Dear Parents and Carers

Staff Update

- Welcome back Mr Jon Liddle from his overseas trip.
- Good luck to Mrs Alisa Spackman who is in Launceston this week coaching the Under 15 ACT squad at the National Netball Championships.

WAKAKIRRI WEEK!

After months of planning, rehearsals, costume making and painting the Year 6 Wakakirri show is just two days away. Congratulations to Mrs Alisa Spackman and Mr Greg Rick for all of their hard work and to the other staff and parents who have helped in so many ways to get them to this point. Last week many people received a sneak preview of their ‘Jumanji’ performance in the hall! I wish the students performing all the best for their big night.

NAIDOC Mass

Thank you to Mrs Chantal Warnes and Mrs Marg Nolan for attending the CEO NAIDOC Week Mass at St Christopher’s Cathedral on Friday with some of our indigenous students. From all reports the Mass a prayerful and meaningful celebration.

New School Website

The new St Anthony’s School Website is now live. There are some content and policy updates still to be uploaded, however, I invite you all to have a look and I would welcome any feedback. Please let me know if there is information that you believe could be added or services that could be provided or linked through the website.

Working Bee Success

Thank you to the parents and staff who generously volunteered for the working bee on Sunday 28 July. In particular, a big thank you to Daryl Hancock for donating his tree lopping equipment and expertise. Around 20 people helped out, which enabled us to get through a lot work to improve the school grounds, including trimming the trees overhanging the buildings, cleaning the gutters, and removing the litter which had accumulated under the trees below the junior oval. The school had previously received a quote of around $7000 to trim the trees and clear the gutters, so the 20 people who showed up have effectively donated $7000 for the school to use on other projects that benefit the students. To put this in context, this is roughly equivalent to 1/3 of the total revenue from the fete. (Paul Locke – P&F Maintenance Coordinator)

P & F Pastoral Care Coordinator Position Filled

I am pleased to announce that Libby Andrew and Donna Lambert have offered to coordinate the Pastoral Care Committee on behalf of the Parents and Friends Association. Libby and Donna will share the role and endeavour to support our students and families in a variety of ways depending on circumstances. Mrs Sarah Maldon (Religious Education Coordinator) will also be involved with pastoral care and help coordinate and communicate the support provided to students and families.
2014 Fete Coordinator Needed
With a highly successful 2013 School Fete behind us now the P&F are planning this event for 2014. The position of 2014 Fete Coordinator needs to be filled to get things started. Libby Andrew did a fantastic job in this role this year and would be available to share her insights in a supportive role. The Fete Coordinator role is important and a great way for one parent to contribute to our biggest event of the year. If you are interested please contact the front office or a member of the P&F.

2013 Walkathon
Thank you to Ms Cate Druhan and Mrs Leah Malpas for their efforts in preparing and presenting our Walkathon launch last Friday. All students are encouraged to seek sponsorship safely, in ways you give permission within the limits people can afford. There are incentive prizes and random prizes so everyone has a chance to receive a reward for their efforts. We look forward to the event on Friday 13 September (Week 8) – remember it’s a ‘SPOOKY’ theme given the date!

Working With Vulnerable People (WWVP) Cards
Further to information provided in the newsletter in recent weeks:

- All volunteers in schools will need a WWVP card by November 8 2013.
- If you lodge your WWVP application form at an ACT Shopfront they will take your photo which saves you time and money.
- There is no cost for the card and it is valid for 3 years.
- You are required to tick Child Education Services to work in a school. You could also tick additional categories if you help in sporting clubs, community groups etc.
- New families will now receive a WWVP form at enrolment time.
- Remember existing parents/carers/grandparents need to apply as soon as possible to have their card by the deadline/introductory date of 8 November 2013.

Upcoming Events/PD/Meetings:
- Year 3 will celebrate their year level Mass at 10 am this Thursday.
- Grandparents and Special Peoples’ Day will remain on Friday 30 August (Week 6). This is Father’s Day weekend and perhaps families will come together for the weekend.
- Calendar addition: Our P&F will organise the annual Father’s Day Stall on Thursday 29 August (Week 6).

I wish everyone a wonderful Week 2. Together ‘We are Building God’s Kingdom’.

Greg Walker
Principal

Walkathon News
Please return your walkathon cards (NO MONEY) on Thursday with a current tally of money promised. With every $10 promised students will go into a prize draw which will be announced at Friday morning assembly.

School Banking
Attached to this newsletter is information about the commencement of School Banking.

School Fees
Term 3 School fee statements will be sent home shortly. Payments may be made by cash, cheque, credit card, BPAY, EFTPOS or Direct Debit. Thank you, Judy Mead.

Spare Clothing
A reminder to parents to please pack spare clothes for any little accidents that may occur. Remember it doesn’t have to be a toileting issue – we have had students fall into puddles or get wet from the bubblers etc. If any parents have spare uniforms in the smaller sizes that you no longer need, the front office would love donations.

Happy Birthday to:

Have a wonderful day!
From the Religious Education Coordinator...

VALUE FOCUS
For the first five weeks of this term we focus on the value of Integrity. The students will be exploring this value in Peer Support, learning about it during Focus Assemblies, sharing ideas in class and listening to what it means and what it looks like in Morning Assembly. This week in Morning Assembly we have read the students a poem, it would be lovely to read this poem at home and discuss with your child how they can act with integrity.

Integrity by Gary Dodd
Integrity is standing up for what you believe in. It is treating everyone equally and fairly, acting independent of others that do otherwise. It is being open and honest, responsible for all of your actions. It is speaking out when others are treated poorly. It is refusing to participate in actions detrimental to others. It is admitting and apologising for your errors, when mistakes are made. It is respecting your environment, your fellow humans, and yourself. Integrity is not a characteristic, it is a way of life. It is what you do, and what you say, always. It sets you apart from others, it defines you as a person. Treat others as you would want to be treated. Be upstanding, be forthright, be conscious of your actions. Remember to always act with integrity!

FIRST EUCHARIST
This weekend many of our Year 3 students and some Year 4 students will be making their commitment to the Sacrament of First Eucharist at their Commitment Mass. We invite all members of our school community to join us at St Anthony’s Parish Church at 9am on Sunday to share in this special time with the students.

A SPECIAL INVITATION FROM YEAR 3
Dear Parents, Carers, Families and Friends,

Please join us in celebrating the Year 3 Mass on Thursday August 1st 2013 at 10am in the school hall.

We would love to see you there!

Wishing you a peaceful week,
Sarah Maldon
Religious Education Coordinator
Student of the Week
Congratulations to the following students:


Weekend Netball

Year 2 Turbo Girls - Although a very frosty morning, the Turbo Girls did a top job in forcing the Netball and keeping it down our end of the court for the majority of the game. Good passing and court position as well as tight defence re-enforced this. Some great intercepts throughout the game. Annabel P was awarded player of the match with a goal saving intercept right at the end of the game.

Year 4 Fizz Whizzers – We had a very tough opposition this week. The Fizz Whizzers kept their cool and worked hard to maximise possession of the ball – they had some fantastic passages of play. The whole team is continuing to develop their skills by clearing the space and defending passes. Many thanks to Sophie (Year 5) for doing such an awesome job umpiring! Well done to everyone!

Year 5 Crazy Stars – The Crazy Stars rose to the challenge set for them by the opponents this week. The girls had a very close game and a special mention to the shooters for getting the most goals they have ever scored! Well done to everyone for such a great game.

A past student of St Anthony’s will tonight audition for X Factor with his group called Straight Up. Liam Ferrari finished Year 6 at St Anthony’s in 2008. Good Luck Liam!

Students leaving St Anthony’s
Please inform the school as soon as possible if your child does not require a place at St Anthony’s in 2014. Present Year 6 excepted

Snowsports Interschool Races
Last week Callin (4/5A) and Jenna (2P) took part in the ACT/Southern NSW Snowsports Interschool Races at Perisher. We had beautiful crisp sunny days and the girls enjoyed themselves immensely. Both the girls participated in the Alpine and Skiercross events against schools mainly from the ACT, Jindabyne, Cooma and Berridale. The Alpine event is where skiers are timed on a modified giant slalom course. The Skiercross event is where skiers are timed on a slope-style course. Callin raced in Division 4, being Year 5 & 6. She raced an excellent Alpine run and came 24th. She came 32nd for the Skiercross. Jenna raced in Division 5, being Year 4 and below. She came 31st in the Skiercross and 38th in the Alpine. This was a fantastic effort for their first time against experienced racers and those who ski and train every weekend for these events.

Sun Smart Policy
August is approaching fast and with that marks the end of time when students are not required to wear their school hats. As of next week students will be expected to wear their school hat otherwise they will not be permitted on the playground. No Hat – No Play!

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Parent Support Group: For parents of children with a disability

Participants: The Learning Support Team, Catholic Education Office (CEO) is facilitating a Parent Support Group. This group is for parents of Students with a Disability. The purpose of this group is to meet and chat with other parents. It also provides the opportunity for parents to meet the CEO Learning Support Team.

Date: Wednesday 7th August 2013

Time/Venue: 5.30 to 7.00pm
The Rheinberger Centre
Cnr of Weston and Loch Street, Yarralumla

Contact: RSVP not essential
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‘The Future Starts Today, Not Tomorrow’
Fathers & Special Persons Day Stall

To ensure that there are enough gifts available for the 2013 Fathers & Special Persons Day Stall, we are now taking orders!

All gifts are $5.00 each

Multiple gift orders are most welcome.

Pre orders will be taken until Friday 23rd August.

Children will choose their gifts on Thursday 29th August.

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

Fathers & Special Persons Day Stall

Childs Name: _____________________________ Class: ________________

I would like to purchase (number of gifts) _________________________
Of $5.00 each

Money enclosed: _______________________________________________