Dear Parents and Carers

CEO Director’s Visit to St Anthony’s

Next Tuesday our Archdiocesan Catholic Schools’ Director, Mrs Moira Najdecki, will visit us at St Anthony’s. Mrs Najdecki enjoys visiting each school annually and it will be my pleasure to show her around our school. I am confident Mrs Najdecki will be impressed with the students, staff, parents, curriculum and our school facilities. If you are at school on Tuesday afternoon I will be able to introduce you to Mrs Najdecki.

Canberra’s Centenary Celebrations a Success!

Last week St Anthony’s celebrated Canberra’s Centenary in style with an activity day on Friday, various year level excursions and special birthday acknowledgements. Our day on Friday was fantastic and I would like to thank teachers Bernadette Wilson and Ana Olsen for organising the activities. The rotations gave the students a chance to have some fun and experience some ‘older’ day activities – some from my school days though! The activities at school complemented the events around Canberra and of course it is a whole year celebration and there may be more to come!

Harmony Day

Harmony Day 21 March is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it. Our teachers have age appropriate activities they can undertake in class and everyone can find out more at www.harmony.gov.au. This year we have refrained from having an ‘orange’ dress up day due to recent Centenary dress up days and fete days etc. However, you are reminded that the colour ‘orange’ represents Harmony Day this week.

School Disco this Friday

This Friday afternoon/evening is the first 2013 school DISCO for the students! There is lots of excitement about the DISCO so please come along to the school hall at the following times:

Junior DISCO K, Years 1, 2: 5pm – 6.20pm

Senior DISCO Years 3, 4, 5, 6: 6.30 – 8.00pm

$6 entry only or $12 on the night for entry, sausage sandwich, drink, bag of lollies and glow stick.

Thank you to our canteen manager Marie Alchin for coordinating the disco and to all of the parents volunteering to supervise, help in the canteen etc.
CEO Soccer Carnival

This Sunday St Anthony’s has three teams playing in the Archdiocesan Catholic Primary Schools’ Soccer Carnival at the University of Canberra. A large number of teams from ACT and NSW Catholic primary schools will compete in two divisions – Years 3 & 4 and Years 5 & 6. Thank you to our parent coaches and managers and good luck to the players competing.

Swimming Carnival Result

Congratulations to GILMORE sports house for winning the overall point score competition at our recent swimming carnival. I was very proud of the students in every house as they all showed tremendous spirit, fair cheering and support to others; but GILMORE get to enjoy their house name being engraved first on the trophy for 2013. Well done!

New Pope!

As this newsletter goes to print, the inauguration of Pope Francis is occurring in Rome. We all pray that Pope Francis feels our love and support and he is blessed in his important ministry and calling from God. In this Lenten/Easter season may this news inspire us all to be better people and better Christians and be the face and hands of Christ for others.

World’s Greatest Shave

Next Monday 25 March is the day that our Music tuition teacher, Sharon Robinson, will shave her head for the World’s Greatest Shave. Sharon is raising money for leukaemia and cancer research which is a terrific cause. Sharon has raised approximately $700 to date but hopes to eventually raise $3000! Perhaps once people see the result of Sharon’s brave head shave her donations will rise! There is a tin in the school front office for donations. Good luck Sharon!

I wish everyone a great Week 7! Let’s continue to ‘Build God’s Kingdom’ together.

Greg Walker
Acting Principal

SCHOOL FEES

Term 1 school fees are now overdue. 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:

Justin S, Marli S, Anna C, Liam L, Anna O, Alec T, Sierra W and Aileen S.

Easter Raffle

Thank you for the donations of Easter Eggs for the Easter raffle. Due to such generous support we can offer prizes for every class as well as the whole school community and staff. We now have enough egg donations.

Families can now purchase raffle tickets from their classroom teacher. 3 Tickets for $2 or $1 each. Available until next Thursday the draw will take place on Thursday afternoon. Thank you!
Welcome to week 7 of Term 1

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

The Rule of the Week: Move to lines on the first bell.

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

Peer Support
Peer support was a fantastic experience last Friday. Thanks to a number of staff especially Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Olsen who helped with organising and planning the activities. The children worked well together playing games and listening to the experiences of some “older Canberrans”. The games of elastics, marbles as well as Old Time Dancing were embraced by all.

Harmony Day
This Thursday is Harmony Day and we will be celebrating it in our Community Prayer
The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. It is a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

For the Diary
This Week
Community Prayer 9am on Thursday mornings.
- 3 Assisi is leading the prayer in Block 1
- 1 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 and we would love to see you there.

Year 6 Focus Assembly
Friday 22nd March in the Hall at 12:30
All parents and friends are invited.

Next Week
Thursday 28th March Stations of the Cross
The Stations of the Cross is on Holy Thursday (28th March) at 10am in the Hall. It is a whole school liturgy. All parents and friends are welcome to attend.

Anne Marie Devlin
Acting Religious Coordinator
**Sustainability News**

**Earth Hour** This Saturday at 8.30pm, people around the world will participate in Earth Hour. At home, you could switch off the lights, the computers and the television. As a family you could play a board game, share stories, read or just talk under candle light. You could lay outside and star gaze! Mums and Dads could take this opportunity to share a romantic candle lit meal together!

At school, we will be participating in Earth Hour on Friday. We will take action to reduce our school’s electricity use for the afternoon session. We will turn off our computers, photocopiers, non-essential lighting and smart boards. This will help create some great discussions about our precious environment and what we can do to help protect it.

Thank you for your ongoing support!
The Sustainability Team

**Student of the Week**

Congratulations to the following students:


Certificates will be presented at Friday morning’s assembly 9am.

**OOSCA News**

The April Vacation Care booking form is at the end of this newsletter. Forms are also available from the Front Office and from the OOSCA building. There are limited places so parents need to get these forms back to OOSCA as soon as possible. Only families who are up to date financially will have their bookings processed.

**Dates for your Calendar**

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Sticky Beaks orders due Tuesday 26th March. Disco Notes due Wednesday 20th March.

**Specials**

Custard Cups 80 cents each.

**Book Club Orders**

Book Club orders are due back to school by this Friday 22nd March. Online orders are the preferred option of payment however you are able to send your order and cash in a zip lock bag into the Front Office – don’t forget to clearly mark the bag with your child’s name and class. If you have any queries please contact Mrs Chantal Warnes in the Library.

**World’s Greatest Shave**

Our lovely Piano Teacher Sharon Robinson is helping to raise money for the Leukaemia foundation to help those people battling this horrible disease. Hopefully one day we will find a cure.

Please go to www.world’sgreatestshave.com and sponsor Sharon. She is having her hair shaved off next Monday.
Lego Group

Our Lego Group would appreciate any donations of Lego pieces from home. If you have any unused Lego or incomplete sets that you are happy to part with please send it into the Front Office – Danielle Richardson.

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.

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.

Harmony Day, Thurs 21 March

Owing to recent centenary celebrations, Harmony Day will be celebrated during community prayer and craft sessions on Thursday, 21 March, this year. The children will not be required to dress out of uniform.

We invite parents and friends to join us for community prayer on Thursday; and extend our warm wishes to you all as we acknowledge this special day, celebrating our multi-cultural nation.

Congratulations go to Stuart T of 6 Assisi who was randomly selected from the Tombola participants last week in the raffle draw. Stuart has won a $10 voucher to spend at the fete. Well done Stuart and thanks again to all who participated.
Handmade Hair Clips

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tatef80@gmail.com

Custom, bulk and fundraising options available
Vacation Care costs $40 per day less your entitlement under the Child Care Benefit rebate scheme.

**Bookings**

Bookings for Vacation Care are essential and can be made by returning the tear off slip below to the front office or to OOSCA. It is imperative we have accurate numbers of children who will be attending Vacation Care in order for us to provide an appropriate level of staffing.

*Places are filled on a first come first served basis & due to limited staff, holiday sessions usually end up with a waiting list.*

*Please return this form no later than WEDNESDAY 3\(^{RD}\) of April.*

*Any forms returned after this date will not be accepted.*

*Notice of one week is required to cancel a vacation care booking otherwise normal charges will apply.*

**Excursions**

*Due to additional staffing requirements and costs involved in excursions, excursion fees are non-refundable.*

A list of excursion and related costs is set out below:

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I understand that OOSCA will send home separate permission slips for these excursions.

Signed: __________________________________________(Parent/Guardian)
April Vacation Care Happenings

WEEK 1

Monday 15th April – SPORTS DAY
The children can participate in a variety of sports throughout the day which will encourage active and fair play.

Tuesday 16th April –
The Children will be able to enjoy a game of bowling with their OOSCA friends, sit down for a yummy lunch and play the fun arcade games located at the bowling centre. They may even WIN a prize!

Wednesday 17th April –
The children are invited to bring anything that has wheels from home for the day i.e.- bikes, scooters, skateboard, toy cars etc. Please ensure your child has a helmet or they will not be able to participate and label any toys to avoid things going missing!!

Thursday 18th April –
We are visiting the farmyard nursery in Symonston where there will be a huge variety of animals. It will be a hands-on experience with the opportunity to feed and pat the animals as well as seeing all the interesting equipment used on a farm.

Friday 19th April –
The children will be able practice and refine their circus skills with our circus equipment. They can then perform their routine on stage in front of the OOSCA children and staff. Parents are welcome to attend for the performance at 4pm.

WEEK 2

Monday 22nd April –
Children are welcome to bring in their star wars equipment from home i.e- light sabers (please label) and dress up in Stars Wars gear. We will have a variety of Star Wars experiences for everyone to enjoy as many children from OOSCA have been showing a HUGE interest in Star Wars.

Tuesday 23rd April –
There will be a variety of Asian activities and food for the children to experience throughout the day. This will increase children's awareness and knowledge of the Asian culture. (lunch will be supplied by OOSCA).

Wednesday 24th April –
Questacon is a fun and educational experience for the OOSCA children to explore many hands-on scientific exhibits and galleries.

Thursday 25th April –

Friday 26th April –
For the last day of holidays the children can relax and watch ICE AGE 4 at the limelight cinemas in Tuggeranong.
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