Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the final week of Term 1. Time has flown but thank you all for your support.

I hope your child enjoys a well-earned holiday break coming up.

**Year 6 Camp Success**

Well done to Mr Greg Rick, Mrs Alisa Spackman, Mr Michael Bradley and Mrs Leah Malpas on journeying with our Year 6 students on a very enjoyable and rewarding camp to Sydney. I was fortunate to be able to join them for the last night and day and heard first hand all of the stories of camp! From all accounts the whole group were tremendous and they were a credit to the school. I’m sure the students and teachers had a good rest over the weekend! I think the whole experience will bring the whole Year 6 group closer together.

**Cross Country Carnival**

Yesterday our Cross Country was held on the playing fields and areas adjacent to the school. The lovely autumn weather was pleasant for spectators and officials but probably a little warm for the runners! The students pushed themselves to complete the course to the best of their ability and we were all proud of their efforts. The cheering and house spirit was clearly evident again with all students cheering on fellow students. Thank you again to our Sports Coordinators Miss Laura Hadley and Miss Bernadette Whitfield for organising a successful carnival. Thank you to the volunteers who assisted with the carnival, including students from St Mary MacKillop College.

**Easter Liturgy**

You are warmly invited to our Post-Easter Liturgy will be on this Thursday at 9.00am in the hall in place of community prayer. All classes will be present and the liturgy will complete the Holy Week/Easter Story. Good luck to the students involved. The Holy Week Liturgy in Week 8 was certainly very moving and reflective and I’m sure the joy of our Risen Christ will come through this week in this liturgy.

**Out of Uniform Day for Fete on Friday**

You are reminded that there is an out of uniform day for students this Friday to support the upcoming fete. Fete RAFFLE TICKETS are also DUE BACK this week. There will be a special prize draw tomorrow (Wednesday) for the lucky children in each class who have returned their raffle tickets.

**Car Park Incident**

Last Wednesday afternoon one of our parent’s cars was accidentally hit by another car. The owner of a brand new blue Polo would like to speak with the driver of a white 4x4 vehicle that knocked into the car at 3.20pm in the top car park. It would be appreciated if this person could contact the front office to clear up the details of the incident.
NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

April is the national month for Awareness of students (and adults) with Autism. You would most likely be aware that there are students with Autism in all schools who lead busy lives studying and playing like all other students. At St Anthony’s we have students with Autism too. School and socialisation can be a challenge for many of these students but they also enrich our school community by sharing the gifts and talents they possess. Autism is a developmental disorder that affects a person's ability to perceive and connect with people and the world around them. Commonly referred to as autism spectrum disorder (ASD), it has wide ranging levels of severity. More information about Autism can be found at http://www.autismaspergeract.com.au/node.

St Anthony’s Term 2 Calendar

As promised, a full Term 2 calendar of school events will be provided to parents by the end of this week. I will also try to provide dates for other major events coming up for the remainder of the year. Thank you for your patience while this has been organised. More information is also being added to our school website for your reference. If any families did not receive a copy of the official print version of the 2013 school calendar, spare copies are available by contacting the front office. This calendar is ready to add school dates to as they are provided.

Test Match Preview Honour

Trae Robinson-Beattie has been selected in the team to play in the pre-match game before the Australia versus New Zealand Test Match at Canberra Stadium on Friday 19 March. This is a great chance for Trae to show his football skills. Well done Trae – Good Luck!

2014 Catholic Schools Enrolment Period Approaching

The official 2104 Catholic Schools Enrolment Period for any child enrolling in a new Catholic school from Pre-School to Year 12 is between:

**Monday 6 May (Week 2 - Term 2) and Friday 24 May (Week 4 - Term 2)**

Applications must be completed and returned to the school by Friday 24 May to be considered. St Anthony’s will provide the following events for families looking to enrol at our school for any year level from Kindergarten to Year 6:

**Enrolment Information Evening**

Tuesday 7 May 6.00pm School Tours. 6.30pm – 7.30pm School Information Presented.

**School Open Mornings**

Thursday 9 May 9.30am – 11.00am.  
Friday 17 May 9.30am – 11.00am.

I look forward to sharing information about our great school with parents and carers so please spread the word about these times and dates.

Winter Uniform

Students are required to wear their winter uniforms for Terms 2 and 3 each year. If the weather is warm after the holidays then students may wear their summer uniform for the first two weeks if they wish. From Week 3 all students are expected to be in full winter uniform. 2013 SCHOOL PHOTOS will be taken on Thursday 16 May (Week 3). Please ensure your child is at school this day and plan ahead to avoid making out of school appointments for this day.
NO RIGHT TURN out of school at peak times

You are reminded that you are not permitted to turn right out of the school car park onto Wheeler Crescent between 8:15am-9:30am and 2:45pm-3:45pm. This rule is in place to stop cars turning across oncoming traffic at peak times and to avoid potential safety risks to students using the nearby road crossing. If all cars turn left onto Wheeler Crescent at peak times this generally ensures a steady flow of cars in and out of the usually ‘crowded’ school car park. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Together we are ‘Building God’s Kingdom’. I wish all families and students a great holiday break!

Greg Walker
Acting Principal

A Message from the Religious Education Coordinator

Welcome to Week 10 of Term 1

Wow! This Term has gone so fast. I hope that everyone has a relaxing, safe and enjoyable holiday.

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

The Rule of the Week: Help to make our rooms and playground neat and tidy.

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

A Holiday Prayer

Lord, as we approach the holidays, we pray for ourselves and for our world. We thank you for the luxury of holiday, for refreshment and rest from work. We pray for those whose lives are made harder and busier by holiday breaks, and we pray for those without the luxury of a holiday. May your peace be known in their daily life. We think of the damage our travel creates in our world, and we pray for motivation and help in tackling the climate chaos now beginning to engulf the planet. We pray for those whose holiday will be blighted by the anxiety of what awaits their return. We pray for health, for all whose holiday is an escape from over-busy or unfulfilled lives. We pray for justice and fairness for those in our world who scratch a living from the tourist industry. Lord God, make yourself known to us afresh, that all our days may become holy days, to the glory of your name.

Amen
For the Diary

Community Prayer 9am on Thursday mornings will be held in the Hall.

- Year 4 Lisbon and Kinder Assisi are leading the Easter 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.

Have a great holiday everyone!

Anne Marie Devlin
Acting Religious Coordinator

SCHOOL FEES

Term 1 school fees are now overdue and need to be paid by the end of this week. If payment is not made further action will be taken during the school holidays. It is important that you contact the school if you are experiencing difficulties paying your school fee account. 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!

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.

Donations of Tissues

As we approach the cold and flu season we would very much appreciate donations of tissues. Donations can be left at the Front Office. Thank you.

CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

LAST DAY OF TERM - 12TH APRIL 2013

As per the flyer that was sent home earlier this week, this Friday is a non-uniform day. In support of the 2013 Chocolate trailer, the fete committee is seeking families to either donate a $2 coin or any donations of any size or type of chocolate. Please remember all donations must have a used by date of JUNE 2013. Every child who makes a donation to this event goes into the draw for $10 cash voucher which can be spent at the fete next month. (Please refrain from sending Easter eggs as the 50c coins will not land on these). Please also adhere to the sun smart policy when dressing children.

Easter Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the lucky winners of our Easter Raffle. Flynn, Damian, Dechlan, Ryan, Charlie, Cian, Oliver, Nicholas, Will, Tristan, Rowan, Blake, Xavier, Eden, Danita, Jacob, Natasha, Zac, Georgia, Dylan, Lucius, Halle, Zoe, Dylan, Thomas, Georgia and Annabelle.
WEEKEND NETBALL

**Year 2 Turbo Girls**
Our year 2 netball team started the 2013 season off on a high note dominating from the beginning their first game of the year against Calwell Primary. Scoring the first goal of the game Frances M gave a player of the match performance. Most notably it was the smiles and high fives during and after the game that made the Turbo Girls such a success on the first weekend of Netball. Well done girls!

**Year 2 Turbo Girls**
The girls displayed another amazing performance on Saturday against St. Clare of Assisi Smurfs. The girls showed some wonderful skills and outstanding teamwork to tally up their second straight win 10-0! The girls showed great enthusiasm and good sportsmanship. Player of the match was Mikaela Martin.

**Year 4 Fizz Whizzers**
What an excellent game this week! Congratulations to everyone for playing so well. There were a lot of stand-out players, but this time the special mention goes to Brianna for her team work and respect for others on the court. Well done Fizz Whizzers!!

**Year 5 Crazy Stars**
The Crazy Stars had a challenging game this week. The girls tried their hardest down to the last minute, which showed their commitment to the team and their ever positive attitudes. Sona had a good first game and got involved early, welcome to the team! Cailin had an outstanding game in defence and really took on board what was said and done at training.

Congratulations to Sophie on her recent selection in the TNA Under 11’s Representative Team.

**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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Fete Update April 2013

Many thanks are sent to the entire school community who are getting behind this year’s school fete and cash raffle. The committee is overwhelmed with the support coming in by way of personal communication, physical donations and general offers of help.

Donations of all varieties are rolling into the green shed to aid in stocking our second hand stalls including clothing, books and pre-loved treasurers. One last opportunity to donate items will occur on the first weekend of term 2. These upcoming school holidays provide one last chance to tidy up and clear out those cupboards of unwanted, good quality goods.

Our raffle tickets are selling easily and to date 134.5 books have been returned to the front office. We are now generating profits as all expenses have been covered. The more tickets
we sell now, the more we will profit and the more we can purchase for our school and the children. Westfield Woden has extended the opportunity for us to sell raffle tickets throughout the coming school holidays. If any parents are able to assist, or others would like to send their children along to sell a few books, please email the fete address or call 0427 242 167 to organise a suitable time and date. In a one hour period last weekend, we sold six books, it was easy. It appears that Canberrans struggle to say “no” to a child when they are asked if they would like to buy a ticket for the school fete. Volunteers are needed to assist in selling the unsold books. What a great option for a school holiday activity!

The pre-paid vouchers are available for sale until the end of this week (however if you require an extension please email our fete account as we don’t want anyone to miss out). The all-day ride pass provides a great savings of money if your child enjoys a rush of adrenaline. For $30.00 the ride pass entitles your child to unlimited rides on the Dodgem Cars, the Cha-Cha, the Giant Slide, the Donkey Castle, Clown Around and also includes TWO (2) entry tickets into the Zone 3 Laser Maze. Single tickets for all above rides purchased on fete day and addition games in the laser maze cost $5 each. This is a saving of at least $5.00, depending on the numbers of rides enjoyed.

Pre-paying the “St Anthony’s High Five” option again provides families with further savings that cannot be beaten on fete day. For $5.00, these coupons includes one sausage OR hot dog, one drink, one bag of fairy floss OR popcorn, one icy bite and one book or toy from the pre-loved stalls. Pre-paying for rides and food is a great option to cover your expenses prior to fete day (and if you need an extra week or two just send an email with your details and anticipated order).

A fete meeting will be held in the school library on Wednesday 1st May 2013 to cover off planning and fete day organisation. If you are co-ordinating a stall or would still like to offer some help, please feel welcome to come along.

Mum’s and Dad’s will be required to assist on Friday 10th May 2013 with the unpacking and organisation of the pre-loved items in our fete sheds. Many hands will make light work so if you have just one hour or two or three, we would love to see you in the school hall about 10:00am after school assembly. If you have time to attend the assembly the Reptile man will be visiting to show off a few reptiles to the children. It will be fun and starts just after 9:00am.

Bright and early on fete morning (about 6:15am) will see a huge need for men with muscles to assist organisers with the erection of tents, placement of tables and chairs and other exciting necessary tasks to establish the fete for 10:00am. If you can spare an hour or two before school sport, we would really love to see you – even in the dark! Please remember to bring your gloves and a beanie!

Only two stalls are still in need of a co-ordinator for fete day. If any person is interested in running the 2nd hand toys or the show bag stalls (both relatively stress free and both have one volunteer helper already) please call 0427 242 167. If you are getting that itch and want to get involved, don’t be shy, running a stall is loads of fun and we need you!

The list of stalls for this year’s fete includes: BBQ, Books, Canteen, Cakes, Mother’s Day Ceramics, Chocolate wheel, 2nd hand clothes, Face Painting, Coffee, Farmyard, Garden, Fairy Floss and Popcorn, Pre-loved Treasurers, Show Bags, Lucky Dips, Tombola, 2nd Hand Toys, Drinks, St John’s Ambulance Display, Reptile Display, Zone 3 laser maze and the variety of rides as mentioned above.

Once again huge thanks go to all those lovely parents, families, parishioners, front office ladies and teachers who are working towards making this fete successful. Thank you for the tombola, chocolate trailer donations, for selling the raffle books and for all the work the co-ordinators are doing to plan for their stalls and locate volunteers to assist on fete day. Together we are building God’s kingdom and planning for one great fete!
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 11th April and Thursday 18th April for anyone interested in joining. For more information please call 0429 070 263.

NET SET GO!!!!

If you are under 4-10 and don’t play in a netball team on a Saturday but would really like to start learning the skills to play netball Tuggeranong Netball Association will begin its NSG program on the 4-5-2013. It is a 10 week program held every Saturday morning from 10am-11am. Boys and girls come to the courts at Calwell and learn all the skills and have amazing fun times all based on the game of netball. Cost for the 10 week program is $75. If you are interested please contact Donna at TNA on 62924480 or tnainc@bigpond.net.au or go to our website. http://www.tna.act.netball.asn.au/_uploads/res/30_243475.pdf to see how to register or http://www.tna.act.netball.asn.au/_uploads/res/30_242362.pdf to get the registration form. All money and forms need to be returned to netball ACT. Look forward to seeing you there.

Special

Tuesday – Cupcakes 50c
Wednesday – Pizza Muffins $1
On Thursday the 11 April the Canteen will be having a Lolly Day! Prices start from 5 cents to $2. If you can spare some time on Thursday please let me know on 6231 4022.

Maree Alchin—Canteen Manager
Dear Parents and Friends,

Once again we are asking for help to keep our school as safe as possible over the Holiday break. Security patrol involves a pleasant walk through the school grounds. If you notice any problems they are referred immediately to an executive member of staff. A list of staff on duty will be distributed to volunteers via email. As a result, the resource and other equipment that we have provided to our children (often through fundraising and other hard work!) are protected to the best of our ability during holiday breaks. If it is at all possible for you to lend a hand, please register your name by returning your completed form to the front office as soon as possible. Thank you....

Greg Walker

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I am able to complete__________________ patrols (please state number)

(Shading denotes that OOSCA will be in operation and Security patrols will not be required)

YES, We are able to complete security patrols at the times nominated above.

Name Eldest child’s Name and Class Phone Number

Email address:...........................................................................................................
I am organising the canteen roster for Term 2, 2013. I would love for you to come and help in the canteen, no doubt your children will get a kick out of seeing you as well. Duties include preparing food, serving, cleaning up and that all important cuppa. Parents/carers/ grandparents and siblings are very welcome. We have a playroom for the littlies to enjoy.

You can volunteer for the whole day 9 – 2 or for half the day, all help appreciated.

If you have any queries or would like to volunteer please return the form below to school or call in and visit.

Maree 6231 4022
maree_alchin@hotmail.com

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Please indicate: Weekly / fortnightly / monthly

Name:

Phone:

Email:
Mothers and Special Persons Day Stall

To ensure there are enough presents available for the Mothers and Special Persons Day Stall, we are now taking orders.

All presents are $5.00 each.
Multiple present orders are welcome.

Pre-orders will be taken until Tuesday, 7th May.
Children will choose their presents on Friday, 10th May.

To avoid disappointment, we encourage all students to pre-order.

____________________________________________________________________________

Mothers and Special Personal Day Stall

Childs Name: ________________________________________ Class: _______________

I would like to purchase (number of presents) ________________________________

at $5.00 each.

Money enclosed: ________________________________
Thank you, O Dear Lord!

Thank you Dear Father;

For my dog Rufus and cat Tipper; my mother so sweet, my father so tough, Ollie so cute, Benji so rough, I thank you for my wonder family! Lord I thank you for my talents of ice-skating, ballet, jazz and dance. O thank you! Thank you for my attractive Teacher. For her heart so kind, her help so sweet. I thank you for her life! God thank you for the world. The trees so green, the hills so lush, the flowers so beautiful, the webs so shiny.

Thank you, thank you!

Thank you for my life my circle of friends. Thank you God for

EVERYTHING!!!

By Clara