Dear Parents and Carers,

Week 10 is here! Thank you to everyone for a wonderful term. The students have worked their way through a full term of work. There have been so many achievements and school events including NAIDOC Week, P&F Working Bee, Tournament of the Minds, Chess Competition, Wakakirri Heats and Finals, Book Week, Science week, Father’s Day Stall, First Eucharist, Grandparents’ and Special Persons’ Day, Walkathon, Year 4 Camp, Interschool Debating, School Disco and many other activities. Well done on surviving the winter term – bring on the warmer weather for the holidays.

**Walkathon Draw Friday**
This Friday is our WALKATHON DRAW. Please send in your sponsorship money this week to be eligible for the prizes on offer!

**Parents and Friends’ Meeting**
The next Parents and Friends meeting is 7.00pm this Wednesday 25 September in the school library. Approximately 15 parents usually attend and it is a great way to join in the conversation about school events and happenings and share your ideas.

**School Visitors Toilets Refurbishment**
In the upcoming school holidays the male and female visitor’s toilets near the hall will be refurbished. The toilets are in original condition and need a lift! These toilets are used by canteen staff and volunteers, visitor’s and the hall hire groups. These people will be able to use alternate toilets.

**Asbestos Incident Update**
You may recall that earlier this term an accident caused minor damage to a bonded asbestos cement sheet in the school sports room. There was limited risk to those in the area from this material and safety precautions were taken. I am now pleased to advise that a clearance certificate has been issued by a registered asbestos assessor and Worksafe ACT to allow the sports room to be re-opened. An asbestos specialist repaired the damage to the ceiling in this room and cleaned the entire room and contents.

**PHD Study**
Last Friday students in Years 3-6 were given an information letter and permission slip from teacher Mrs Tessa Daffern. Tessa is a teacher within our Catholic system and is preparing a Phd study in literacy and spelling. I encourage you to allow your child to participate in the activities which are confidential and not time consuming. Please return your note by this Friday.
**Disco Thanks**
Thank you again to the parents and staff who organised and volunteered to help at the school disco last Friday evening. Well done.

**King Arthur Show**
On Monday the students were treated to a full theatrical performance titled King Arthur. The stage set, lights and sound systems were spectacular and the cast of 6 performers amazed the audience with a range of character swaps and voices! The story concludes with the underdog and good character Arthur overturning the evil Lancelot to be King!

**106.3 Radio Weather Broadcast by students**
This week one student will read the weather on 106.3 at 8.30am each morning. They will receive the script at 8.20am and then read the weather over the school phone after the 8.30am news. Place your radio on 106.3 and listen in!
The students are:
Eden Zammit (Monday), Dylan Neindorf (Tuesday), Chloe Hancock (Wednesday), Mitchell Schmidt (Thursday) and Clara Van Puyvelde (Friday).

**Learning Journeys**
This Thursday we have our learning Journeys in each classroom. The start time is 8.30am and finish time at 10.00am. I will have to review the RFF timetable and morning duties so parents can see their child’s class etc. Thank you for your preparation for the Learning Journeys. I will hand each year level a sheet to return to me prior to the day so I can monitor the different styles and experiences from K-6.

**Holiday Security**
Unfortunately the school received more vandalism and damage over the weekend. With the holiday break coming up I ask you try to keep an eye out around the school for any suspicious behaviour on the grounds. Any concerns can be directed directly to the police.

School mobile number 0431 479 476.

Together we are “Building God’s Kingdom”. Enjoy your holiday break.
Greg Walker
Principal

**School Fees**
School Fee accounts are now **overdue**. If you are experiencing difficulty finalising your school fees please contact Greg Walker or myself as soon as possible.
Judy Mead

**Happy Birthday to the following students:**
Enjoy your day!

**Security Request**
Thank you to the families who have offered to help with the security roster over the school holidays. We have vacant spots on Tuesday 1, Wednesday 2, Thursday 3, Friday 4 (all evening) and Monday 7th (morning). If you are able to help please email me:
Sarah.Waller@cg.catholic.edu.au.
Thank you, Sarah Waller

**Alto Saxophone – Free to a good home**
We have had a donation of a saxophone. If you would like it, please contact the school asap – first in best dressed.
What’s been happening this term?

Below is an outline of some of the wonderful things the students have done in Religious Education this term:

Kinder completed a unit titled ‘Church as family’. In this unit the students had the opportunity share stories of their own family, listen to stories about other families and explore the Church as welcoming people into its family.

In Year One the students participated in the unit ‘Creator God’. This unit the students explored God’s Creation and many beauties we experience with our senses.

The Year Two students studied a unit titled ‘Prayer’. In this unit they discussed what prayer is and participated in many formal and informal prayer opportunities.

Our Year Three students learnt all about ‘First Eucharist’, linking in with the Sacramental Program completed by many students. In this unit the students explored the importance of Eucharist and learnt about its significance in Mass.

Year Four studied the unit ‘Church of Spirit’. In this unit they shared stories of people who have been inspired to act differently, described the features of a Christian life and found ways that the Church is a sign of hope, reconciliation and service to the world.

In Year Five the unit ‘Churches of the World’ was explored. Within this unit he students explored other ways that religious traditions gather as communities, researched the ways different faith communities celebrate their beliefs and compared and contrasted the key beliefs and traditions of other religious groups.

The Year Six students explored the unit ‘Living Church’. This unit enabled the students to describe the characteristics of the life and faith of early Christian communities, researched the lives and evaluate the contributions of key figures in the early Church and creatively represent the structure of the modern Church.

Care Meals
Thank you to those families who have been busy cooking and contributing to our casserole bank. We are extremely appreciative to Mel Scott-Cameron who has donated an enormous amount of containers for us all to fill with delicious meals, thank you Mel! If you would like to donate a meal to our bank please help yourself to a container, located in the canteen.

Reconciliation
Next term many of our Year two students are preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. A reminder to those families to return their photograph and home group selection forms to school ASAP.

The following dates outline the Sacramental Program:
- Parent information evening: Thursday 22nd October 6pm
- Commitment Mass: originally scheduled for Sunday 27th October 9am, however due to a large amount of students attending the Netball Carnival the Saturday 26th October 6pm may be offered.
- Home groups: Week 3, 4 and 5.
- Parent-Child Session: Thursday 21st November 8am
- Retreat Day: Thursday 28th November
- Reconciliation Celebration: Thursday 28th November 7pm

We are quite light on for home group leaders, if you would like to run a home group we would greatly appreciate your assistance. Please email me on sarah.maldon@cg.catholic.edu.au if you are able to, thank you!

Special Dates
- Community Prayer: There is no community prayer this week
- Green and Gold Day for Mary Mackillop – Friday 18th October
- Children’s Week Pyjama Party – Friday 25th October

Wishing you an enjoyable holidays,
Sarah Maldon
Religious Education Coordinator
**Student of the Week**

Congratulations to the following students:


**Research Project: An examination of spelling in the upper primary years of school**

IMPORTANT REMINDER (YEARS 3 TO 6)

IF YOUR CHILD RECEIVED AN INFORMATION PACKAGE REGARDING THE SPELLING RESEARCH PROJECT AND IS INTENDING TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE RETURN THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS TO YOUR CHILD’S CLASS TEACHER BY:

**FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER:**

- ✓ CONSENT FORMS (PARENT & STUDENT)
- ✓ DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONNAIRE
- ✓ A COPY OF YOUR CHILD’S NAPLAN LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS TEST AND WRITING TEST RESULTS FROM YEAR 3 (AND Year 5, if completed)

Please Note: The principal researcher will be able to obtain the 2013 NAPLAN results directly from the school when they become available, pending receipt of your child’s consent forms.

If you are unable to provide a copy of your child’s past NAPLAN results (2010-2012), or if you would like to discuss this research project further, please contact:
Principal Researcher, Tessa Daffern
Mobile: 0423 946 258
Email: tdaffern@csu.edu.au.

**OOSCA News**

Vacation Care bookings have closed. There are waiting lists for most days – if you no longer require care, please cancel as soon as possible so we can accommodate those on the waiting list. Accounts need to be finalised before the end of term. If not, your Term 4 booking will be cancelled. Accounts will be emailed tomorrow. If you do not receive your account please contact Sarah Waller in the front office as soon as possible.

**Market Garden Stall**

The School’s garden will be open during the Learning Journey’s this Thursday. Vegetables will be available for sale from 8:30am – 9:30am.

**Sports News**

Notes will be handed out today to those children who have expressed an interest to participate in the Tuggeranong Region FFA Schools 5-a-side Soccer Gala Day held on Wednesday 27th November 2013 (Years 3 & 4 and one team of years 1 & 2). This gala day will be held at the Wanniassa Playing Fields, Hyland Place. If your child is interested in playing and did not receive a note or is away from school at the moment please contact either Bernadette Whitfield or Laura Hadley.

Bernadette.Whitfield@cg.catholic.edu.au
Laura.Hadley@cg.catholic.edu.au

**Class Contact Lists**

The parent network volunteers have compiled a separate list for each class with parent email and phone numbers (that were provided by individuals). These are to be shared with other parents who would like to participate, prior to the end of this term. If you would like to make contact with other families during the school holidays, please don’t delay in either sending your details to the classroom teacher or emailing your details to;
staparentnetwork@gmail.com. Thank you and have a great holiday.

**Canteen Roster:** 6231 4022

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**Thank you to all the wonderful helpers on**
**Disco night, the kids danced up a storm.**
**Flexischools On-line Ordering - coming soon.**
Details will be sent out shortly.

Students not returning to St Anthony’s in 2014

Excluding the present Year 6

My child/children have an Enrolment Application pending at another school.

My child/children will not be returning to St Anthony’s Parish Primary School in 2014.

Child’s Names: ___________________________________________ Class: ____________________

Destination
School: _______________________________________________________

Parent/Carer’s Name: ___________________________________________

Parent’s signature: _____________________________________________ Date: ________________