis of Assisi. On behalf of the community I thank Mr Young for his time at St Anthony's.

Miss Nicole Ptycia is returning to St Anthony's in 2018 from her teaching exchange in Canada. We look forward to hearing about Miss Ptycia's exciting experience and in her continuing at St Anthony's. **Mrs Fran Sparkes** is extending her time in Australia by undertaking another exchange, but not St Anthony's. I would like to thank Mrs Sparkes on her teaching this year and for the information she shared from her Canadian experiences.

We are still on track for students to meet their 2018 teachers in Week 10. This is an exciting time for students and an opportunity to transition over the last few days into their new environment. More information on staffing will be available shortly.

2017 Pacific Schools Games Representatives

Next week we have three students participating in the Pacific Schools Game competitions in Adelaide. The competition at these games is expected to be of a very high standard and we are extremely proud of our students for reaching this elite level. I would like to congratulate **Harry M** for representing ACT in soccer. I would like to congratulate **Monique H** for representing the ACT in hockey. I would like to congratulate **Ashley P** for representing the ACT in swimming. These students are exceptional athletes and we hope that they enjoy the association with other athletes and perform at a high level during their events and competitions. We also have two staff members attending the Pacific School Games in official capacities, Mrs Sarah Waller will be Manager of the swim team and Mrs Alisa Spackman will be a coach of one of the girls' representative netball teams. It is great to have St Anthony's so highly represented at this level in sport and I wish everyone a wonderful week in Adelaide.

Upcoming End of Year Events

Some of the key dates coming up to complete 2017 include:

- Year 6 Graduation on Wednesday 6 December (evening)
- Kinder Nativity Liturgy which on Thursday 7 December at 12.00.
- 2017 Thanksgiving Mass is on Tuesday 12 December at 12.00.
- Year 5 and 6 Leadership Handover Ceremony is Thursday 14 December at 12.00.

God Bless

Greg Walker
Principal

School Fees

Term 4 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.



St Anthony's Netball Committee

The St Anthony's Netball committee will meet shortly to discuss preparing for the 2018 winter competition. If anyone is interested in joining the Committee, please get in contact with Josie Rutten - josierutten@gmail.com



Successful Learner Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have demonstrated successful learning habits this week. These certificates will be presented at Friday morning assembly.

Evie D KA, Tine G KA, Bianca B KP, Luca A 1A, Makenzie C 1A, Mannix B 1P, Levi D 1P, Jasmine R 2P, Reuben C 2P, Donitabelle W 2L, Daniel H 2L, Blake A-W 3A, Finn D 3A, Matthew A 3A, David L 3L, Jacob C 4A, Hayley A 4A, Dechlan L 4A, Samuel Q 4A, Mia B 4A, Emma L 4A, Sebastian D-E 4P, David R 4P, Anna C 5A, Lachlan G 5A, Kate D 5A, Jaharn M-D 5A, Hayden S 5A, Talia E 5P, Brianna Mc 5P, Matthew P 6A, Courtney Y 6A, Will P 6P, Frances M 6L,

Happy Birthday to:

Alexandria B, Patrick M, Jackson C, Archer E, Hannah J, Tahlia T-J, Noah W, Alexander S and Georgina W.



Have a wonderful day!

MUSIC YOUR WAY

ABN - 26622337473

Music Your Way (formerly My Way Music) provides high-quality individual and group music tuition throughout Canberra and currently provides piano, guitar and violin classes to children in St Anthony's Primary School.

Music Your Way's new owner, Grantley Butterfield, is an experienced musician, music teacher and business manager. Grantley is motivated to offer a broader range, and tailored music tuition opportunities to also include voice (male and female), brass, and bass guitar – just to name a few.

Our professional tutors can teach students of a range of ages from early primary to adults throughout the year. All teachers hold a current Working with Vulnerable People card and are insured. If you interested in music and the services Music Your Way can offer, please contact Grantley on either 0416 105 083 or grantleybutterfield@hotmail.com.

OOSCA News – VACATION CARE

OOSCA Statements will be emailed this Thursday; these statements will include bookings for the rest of the year. This is done to give parents adequate time to finalise their account by the end of the school year. Please be advised that if accounts are outstanding bookings for 2018 (including January Vacation Care) will be cancelled until the debt is cleared. Rebates will not be applied to accounts and parents will need to calculate the total amount owing.

Student's not returning to St Anthony's in 2018

- My child/children have an enrolment application pending at another school.
- My child/children will not be returning to St Anthony's in 2018.

Child's Name: _____

Class: _____

St Anthony's Canteen

Open Tuesday - Friday
6231 4022

Manager: Mrs Maree Alchin

Roster of Volunteer Helpers

Wed 29 Nov	Orla Bewert 9am-12pm
Thursday 30 Nov	Dianna Young 9am-12pm
Friday 1 Dec 	Dianna Young 9am-12pm
	Gemma Dowie 12-2pm
	Rachel Esler 9-10:30am
WEEK NINE	
Monday 4 Dec	HELP NEEDED 9am-12pm
Tuesday 5 Dec	HELP NEEDED 9am-12pm
Wed 6 Dec	HELP NEEDED 9am-12pm
Thursday 7 Dec	Carole Coulton 9am-2pm
Friday 8 Dec	Mary Russell 9am-12pm
	Gemma Dowie 12-2pm
	Selina Walker 9am-2pm
	Rachel Esler 9-10:30AM

Disco – Friday 1st December

5:30-6:45pm: Pre-School – Year 2

6:45-8pm: Years 3-6

HELPERS URGENTLY REQUIRED
– ESPECIALLY SENIOR DISCO

Canteen Christmas Party 6th December 6pm
Asian Noodle House Tuggeranong
All Welcome

Please let Maree know if you would like to attend

Online Ordering through Flexischools



OOSCA Family Christmas Party.

All OOSCA Families are welcome to join us to celebrate another wonderful year.

Time: 4.30pm - 5:30pm,

Date: Wednesday 13th December 2017.

Place: Sensory Garden.

RSVP: Wednesday 6th December 2017.

Due to catering purposes can you please return the below slip to the front office or OOSCA if you will be attending.

Hope to see you there.



OOSCA Family Christmas Party.

Name: _____

Yes we will be attending

Number of Adults: _____ Number of Children: _____

Please return to OOSCA by Wednesday the 6th December 2017



CANTEEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

The canteen is having a Christmas party to celebrate the end of the year.

**Venue: Asian Noodle House, Anketell Street
Tuggeranong**

Date: Wednesday 6 December 2016

Time: 6pm for 6.30 start

Cost: Depending on what you order.

**RSVP: Sunday 3 December Maree
0434996016.**

A prize will be drawn on the night, anyone who helps in the canteen between now and the dinner goes in the draw.

SCHOOL DISCO
FAVOURITE SINGER



Kinder –Year 2: 5.30–6:45, Year 3 – Year 6: 6:45–8pm
School Hall,

1 December 2017

Early Bird Tickets Available on
Flexischools until **30 December**

Entry Only \$5.00

Entry and Food Pack \$12.00 one child

\$20.00 two children

\$25.00 three children

Tickets available on the night at the door.

Helpers Required: Please contact Maree in the
Canteen on 62314022 or return slip below.

Name:.....

Phone:

