Dear Parents and Carers

It’s hard to believe that it’s Week 8 already! Last week was busy and I wanted to say well done to everyone involved in many activities including Harmony Day, Community Prayer, Year 6 Focus Assembly, School Disco and the Catholic Soccer Carnival.

**DISCO Success**

The two Disco sessions on Friday evening were great. Quite a number of students attended and enjoyed the music, dancing, dinner and treats provided. There were many positive comments about the evening and we all need to thank Maree Alchin for organising a wonderful DISCO and all of the parents and staff who attended and helped out!! Thank you for giving up some of your Friday night to benefit our students.

**CEO Director’s Visit**

Today Mrs Moira Najdecki, Director of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn, visited St Anthony’s School. Mrs Najdecki spent time at lunch with staff before touring the school and visiting classrooms. Mrs Najdecki was very impressed with the school and the lovely welcome she received by students and staff.

**Soccer Carnival**

On Sunday St Anthony’s had 3 teams playing in the Catholic Schools’ Soccer Carnival at the University of Canberra. The teams performed well and had lots of fun as well. Well done to everyone involved. There were lots of tired players and officials by the end of the day! Thank you to parents and volunteers for supporting the students who played in the carnival. Well done to Holy Trinity for organising a great carnival!

**Year 5 & 6 Rugby League Mal Meninga Cup**

Today our Year 5&6 rugby league team played in the finals day of the Mal Meninga Cup at Braddon. They are to be congratulated for reaching the finals and proudly representing our school.

**Stations of the Cross Liturgy**

You are warmly invited to a special Stations of the Cross liturgy at 10.00am in the hall on Holy Thursday this week.

**Good Luck for Year 6 Camp**

Year 6 Camp is next week straight after the Easter break! The camp is over four days in Sydney, staying two nights at Narrabeen and one night at Taronga Zoo. This should be a great trip and a chance for Year 6 students to focus on their leadership skills and harmony as a group. Good luck to the staff attending Mr Greg Rick, Mrs Alisa Spackman, Mrs Leah Malpas and Mr Michael Bradley.
Congratulations to Sharon Robinson (Piano Teacher) on her impending greatest head shave for leukaemia, happening this Monday!! Thanks to the community for contributing to her fundraising efforts via the tin in the office.

There are two 4 day school weeks ahead and I wish everyone a reflective Holy Week and a joyous Easter celebration on Sunday.

We are ‘Building God’s Kingdom’ together.

Greg Walker
Acting Principal

A Message from the Religious Education Coordinator

Welcome to Holy Week
Week 8 of Term 1
Our Current Value: Fair Go
Everyone deserves to be treated fairly.

The Rule of the Week: Show respect for the environment.

Focus Assembly
The Year 6’s presented a fabulous and inspiring Focus Assembly about the current value of “Fair Go”.
They acted out various scenarios where children demonstrated giving someone a hard time and giving them a “Fair Go”. Their singing was wonderful. The play “The Bear Who Wouldn’t Share” was extremely entertaining as well as providing a strong message. Well done Year 6 and a big thank you to Mrs Spackman and Mr Rick for all the work you have put into an excellent Focus Assembly.

Harmony Day
Harmony Day was celebrated in Community Prayer last Thursday. The children also participated in Harmony Day Activities in their classrooms. We acknowledged the contribution everyone makes to create our wonderful Australian Community. We recognised that it is through the acceptance of our differences that we will work to ‘Build God’s Kingdom’.
For the Diary
This Week

Change of Time !!! Community Prayer this Thursday
Stations of the Cross Liturgy
Whole School
10 am in the Hall

Please remember that this is a time where all parents, staff and children join together in prayer and we would love to see you there.

Easter is Coming!!!!!

This coming Weekend we celebrate Easter.

Easter is the greatest feast in the Christian calendar. On this Sunday, Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. For Catholics, Easter Sunday comes at the end of 40 days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving known as Lent. Through spiritual struggle and self-denial, we have prepared ourselves to die spiritually with Christ on Good Friday, the day of His Crucifixion, so that we can rise again with Him in new life on Easter.

Easter Celebrations St Anthony’s Parish Church

STATIONS OF THE CROSS are held at 7pm each Friday during Lent.

**Chriasm Mass** - Cathedral Monday 25th March at 7.30pm

2nd RITE OF RECONCILIATION FOR EASTER will be held at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Kambah on Wednesday 27th March at 7.00pm.

**HOLY THURSDAY** Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7pm; Altar of Repose until 10.00pm.

**GOOD FRIDAY** Stations of the Cross 10.00am - Celebration of the Lord’s Passion 3.00pm

**HOLY SATURDAY** Mass 7.00pm

**EASTER SUNDAY** Mass 9.00am

NO EVENING MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY

NO MORNING MASS ON HOLY SATURDAY

**RECONCILIATION** Good Friday 10.30am – 11.15am

Holy Saturday 10.15am – 11.00am and 5.00pm to 5.30pm

Next Week (9)
Community Prayer 9am on Thursday mornings will be held in the Hall.

- Year 4 Lisbon and Kinder Assisi are leading the Liturgy in the Hall.
  Please remember that this is a time where all parents, staff and children join together in prayer and we would love to see you there.

Anne Marie Devlin   Acting Religious Coordinator
**SCHOOL FEES**

Term 1 school fees are now **overdue**. Account renderers’ will be sent home this week. Prompt payment of fees is appreciated unless you have a direct debit in place. Payments may be made by cash, cheque, credit card, BPAY, EFTPOS or Direct Debit.

**Happy Birthday to:**


*Have a wonderful day!*

**Student of the Week**

Congratulations to the following students:


Certificates will be presented at 2pm Thursday with the Easter Raffle

**Easter Raffle**

Families can now purchase raffle tickets from their classroom teacher. 3 Tickets for $2 or $1 each. The draw will take place on Thursday afternoon straight after lunch at 2pm. Thank you!

**ANZAC Day Liturgy**

The school will be holding an ANZAC Day Liturgy at 9am on Thursday 2**nd** May (Week 1, Term 2). Everyone is warmly invited, including family members who work for or who have been part of the Australian armed forces. If you have a link to the armed forces, please let the front office know if you can attend. It will be KP & 3P leading the liturgy.

**Netball News**

Congratulations to everyone on the start of the 2013 netball season. Thank you to Jo Lane and Fiona Hempstead for coordinating the St Anthony’s teams this year.

**Year 3 Sprinkles**

Our netball season got underway with a great Game against the Smiggins on Saturday. All the girls showed great passing skills moving the ball all the way down the court. A special mention for a great game goes to our two new players, Emma and Kaycie.

**Year 4 Fizz Whizzers** have played an awesome first game of netball to kick off the 2013 season. With half the team playing their first netball game ever, it was great to see everyone working together as a team. Rebecca played some excellent defence and stayed with her player, and Mia showed impeccable footwork around the court. Well done to all!

**Year 5 Crazy Stars**

The Crazy Stars were only just beaten by St Francis on the weekend. The score (8-7) reflected the closeness of the match and the girls should be credited for their comeback and never die attitude. A big thankyou to Alison and Emma from Yr 4 for helping out. A special congratulations to Sarah for an amazing first game which included her first goal. Well done on a great first game of the season!

**Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival**

Year 3/4 Shining Stars- Well what a team effort, all the boys and Olivia played outstanding soccer, in all four games you all showed excellent sportsmanship. A fabulous effort was made by everyone even when 3 of our players had to go and play with the year 5 team. Thank you to Peter Lawrence (coach) and all the parents/friends who came to support and encourage the team. Well Done Shining Stars you did St Anthony’s proud.

**OOSCA News**

**Vacation Care is NOW fully booked.**

We now have a waiting list for the April school holidays. Bookings have been made on a first in first served basis however if your account is in arrears your booking will not be accepted. If you have any concerns please contact Mr Greg Walker.
**Fete News**

A short fete meeting will be held in the school library following this Wednesday (27th March) night’s P&F meeting. The P&F Meeting starts at 7pm. The fete meeting will go for no longer than 30 minutes. If any person would like to come along to offer a hand or just check on fete preparation progress, you are very welcome. I realise that this is a horrible hour to try and get to a school meeting, but if you would like to help out and cannot attend, please email stanthonyfsfete@gmail.com or call Libby on 0427 242 167. Many thanks.

**Raffle Tickets**

A huge thank you goes to all those raffle ticket sellers who have already returned their books and money to the front office. To date we have returned 45.5 books, totalling $1820 in cash. We still have about 50 unsold books available at the front office if any person is able to sell or share another book. The more we sell, the more we profit from this raffle. Many thanks to all, please keep those books coming. The random incentive prize draws for ticket sellers will be awarded on Friday 12th April 2013 at the school assembly.

**Dates for your Calendar**

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**Open Shed Day**

The next donation day for 2nd hand treasures, including: books, clothes, bric a brac and toys will be SUNDAY 7th APRIL 2013, which is the Sunday leading into our final week of term one. The upcoming Easter break and long weekends, provides us all with time to clean out those cupboards and garage and donate any suitable items to the fete. Please remember we cannot accept any electrical items, bike helmets or baby equipment. Thanking you in advance and wishing you all a safe and Blessed Easter break.

**Canteen Roster:**

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Thanks to all the helpers for the disco, the children had a lot of fun.

**Special**

Chocolate Bubble Egg 30 cents each

**Scarecrow Auction - Clothing Donations Needed**

As an exciting contribution to this year’s fete, each class will be making a scarecrow. These will be auctioned at the school fete just in time to ward off the ravens coming after your long awaited Autumn crops. I would be very grateful for any donations of overalls, straw hats, boots and western shirts that are no longer needed. If you are able to help could the donations be left at the front office in a bag clearly marked 'Attention Mrs Wilson'.

**Fete Entertainment and Talent Show**

Mrs Wilson is organising the entertainment at this year's fete. If anyone is associated with an organisation that would like to perform, perhaps to promote their group or just to contribute to our school’s major fundraiser please ask them to email Bernadette Wilson or leave a phone message with Sarah or Judy in the front office. Mrs Wilson will be holding auditions for the Fete Talent Show in weeks nine and ten during Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtimes. Please encourage your budding Idols to have a go. Any sort of talent such as singing, dancing, playing an instrument, magic show etc would be suitable.

**Musicorp Demonstration**

Cameron from Musicorp will be having demonstrations of woodwind, brass, percussion and guitar on Tuesday 2nd April. Years 2/3 at 10am and Years 4/5 at 10:30am. There will be flyers available for students interested in starting lessons.
Help Required

The following stalls still require help on fete day:
Fairy floss & popcorn – needs a co-ordinator and a few helpers throughout the day. This is a busy post but loads of fun (if there are any available parents from the Year 4 classes that would be great).

The pre-loved toy stall also needs a co-ordinator and a few helpers. The toys will be sorted on the Friday before fete day. Some sorting will be required on Saturday morning and selling of toys (Any Year 1 takers)?

Raffle book desk – one person is required to man a table for 2hrs and assist in selling any unsold tickets. The raffle will be drawn at midday by Father Lachlan Col.
A huge thank you goes out to all those lovely people, the teachers and our two front office ladies who have offered to undertake the tasks they are doing. Preparations are coming along nicely due to the great teamwork and the enthusiasm of all those involved in this important school event.

Changes to Action Bus - 526

Effective from 18th March – this service will no longer service Bonython. Bonython students will now need to catch bus number 876.

Music lessons - Silent Film Props and Costumes

In Years 4 - 6 music lessons we are currently making silent films as part of our Canberra's Centenary unit of work. Although I have many props and costumes in the classroom some students would like to bring special items from home. Could you remind your child that these props are just for use during class time and not to be used for reinacting highlights from the history of our notorious bushrangers on the playground! The students are very excited about these films which will be available to view in our ‘Centenary Cinema’ at the school fete.

Starting Soon: Group Therapy at Gungahlin for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (7-12 & 13-17 year-olds)

This program offers 10 x 1 hour sessions of group therapy aimed at promoting:
- Friendships
- Communication
- Social Skills
- Mental Health

Employing the following interventions:
- Social Stories
- Inter-active Games, including Lego & Wooden Blocks
- Role Plays
- Case Studies

A current Mental Health Care Plan is needed. For more information or to make a booking, please ring: Rexton D’Cruz (MAPS), Clinical Psychologist, on: 040 407 2149