Dear Parents and Carers

Happy Easter! I hope you all had a lovely weekend.

EASTER REFLECTION...

An Easter Prayer from Joan Chittister

To say "I believe in Jesus Christ . . . who rose from the dead," is to say I believe that the Resurrection goes on and on and on forever. Every time Jesus rises in our own hearts in new ways, the Resurrection happens again. Every time we see Jesus where we did not recognize him before—in the faces of the poor, in the love of the unloved, in the revelatory moments of life, Jesus rises anew. The real proof of the Resurrection lies not in the transformation of Jesus alone but in the transformation awaiting us who accept it.

To say, "I believe in Jesus Christ . . . who rose from the dead," is to say something about myself at the same time. It says that I myself am ready to be transformed. Once the Christ-life rises in me, I rise to new life as well. "Christ is risen, we are risen," we sing at Easter. But it has a great deal more to do with life than with death. If I know that Jesus has been transformed, then I am transformed myself, and as a result, everything around me.

Until we find ourselves with new hearts, more penetrating insights, fewer compulsions, less need for the transient, greater awareness of the spiritual pulse of life, resurrection has not really happened for us. Jesus has risen but we have not. Resurrection is change at the root of the soul. It marks a whole new way of being in life.

Prayer

Jesus, help me to understand that in every life, something good fails, something great ends, something righteous is taken unjustly away, something looms like an abandonment by God. Give me the wisdom to know that You rose from the dead as a sign to us that every one of these "little deaths" is life becoming new all over again. Be with me in living Your Resurrection over and over again.

Year 6 Camp

The Year 6 Camp to Sydney got off to a great start on Tuesday morning when the bus left at 6.55am, 5 minutes early, with 100% of students attending! We did hear from the teachers at camp and Day One was going well and the weather was fine. They will undertake further sports and recreation activities at Narrabeen before heading to Taronga Zoo for a night’s sleepover on Thursday evening! The teachers on camp are Mrs Alisa Spackman, Mr Greg Rick, Mr Michael Bradley and Mrs Leah Malpas. Thank you to Mr Jason Kinnane who is teaching Year 2 Lisbon this week. The students and staff arrive home from Camp on Friday evening.
Staff News

Good Luck to Mrs Anne Marie Devlin who is on approved leave now and on her way overseas for 5 weeks. Mrs Devlin’s main destination is Scotland. How exciting! Thank you to Mrs Danielle Richardson (M, T) and Kelly (W, Th, F) for covering the extra teaching days in Year 3 Assisi during this time.

St Anthony’s Cross Country Carnival

You are reminded that our school Cross Country Carnival is on next Monday 8 April. The events will be held after morning tea in the surrounds of the school, local oval and tracks. You are invited to come along and cheer the students as they test their endurance!

2013 School Board Roles

Last Wednesday our School Board held its Annual General Meeting and I congratulate the following parents who were nominated and elected for positions within the Board:

Maria O’Donnell – Chairperson

Loretta Menham – Vice Chairperson

Shaun Flo – Treasurer

Jason Egan - Secretary

Parents and Friends Association Meeting

The last March P&F Meeting was held on Wednesday 27 March and an information flyer summarising some of the agenda items is attached for you to read. After each meeting it is planned that a summary sheet will be provided for families.

Working With Vulnerable People Approval

By November 8 2013 adult volunteers who work with students in school or school sanctioned activities must apply for, and obtain, a Working With Vulnerable People Card. (If you have a role within a sports club or children’s association you may be asked to obtain this earlier). St Anthony’s School values the tremendous support of volunteers and students benefit greatly from the support of our volunteers. The card is free for volunteers and is valid for three years; however there is an application process to be completed. Forms are available online at http://www.ors.act.gov.au/community/working_with_vulnerable_people/am_i_required_to_be_r egistered. Alternatively you can collect one from the Front Office. Completed forms and proof of identity must be submitted at an ACT Government Shopfront. Please continue your support as a volunteer at St Anthony’s and plan ahead to register before the November deadline. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school. Together we are ‘Building God’s Kingdom’.

Greg Walker

Acting Principal
The 2013 P&F aspires to make St Anthony’s the best possible place we can for your children. We are getting straight down to business on upgrading school facilities, providing services to the school community and, of course, fund raising. However, the achievements of the P&F will only be as good as the contributions from the parent body, so additional assistance is required. You will shortly be receiving a form detailing the school events planned for the remainder of the year and requesting volunteers on an event-by-event basis. If every parent helps out just once during the year, St Anthony’s will be a better place for it.

Parents and Carers’ Network

We urgently need someone to coordinate the St Anthony’s Parents and Carers network and as many people as possible to contribute to its work. Ideally, we would like at least one parent from each class to be involved. The network supports families in our school community who are experiencing difficulties, through small acts of generosity, such as providing meals and a kind word of support when needed. On occasions help is needed to enlist the support of parents to cater for and set up for special morning teas. Coordinating the network need not be unduly time consuming (it can be done using phone and e-mail) but is an extremely valuable contribution to our community. Please contact the front office if you would be able to be your class contact or an overall coordinator.

School Grounds and Facilities

A number of areas in the school grounds are in need of repairs or upgrades. Items include: removing graffiti; repairing the retaining wall on the oval side of the garden at the southern end of the asphalt; trimming trees and shrubs; new shade sails, particularly in front of the Year 2 classrooms; fixing drainage and curbs in the car park; a pedestrian crossing in the pick-up lane; and, a verge at the school crossing on Wheeler Crescent. We are also investigating the possibility of fencing the school grounds to enhance child safety and reduce vandalism.

We would like to hear from parents, particularly those with trade skills, who are willing to donate their time, skills and equipment to undertake some of these tasks. Those who are interested should e-mail Paul Locke (pslocke@hotmail.com) with their details, including name, phone number, trade/skills. If you don’t have a trade, we would still like to hear from you as we can always use willing labour.

The P&F shed is in urgent need of repairs. If anyone has any unused 6 metre sheets of roofing iron/colorbond in good condition that they are willing to donate to the school, please contact Chris Smith on 0412530803.

School Fete

Preparations for the School Fete on Saturday 11 May are going well thanks to the hard work of Libby Andrews. We would still like to hear from parents who can help out. We know a lot of parents will show up and help out on the day but nominating in advance would really assist with planning and resource allocation. Volunteers should contact Libby on 0427242167.

Next meeting

The next P&F meeting is scheduled for 7pm, Wednesday 1 May 2013, and will have a particular focus on the Fete. We look forward to seeing you there.
A Message from the Religious Education Coordinator

Welcome to Week 9 of Term 1

**Our Current Value:** Fair Go
Everyone deserves to be treated fairly.

**The Rule of the Week:** No one is the boss of any game.
Everyone can play.

**Stations of the Cross**
A big thank you to everyone for helping to create such a moving service. The students were extremely well behaved and reverent.

**Prayers**
There are a number of families who are experiencing a difficult time at the moment. We ask you to pray for them to receive the support and love needed at this time.

**Reminder:** Confirmation home group selections and photos to be returned.

**For the Diary**

**This Week**
Community Prayer is in the classroom on 9am on Thursday morning.
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.

**Next Week (10)**
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:

Riley C, Elisha H, Denzeil M, Keiran Mc, Austin F, Owen Mc, Nikolas K, Lauren K, Sheik M and Tifa K.

Have a wonderful day!

Library News

Mrs Richardson is looking for parent helpers this Friday to help in the Library. We will be covering new readers for K-2 classes and sorting books. If you can spare an hour or two please leave your name and phone number at the front office.

Sustainability at St Anthony’s

We are looking for old electrical equipment that no longer works (old computers, televisions, toasters, etc). Could any donations be brought to the front office. We are starting a ‘pull apart investigate’ lunch time club and need some more items to pull apart.

Student of the Week

Congratulations to the following students:


Certificates will be presented at Friday morning assembly – 9am.

Hyperdome Run Around Australia

St Anthony’s are again participating in this promotion run by the Hyperdome. Parents simply present shopping receipts at the Customer Service Desk or drop box located in the centre court at the Hyperdome. The promotion will start on Monday 15th of April and finish on Sunday 26th May. There is a total of $10,000 in cash prizes to be won.

UNSW 2013 International Competitions and Assessment

Students from Years 3 – 6 who would like to participate in the English and Maths assessment can now register by sending payment in an envelope to the Front Office clearly marked with your child’s name and class.

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OPEN SHED THIS SUNDAY 7th APRIL 2013

10am until Midday

The fete shed will be open this weekend to kindly receive items for the Pre-loved Treasure and Toys Stalls, 2nd Hand Clothing and 2nd Hand Books. Please remember we cannot accept any electrical items, bike helmets or baby equipment. If you have a donation but the time or day do not suit, please call 0427 242 167 to organise delivery. Thanking you in advance for good quality items that are suitable for re-sale on fete day. This will be the second last opportunity for you to deliver any items for this year’s fete. The final open shed will be held in early May after the upcoming school holidays.

REMINDER: Please keep those raffle books coming

Our cash raffle is progressing well. To date the Front Office have received 78.5 sold books. Many thanks to all those ticket sellers out there and please remember spare books are still waiting for your collection at the front office.
ANZAC Day Liturgy

The school will be holding an ANZAC Day Liturgy at 9am on Thursday 2nd 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.

Deanne Calisthenics Dance Club

Do you love to DANCE? Deanne Calisthenics are looking for new members turning 5 or 6 in 2013 to join our Tinies Team. Calisthenics combines a variety of dance styles including ballet and gymnastics. It assists in developing fitness, fine motor and gross motor skills, confidence and concentration. We are offering free come and try classes on Thursday 4th April, Thursday 11th April and Thursday 18th April for anyone interested in joining. For more information please call 0429 070 263.

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St Edmund’s College Canberra


Open Day 2013

An Open Door, New Beginnings

Yr 7-12 Enrolment. Full enrolment 2014. Morning Tour: Yr 7-12 1:30pm

Marist College

Canberra

Senior and Junior Schools
Mace Street, Fyshwick ACT

Sunday 5 May 2013 - 9:30 am - 12:00 noon

- Facilities will be open for inspection
- Addressed from the Headmaster (10:30am) and Head of Junior School (10:45am)
- Student demonstrations and displays
- Light refreshments provided
- Opportunity to speak with staff and students
- Years 4-12.

For applications or Application Forms please telephone: Junior School 6291 7225 or Senior School 6239 7525
or visit our website: www.marist.act.edu.au

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