Dearest Parents and Carers,

Thank you to Nikki Napier
You are invited to our morning assembly at 9.00am this Friday 20 February to thank Mrs Nikki Napier for her time as a dedicated staff member and Director at OOSCA. Recently Nikki resigned from her role as Director at our OOSCA service. Nikki has been a wonderful director, leader and staff member at OOSCA over a 7 period at the school. Nikki would know a high percentage of students in the school and I know she is very much valued. Nikki remains a parent at the school and I am sure she will keep in contact with families and students.

2015 Meet-the-Staff Evening
Thank you to everyone for attending the Meet-the-Staff Night last Thursday evening. It was great to see so many families taking this opportunity to visit their child’s classroom and then spending time mingling together at the BBQ. The staff have worked hard preparing for this year and working in partnership with you is important. I encourage you to keep in regular contact with your child’s teacher throughout the year. The next formal meeting with your child’s teacher will be in Week 10 this term for Three-way Conferences.

Thank you to the parents and members of the P&F, including President Chris Smith, who coordinated the BBQ for the school community. The BBQ was dinner for most families as it is a busy time of the year. It was nice for everyone to be together as a community early in the year.

2015 Italian Overview
Mr Antonio Saballa was also introducing himself to parents and carers on Thursday evening. Thank you for taking the time to ask about the Italian program and his classroom. With the newsletter I have attached an overview for Italian that Mr Saballa has provided for the community.

Working with Vulnerable People Process/Cards
As in 2013 and 2014, this year all adults working with children are required to possess a current ‘Working With Vulnerable People’ (WWVP) card. Many parents now have their cards and carry them on them to sign in at school. If you are visiting the school to assist and do not have a WWVP card, you may in the interim, sign a Statutory Declaration to state you are able to work with children. Please note there are strict limitations on how many times you can assist at school before you are required to actually obtain your card. Please contact the school for more information.
Teachers and staff appreciate the valuable help and assistance you provide the school in a range of ways. Our students benefit greatly from the time members of the community volunteer to support learning and activities. The staff are required to check if you have a WWVP card or have signed a Statutory Declaration prior to being able to work with children. Again, if you have any queries please contact the front office. The Catholic Education Office and the ACT Office of Regulatory Services (ORS) regularly undertake spot checks of school information and processes. The school keeps a data base of all WWVP card holders and documents signed by visitors.

**Parents and Friends AGM Meeting and First General Meeting**

To start the 2015 school year the first Parents and Friends’ Association meeting is the Annual General Meeting (AGM) as well. The new meeting date is set for next Wednesday 25 February at 7.00pm (not 6pm as advertised) in the school library. All parents and carers are welcome. Come along to hear about the AGM review from 2014 and to discuss initiatives for 2015. New ideas are always welcome and P&F roles will be opened up again for various positions. Can you help the P&F in 2015 or be present to offer ideas? Please come along. The P&F do a fantastic job in our school community.

You are warmly welcome to attend our Ash Wednesday Liturgy tomorrow at 9.15am in hall and also our Opening School Mass this Friday 20 February at 10am in the hall.

God Bless
Greg Walker
Principal

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‘ASH WEDNESDAY’

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ’s Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolise penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance.

This is a beautiful clip that depicts Jesus’ 40 days in the desert it calls us to reflect on our own lives during this Lenten season [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NWKRhk-yYlo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NWKRhk-yYlo)

Please join us for our Ash Wednesday Prayer Celebration 18th February, 9:15am in the School Hall.

Ash Wednesday Mass will also be held at St Anthony’s Parish Wanniassa at 9:00am and 6:00pm.
Shrove Tuesday

The name Shrove comes from the old word "shrive" which means to confess. On Shrove Tuesday, in the Middle Ages, people used to confess their sins so that they were forgiven before the season of Lent began.

Shrove Tuesday is a day of celebration as well as penitence, because it’s the last day before Lent. Pancakes are eaten on this day because they contain fat, butter and eggs which were forbidden during Lent.

Happy Pancake Day everyone 😊

Opening School Mass

Please join us this Friday 20th February for our Opening School Mass at 10:00am in the school hall 😊

Care Meals

Dear parents, carers and members of the St Anthony’s Community we are looking for enthusiastic cooks and people with big hearts to cook an extra meal to help those in our community experiencing hardship. The meals need to be family friendly (something that children like to eat 😊 such as Spaghetti Bolognese, pasta dishes, bakes, rice dishes etc) and don’t need to be expensive or time consuming to make. The meals need to be stored in a foil container and list the ingredients on the cardboard lid.

As a community we can make such a difference to those families in need. If you are interested in volunteering your time and skills we would be so appreciative!

If you are a family that is experiencing hardship and need some extra assistance please don’t hesitate to contact Orla Rutledge via email orla.duggan@cg.catholic.edu.au or via phone 62314022.

Orla Rutledge
Religious Education Coordinator

St Vincent de Paul Doorknock

SVDP Needs You: The “Vinnies Doorknock” is held throughout the month of February each year, with the main weekend for knocking being 15th Feb. Our parish, sadly has less than half the volunteers required to cover our parish area. Many of our regular knockers are getting too old to continue their support for this cause. If you could do with some exercise, spend some time walking and talking with your child, and if you can give about 90 minutes to help those less fortunate in our community, we would love to hear from you. Pls call Libby 0427 242 167 or catch me (if you can) on the bitumen. Many thanks.

Happy Birthday to:

Have a wonderful day!

Student of the Week Certificates

Congratulations to the following students who receive this week’s certificate. Students will be presented with their certificate at Friday morning Assembly:


School Banking

St Anthony’s School Banking day is every Tuesday. Information is attached to the newsletter email and also available on the school website under “Notes for Parents”. To open a Piggy Bank Passbook Account for your child please attend the Wanniassa Community Bank Branch at Wanniassa Shopping Centre. Students who make deposits will earn points with a prize given at the end of the school year. If you require any further information please contact Sarah Waller in the front office.
**School Leaders**

Last Friday at morning assembly the 2015 school leaders were inducted into their roles as elected by their peers.

**Prime Minister:** Anna O  
**Deputy Prime Minister:** Genevieve T

**Parliament Leaders:**  
**Year 6:** Cynthia H, Mitchell S, Justin L and Jacob S.  
**Year 5:** Victor L, Owen Q, Jessica K, Dylan N and Kaiyu L.

**Sport Leaders:**  
**Bradman**  
Captain: Angelo B  
Vice-Captain: James M  

**Fraser**  
Captain: Angie R  
Vice-Captain: Connor W  

**Gilmore**  
Captain: Abigail Mc  
Vice-Captain: Laura M  

**Paterson**  
Captain: Daemon B  
Vice-Captain: Niamh K

These leaders were chosen by their peers after presenting speeches to their cohort.

**Clothing Pool**

The Clothing Pool will be open this Wednesday from 3.00pm – 4.00pm.

**New items:** St Anthony school bucket hats $11 each. Sizes S, M, L  

**Pre-loved clothing:** shorts $2, girls skorts $4, polo tops $4, jumpers $5, summer dresses $10, winter dresses $15.

Please note we **do not have credit card facilities** so please bring along your cash.

Please see attached flyer for further prices and open dates.

**FETE ‘Open shed’ day**

For donations towards the trash and treasure stall, toy stall, book stall and plant stall, I will hold an open-shed on **Friday 20 February from 3 – 4pm** and on **Saturday 21 February from 9-10.30.**

- Trash and Treasure – Electrical Items **cannot be accepted.**
- **Pre-loved clothing** will not be accepted at this time. Please hold onto your good quality, clean, donations of clothes until another open shed day which will be advertised for next term.

**ST ANTHONY’S NETBALL**

**2015 Registrations Now Open**

Year 2 to Year 6  
Girls and Boys

**Registration due 20 February 2015**  
**Games commence 21 March 2015**

See attached registration information, also available from ‘Notes for Parents’ on the school website.

**Come & Try Sessions**

New and returning players are invited to the Come and Try Netball sessions at lunchtime in the hall.  
Yr 4 & Yr 5 – Thursday 19 February

Please contact Fiona Hempstead on 0402 152 288 or [sport@stanthonyssprn.com](mailto:sport@stanthonyssprn.com) if you require further information.

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**Library News**

It has been wonderful start to the year seeing students and family members using our library in the morning to read. I would like to encourage families if they haven’t already done so, to come and read with their child/children.

Our ‘Book Buddie’ Program should be up and running next week encouraging daily reading.

A very **BIG** thank you to the volunteers helping to cover books.
**Canteen Roster:** 6231 4022

Maree Alchin

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Flexischools On-line Ordering

- Click register
- Enter your email address
- You will be emailed a link to an online form – follow the link
- Choose a username and password and complete the form
- Add each student and their class
- Top-up the account using visa and mastercard.

Flexischools is now the only way to place an order at the canteen. Over the counter sales are still available at recess and lunch (snack foods only).

**NEW PRODUCTS:** Frozen Orange Pieces 50c
Frozen Grapes 50c

Tuck Day (Burger Day) Wednesday 25 February, orders via Flexischools. HELP NEEDED ON THE DAY.
Burger Tuck Day
WEDNESDAY 25 February

If your child would like to enjoy a burger lunch please order at www.flexischools.com.au by 5pm Sunday 22 February. **No other lunch orders are available on tuck day. If you are unsure how to order please contact the canteen or look at the newsletter.**

The cost is listed below.

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Special days like these are not possible without the fantastic support of families. If you can help, please return this slip to the canteen. Help will be needed from 10.30 – 2.00.

Your Name: ____________________________ Phone Number: ____________________________

Your Email Address: ____________________________

With thanks Maree Alchin (Canteen Manager) 6231 4022
COME AND EXPERIENCE THE THRILL OF BMX RACING FOR FREE

BMX AUSTRALIA

NATIONAL SIGN ON DAY

YOUR LOCAL CLUB IS
TUGGERANONG BMX TRACK

TRACK LOCATION
SULWOOD DRIVE, KAMBHAH

DATE TO COME & TRY
SAT 21st FEBRUARY 2015
TIME: 10AM - 12PM

CONTACT
KAREN WALKER 0410 041 932
ANNETTE GALL 0419 487 677

PRINCIPAL PARTNER
Australian Government
Australian Sports Commission
Keen to try BMX racing?

Come and try for free!

Saturday 21 February
10.00 am to 12.00 pm

Come down to the Tuggeranong BMX Club for their National Sign on Day!

Have you ever wanted to try a fast paced Olympic sport for ALL ages? Enjoy riding your bike on weekends? Tuggeranong BMX Club's National Sign on Day allows all new riders to come down to the track and have a ride, giving them the opportunity to have a taste of BMX Racing.

This family oriented sport allows all ages to ride and compete combining fun and excitement with the all important aspect of exercise. Children and parents can talk and create long lasting friendship with other new and existing BMX racers.

BMX is the fastest growing Olympic sport providing riders with the thrill and excitement of racing against 8 riders on a gate for 45 seconds, where riders can go down 5 - 8 metre start hills, hit jumps at speed and navigate over many different types of jumps while racing.

We will have coaches at the track to help all new riders get familiar with how BMX works and let them have some practice time on the track. There will be club members available to help answer any questions about BMX racing and bike maintenance that any parents or new riders may have.

Stick around after the National Sign on Day to watch the clubs race meet.

What you will need to bring:
• Full face Helmet
• Full finger Gloves
• Long Pants
• Long Top that tucks into your pants
• Socks that cover your ankles
• Fully enclosed shoes

The club has limited full face helmets, race bikes and gloves but if you have any of the items listed above please bring them along.

For more information about this event, call 0417242385 or visit bmxau.omnisportsmanagement.com