

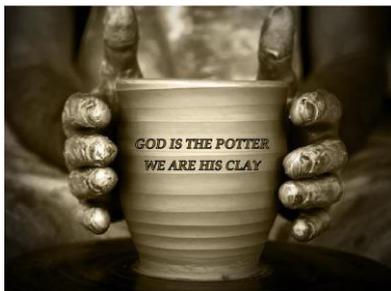


ST ANTHONY'S

PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers

**Week 5
Term 1
2018**



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St Anthony's is a NUT FREE School

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the halfway point of the term. Congratulations to everyone on their efforts to support a successful start to the school year.



This week we acknowledged **International Women's Day**. It is held annually on **March 8** to **celebrate women's** achievements throughout history and across nations. It is also known as the United Nations (UN) **Day for Women's Rights and International Peace**.

International Women's Day is celebrated in many countries around the world. It is a **day** when **women** are recognized for their achievements without regard to divisions, whether national, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic or political.

Now, more than ever, there's a strong call-to-action to press forward and progress gender parity. There's a strong call to motivating and uniting friends, colleagues and whole communities to think, act and be gender inclusive.

Swimming Carnival Success

Thank you to Mrs Monique Egan for her outstanding organisation of our swimming carnival, and to the staff and parents that assisted including Mrs Angela Ryan and the swimming carnival committee. Well done to everyone. A number of people have told me that the carnival went really well and everyone had a great day. We look forward to announcing the winning house and our students who will move on to the representative carnival soon.

Proposed Athletics and Cross Country Dates

I have proposed the following dates for our two remaining school carnivals:

Athletics Carnival - Thursday 12 April (Week 10 Term 1).

Cross Country Carnival - Tuesday 8 May (Week 2 Term 2) After Fete and before NAPLAN.

These dates are selected while the autumn weather should be OK, around other school events and end of the week/start of the week to allow different students from the three ELC classes to participate. These dates are also subject to the availability of the Wanniasa Playing Fields.

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

Phone/Fax
6231 7310

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

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

Catholic Schools' Soccer Carnival

Thank you to Mrs Sarah Waller for taking on the organisation of this carnival and to place our interested students into teams for the carnival on Sunday 8 April at University of Canberra. There are 30 players registered. We have entered 3 teams, 2 in Year 3 & 4 and 1 in Year 5 & 6. The Year 5 & 6 team is full but there is still room for 2 or 3 players in the Year 3 & 4 teams. If you are interested in playing in these teams, please contact the front office asap. We are in the process of seeking coaches and managers for the 3 teams.

2018 Parents and Friends' Association Executive

Last Wednesday evening the Parents and Friends Association held its Annual General Meeting reflecting on 2017 and then moved into its first general meeting for 2018.

Members present elected the following parents to the P&F executive for 2018.

President: _____ (Vacant)

Vice-President: Bronwyn Bergensen

Treasurer: Trish Rae, to be supported by Taryn Crick

Secretary: Simon Passlow

Other positions are also in the process of being filled:

P&R Rep. on School Board: Maria Valenti (continuing)

Fete: Cathy Rollinson and committee

Walkathon: Louise Patton

You will note the position of President is still vacant. If you believe you can assist the P&F and the school in this role, please contact the front office. Alternatively, you could nominate another parent for the role and I can follow this up. Thank you to the parents for attending the meeting and nominating for key roles.

2018 School Board Members

The first School Board meeting for the year was held on Wednesday night. Nominations have been accepted from three new parents to fill the vacant roles on the Board for 2018. Welcome to Tim Brown, Eugene Lehmensich and Paul Locke.

The School Board elected parents to the following executive positions

Chair: Clare McNamara

Deputy Chair: Paul Locke

Treasurer: Sharrin Wells (continuing)

Secretary: Niki Best

Other members of the 2018 School Board include Father Lachlan Coll, Greg Walker, Michael Bradley, Monique Egan, Eugene Lehmensich, Maria Valenti and Tim Brown. Thank you to the parents and staff for taking up positions on the School Board and to those nominated for the executive.

St Anthony's hosts ROCKIT Cyberbullying Workshops this Wednesday

On Wednesday Chris Taylor, Regional Manager from Telstra, visited the school to introduce the ROCKIT Cyberbullying program and workshops. ROCKIT student workshops were held in the school hall for students from Year 3 to Year 6. The presenters were young and savvy digital technology users and they were able to relate well with students. They led discussions on the importance of using digital technologies and the internet safely and productively. Technology plays a big part in most students lives and the key is education. In many ways digital inclusion equals social inclusion for students.

The ROCKIT team made a lively presentation including key tips for online safety. They focussed on empowering the bystanders in cyberbullying, those who witness comments and put downs. They provided strategies for all students to be part of the solution and not part of the problem.

Telstra are digital ambassadors to fight against bullying and St Anthony's was proud to host this first series of workshops in ACT. Channel Nine also attended the session and spoke with Telstra staff, teachers and students. These workshops are a good lead into the National Day Against Bullying next Friday 16 March.

National Day Against Bullying

The National Day Against Bullying is coming up quickly - Friday 16 March (Week 6). We look forward to actively participating in the day and continuing to advocate against bullying behaviour and providing key messages and strategies with students and the community.



2018 Catholic Leaders' System Day and Retreat

As you know, last week I spent 3 days with key Catholic leaders including principals, CE staff and Monsignor John Woods. Our Director, Mr Ross Fox, and other CE leaders presented on the first day and shared information on the development of the new CE strategic plan. We discussed how this strategic plan was moving forward and what it may mean for our school communities. CE is still in the phase of working with stakeholders to define the detail of the proposed changes. It is very clear though that Mr Fox is placing student learning at the forefront of our initiatives and he is committed to supporting schools to be aspirational and a High Performing.

The two-day retreat component centred around the theme of Understanding Jesus, Understanding Judaism. Our facilitator was Peta Goldberg from the Australian Catholic University. We worked through the INQUIRY model of the World BEHIND the text, the world OF THE text, the world IN FRONT of the text.

Peta is an outstanding presenter, world renowned for her work. It was very interesting looking into Jesus' life as a Jewish child/man and how this influenced his paradigm, relationships and actions. We immersed ourselves in the New Testament, with some reflections on the lineage of key biblical figures and the prophecy of the old testament. Then we reflected on what various texts said to us as individuals and what difference will each text make in my life.

We finished with a lovely Mass as a group, led by Monsignor John Woods, who is the Episcopal Vicar for Education in our archdiocese. Due to the expanse of our archdiocese, Key Catholic leaders only get together 3 times each year. It was very uplifting to be together and then take back some ideas to our individual school communities.

Maths Partnership 'Local Schools' Project

St Anthony's teachers are part of a 2018 Maths partnership with Holy Family, St Mary MacKillop College and Catholic Education. Yesterday we welcomed teachers from these schools and our Year 3 teachers taught lessons which were observed by the team. The project involves an ongoing professional conversation between this team of teachers about best practice and the research underpinning the pedagogy. Paul Kruger, a Maths consultant with Catholic Education, will facilitate the project and work actively with each school community for 2018. This is an exciting partnership between key educators in our region of Tuggeranong to strive for the best outcomes for students in Mathematics.

STEM Week (Week 7)

STEM Week is a new focus for the school, building on previous science week and other activities. STEM Week is Week 7 this term. A very exciting plan has been organised for the week involving all students from ELC to Year 6. A program for the week will be shared with the community shortly outlining how students can get involved. Thank you to Mrs Monique Egan, the STEM staff team and the STEM student leadership group for promoting STEM Week and this area of learning.

This Friday afternoon Year One students will lead our first Focus Assembly of 2018. You are all most welcome to attend.

God Bless
Greg Walker, Principal

School Fees

Term 1 School Fees were emailed last week and are due on Friday 23rd of March 2018.

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.** 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 the front office

Successful Learner Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have demonstrated wonderful attributes in their class this week:

Amelia G KA, Blake R KA, Sophie B KP, Lily G KP, Ricky B KL, Jacob M 1A, Chloe E 1P, Mary-Grace B 2A, Annabella N 2A, Georgie H 2P, Alexander S 2L, Daniel H 3A, Jasmine R 3A, Nicholas G 3A, Kobie H 3P, Jason B 3P, Amelia L 3P, Jai S 3P, David L 3P, Anneliese T 4A, Abigail R 4A, Liam O’K 4P, Dante V 4A, Dominic K 4P, Maya G 4P, Jaxon K 4P, Leo s 4L, Hayley L 4L, Chris C 4L, Rosemary L 4L, Wyatt P 4L, Sebastian D-E 5A, Eliza B 5/6L, Claudia H 6A,

Certificates will be presented at Friday morning Assembly at 9am.



Happy Birthday to:

Elizabeth F, Hayley A, Harrison C, Nadia T, Norah F, Georgie H, Aiden B and Eliana L.

Have a wonderful day!



Missing Glasses

A student in Year 5 has misplaced a pair of reading glasses. They are in a blue Specsavers case. Please drop them to the front office if you find them.



OOSCA News

The Department of Education and Training will be introducing a new Child Care Package from the 2nd of July this year. To help with an easy transition please make sure that OOSCA has up to date information and that CRN details are correct. Parents will also need to register for a MyGov login. For more information, please click on the link below.

<https://www.education.gov.au/ChildCarePackage>

St Anthony’s Canteen

Open Tuesday - Friday
6231 4022

Manager: Mrs Maree Alchin

Roster of Volunteer Helpers

Tues 6 March	Sue Duckett 9am-12pm
Wed 7 March	Jess MacLeod 9-10am
	Dianna Young 12-2pm
	Selina Walker 12-2pm
	Nicole Gray 12-2pm
Thurs 8 March	Carole Coulton 9am-2pm
Fri 9 March	Selina Walker 9am-2pm
	Rachel Esler 9-10:30am
	Dianna Young 9am-2pm
	Suzanna Galvin 9-11:30am
WEEK 6	
Tues 13 March	Megan Doherty 9am-12pm
Wed 14 March	Jess MacLeod 9-10:30am
Thurs 15 March	Carole Coulton 9am-2pm
Fri 16 March	Selina Walker 9am-2pm
	Mary Russell 9am-12pm
	Gemma Dowie 9am-12pm

Crazy Hair Disco

16th March

Helpers Urgently Needed

www.flexischools.com.au



The CAP Expo is a free community event showcasing Canberra's social, recreational, cultural, artistic and sporting groups. Come along and surprise yourself with the weird, wonderful and wild array of social clubs on offer, including:

- Dance**: bellydancing, tango, square dance, flamenco and more
- Outdoor Adventures**: sailing, bushwalking, fishing
- Music**: choirs, ukulele, brass bands, bagpipes
- Sports**: volleyball, calisthenics, wheelchair sports, unicycle
- Adrenaline Activities**: speedway motorbikes, parkour, martial-arts
- Special Interest**: Star Wars, amateur radio, companion dogs, calligraphy, stamp collecting

and much, much more!

Food vendors, come-and-try activities, performances and roving musicians make this family-friendly event a great day out for everyone!

For more information visit www.facebook.com/CAPEXpo #CAP2018

Discover how you can enjoy and join Canberra's vibrant groups and clubs

Saturday 24 March
11am-4pm
Old Bus Depot Building
21 Wentworth Avenue,
Kingston

<http://bit.ly/CAPEXpo2018>



Opportunities to play Women's Premier League 2018

Approaching the 2018 season, we have opportunities across all age groups and squads (U13 – Senior). It is a fantastic opportunity to join a club dedicated and committed to developing its pathway for girls to play football.

We are proud of our development of young players and the clear pathways from Under 13's to playing for the senior side. We have an excellent team of coaches ready to introduce the players to their next level of performance and reach their full potential.

The squads are structured to provide a full pathway from the skill acquisition phase through the game training phase and onto the performance phase of the FFA National Curriculum.

Training occurs every Tuesday and Thursday throughout the season:

Place: Kambah 2
Time: WPL Under 13 & 15 5.00pm -6.30pm
WPL Under 17 & Senior 6.30pm – 8.30pm

If you are interested in playing or would like more information about the TUFU women's program don't hesitate to contact the WPL Head Coach Michael Aldred on 0438 327 155 or wplcoach@tufc.org.au



St Anthony's 2018 School Fete **Saturday 5 May, 10am-2pm**

Hot Cross Bun orders due next week

Order forms and money for our Hot Cross Bun fundraiser are **due back to the front office on Wednesday 14 March**. You still have time to get a few more orders from friends and family before you hand yours in! If you need another form, you can download one from the Skoolbag app, pick one up from the front office or email the fete committee. Don't forget that the top 3 selling families will win prizes to spend at the fete!! Please show your support for your school and help us kick-start our 2018 fete fundraising, by purchasing your hot cross buns for Easter through the school. \$2 from every packet goes directly to our school fundraising.

Can you help this Saturday?

We will be selling raffle tickets on Saturday 10 March at the Hyperdome. If you're free to help at any time between 10am and 2pm, please email us as soon as possible. We are grateful for any help that we can get!

Calling all buskers and street performers!

Are you a musician, magician or clown? Or something equally as entertaining? We would love to hear from you! To add to the atmosphere of the fete, we'd love to have some entertainment around the school campus throughout the day for families to enjoy as they walk around. If you think you can help us for an hour (or four!) on the day, please get in touch via email for a chat!

What are our fundraising goals for 2018?

Over the past three years, money raised by the P&F has contributed to the construction of our new multipurpose court and the sensory garden, as well as the purchase of chrome books to be used in the classrooms. This year, the money we raise from the fete and other P&F activities will go towards the restoration and upgrade of outdoor areas and playgrounds, including the installation of shade structures, which will be wonderful in the warmer months.

Thanks so much

Our fete is not possible without the generosity of our wonderful volunteers and sponsors. Thank you to the businesses who have offered their support so far and to all of the lovely parents who have already contacted us about helping out. If you would like to help out, we would love to hear from you!

You can contact us at stanthonyfete@gmail.com



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CRAZY HAIR DISCO

16 March 2018



Kinder –Year 2 5.30–7.00, Year 3 – Year 6 7.00-8.30 School Hall,

16 March 2018

Early Bird Tickets Available on Flexischools until 15 March 2018.

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. All Helpers will receive free entry and pack for their children to enjoy.

Name:.....

Phone:

St Anthony's Needs YOU!!!

Are you a parent or carer that is keen to promote physical health and wellbeing at St Anthony's?

Are you available on weekday mornings from 8:00-8:30am?

Would you be keen to plan and run a short, half an hour fitness session for our students?

If you have answered yes to the questions above, then St Anthony's needs you!!!

As part of our wellbeing focus this year, we would like to run a Fitness Club for students before school.

Research shows that:

- Physical activity and sports are generally promoted for their positive effect on children's physical health; regular participation in physical activity in childhood is associated with a decreased cardiovascular risk in youth and adulthood.

- There is also a growing body of literature suggesting that physical activity has beneficial effects on several mental health outcomes, including health-related quality of life and better mood states.

- In addition... there is a strong belief that regular participation in physical activity is linked to enhancement of brain function and cognition, thereby positively influencing academic performance.

If you are interested in being part of this initiative, please contact Beth Lehmensich at:

beth.lehmensich@cg.catholic.edu.au