Dear Parents and Carers,

**Visit by Education Minister**

Last Friday ACT Education Minister, Mrs Joy Burch, visited St Anthony’s school. Mrs Burch enjoyed her visit and helped present school awards at our morning assembly. Mrs Burch then toured our school with Year 6 students Kyrene Carter and Charles Dino. Mrs Burch commented on the lovely smiles on the student’s faces and the greetings she received from each class. Mrs Burch was interested in the education programs at our school and also wished everyone a successful school year.

**Archdiocesan Principals’ Retreat**

This Wednesday to Friday I will be interstate attending the Archdiocesan Principals’ Meeting and Retreat. This is one of the few times each year all ACT and NSW principals and CEO staff meet together. It is timed to allow our Director, Mrs Moira Najdekci to talk with all staff and also for Principals’ to discuss the agenda for 2013.

**World’s Greatest Shave**

Our piano teacher Sharon Robinson is shaving her head to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation in March. She has placed a poster in the school foyer explaining her plan and also a tin for donations for her brave efforts. If you can support Sharon, please make a donation.

**School Board and Parents & Friends Meetings**

The first 2013 School Board and P&F meetings will be held tonight Tuesday 26 March. The School Board is held at 5.30pm followed by the P&F meeting at 6.30pm. I look forward to meeting with both bodies and then announcing the 2013 representatives and school initiatives planned.

**Catholic Care Counsellor**

Welcome to our new Catholic Care Counsellor, Debbie Campbell, who starts her role at St Anthony’s this Tuesday. Debbie will need a short while to settle into St Anthony’s and then begin supporting students and families as needed.

**First 2013 Focus Assembly**

Good luck to our Year One teachers and students as they prepare for the first school Focus Assembly on Friday at 12.30pm. We all look forward to their presentation.

You are reminded that our swimming carnival is coming up in Week 6 on Wednesday 6 March!

Have a great week. Together we are ‘Building God’s Kingdom.’

Greg Walker
Acting Principal
A Message from the Religious Education Coordinator

Welcome to week 4 Term 1!

Our Current Value: Respect

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

“The bond that links your true family is not one of blood, but of respect and joy in each other's life.” Richard David Bach (born 1936);

The Rule of the Week: Be happy with your friends

Project Compassion

Here is one of the many stories about children and communities who have benefited from Project Compassion and Caritas

Ditosa is 12 years old. She and her little sister Fique live with their grandmother in Mozambique in Africa. Their parents have died. Caritas asked the people in Ditosa’s village how they could better support children like Ditosa who have no parents. The community said they also needed to be able to get clean water more easily. Together Caritas and their partners built a Children’s Centre. Ditosa and her friends were able to get help when it was needed. Together the community built a water pump at the Centre. They built toilets and showers. Pipes also take water from the pump to two taps in the village. With clean water the children are much healthier. They have extra school lessons at the Centre as well. They learn how to use the water to grow veggies. They also learn to sew and to make jewellery or wooden furniture. The Centre sells things that the children have made and grown to help them to buy other nutritious foods, school uniforms and medicines. Now that lots of people are helping Ditosa’s grandmother to care for her, Ditosa thinks the future will be even better!

Please help us to support Project Compassion.

Peer Support

Last Friday we held our first Peer Support session for the year. The Year 6's should be very proud of themselves for successfully running their groups. The groups have about twelve members with children from all grade levels. The session included a “Getting to Know You” game and learning about respecting others.

Sacramental Programmes

Please remember to return enrollment forms for the Sacramental Programme by this Friday 3rd March.

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
For the Diary

This Week

Community Prayer 9am on Thursday mornings.
- Year 5 Padua is leading the prayer in Block 1
- Year 2 Lisbon is leading the prayer in Block 2

Please remember that this is a time where all parents, staff and children join together in prayer.

Year 1 Focus Assembly
Friday 1st March in the Hall at 12:30
All parents and friends are invited.

Next Week

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

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.

Netball Registration

Thanks to all those who registered and helped with registration for St Anthony's Netball on the weekend!!

If you forgot to register, or are still thinking about playing, it's not too late 😊.

We still need players in Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 teams, so please fill out the papers in the front office and pay $130 by Friday 1st March.

If you have any questions, contact Jo Lane groovylanes@optusnet.com.au or on 0431 913 310 after 5pm

Happy Birthday to:
Maisie C, Owen Q, Ryan W and Taliyah F.

Have a wonderful day!

St Anthony's Environmental News

This Sunday 3rd March is Clean Up Australia Day. To help support this great initiative St Anthony’s will be participating this Friday 1st March at 2pm.

All students are encouraged to bring an old plastic bag, gloves and tongs to help pick up rubbish in and around our school property.

Thank you for your support.
## Canteen Roster:

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### Wed 27 Feb
- Elvira Copland 9am-2pm
- Chris Smith 9am – 2pm
- Mary Liston 10:30am – 2pm
- Rachelle Arranz 11am-2pm
- Colleen Fitzpatrick 11:30am-1pm
- Esther McLachlan 9am-2pm
- Anna Malone 11am-12pm
- Hanh Hoang 12:15pm-1:30pm
- Lee Shute 12:15pm-1:15pm
- Katische Vinning 12pm-2pm

### Thurs 28 Feb
- Kylie Shenton 9am-11:30am
- Carole Coulton 9am-2pm

### Fri 1 March
- Renee Kite 9am – 12pm
- Gemma Geikie 9am-11:30am
- HELP NEEDED 11:30am-2pm

### Tues 5 March
- HELP NEEDED

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**Clothing Pool:**

The clothing pool will now open every:
- 1st Wednesday of the Month from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm and
- 3rd Wednesday of the Month from 8:30 am – 9:00 am

Donations of school uniforms in good condition are greatly accepted however we are no longer accepting items with the old logo or brown shorts/skorts.

Please note: We do not have EFTPOS or Credit Card facilities, CASH ONLY please.

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**OOSCA**

OOSCA statements will be emailed this Thursday. Payments should be made before this Friday. If you have not received an account please contact me by email: **Sarah.Waller@cg.catholic.edu.au** or 62314022.

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**Swimming Carnival – Bronze Medallion**

If any parents have a current Bronze Medallion and are able to help at the swimming carnival can you please contact Bernadette Whitfield by email **Bernadette.Whitfield@cg.catholic.edu.au**.

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**Student of the Week**

Congratulations to the following students:


Certificates will be presented at Friday morning assembly 9am.

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**Specials**

- Calipo Ice Blocks $1 each

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**Dates for Your Calendar**

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the first communication for the 2013 St Anthony’s School Fete. Our fete this year will be held from: **10am – 3pm on Saturday 11th May 2013.** Your support and participation in this event is crucial to its success. Please claim this date.

The aim of this newsletter is to keep you all up to date with preparations for the fete and new ways in which we are seeking to organise the event this year.

Firstly, a very big thank you goes to Craig Fallshaw who co-ordinated last year’s fete, it was a job well done. Thanks also goes to the many parents, grandparents and volunteers who assisted in so many ways. To Tim Elliott and the teaching staff, the front office ladies, support crew and all involved thank you. We are looking forward to seeing you all back, keen to get on board again this year. Last year’s fete generated a profit of $12,646. This money was donated by the P&F into the school budget to purchase resources for our children and staff. Well done to all!

In the lead up to fete day we have scheduled three Fridays in the school calendar, where the children are permitted to wear plain clothes. Parents are reminded that children must adhere to the school’s Sunsmart policy on such days (suitable clothing and footwear). In exchange for non-uniform, children are asked to donate a specific nominated item which will be advised through the school newsletter OR a gold coin. These items are used to stock stalls with specific items and therefore reduce fete costs. On such days, gold coins are preferred, however an option will always be provided. **Please note; participation in these days is voluntary not compulsory.** All donations are greatly appreciated.

**Non-Uniform Days**

1. Friday 8th March,
2. Friday 12th April,
3. Friday 3rd May.

We plan to also conduct three “open shed days”. These will be held on weekends and provide families with an opportunity to offload items from their homes (or friends, neighbours and extended families) suitable for the pre-loved items stall, pre-loved toys and second hand clothes stalls. Information closer to these days will be printed in the school newsletters.

**Open Shed**

1. Sunday 3rd March,
2. Sunday 7th April,
3. Sunday 5 May.
My name is Libby Andrew and I am convening the fete this year along with the assistance of a small fete committee. We warmly welcome any parent or volunteer who would like to become involved as there is a task to suit everyone. We are looking forward to working with the school and parish community to generate a successful fete.

One of the main changes to this year’s fete is that each year has been assigned a few stalls, this list is attached. The parents, teachers and children associated with that stall will all work together on preparations, signage, stock and volunteers required to operate those stalls on fete day. Some stalls have little needs where others are more involved. Please don’t be shy in stepping forward and nominating yourself to the classroom teachers. The fete is a great opportunity to for us to work together and have fun. This year will see a few new stalls, some on the comeback from past years, the best dressed scarecrow competition and the Zone 3 laser maze which will boost the ride options for children and adults. All volunteers will work closely with the fete committee to ensure that all bases are covered. A competition for the best decorated stall will take place on fete day. The year groups and teachers from winning stalls will be awarded prizes post fete day.

**A major cash raffle** has been organised. It will be drawn by Father Lachlan at midday next to the chocolate wheel on fete day. Prizes include:

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We hope all families will participate and assist by selling these tickets. Each family will be sent home one (1) book of raffle tickets, each book containing 20 tickets each ($2 per ticket). **Once again, participation is voluntary.** If you prefer not to receive a raffle book or would like more than (1) book of tickets, please email your details (your name and child/ren’s name and classes) to stanthonysfete@gmail.com. Raffle books will be distributed during March 2013. Randomly awarded incentive prizes for all children who participate in ticket sales will be up for grabs during assemblies.

Any suggestions or comments are welcome to the fete email address. Parents and carers are invited to step forward and nominate their support and any amount of time they can spare in preparation of the fete, on fete day or for assistance with packing up. The more volunteers, the easier and smoother this fete will be. We are looking forward to a great fete with maximum fun and profit.

11 weeks until fete day .....
If families have contacts in business or elsewhere that may welcome a sponsorship opportunity to support this fete or could donate any prize or item, please email these details to the fete email as listed above.

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Individually party settings are available for up to 10 additional places.

Your Party Pack includes:
- Party Plates - paper (12)
- Party Cups - paper (12)
- Luncheon Napkins (pk 20)
- Gift Tags (12)
- Party Boxes (12)
- Note cards with Envelopes (12)
- Invitations with Envelopes (12)
- Kraft Paper and Ribbon
- Paper Straws (25)
- Cupcake (Candy) Cups (12)
- Party Decorations Template
- Party Sticker Sheet

Personalise your Party:

- Use your template to make party decorations such as paper chains or pinwheels
- Use your sticker sheet as seals for your envelopes, as cupcake toppers or to decorate your favour boxes
- Wrap a strip of Kraft paper and length of ribbon around chocolate bars or water bottles to personalise your theme
- Your gift tags and ribbon can be used as labels for your lolly buffet
- Use a small strip of Kraft paper wrapped around a paper straw with each guest's name written on it as a place card

More hints and tips available on our website www.blendbydesign.com.au