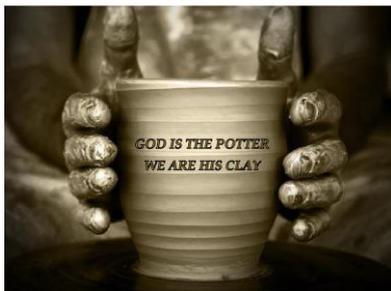




ST ANTHONY'S

PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Week 5
Term 2
2018**



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Sunday 9am & 5:30pm

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

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope everyone enjoyed the public holiday in the ACT for Reconciliation Day over and had a good mid-term break at this point.

Prayers Please

Please keep St Mary MacKillop Community in your prayers. Much loved staff member Michelle Da Roza passed away last week after a battle with illness. Her funeral was this Wednesday. Michelle was an Assistant Principal at the College.

Reconciliation Week

On Tuesday this week Year 4L and some of our Indigenous students attended the Reconciliation Bridge Walk in Queanbeyan. Miss Ptycia and Mr Paul McGregor attended with the students.

Well done to Mr Greg Rick and 4A for their lovely Reconciliation Community Prayer on Friday.

Year 6 Camp Thanks

Thank you to Mrs Alisa Spackman, Mr Ben McDevitt, Mrs Monique Egan, Miss Beth Lehmensich and Mr Michael Bradley for attending the Year 6 Camp in Sydney last week. The students had a very busy and wonderful week full of challenging activities and Sydney highlights. The five-day experience is something the students will never forget. I really appreciate the effort of these staff for being away from home for the week to attend camp to make the venture a success.

School Uniform - Refocus on the correct school uniforms

Recently a number of parents and staff have commented that the standard of students wearing the correct uniforms has dropped. Over a period of time, perhaps some students and families were under the impression that it was OK to vary the school uniform and it has become a habit. This was not the intention of the school and it is now time to refocus on students wearing the correct school uniform.

At the last School Board meeting, members agreed to support the current uniform policy as it stands and that it be enforced by the school. This means that parents are required to support the policy as per the conditions of enrolling their child at the school.

The full school uniform policy is included below for your reference.

Some of the unacceptable variations to the uniform that appear to have crept in include:

- Fully coloured sports shoes.
- Inappropriate black school shoes.
- Boys wearing shorts all year around.
- Incorrect hair band colours and large bows being worn (only hair bands, ribbons and discreet bows are allowed in school colours - maroon, navy blue, green, white, school tartan.
- Incorrect winter tops including netball club hoodies.

Please note that large feature 'bows' are not acceptable variations to ribbons or bands. Discreet bows and ribbon ties in the correct colour are acceptable.

Now that notice has been given, I would prefer all shoes to be correct, but I understand that parents may have purchased school shoes recently and these need to be phased out. These cases will be noted and these shoes will need replacing as soon as possible.

In the first instance, teachers will remind students of the correct uniform. If they continue to wear the incorrect uniform, teachers will contact parents. If there are any concerns at this point parents can contact Michael Bradley or myself at school. The goal is to have all students wearing the correct uniform and not having to initiate consequences for students as a penalty for not wearing the correct uniform.

The reasons why a school uniform is important and needs to be consistently worn by all students are:

- To look the same, and in 'uniform' with other students.
- To be recognisable as attending St Anthony's and proudly represent the school.
- So that students are valued for their character, effort and endeavours rather than looking different to other students.
- So students do not seek attention for being in different clothing i.e. other colours, wearing brand names etc.
- For safe participation in school activities.

Thank you in anticipation for your support in ensuring the school uniform is consistently worn by your child and all students.

St Anthony's School Uniform

Girls' Sport/PE (compulsory)	Skorts	Green skorts with school logo
	Polo shirt	White with green collar and school crest
	Polar Fleece Jumper	Green ¼ zip with Logo
	Socks	White (ankle not anklet)
	Runners	Predominately white in colour (not bright colours)
	Tracksuit	Green
Boys' Sport/PE (compulsory)	Hat	School Bucket Hat
	Shorts	Green with school logo
	Polo shirt	White with green collar and school crest
	Socks	White (ankle not anklet)
	Runners	Predominately white in colour (not bright colours)
	Tracksuit	Green
Girls' Summer	Hat	School Bucket Hat
	Dress	Drop waisted blue, maroon & white check.
	Shorts/shirt	Royal blue tailored shorts/pale blue polo shirt
	Socks	White (ankle not anklet)
	Shoes	Black school shoes (no platforms) or leather sandals
	Hat	Navy blue all round brim or School Bucket Hat
Girls' Winter	Tunic	Navy tartan
	Shirt	Long sleeve – Peter Pan collar – Sky Blue
	Skivvy	Sky Blue
	Slacks	Navy
	Polar Fleece Jumper	Maroon ¼ zip with logo
	Socks	White OR Navy (ankle not anklet) with slacks
	Shoes	Black school shoes (no platforms or high heels)
	Tights	Navy
	Jacket	Navy
	Beanie	Navy Beanie
	Boys' Summer	Polo shirt
Shorts		Navy
Socks		White or Navy (ankle not anklet)
Shoes		Black school shoes or leather sandals
Boys' Winter	Long sleeve shirt	Sky Blue open neck
	Polo neck skivvy	Sky Blue
	Long slacks	Navy
	Polar Fleece Jumper	Maroon ¼ zip with logo
	Socks	Navy (ankle not anklet) or white (ankle not anklet)
	Shoes	Black school shoes
	Hat	School Bucket Hat
	Jacket	Navy
Beanie	Navy Beanie	

ACCESSORIES: Hair ribbons/bands (discreet and in school colours) should be used to tie back hair.

All school uniform items are available from SAVVY School & Formal Wear, Homeworld, Tuggeranong. **(with your Lowes Zero Card you will receive 5% discount of every purchase, receive 5% in rewards points to redeem, plus great features and benefits).**

School Photos

Recently, concerns were raised by some parents that students were photographed in our school photos in the school polar fleece jumpers. This was not the case in all class photos. However, if a student wore the incorrect uniform or sports uniform on the day the only option was for them to be photographed wearing a polar fleece jumper, along with all members of their class. The aim was to have each student in each class photo looking the same and to include all students, rather than exclude them. School photos cost parents money to buy and have to be of a high standard. School photos are a good keepsake for families and school records. I thank students for supporting this process on photo day and apologise for any inconvenience. Each class photo appeared to be well prepared and taken at the time.

Student Management Policy Revamp

Since 2017 the school staff have been working on revising aspects the school's student management policy. The purpose of the review has been to provide a clearer and more accountable policy for all members of the school community. This is an area that staff, parents and students all highlighted in the 2017 community survey as an area that could be further improved.

Unfortunately, at times, bullying behaviour and inappropriate behaviour is displayed by some people in all settings, including workplaces, sports clubs, friendship groups, online forums and in schools. St Anthony's is no different. However, the school is determined to manage all forms of inappropriate behaviour and take a stance against bullying behaviour, violence, threats etc in an effective and rigorous manner.

The overarching school rules have been re-written and are now:

- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful
- Be a Learner

Another focus has been to make the acceptable and non-acceptable behaviours expected by all students more explicit. The steps to be followed by teachers in managing student behaviour have also been clearly identified and should also be beneficial for parents in talking to their own children and their class teachers.

Communication between home and school is always paramount for any policy to be effective. There is a strong emphasis on teachers contacting parents throughout the whole process. This is particularly important if your child's behaviour is unsafe or unacceptable or if your child has been subject to these types of behaviours. It is important to note that the school has other initiatives in place in regards to behaviour management and student wellbeing:

- The school has now appointed a WELLBEING TEACHER three days per week.
- The school continues to offer a wide range of student wellbeing and support programs to aid in developing their social skills and competencies.
- The school continues to educate students how to interact and behave appropriately. Behaviour 'Learning' is a key focus of our processes, and together with the support of families, can be very successful.
- The school strives to make the school a fun, vibrant and inclusive community where positive encouragement and affirmation is valued.
- School achievements are frequently highlighted and celebrated as a school community.
- Students exposed to bullying and other behaviours are to be well-supported as well.

The policy amendment attached with the school newsletter is for the reference of parents. Students will also be made fully aware of the policy and the expectations. The key parts of this policy will be displayed in every classroom and learning space. The minor and major behaviours are important for students to know, as are the consequences. Michael Bradley and I will visit each class in the school in coming days to personally discuss the policy.

I wish to reiterate that this policy does not necessarily reflect new expectations of student behaviour but does make them more explicit and is aimed at making students more responsible and accountable for their actions.

The school is in the process of planning a parent information night on the topic of student wellbeing and behaviour management. At this meeting, more information will be provided on our policies and practices at the school and how they are evolving to meet the needs of students in the school.

NAPLAN Thanks

Thank you to Year 3 and Year 5 teachers for supporting and encouraging their students during the recent NAPLAN assessments. A big thank you to Mr Michael Bradley and other staff for their work on NAPLAN. Generally speaking, the digital side of the assessments went well and I think that students felt well supported during this period.

Another Successful National Walk to School Day

Thank you to Mrs Tracey Adamson for organising the school's involvement in another National Walk to School Day in Week 3. We had beautiful weather again and a good number of students, parents and staff walking the last distance to school together and promoting a healthy lifestyle and the environment. Great to see the addition of the new scooter rack for students to put their prized scooters in storage.

School Uniform Focus

It is now time to refocus on students wearing the correct school uniform. Over a period of time perhaps some students and families were under the impression that was OK to vary the school uniform. I will share the full school uniform policy with parents this week for their reference. Some items may have just been purchased by parents for their children and will take some time to replace e.g. shoes. I need your support to gently remind students if they are not wearing the correct uniform in the first instance. Talk to parents if required. If families have any concerns, please refer them to Michael or myself to follow up. The ultimate goal is to have all students in the correct uniform in a reasonable amount of time.

Student Management Policy

It is also time for us to implement the new student management policy and a focus on acceptable behaviour and positive reinforcement. This includes making students fully aware of acceptable behaviour and our expectations. The minor and major behaviours are important for students to know so that the consequences are clear and also how we can help them meet our expectations. Again, I will publish this in the school newsletter for parents to read and it will be displayed in each classroom. I'll also come around talk to each class this week about its implications. Again these are not new expectations of student behaviour but a time for us to really be explicit and consistent. Please do not forget to continually affirm students for their good behaviour and good work.

Online Game Concern

'Fortnite' is a game that has become rife among our students at the moment, with students as young as Kindergarten playing the game. It's a big concern as the game is quite violent. The game is rated 13 years+, however after reading some reviews, it seems that there is more to the game than initially meets the eye. Below is a link to Common Sense Media's reviews of the game. It is important for parents and students the school will not be allowing access to this site and we will be discouraging any fortnite related games on the playground.

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/game-reviews/fortnite/user-reviews/adult>

Have a good week. God Bless.

Greg Walker
Principal

School Fees

Term 2 School Fees are due 1st JUNE 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

Happy Birthday to:

Mia H, Olivia M, Cassandra S, Liam O'K, Noah W, Luke C, Lucas H, Alexander Mc, Maxwell R, Cian H, Olivia M, Jasmine R, Benjamin G, Kobie H, Mikayla H, William N and Tiahna S.

Have a wonderful day!



Successful Learner Awards

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

Suella B KA, Reece A KL, Ryan B 1A, William C 1A, Sophie H 1P, Hebin J 1P, Lachlan Mc 2A, Hannah Mc 2P, Riley E 3A, Ruby Y 3A, Margaret 3A, Alina F 3A, Lara M 3P, Taylor M 3P, Rihanna B 4A, Madelon H 5A, Mariam B 5A, Reuben S-Mc 5A, Hannah J 5A, Emily K 5/6L, Kai B 5/6L, Emma K 5/6L, Ben C 5/6L, Jessica N 5/6L, Brianna Mc 6A, Olivia R 6A, Jack W 6A, Mia V 6A, Joseph W 6A, Jack F 6P, Anna C 6P, John A 6P, Jack G 6P, Jasmin L 6P.

Certificates will be presented on Friday morning at assembly.



OOSCA & ELC Families

You need to do a Centrelink Child Care Subsidy Assessment now!

When we transition to the new Child Care Subsidy your eligibility does not automatically rollover to the new system, so it is really important to complete this assessment. We will also be unable to backdate any attendance data.

You can [do your assessment through myGov](#) using your Centrelink online account. Or, through the Express Plus Centrelink mobile app.

This is important, because if you don't do your assessment, you may not receive any subsidy from 2 July 2018.



Please do this as soon as possible. To find out more, visit education.gov.au/childcare.

Hats off for June & July

Cancer Council ACT recommends Canberra primary schools and early childhood services (and the general public) adopt a combination of sensible sun protection behaviours when spending time outdoors when UV levels are 3 and above.

For this reason, sun protection behaviour like wearing a hat and applying sunscreen is not generally required around the June and July winter period in Canberra because daily UV levels drop and stay low (under 3) during this period. However, sun protection may still be required if spending time in Alpine regions or extended time outdoors during this period, ie all day outdoor excursions and sport carnivals etc. This "Hats Off" period may assist Canberra children with their winter vitamin D requirements.

Please discuss this with your child/ren as teachers will not be asking students to wear hats for the months of June and July.



SPORTS NEWS CORNER

Please keep an eye out each week for the sports corner as it is designed to give you the heads up for upcoming ACT sports trials, school gala days, school carnivals and to acknowledge our wonderful students on their sporting achievements.

If you would like to have your child's achievements acknowledged in this newsletter, please email me details and maybe a photo by the Monday of each week.

St Anthony's very own hall of fame.



Congratulations to the following boys for making it into the Tuggeranong PSSA team for AFL:

Damien C, Cian H, Sam Q, Anthony G, Justin S and Jake Y.

The boys will play at the Kambah playing fields on Thursday 7th June. A note with more information will be coming home by the end of the week.

Good luck boys!

The Sullivan Shield Rugby League Gala Day- We couldn't field a team in the 5/6 competition due to low numbers, but have entered a team in the 3/4 competition. Notes will go home by the end of the week with more details and lunch time training days.

Tuggeranong Cross Country

The Tuggeranong cross country was held yesterday. We took out 40 runners and they all did St Anthony's proud. Most races had at least 90 children in them.

There were many of our students that have qualified to go onto the next level to run for Tuggeranong at the ACT Cross Country on Wednesday 13th June. More details next week.



ACT SCHOOL SPORTS:

For those that are interested in and are eligible (10-12 yrs olds) to try out for Tuggeranong netball, AFL, touch football, basketball, soccer, hockey there are a number of trial dates available on the ACT sports website. If your child would like to trial please read the information below and visit the ACT school sports website to register. We have and will continue to hand out hard copies of information at morning assemblies.

At the moment there is information for boys and girls Hockey, basketball and soccer. Get on line and register to avoid disappointment.

ACT SCHOOL SPORT REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

Anyone interested in trialling for the various regional sports needs to log onto the ACT Sports website and register for the sport that your child wishes to trial for. It is the responsibility of parents to monitor the website for any upcoming sporting events if your child is interested in competing in the regional competitions.

www.schoolsportact.asn.au

Till next week

Angela Ryan

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St Anthony's Canteen

Open Tuesday - Friday

6231 4022

Manager: Mrs Maree Alchin

Roster of Volunteer Helpers

Wed 30 May	Dianna Young 12-2pm
	Selina Walker 12-2pm
TUCK DAY	HELP NEEDED 12-2pm
Thursday 31 May	HELP NEEDED 9am-2pm
Friday 1 June	Selina Walker 9am-2pm
	Rachel Esler 9-10:30am
	Dianna Young 9am-2pm
WEEK SIX	
Tues 5 June	Megan Doherty 9am-12pm
Wed 6 June	HELP NEEDED 9am-2pm
Thurs 7 June	Carole Coulton 9am-2pm
Friday 8 June	Mary Russell 9am-12pm
	Gemma Dowie 12-2pm
	Suzanne Galvin 9am-12pm

Milo available Friday Morning before school \$1 a cup



The Canteen is in need of someone to be able to provide relief if the Manager is unwell or needs time away. The hours are 9am-2pm Tuesday – Friday, it is a paid position and training is available. You do not need to have your food safety certificate. If you are interested, please see Maree in the Canteen.

Flexischools On-Line Ordering available now,
Go to www.flexischools.com.au

St Anthony's Netball

Year 2–St Anthony's Stars - The SA Stars gelled together nicely this week, spurred on by a solid defensive display by Matilda and Chelsea. Mary-Grace and Maddie showed determination from the first centre pass, gaining our team momentum up the court. Amelia and Zara worked tirelessly in both attack and defence during a game with lots of changeovers, and Saidee displayed some wonderful plays, breaking free from her player consistently and showing great teamwork. Great game and go Stars!

Year 4 Twisters - This week the Twisters had a hard day on the netball court. We came up against a strong team in the SCA Swifts who were able to match our good defensive skills. This meant it was a hard fought match with both teams gaining intercepts and possession swapping frequently between the two teams. Annie and Macey had some great plays and kept us in the game. Carly, Zahra, and Maya worked super hard in the mid-court and in defence, and did so well to keep up and shadow their players who were very speedy! Olivia and Georgia worked hard in the circle to convert their chances. We went into the last quarter with a one shot lead but a late goal to the Swifts saw the game end in a tie. It was nerve wracking to watch! The Twisters fought so hard right to the end and showed great determination and a never give up attitude. Great Effort this week to Annie and Player of the week to Macey. Go Twisters!