Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have enjoyed your long weekend and Canberra’s Centenary Celebrations! The beautiful autumn weather only enhanced the weekend!

Swimming Carnival Success

Thank you to Laura Hadley and Bernadette Whitfield for organising an outstanding swimming carnival last Wednesday. The carnival ran smoothly and everything ran according to plan. Again the fine and hot weather made the day perfect for swimming and the students had a great day! I would like to really thank our volunteers including parents, grandparents and others who generously gave up their time to assist on the day. The annual swimming carnival takes the most organisation and managing on the day out of the three sports carnivals. Without volunteer help we would not be able to run such an effective and enjoyable carnival. Thank you to our canteen manager Marie Alchin for preparing the special lunch packs for students on swimming carnival day. Thank you to the staff in attendance at the carnival too. They worked in various capacities and even managed to jump in the water for novelty events, swimming assistance and the relay races. Of particular note, thank you to Michael Bradley and Kelly Mara who ran the novelty events for many hours in the second pool.

Well done to our students. All students participated in races or novelty events and then spent time in their sports house cheering and enjoying the day. Our Year 6 leaders were fantastic at leading the songs, cheers and building the tremendous spirit of the day!

Centenary of Canberra Celebrations

Thank you to Bernadette Wilson, Ana Olsen and other staff who have been busy planning our school celebrations for Canberra’s 100th birthday! This Friday there are activities planned as part of our Peer Support Program. Thank you to the staff that were able to attend the CEO Centenary Mass and celebrations last Thursday evening. It was a nice way to celebrate the ways our schools have contributed to the Canberra’s society over this time.

Catholic Schools’ Week (CSW 2013)

Catholic Schools’ Week is this week. The week coincides with the Centenary of Canberra as we celebrate what our wonderful Catholic schools offer students in the ACT. Our Catholic Schools’ Week banner will hang outside the school as we proudly advertise our school as a quality school and distinctly a Catholic school. Our CSW activities will focus mainly around our Centenary Celebrations on Friday but as you teach remember we are part of a wonderful tradition that is Catholic Education!
National Day of Action against Bullying is also this Friday.

This is an important day to advertise and focus on. Bullying occurs in all areas of society and schools are no different. The effects of bullying on individuals in the short term, and long term, can be reduced when everyone works together with common goals to ensure our school is a safe, enjoyable and respectful place.

While much of the attention is on Canberra this week the school will focus on action against bullying, specific strategies for students and support networks available to students through a drama performance by students and age appropriate discussions in classrooms.

First 2013 School Board Meeting

On February 26 our first School Board Meeting for 2013 was held, which was primarily an orientation meeting to start the school year. Loretta Menham, a new parent member was welcomed to the Board for 2013. Also Kim Smith, a new parent nominee from the Parents and Friends Association, will also join the Board for 2013. Remaining on the Board for 2013 is also Shaun Flor, nominated again by the Parents and Friends Association at the recent AGM (see below).

The full 2013 School Board: Father Lachlan Coll, Greg Walker, Maria O’Donnell, Shaun Flor, Jason Egan, Loretta Menham, Michael Bradley, Danielle Richardson.

First 2013 Parents and Friends Association Meeting

On February 26 the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the St Anthony’s Parents and Friends Association was held. A good number of parents, carers and friends were in attendance to hear the annual report and vote on roles for 2013.

On behalf of the school community I would like to thank outgoing president Jim Daly. Jim did a terrific job in chairing meetings and representing the parents of the school in this role. At the meeting Jim read the 2012 annual report and thanked all of the school community for their contributions in 2012. Jim also thanked previous principal Tim Elliott for his dedication and leadership of the school over many years.

At the AGM various roles for 2013 were filled. I welcome our all new members of the P&F to their roles, including new President, Chris Smith. Other members of the executive include Paul Locke (Vice President), Louise Wright (Treasurer) and Jason Egan (Secretary).

There are two positions waiting to be filled, the position of pastoral care coordinator. This person would encourage members of the community to assist families in need through care meals etc. They would also help enlist the help of class parent representatives as required. We are also looking for someone to fill the new position of grounds manager. This role would require coordinating working bees for the school (2 planned this year) and assisting in organising maintenance quotes and works to improve the school grounds. If you feel you are able to do this please call the front office on 6231 4022.

Excursions this week!
This week our Year 2 and 3 students will attend different excursions around Canberra. This is the perfect way for these students to celebrate the Centenary! Good luck to all involved. (See separate Year 3 excursion report attached).

I wish you all a wonderful Week 6. Together we are ‘Building God’s Kingdom’.

Greg Walker
Acting Principal
A Message from the Religious Education Coordinator

Welcome to week 6 of Term 1

Our Current Value: Fair Go
We give others a fair go when we listen to them.

The Rule of the Week: Use good manners all the time

Class Mass
Last Wednesday we celebrated the first Class Mass of the year. It was Year 5’s turn to have their Mass. Some of the Year 4 classes also attended. The focus of the Mass was on Prayer. The children participated well and Father Lachlan complimented them on their excellent reverence and behaviour throughout the Mass. Well done all of you and a big thanks to your teachers! There were a number of family members attending which was wonderful.

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

Canberra Centenary Celebration
Last Thursday evening students and staff attended the Centenary of Canberra Mass held at St Christopher's Cathedral. The Cathedral was filled to capacity with representatives from schools throughout the diocese. The celebrant was Monsignor John Woods. He has fond memories of going to school as a child at St Christopher's School in Manuka (1928-1971) which was one of the earliest Catholic Schools in Canberra.

Peer Support
Peer support activities this week will focus on early Canberra. Some activities include exposure to games that were played by children during the last century as well as what school days were like in “The Olden Days”. A good time should be had by all!

For the Diary

This Week
Community Prayer 9am on Thursday mornings.
- 4/5 Assisi is leading the prayer in Block 1
- 1 Padua 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.

**Next Week (Week 7)**

*Year 6 Focus Assembly*

**Friday 22nd March in the Hall at 12:30**

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.

**Happy Birthday to:**


*Have a wonderful day!*

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**NON-UNIFORM DAY – THANK YOU**

Last Friday’s non-uniform day raised a total of $473.30 cash. In addition to this, a load of various goodies were provided by families to add to the donations for the Tombola Stall. The fete committee and P&F are very grateful for the support shown. Many thanks to all of the parents and children who participated. The winner of the $10 voucher will be drawn at this Friday’s assembly.

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

**Specials**

Apple Slinkie 70 cents or 20 cents with your own apple.
**Book Club Orders**

Book Club orders are due back to school by next Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} 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.

**Student of the Week**

Congratulations to the following students:


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

**Swimming Carnival**

Thank you to all our volunteers who helped make the Swimming Carnival such a successful and enjoyable day. The children wouldn’t have the opportunity to participate in these days without the help and support from these volunteers.

Ribbons will be awarded to the children who achieved a 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 3\textsuperscript{rd} or 4\textsuperscript{th} place in the 50mtr or longer events at Friday morning assembly – 9am.

**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.

**Ticket sales for our fete cash raffle commence this week!**

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Many thanks to all the families and staff members who have been allocated one book of raffle tickets (aside from those who requested extras) this week. Each book contains 20 tickets and the cost is $2.00 each. The book of tickets will come home this week with the eldest children in each family, please keep an eye out for your book in the school bags. Further information regarding the raffle is included in the envelope. It would be greatly appreciated if the tickets and monies could be returned to Judy or Sarah in the front office before Friday 5\textsuperscript{th} April 2013 (which is week 8). Please remember that participation in this raffle is voluntary. If you have any queries or require additional books pls email; stanthonysfete@gmail.com or drop into the front office. Best of luck & thank you!

**Changes to Action Bus - 526**

Effective from 18\textsuperscript{th} March – this service will no longer service Bonython. Bonython students will now need to catch bus number 876.
What a fabulous day to be on an excursion! Canberra’s 100th birthday provided a spectacular basis for Year 3 to visit the National Museum. We began early and arrived to be greeted by the friendly staff at NMA. Splitting into two groups meant we were able to investigate deeply, artefacts and historical references from Canberra. We heard the dreaming story of Bogon Moth Man and its message according to Miah was "keep safe and follow instructions from your teachers and elders" We learned and drew some amazing representations of life in 1800’s as a farmer in the local region. Joey told us that "possum skins were used by Aboriginal people as blankets and in the homes to keep warm"

We stopped at 11 o'clock to sing 'Happy Birthday' to Canberra! We looked across Lake Burley Griffin at what was once known West Lake and remembered a girl named Roma. Roma earned pennies and kept them in a tin in a tree. She kept ha'pennies and marbles in there!!

After a quick lunch we made our way to MpowerDome to participate in some team building exercises. At the Mpower-Dome we attempted to see how many people from teams we could fit on a tarpaulin - fold it & try again, fold it & try again! It was very tricky!!
Ryan from 3A says "We learned how to build teamwork and we had to try to come up with a way to make cards stand in a tower, and we had to help others when we were blindfolded to cross the 'minefield'.
Trae says 'It was very interesting at the National Museum, especially looking at Burley Griffin. When you use a boomerang, the curved one comes back when it slides back and the big one doesn’t come back because it's straighter. They were both used for hunting"