Dear Parents and Carers

Staff News

Please keep our school counsellor Anne Walls and her family in your prayers. Sadly Anne’s mother passed away last week and her funeral is this Wednesday. Anne will be off work this week. For those families making referrals for their child to see Anne please be aware she will need time to process these and contact you to discuss your referral.

New Canberra and Goulburn Catholic Parents’ Forum

On the weekend I had the pleasure of attending a workshop on the launch of a new parent body, the Catholic School Parents Canberra and Goulburn (CSPCG). Jason Egan from our School Board attended the forum as well. Catholic schooling has a long-standing and important place in Australian education history. Catholic schools offer a unique and quality education for over 700,000 students nationally. This new parent body will represent the voice of parents with children in Catholic schools both locally and nationally.

The launch of this new group is very timely with one of the Australian Government’s four main educational objectives being “Engaging Parents in Education”. Engaging parents in education is far more than being involved in the life of the school – something I think many parents pride themselves on at St Anthony’s. It’s more about parents sharing in the process of their child’s learning and wellbeing. It is also about unlocking the language of learning for parents.

Family life with our children is something to be cherished. Pope Francis recently said:

“Waste time with your children.”

“The most beautiful choir is that of children making noise.”

I look forward to working in partnership with all parents and staff about increasing our levels of parent engagement in our school. Please see below another way to be involved in the school by attending our P&F meetings.

Parents and Friends Meeting tonight 6pm

As per previous newsletters, you are warmly invited to attend the first P&F meeting for 2014 at 6pm this evening in the school library. Tonight’s meeting is the AGM for the 2013 school year. Please come along to show your support for the wonderful work the parent body undertakes each year and did in 2013. You can also have input into the plans for 2014 and be part of elections for 2014 positions. The first School Board meeting for 2014 will follow the P&F meeting.
Peer Support

Well done to all teachers involved in the first Peer Support session on Friday. This cross-age program is popular with the students and is a great leadership development opportunity for our Year 6 students. The values and themes discussed in these sessions complement our school mission, school wide positive behaviours and ‘Kidsmatter’ positive thinking framework. On average, every three weeks students will have a peer support session on Friday afternoons.

Clean Up Australia Day

This Friday is Schools Clean Up Australia Day. This will be a good chance for us to clean our school environment up.

Visiting Performance

Tomorrow we have the first visiting performance of 2014. The show is called ‘My Friends and I’ and has a focus on bullying. “With a winning blend of drama, poetry, puppetry and staging, this light hearted, humorous production tackles the problem of bullying head on. Throughout the show students are assured that if they are being bullied it is not their fault and there are things they can do about it.

The show explores the effects of bullying on the victim as well as offering strategies to deal with bullies. Strategies such as self-confidence, walking away and talking to someone who can help, are presented as useful tools to disarm bullies. Students are also reminded that we all need friends and that to have a good friend you must be a good friend.

With its colourful cast of puppets, masks and student volunteers, My Friends and I gets its serious anti-bullying message (bullying is not acceptable and cannot be tolerated) across in a fun, entertaining way.”

The performance costs are covered through your school excursion levy. I encourage you to speak with your child after the show and discuss its key messages.

Ash Wednesday Liturgy

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and there is a special whole school liturgy at 2.15pm in the hall. Ash Wednesday is the start of the 40 day period called Lent and each child will be blessed and marked with a cross on their forehead. This cross reminds us of our humanity and the willingness to forgive others and start our lives afresh in Christ.

Reminder: Canteen Tuck Day Tomorrow

Thank you to Maree in the canteen for organising our first tuck day of the year and to those volunteers that can assist.

St Edmund’s College Celebration

I would like to offer congratulations to the St Edmund’s College Community as they celebrate 60 years of outstanding education in Canberra this week.

Have a great week. Remember using the many gifts God has given each of us, “Life’s a Celebration!”

Greg Walker
Principal
‘FOR THE BIRDS- PIXAR ANIMATION’

Last Friday Year 6 leaders led their first ‘Peer Support’ session. Part of their session focused on the short Pixar animation- ‘For the Birds’. ‘For the Birds’ is a story about some little birds who spend their day fighting and being nasty to each other fighting for more space on the telephone wire. Their attention sways when they are approached by a big bird who looks and sounds different to them. The big bird just wants to be friends, however the little birds make it their mission to get the big bird to leave by mocking and making fun of it. Unfortunately the little birds don’t care what they have to do to make it happen. This amazing little animation uses only gestures, music and the chirping/honking sounds of the birds to tell the story. The underlying message of this story is about respect and the need for us to recognise that although we all look different, have different personalities, gifts and passions we are all made in the image and likeness of God.

This story is available on YouTube at the following address: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iL2TX5IU0bw

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you. (Ephesians 4:32)

Congratulations leaders you did a fantastic job! 😊😊😊😊😊😊😊😊😊😊😊😊😊

Community Prayer

Thank you 6 Padua and 6 Assisi for leading us in a beautiful Community Prayer that focused on the importance of preserving God’s Creation. “We often take for granted the very things that most deserve our gratitude.” Cynthia Ozick.

Please join us for Community Prayer Thursday 27th February straight after the bell.

5/6 Assisi: leading prayer in Block One.
2 Assisi: leading prayer in Block Two.

Class Mass

Year 3 celebrated their Class Mass last Thursday with Father Lachlan in the Library. Thank you Father Lachlan, parents, friends and visitors for celebrating with the Year 3 students.

Please come and join is for our next Class Mass celebrated by Year 1 on the 20th March at 10am in the Library.

Orla Duggan
Acting Religious Education Coordinator.

Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.
Mother Teresa
**SCHOOL FEES**
Term 1 school fees are due on the 13th of March. Payments may be made by cash, cheque, credit card, BPAY, EFTPOS or Direct Debit. There is a formal process to apply for fee concessions if you are experiencing financial difficulties. Please contact me for more details. Thank You. Judy Mead

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**Medical Alert**
The school has been informed of a confirmed case of the chicken pox in Year 2.

**Archbishop Mass – Saturday 8th March**
Our new Archbishop, Christopher Prowse will be saying Mass in our parish church on Sternberg Cres on Saturday 8th March 2014 at 6:00pm. He would like to meet as many parishioners as he can so please come along to this Mass if possible. Coffee and tea will be provided after Mass.

**Happy Birthday to:**

Have a wonderful day!

**Student of the Week**

*Awards will be presented at MORNING Assembly this Friday and 9am.*

**Swimming Carnival Ribbons**
We hope to present swimming ribbons next Friday 7th March at morning assembly; we will confirm this date next week.

**Celebrating our Achievements**
**Coerver International Tour Japan.**

Congratulations to:
- James M (5P) U11
- Harry M (3P) U9
- Ryan S (6L) U11

These students have been selected to tour Japan in September as part of Coerver Soccer coaching. Selection was conducted during the a 4 day international camp which was held in January where over 500 Coerver coached players from around Australia, Asia and New Zealand came to Canberra to participate in the camp. Good Luck Boys!

**Hello St Anthony’s Community**
As the fete approaches we are looking for donations of quality hand made products to sell at our craft stall. If you are crafty or know someone who is (grandma!) please consider making something to donate to our stall. Anything from handmade clothes and knitted scarfs to jewellery; cards or even fairy dust necklaces would be gratefully accepted at the front office donation box for the fete craft stall. The more donations we get the better our stall will be!

Kerrie Fradgley
Craft stall coordinator

**Action Buses**
Action Buses have contacted the school to say that our school has been identified as having a high number of students who do not pay the correct fare. Please note that the price for boarding a school bus is $2.20, please make sure that your children have the correct fare if they are using cash to board a school bus. The most convenient form of payment is the MyWay card, information is available on the Action website.

**CANTEEN ROSTER:**   6231 4022

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**VALLEY DRAGONS JRLFC REGISTRATION**

Valley Dragons 2014 season registration now open

**Cost:**
- $120.00 one player
- $220.00 two players from same family
- $300.00 three or more players from same family

**Ages:**
- U 6 to U 16

Costs include insurance, shorts, socks, year book and all players that register in 2014 are given their newly designed heritage playing jersey at the end of the season. We also have an U15 Girls Team (The Dragonets) if any girls are interested.

Contact Rebecca on secretary@valleydragons.com.au

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**TUGGERANONG BULLDOGS JAFCA**

Wear the red, white and blue this season

JOIN UP WITH THE MIGHTY BULLDOGS FOR AFL IN 2014!!!

The Tuggeranong Bulldogs are looking for boys & girls between the ages of 4-12 to come and play the great game of AFL

All first year registered players receive free playing shorts and socks

So get in and REGISTER TODAY

To Register and pay online for the coming season

Visit: [www.tuggeranongbulldogs.afcanberra.com.au](http://www.tuggeranongbulldogs.afcanberra.com.au) or

and click on Registration or

Email: bulldogsrego@tpg.com.au or

Facebook: Tuggeranong-Bulldogs-Junior-AFL-Club

A come and try option is also available.
For more information please email bulldogsrego@tpg.com.au
ST ANTHONY'S
FANTASTIC FETE - UPDATE
SATURDAY 17 MAY 2014

• Firstly, a huge **THANK YOU** to Caroline, Elvira, Sean, Andrew and families, for giving up your time last Sunday to help us clean out the storage containers – it was a big, smelly job, but with your help it got done – and we didn’t get rained on!! Job well done, sincere thanks again 😊.

• Secondly - the date for the **GOLD COIN DAY IS MONDAY 17 MARCH - ST PATRICK’S DAY!!!** For a gold-coin donation the kids can come dressed up for St Pats day in Green. All donations will go towards purchasing the prizes for the tombola stall at the fete.

• Next thing is - can you **COOK**? We are looking for variety in the food choices for the fete this year, so If you have a great recipe – be it Thai, Italian, Indian, Chinese, etc etc – then we would love to hear from you. We will support you in the set up and provide you with any assistance you may need.

• Sponsorship – if you own a business or know someone who does, and would like to **SPONSOR** a stall at the fete we would be very happy to have you on-board 😊.

• Raffle – This is the major fundraising item for the fete. The ordering of tickets and purchase of license will already be done. We just need an organised person to monitor the distribution of tickets and collection of tickets and money. We would be so very, **VERY GRATEFUL** if anyone would be willing to take this job on.

• Are you **CRAFTY**? – see the separate note in the newsletter – if you can assist Kerrie she would be very grateful, she has taken on a very big job in the craft stall and would love some support.

• Run a stall? – before assigning stalls to classes we thought we would put the list of **STALLS** that need someone to run them out to the community to see if anyone can help us out. The stalls are:
  - **Show Bags** – we will order, you just have to run the stall on the day.
  - **Plant Stall** – the stock has already been sourced, we just need a ‘green thumb’ to run the stall on the day.
  - **2nd hand clothes** – donations are taken at drop off days and will needed to be sorted. Then it is just a matter of running the stall on the day.
  - **Chocolate Trailer** – we will order the prizes, it is just a matter of running the stall on the day.
  - **Trash and Treasure** – donations are taken at drop off days. The stall will need to be set up the day before the fete and run on fete day.
  - **Toys** – donations are taken at drop off days. The stall will need to be set up the day before the fete and run on the day.
  - **Drinks** – the drinks have already been purchased, we just need someone to run the stall on the day.
  - **Devonshire Tea** – we can order everything needed but need someone with a bit of imagination to set up the room and organize the running of the stall on the day.

• **General volunteer** – we need a bucket load of people to assist those wonderful people who are running stalls. If you can’t run a stall, please consider donating an hour or two of your time to assist at a stall.

Please consider volunteering, it is a great-fun day and not hard work at all. To get in contact with us please send us an email to **stanthonysfantasticfete2014@gmail.com**. Look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks
Steph and Vicky
TUGGERANONG UNITED FC JUNIORS  
2014 SOCCER REGISTRATION

If you were born between 2009 and 1997 (girls) or 1996 (boys), you can play soccer with Tuggeranong United Juniors FC. Registration is online at www.myfootballclub.com.au

We have open and girls teams. Under 6-7 have six players per team; U8-9 have ten players; U10-11 have twelve players; U12-U18 have fifteen. Register with friends if you wish.

We are also looking for volunteer coaches and managers for each age group. If you are interested, either email me on the contact details below for more information OR register at www.myfootballclub.com.au

Register before Friday 11th April in order to ensure a place in a team. The season starts on Saturday 3rd May.

Enquiries: Tatum Freeman, tufc.rooball@gmail.com

More information is on our website - click on the Junior Club tab at www.tufc.org.au