Dear Parents and Carers

What a wonderful first week of school! The students have been happy and have settled into routine well. I have enjoyed meeting members of the school community and hope to see as many of you as possible at the ‘Meet-the-Staff’ this evening (Tuesday 12th February). I have been out and about the school each day and have been impressed with the welcoming manner and positive attitude of the students. I have seen how dedicated and organised the staff are and know they are doing everything to ensure the school year begins well.

Father Lachlan Coll celebrated our Opening School Mass last Thursday and reminded us that God is with us as we begin the New Year and take on new challenges. Father Lachlan also blessed our 2013 leadership badges and wished the senior students well in their roles.

2013 Leadership Roles Announced

I would like to congratulate all of the students who have formal leadership roles for semester one 2013. I encourage all members of our community to support and encourage them as they set out to make a difference in our school. Good luck to:

**Semester One Leaders School Parliament**

Prime Minister – Kyrene Carter

Deputy Prime Minister – Charles Dino

Year 5 Parliament Leaders – Teliah Collins, Ellie Smith, Daniel Barone, Lauren Kelly, Matthew Cawley

Year 6 Parliament Leaders – Kyle Giannis, Kathryn Liston, Avleen Nerwal, Noah Egan

**Semester One Sports Captains**

- Bradman Captain Nathan Corkery; Vice Captain Natasha Achilles
- Gilmore Captain Zoe Evans; Vice Captain Shaun Cossart-McGrath
- Patterson Captain Liam Neindorf; Vice Captain Abigail Adera
- Fraser Captain Lisa Noja; Vice Captain Anthony Marando

Together we are Building God’s Kingdom.

Greg Walker
Acting Principal
A Message from the Religious Education Coordinator

We had a great start to the new term last week with our Opening Mass with Father Lachlan.

The Theme for the year was introduced and the students have started learning the song “Building God’s Kingdom” by John Burland. Mrs Wilson has choreographed some wonderful actions to the lyrics. The kindergarten class for 2013 also joined us at Mass. This was their first experience of a whole school Mass and they were fantastic!

**Our Current Value:** Respect

We can encourage respect for others by remembering to use our manners. One of the most sincere forms of respect is actually listening to what another has to say. Bryant H. McGill

http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/b/bryanthmc168254.html#IsldhXJu5tTlg4Yi.99

**The Rule of the Week:** Hands off

We show respect to others by keeping our hands and feet to ourselves.

**Our School Prayer**

Dear St Anthony,

You came our way to let us know we are loved each day. A gift we share by what we do and say.

You spread the word of Christ, you are a guiding light. Help us to spread the good news and share your insight.

You showed people the way, you lent a helping hand. Fill our hearts and minds with the gift to understand.

You acted with justice, respect and peace in every way. Help us to follow your footsteps in our work and play.

**For the Diary**

**Community Prayer**

- Year 6 Assisi is leading the prayer in Block 1
- Year 2 Assisi is leading the prayer in Block 2

Please remember that this is a time where all parents, staff and children join together in prayer.

**Ash Wednesday 13th February**

- The children will be participating in a Liturgy in year groups throughout the day to start the season of Lent in preparation for Easter.

Anne Marie Devlin   Acting Religious Coordinator
SCHOOL FEES

Term 1 school fees will be sent home next week. Prompt payment of outstanding 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.

If you have children attending other systemic Catholic Schools please inform us in writing as soon as possible. This information is used for the family discount and at which school you should be paying the Building Fund. Thank You.

CANTEEN ROSTER: 6231 4022
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Price increase: Cheesy and Garlic Bread – 60 cents, Garlic Cheesy – 80 cents

Please consider helping in the Canteen Shifts are from 1 hour to all day

Tuck Day Notes and money are due on the 21 February

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**IMPORTANT SCHOOL INFORMATION**

**Storm Water Damage**

The school library suffered significant water damage in the storm on Australia Day evening. The damage was in the front part of the library. The carpet affected has been dried and taped down temporarily and the roof damage will be fixed shortly. All repair work will be paid for by our school insurance.

**Care Meals Needed**

The school has a freezer to store care meals to provide to families in need of support. The freezer is empty and we now need donations of care meals to stock the freezer. If you can provide a meal please contact the front office for details or leave meals (with meal ingredients clearly marked) to the front office in school hours. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**School Website**

Due to a change in administrator the school website has not been updated. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience. The website will be updated as soon as possible and as a matter of urgency.

**School Hours:**

Supervision of students begins at 8:30. Morning assembly begins at 8:55. Recess begins at 11:00 for eating followed by play between 11:10 and 11:45. Lunch begins at 1:15 for eating and 1:25 to 2:00pm for play. The official time for the school day to finish is 3:20pm. The children can be collected from the asphalt or they will make their way to the line for their main method of travelling home ie: Bus Line or walking home line. Children are expected to be **OFF** the grounds no later than 3:45. **It would be especially helpful if parents picking up older children (particularly Year levels 3-6) could encourage them to walk to Wanniassa Oval. This will help to alleviate traffic congestion in the drive through section.** If travel arrangements change due to weather conditions please have those plans in place and make sure that your child understands the. Eg when it is not raining to catch the bus home, but if it is raining Dad will come through the Drive Through and pick you up. Rainy days are really busy in the front office and sometimes messages do not make their way to your child.

**Office Hours:**

The front office is open from 8.30am till 4.00pm Monday to Friday.

**Health Advice:**

If your child suffers from any health problems that can cause serious episodes resulting in an emergency (e.g. asthma, severe allergic reactions etc.). We also require specific information that would enable us to quickly identify both the student and the appropriate action. Completed Actions Plans with a photo of the child should be handed into the office as soon as possible. If you have any doubt as to whether your child should have one of these completed plans, please contact the office for advice. **Pupil Information cards will also be checked as they are returned and you will be contacted if we think it appropriate for you to lodge a special identification form.**
**Pupil Information Cards:**

Cards will go home this week. We ask that parents complete the card *(front and back)* carefully. These cards are used so we can contact parents quickly in case of emergency and to update our computer records. If, at any time during the year, your contact details change please **notify the office immediately**. Return your completed card to your child’s teacher as soon as possible. If you do not know your child’s Sports House, please leave it blank and we will fill it in.

**Medication:**

We are required by law to hold a signed ‘Consent to Dispense Medication’ form before we administer medication to any student (All medication needs to be supplied by parents/carers). If your child needs temporary or long term medication please contact the office to obtain the necessary consent form. Similarly, if the dosage requirements alter, it is necessary for us to hold a ‘Notification of Change to Medication’. These forms are also available from the front office. As a safety precaution we ask that regular medications be placed in a segregated container (available from most pharmacies) with the child’s name, dosage and frequency clearly marked. **PLEASE LABEL ALL YOUR CHILD’S BELONGINGS**

**Traffic Arrangements:**

If you need to exit your vehicle you will need to park in the allocated car park. Parents who arrived before 3:20pm will be required to park in the car park and walk to the asphalt to collect their child/ren. There is “No Standing” on any kerbs in the St Anthony’s Car Park. In the afternoon please do not start queuing into the school until you are absolutely sure that the last bus has collected children. Your patience and kindness with each other is very much appreciated.

**Temporary School Closure on days of Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating.**

Parents, carers and students need to be aware that our school will be closed on days with a fire danger rating of Catastrophic. This decision has been made following a risk assessment by the ACT Emergency Services Agency (ESA) and the Catholic Education Office.

The daily Fire Danger Rating is published by the ESA and announced in the media. A rating of Catastrophic means that if a fire starts, it is likely to be uncontrollable, unpredictable and fast moving, similar to the January 2003 Canberra firestorm. On such days, advice from the ESA is that people in areas of Canberra identified as at risk should
relocate to other areas. Further information is available on the ESA website: www.esa.act.gov.au.

It is expected that a Fire Danger Rating of Catastrophic will be declared by ESA around 4.00 pm to be effective the following day. It is the responsibility of parents and carers to ensure students do not attend school on days with a Fire Danger Rating of Catastrophic. Parents and carers should not rely solely on contact from the school and are advised to be aware of the emergency management communication channels such as:

**Radio**
- 666 ABC Canberra: AM 666
- 2CC Canberra: AM 1206
- 2CA Canberra: AM 1053
- Mix 106.3 Canberra: FM 106.3
- FM 104.7 Canberra: FM 104.7

**Television**
- ABC TV Canberra
- Prime TV Canberra
- Southern Cross Ten Canberra
- WIN TV Canberra

**Press**
- The Canberra Times

**Telephone**
- Canberra Connect: 13 22 81

**Websites**
- Emergency Services Agency: www.esa.act.gov.au
- Canberra Connect: www.canberraconnect.act.gov.au

It is expected that the ESA will declare Catastrophic fire danger days very infrequently and it is likely that most bushfire seasons will pass without any such declaration being made.

However, it has been determined in association with the ESA and the ACT Department of Education, that it is safer and more appropriate to close schools on such days rather than try to evacuate them should a fire event actually occur. This procedure has also been adopted by ACT government schools and the Association of Independent Schools for all schools identified by the ESA as being at risk.

If any parent requires further information or discussion of this matter please contact the school.
St Anthony’s 2013 Netball Season

Is your Yr 2-6 daughter or son interested in playing netball for our school? We are looking for netball players, team coaches and umpires!

Come to our registration: **Saturday 23rd Feb 12-2pm** at St Anthony’s School Hall

**Fees:** $130 a player for the full season (approx. 16 weeks)
(Cash or cheque only made out to St Anthony’s P&F – no EFTPOS or Visa/Mastercard sorry)

**Uniform:** St Anthony’s sports uniform

Our teams play as part of the Tuggeranong Netball Association (TNA) competition at the Calwell Netball courts on Saturday mornings

2013 season dates TBC (approx. 24th March to 21st September)
(for more info go to [www.tna.act.netball.asn.au](http://www.tna.act.netball.asn.au))

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact:
Jo Lane via email (groovylanes@optusnet.com.au) or 0431 913 310 after 5pm

If you cannot attend registration day, forms will be available in the school office but must be returned with payment no later than Friday 22nd February

We look forward to an exciting St Anthony’s 2013 netball season!
Dear Parents/Carers

A sibling discount of 20% will apply next year to the CEO Tuition Fee for the eldest child attending an ACT system primary school where they have an elder sibling in a system secondary school.

The four CEO systemic secondary schools are St Francis Xavier, Merici, St Clare’s and St Mary MacKillop College. (St Edmunds, Marist and Daramalan are not systemic schools.) It is important that the following information be completed showing where all school age children will be attending in 2013 and returned to the front office as soon as possible.

Failure to do so may mean families missing out on the discount.

This will also be used to determine where the building fund contribution will be billed.

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Discounts that will apply for the **CEO Tuition Fee** in 2013 are:

- 20% for the 1\textsuperscript{st} child with an elder sibling attending an Archdiocesan Secondary School
- 70% for the 2\textsuperscript{nd} child attending an Archdiocesan Primary School
- 80% for the 3\textsuperscript{rd} child attending an Archdiocesan Primary School
- No charge for a 4\textsuperscript{th} or subsequent child/children attending an Archdiocesan Primary or Secondary School

To enable us to pass these fee discounts on, we require you to complete the following information and return it to the school by **Friday 08/12/2013**

Yours Sincerely
Greg Walker
What is it?  Aussie Sport is an opportunity for Kinder, Year 1, and Year 2 children to get together on a Saturday morning and have fun playing sport. The aim is to teach basic sporting skills whilst introducing the kids to a number of different sports. Some sports we play are T-Ball, Cricket, Hockey, Soccer, Basketball as well as plenty of fun games and activities. The emphasis is on getting outside, having fun, and trying your best. Parents are encouraged to participate.

When is it? We meet on the asphalt every Saturday morning at 10:00am for one hour. On a rainy day it will be held indoors in School Hall. Term 1 Aussie Sports starts on Sat 16th Feb and runs up to and including 6th April 2013. Sports uniform NOT required but a water bottle & hat is.

How much? $10 per family for full term. All funds go to the St Anthony’s P&F. For more information call Adrian Trappett (0412 515 883) or email: avtrappett@fastmail.fm Adrian@Gmail.com.