Dear Parents and Carers

Saint Anthony's Feast Day – Thursday 13 June

Our school and parish patron saint, St. Anthony of Padua is one of the Catholic Church's most popular saints. His story is one that gives inspiration to our lives and the vision for our school. I encourage you to read his story. He is the patron saint of lost things and a renowned Franciscan preacher and teacher. He’s typically portrayed holding the child Jesus—or a lily—or a book—or all three—in his arms.

About Saint Anthony

St. Anthony of Padua’s life is what every Christian’s life is meant to be; a steady courage to face the ups and downs of life, the call to love and forgive, to be concerned for the needs of others, to deal with crisis great and small, and to have our feet solidly on the ground of total trusting love and dependence on God. St Anthony is beloved throughout the world and is responsive to all people and all needs.

Legends about Anthony abound. But let’s turn to the known facts about him. Anthony was born in 1195 (13 years after St. Francis) in Lisbon (now Portugal, then a part of Spain). His parents apparently belonged to one of the prominent families of the city. At the age of 15 he entered the religious order of St. Augustine. After two years he was sent to Coimbra. There he began nine years of intense study, learning the Augustinian theology that he would later combine with the Franciscan vision. After this time he was allowed to leave that priory and receive the Franciscan habit, taking the name Anthony. The Franciscans allowed Anthony to go to Morocco, to be a witness for Christ. However, he became seriously ill, and after several months realized he had to go home. He never arrived home. His ship ran into storms and high winds and was blown east across the Mediterranean. Months later he arrived on the east coast of Sicily.
The friars at nearby Messina, though they didn’t know him, welcomed him and began nursing him back to health.

Whilst in northern Italy Anthony said, “Instruct me in the Franciscan life.” Now, like Francis, he led a life of seclusion and contemplation. Perhaps we would never have heard of Anthony if he hadn’t gone to an ordination of Dominicans and Franciscans in 1222. As they gathered for a meal afterward, the provincial suggested that one of the friars give a short sermon. Quite typically, everybody ducked. So Anthony was asked to give “just something simple,” since he presumably had no education. Anthony too demurred, but finally began to speak in a simple, artless way. The fire within him became evident. His knowledge was unmistakable, but his holiness was what really impressed everyone there.

Now he was exposed. His quiet life of prayer and penance was exchanged for that of a public preacher. Francis heard of Anthony’s previously hidden gifts, and Anthony was assigned to preach in northern Italy. Anthony saw that words were obviously not enough. He had to show gospel poverty. They wanted genuineness of gospel living. And in Anthony they found it. They were moved by who he was, more than what he said.

**What was this about the fish sermon?** Despite his efforts, not everyone listened. Legend has it that one day, faced with deaf ears; Anthony went to the river and preached to the fishes. That, reads the traditional tale, got everyone’s attention.

Anthony traveled tirelessly in both northern Italy and southern France—perhaps making over 400 round trips. Around Easter in 1228 (he was only 33 years old), while in Rome, he met Pope Gregory IX, who had been a faithful friend and adviser of St. Francis.

**Where does Padua come into Anthony’s life?** Padua, Italy is a short distance west of Venice. At the time of Anthony, it was one of the most important cities in the country, with an important university for the study of civil and canon law. In Padua, he preached his last and most famous
Lenten sermons. The crowds were so great—sometimes 30,000—that the churches could not hold them, so he went into the piazzas or the open fields. People waited all night to hear him. However, the great energy he had expended during the Lent of 1231 left him exhausted. He went to a little town near Padua, but seeing death coming close, he wanted to return to the city that he loved. Looking at Padua from a distance he blessed the town and was heard to say “I see my Lord!” He died in peace a short time after that. He was only 36.

The following year, his friend, Pope Gregory IX, moved by the many miracles that occurred at Anthony’s tomb, declared him a saint. Anthony was a simple and humble friar who preached the Good News lovingly and with fearless courage. He was primarily a saint of the people.

(Adapted from St. Anthony: Doctor of the Church by Sophronius Clasen, O.F.M.)

**Why do people pray to St Anthony to return lost things?** The reason for invoking St. Anthony’s help in finding lost or stolen things is traced back to an incident in his own life. As the story goes, Anthony had a book of psalms that was very important to him. Besides the value of any book before the invention of printing, the psalter had the notes and comments he had made to use in teaching students in his Franciscan Order. A novice who had already grown tired of living religious life decided to depart the community. Besides going AWOL he also took Anthony’s psalter! Upon realizing his psalter was missing, Anthony prayed it would be found or returned to him. And after his prayer the thieving novice was moved to return the psalter to Anthony and to return to the Order, which accepted him back. Legend has embroidered this story a bit with some interesting ways the novice was made to return the book!

You are warmly invited to join the students and staff at our FEAST DAY MASS at 10.00am in the school hall this Thursday.

From 12.00pm the students will enjoy a variety of activities on a rotational basis. These activities include a jumping castle and outdoor games (weather permitting), art and craft, trivia and an ice block, ‘Zumba’ dancing and a special show by Nomad the Magician!

**Book Fair**

You are reminded that the Library Book Fair is on this week. Books will be on display in the Library and there will be certain open times for students to buy books. Good luck to our teacher librarians Chantal Warnes and Danielle Richardson who are promoting reading through this event and also raising funds which can be put back into the library resources.

**School Car Park**

You are reminded that issues have been raised about the school car park, pick-up and drop-off arrangements at St Anthony’s. These were highlighted in the newsletter recently. Whist these concerns are being addressed I ask that you continue to show courtesy to other drivers and also follow the rules in and out of the school car park. Please do not stop or park on red curbs and no standing areas. **Please do not stop or park in behind other cars while waiting for drive through to commence.** Remember to stagger you pick up and drop off times to avoid the congestion of peak times.

I wish everyone a happy St Anthony’s Feast Week.
Together we are “Building God’s Kingdom.”

Greg Walker
Acting Principal
Welcome to Week 7 of Term 2!

**Our Current Value: Justice**

“Let the first act of every morning be to make the following resolve for the day:

- I shall not fear anyone on Earth.
- I shall fear only God.
- I shall not bear ill will toward anyone.
- I shall not submit to injustice from anyone.
- I shall conquer untruth by truth. And in resisting untruth, I shall put up with all suffering.”

— Mahatma Gandhi

**The Rule of the Week:** Move to lines on the first bell

We show respect for others by making sure we follow school rules and getting to where we are supposed to be on time.

**Confirmation**

The children who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation have finished their home groups. They are having the Parent and Child Night on **Thursday 20th June** at 6:00 at school. Please keep them in your prayers.

I would like to offer big thank you to all the parents who have run home groups. Our Sacramental Programme could not run without you.

**St Anthony’s Feast Day**

This Thursday we are celebrating the life of St Anthony. There will be a whole school Mass in the Hall at 10am. All are welcome to join us. There will be a morning tea afterwards.

The children will participate in a number of activities throughout the day including a magic show performed by Nomad the Magician and a jumping castle.

St Anthony of Padua devoted himself to prayer and study. He had a deep love and devotion to the Bible. St Anthony always tried to model his life on what he St Anthony’s community continue this mission through our school motto of ‘Tell the Good News’.

**Prayers**

We have a number of our school community who are experiencing stress in their lives through illness and family issues. We ask that you place them in your prayers.

*May God give them the strength they need.*
Peer Support
Once again the Year Six children have demonstrated their leadership skills by running Peer Support on Friday. They introduced the current value of Justice. The children watched a story explaining the meaning of Justice then acted out ways they can act with Justice in their lives.
Well done! A big thank you to Mrs Spackman and Mr Rick for preparing the Year Six’s for this important job.

Year One News
Last Thursday Community Prayer was led by Year 1 Padua. They guided us through a wonderful Meditation. The children present are to be recognised for their excellent cooperation and reverence during the prayer. Well done everyone!

Some work from all Year 1 that they wish to share with everyone.
In class they have been learning how their family and school are part of the Church community.

For the Diary
This Week
Thursday 13th June St Anthony's Feast Day Mass 10am in the Hall.
All are invited.
There will be a morning tea afterwards so please come and join us.

Next Week (8)
- 4 Lisbon is leading the prayer in Block 1
- 1 Assisi is leading the prayer in Block 2

Confirmation Dates
Please return Saints name and sponsorship forms ASAP
20th June 6pm at School Child/Parent Session
21st June Retreat Day
Saturday 22nd June Confirmation Celebrations (6pm)

Anne Marie Devlin
Acting Religious Coordinator
**School Fees**

Term 2 school fees are now overdue. Payments may be made by cash, cheque, credit card, BPAY, EFTPOS or Direct Debit. Some parents query the Building Fund Levy. This levy is collected and sent to the Catholic Education Office Building and Maintenance section. This enables Catholic systemic schools in the ACT to be supported through a central body. All our electrical plumbing, painting, glass repairs and maintenance work is undertaken through this CEO Department. Please be mindful of this when you elect not to pay. It is a tax deductible donation and all requests not to pay have to be in writing to the Principal.

Thank you, Judy Mead.

**Library Book Fair**

St Anthony's Book Fair is here!!!

Book Fair is on Tuesday 11th of June to Friday 14th of June.

Students are welcome to purchase items from the book fair during their library lessons and lunchtimes.

The book fair will also be open before school from 8am and after school until 6pm on Wednesday 12th of June. You are more than welcome to come in with your children to browse and buy at these times.

Items for sale will include books, posters and stationary so please have a discussion with your child about what you wish them to spend their money on if you are giving them some money to spend during school time.

All purchases will need to be either cash or credit.

Looking forward to seeing you there
Mrs Warnes and Mrs Richardson

**Happy Birthday to:**


*Have a wonderful day!*

**Tinkering/Electronics**

Donations of Electronic items (No Televisions) would be greatly appreciated for our lunch time group.

**Student of the Week**

Congratulations to the following students who are this week’s Student of the Week for their class:  

Certificates will be distributed at Morning Assembly on Friday.

**OOSCA News**

Sarah Waller will be away from the 3rd of June to the 17th June. If you have any queries during this time please contact Nikki or Necta. Vacation care forms will be available from the front office and from OOSCA next week.

Vacation Care flyer is now available!

**Market Garden**

Market garden is on THIS FRIDAY before school at 8:45am. School grown beetroot $2/bunch, also fresh lettuce available.
P & F Bunning’s BBQ

HELPER’S NEEDED!!

On Sunday 16 June the P&F is hosting a Bunnings BBQ (Tuggeranong) as a fundraiser event. There are three shifts for which volunteers are required - 8.30am, 11.00am, 1.30pm. Please contact Simon Passlow on 0432 225 398 or aliciaandsimon@hotmail.com

Lost – Hearing Aid

A student has misplaced her hearing aid. They are in a small black case. The hearing aids are yellow and pink. This equipment is extremely expensive and our student relies on this technology to learn. If anyone has seen them please contact the Front Office.

Winter Colds

At this time of the year many of the staff and students are not well with cold and flu symptoms. If your children are not well in the morning please do not send them to school. There is nothing worse than being at school when you are ill and there is always the possibility of spreading the illness to others.

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Disco Notes due Wed 26th.

Family discounts available

Earn & Learn Stickers

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program has now ended for this year. The response has been fantastic and we’d like to thank you for your participation and support. It’s time to collect and return your Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheets.
My child/children have an Enrolment Application pending at another school.

My child/children will not be returning to St Anthony’s Parish Primary School in 2014.

Child’s Names:___________________________________________________________ Class:___________________

Destination School:________________________________________________________

Parent/Carer’s Name:____________________________________________________________________________

Parent’s signature:________________________________________________________  Date:___________________
PLACES ARE FILLED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS AND ARE ONLY PROCESSED IF ACCOUNTS ARE UP TO DATE.

Vacation Care costs $40 per day less your entitlement under the Child Care Benefit rebate scheme.

**Bookings**

Bookings for Vacation Care are essential and can be made by returning the tear off slip below to OOSCA. It is imperative we have accurate numbers of children who will be attending Vacation Care in order for us to provide an appropriate level of staffing. **Please return this form no later than WEDNESDAY 18th of June. Any forms returned after this date will not be accepted.**

Notice of one week is required to cancel a vacation care booking otherwise normal charges will apply.

**Excursions**

*Due to additional staffing requirements and costs involved in excursions, excursion fees are non-refundable.*

A list of excursion and related costs is set out below:

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I wish to book a place for _______________________________(Child/ren’s name) to attend the July vacation care program on the following days:

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I understand that OOSCA will send home separate permission slips for these excursions.

Signed: __________________________________________(Parent/Guardian)
July Vacation Care Happenings

WEEK 1

Monday 8th July – Painting Day
We will have a fun filled day doing a variety of painting experiences using lots of wonderful colours. It would be great if all the children and staff wear their favourite colour to OOSCA that day.

Tuesday 9th July – Games Challenge Day
OOSCA will be involved in a games challenge day. This will help improve our teamwork, gross motor skills, co-ordination and good sportsmanship.

Wednesday 10th July – SOUTHERN CANBERRA GYMNASTICS
On our excursion to Southern Canberra Gymnastics at Erindale we will have the opportunity to use each apparatus and learn new skills.

Thursday 11th July – OOSCA’s trip to Spain
We will all experience what it is like to travel in a plane to Spain using great imagination! There will be a variety of Spanish activities and food for the children to enjoy throughout the day. This will help increase children’s awareness and knowledge of the Spanish culture.

(Lunch will be supplied by OOSCA).

Friday 12th July – LIMELIGHT CINEMAS
The children will have the choice to relax and watch MONSTERS INC UNIVERSITY or DESPICABLE ME 2 at the limelight cinemas in Tuggeranong.

WEEK 2

Monday 15th July – Nature Activities Day
Our focus for today is on Nature and using natural materials for our daily experiences and activities.

Tuesday 16th July – LETS PLAY INDOOR PLAYGROUND & LASER TAG
OOSCA children can experience, explore and enjoy all of Lets play with the large indoor playground, jumping castle and glow in the dark laser tag.

Wednesday 17th July – Science Experiment Day
The children will be able to participate in many fun and interesting science experiments throughout the day.

Thursday 18th July – NATIONAL MUSEUM
OOSCA are going on an excursion to the National Museum where we will see many interesting galleries including CIRCA – a revolving cinema and K Space where children can create future houses or rockets then watch their display in the 3D theatre. There is also a discovery space program at the Museum these holidays.

Friday 19th July – Footy Day
The children are encouraged to wear their favourite footy team colours or clothes. We will be playing many different styles of footy as well as doing lots of fun activities.