ST ANTHONY’S WALKATHON

The P&F Association in conjunction with the school staff are very happy to announce the 2016 Walkathon which will be held in Week 9 this term, on **Friday 16 September 2016**. Weekly prizes commence on **Friday 12 August**. The walkathon is a major fundraising event for our school each year and we rely on the support of all our families to make it a success. This year we will be running an Olympic-themed Walkathon. Children can dress up as an Olympic athlete or in the colours of the country their class is allocated. Please make sure appropriate footwear (runners) is worn.

**SPONSORSHIP CARDS:** Your child’s sponsorship card accompanies this letter. You are able to start collecting sponsors immediately, especially to be eligible for the ‘**Aussie gold rush**’ prize draws on 12 and 19 August (see below). It is recommended that your child/children only gather sponsorship from known and trusted people. Please keep this card in a safe place. It will be required to be completed by sponsors and returned to the school on a weekly basis. Cards are to be returned to classroom teachers each Thursday (if a new sponsor has been secured from the previous week) in order to be eligible for the weekly prize draw.

**DONATIONS (ONLINE OR CASH):** This year for the first time you will be able to collect online donations through Flexischools, which will be handy for children who have family/friends who live interstate or overseas. Sponsors can either make a donation themselves as a ‘guest’ via flexischools.com.au or families can collect the money from all their sponsors and make one transfer of the total to Flexischools via their child’s account. Further instructions about online donations will be available 12 August.

**PRIZES:** Once again we have some amazing prizes offered as an incentive for the children to seek sponsors and assist the P&F in our fundraising goals for 2016. We are continuing to try and locate a good range of prizes and opportunities for sponsors to be involved. If you have a prize to offer or know of a generous business that would like to get on board, please contact Lou Patton at southautos@yahoo.com.au or phone the front office on 6231 4022.

**Major prizes** – for the six highest fundraisers in the school (first place will have first choice, second place will have second choice, etc):

- WiiU console bundle with 2 games
- Samsung Galaxy tablet
- Soniq Television (‘32)
- Portable DVD player
- Vtech sports camera
- Razor scooter
Family prize – a hockey table game for the family with the highest total, with more than one child at the school

Class prize – a pizza and movie afternoon for the class that raises the highest total

VIP Party – for the highest earner from each class

Weekly prize draws – Each week children will receive a ticket in the weekly draw for every $10 raised. Prizes are drawn at each Friday morning assembly in the lead up to the Walkathon, commencing on 12 August. Note that the first two weeks 12 and 19 August are ‘Aussie gold rush’ weeks, while the Olympics are on. The number of gold medals that Australia wins in those weeks will be the number of weekly prizes we give away in those weeks. Children must submit their sponsorship card on Thursdays to be in the running for the weekly prize draw.

We ask that all sponsorship cards and money be returned to school as soon as possible after the event. It is anticipated that the final prize giving assembly will be held in Friday of week 1, term 4 (14 October).

WALKATHON DAY – FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER: The walkathon will commence from the school asphalt where the children line up before school. There are a total of six checkpoints throughout the course to be manned by parents/carers. Staff will walk with the children:

- Kinder – Yr 2: approx. 5km walk from the school to the Sea Scout Hall, Lake Tuggeranong and return.
- Year 3 - Yr 6: approx. 8km walk from the school, around Lake Tuggeranong (to the main bridge) and return.

The same course has been utilised by the school for several years now. It provides easy distances for appropriate ages of children and a safe circuit that we know works for water and breaks.

We need about 20 parent/carer volunteers to assist between 10.30am and 2.30pm with preparing the course, manning check points and preparing the BBQ lunch. If you are able to assist, please complete the form on the next page and return to school or email Lou Patton via southautos@yahoo.com.au In addition to these volunteers, parents/carers are invited to come along and enjoy the walk. Bring your pram, younger siblings and sunscreen to accompany the children and assist in the supervision of the event and safety of all.

There will be a free sausage sizzle and icy pole for all participants on their safe return to the school grounds. Snack packs will also be available for pre-sale, to be collected at the completion of the course. The snack pack will consist of a fruit box, packet of chips and a python for $5 and will be pre-sold in the lead up to the Walkathon.

All children will need to carry their own water bottle during the walkathon, be dressed in appropriate footwear and be wearing a sun hat and sunscreen. Water will be available at all checkpoints along the route.
**WALKATHON VOLUNTEERS**

If you are able to assist in one of the roles below on Friday 12 September from 10.30am to 2.30pm, please indicate by circling your preference. Your assistance is greatly appreciated and desperately required to make this event a success. The weeks leading up to the Walkathon are good fun, filled with prizes and anticipation of an enjoyable walk around the lake and local area. If you need any further information or have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Lou Patton southautos@yahoo.com.au on 0438 319 428 or Tracey Adamson Tracey.Adamson@cg.catholic.edu.au

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Preference for task (please circle if you have a preference):

BBQ Cook (2 required)  BBQ Server (3 required)  Checkpoint Marshall

Many thanks from the P&F Association.