Dear Parents and Carers

**Canberra Catholic Schools Celebrate with Centenary Mass**

You may recall that in 2012 the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn celebrated 150 years since its inception in 1862. This week our ACT Catholic Schools will gather to celebrate another milestone with a special CENTENARY MASS on Thursday 7 March at St Christopher’s Cathedral at 4.45pm. Although no ACT Catholic School dates back to 1913, our first local Catholic School, Saint Christopher’s Primary School, opened its doors in Manuka in 1928. This is now the site of the Catholic Education Office opposite the cathedral.

There is a rich and proud tradition of Catholic Education in our archdiocese and many of St Anthony’s staff will be present at this mass on Thursday. Our two school parliament leaders, Kyrene Carter and Charles Dino, will carry down our school banner during the procession.

**Swimming Carnival**

As you are aware, our swimming carnival is on tomorrow at Phillip Pool. The latest forecast I have seen is for 29 degrees, a stark contrast to the weather we had in the past few days! Thank you to staff members Laura Hadley and Bernadette Whitfield for organising the carnival. There is lots of organisation to do for this carnival in particular and it is so early in the year. I hope everyone has a great day and swims to the best of their potential and/or enjoys the novelty events. Thank you in advance for any volunteers who are able to assist to make the carnival run smoothly. See you there!

**Year 5 Mass on Thursday**

This week we are hosting a special mass in school time too. Our first year level mass of the year is on this Thursday and is for our Year 5 students. Father Lachlan Coll will celebrate this mass.

**Out of Uniform Day Friday**

This Friday is the first planned out of uniform days for the upcoming school fete. Money raised will go to the Tombola stall. I just ask that students still dress respectfully and sensibly. Students will also need to wear a hat of their choice to be ‘sun smart’.

*I wish every family a restful long weekend break for Canberra Day! The extra day comes at mid-term, a good time for a break. Thank you again for your wonderful start to the year.*

Together we are ‘Building God’s Kingdom’.

Greg Walker
A Message from the Religious Education Coordinator

Welcome to week 5 Term 1!

**Our Current Value:** Respect

We show love and care for others when we treat them with respect.

“Don't rely on someone else for your happiness and self worth. Only you can be responsible for that. If you can't love and respect yourself - no one else will be able to make that happen. Accept who you are - completely; the good and the bad - and make changes as YOU see fit - not because you think someone else wants you to be different.”

**The Rule of the Week:** Wear the correct uniform

**Focus Assembly**

Last Friday we had our first Focus Assembly. The Year One's led us in a great celebration of learning. They focused on the value of Respect telling us many different ways we can demonstrate respect for others and our environment. They went on to talk about “Being Me”, exploring their individuality that makes them special. Well done One Assisi, One Padua and One Lisbon we thank you and your teachers Mrs Boettcher, Ms. Salem and Mrs Spackman for a great job and enjoyable assembly.

**Sacramental Programmes**

Please remember to return enrolment forms for the Sacramental Programme ASAP. There are forms in the front office if you need one.

- **Confirmation** for Year 6 will be in Term 2 Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd June
- **Reconciliation** for Year 2 will be in Term 4 on 28th November
- **Eucharist** for Year 3 will be in Term 3 on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th September

**Canberra Centenary Celebration**

This Thursday evening the Diocese is recognising the Centenary of Canberra at a Mass held at St Christophers's Cathedral. A number of staff and students are representing St Anthony’s at this celebration.

**Lent**

We are still in the season of Lent. Last Sunday was the Third Sunday of Lent. We are reminded that Lent is a special time to prepare for Easter by striving to be better people. Some ways we can do this are saying a Prayer of Sorrow, doing good works for others and treating others well.
**For the Diary**

**This Week**

Community Prayer 9am on Thursday mornings.
Come and join us for a cuppa and a chat after Community Prayer. This is a great way to catch up with friends and meet new people.

- Year 5 Lisbon is leading the prayer in Block 1
- Year 1 Assisi is leading the prayer in Block 2

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.

**Year 5 Class Mass**
Thursday 7th March in the Hall at 10:00
All parents and friends are invited.

Anne Marie Devlin
Acting Religious Coordinator

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**SCHOOL FEES**

Term 1 school fees are due on the 14th of March. 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.

**ITALIAN**

Students are invited to follow the Italian curriculum from home by engaging in language activities, games or songs, on the Languages Online site at http://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/languagesonline/Select 'Italian' on the home page and follow the links.

During the week of Carnevale, prior to Ash Wednesday, the children watched YouTube clips of Venice, the most famous carnival city. We discussed the Murano Glasswork Factory in Venice. Many students were unaware of the wonderful glassworks factory we have right here, in Canberra. A very worthy weekend outing!

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**OOSCA**

OOSCA fees are due this Friday, if you do not have a payment plan in place prompt payment of all outstanding fees would be greatly appreciated.

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**DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

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NON-UNIFORM DAY
FRIDAY 8TH MARCH
2013

The first 2013 non-uniform day, in preparation of the school fete will be held this Friday. To aid in stocking the Tombola Stall with a variety of goodies, the fete committee is asking families to donate either a $2 coin or choose from the following list of items that can be supplied for the stall:

- Packets of lollies
- Multi packs of chips
- Sweet or savoury packets of biscuits
- Packets of mini chocolate bars

Please remember all donations of food items must have a used by date of JUNE 2013 as we do not want not stock any out of date items.

Every child who makes a donation to this event goes into the draw for $10 cash voucher which can be spent on fete day Saturday 11th May 2013.

How the Tombola Stall operates: An attractive display of jars, containers and bundled up goodies (from your above donations) are presented on the tables at the Tombola Stall. Each jar or container is clearly marked with a number. Visitors to the stall pay a small fee to participate. Children then pull a ticket out from the box. If that ticket corresponds with a jar or container they win the prize. If it doesn’t correspond with a winning ticket, they are awarded a small consolation prize.

Thank you to all the wonderful helpers on Tuck Day.

Student of the Week

Congratulations to the following students:


Certificates will be presented at Friday morning assembly 9am.

MANY THANKS

Our 3rd open shed operated last weekend. A huge thanks goes to all the families who brought along their wares and donated these items to the fete. We had a great response and are very grateful. The Bric a Brac or Pre-loved Treasure Stall profits from the donations from families. Did you know that last year this stall raised $1,110.85? These funds were the direct result of your generosity. Our next open shed day will be Sunday 7th April 2013 from 10:00am – 12:00 midday.