Dear Parents and Carers

**Staff News**
Good luck to Mrs Ana Olsen for her last week at St Anthony’s. After many years of teaching Italian at our school Ana is taking up a position at Marist College from 2014. I have heard students tell me the words they can speak and write in Italian and also the facts they know about Italy. I’m sure Ana’s commitment to teaching languages and her organisation of special school events has led many students to develop a love of languages. Ana’s last day is this Thursday and there will be a small presentation at morning assembly. On behalf of the school community I wish Ana all the best for her new school.

**Kinder Orientation Second Session**
On Monday this week the second and last Kindergarten Orientation session for 2014 was held. This was a longer 3 hour session for the students and teachers and gave them a full experience of big school! Well done to everyone involved and we look forward to seeing our new Kinders again on Tuesday 5 February!

**St Anthony’s Christmas Raffle Drawn Friday!**
Due to the school disco and other commitments of parents, the advertised Family Breakfast set down for before school this Friday 6 December has been cancelled by the P&F. However, the Christmas Raffle will still be drawn at morning assembly this Friday.

Remember to return your raffle tickets as soon as possible to the front office. An enormous amount of work has gone into organising the raffle and there are some great prizes on offer. I would like to particularly like to thank Elena Kurtz for her tireless efforts with the raffle on behalf of the P&F.

**School Disco Friday**
The last P&F Disco is on this Friday night in the hall. This Disco may be popular with students given it is the last one for 2104 and the weather is so nice. Please bring your child/ren along to support the P&F in their continued efforts to fundraise and provide social events for the school. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help at all of our Discos in 2013. Thank you to our Canteen Manager Maree for her commitment to the Discos and the canteen in general.

**Retaining Wall**
On the weekend three parents, on behalf of the P&F, Paul Locke, Greg Sloane and Chris Smith, repaired and restructured the oval side of the retaining wall around the trees near the asphalt/oval. New sleepers and bearers were installed. This was a huge task but needed doing urgently. The project has made this wall safer and stronger for use by the school community. Thank you to Paul, Greg and Chris for their efforts.
School Board Elections

We are calling for nominations for two parent representatives on the School Board commencing in 2014. Please see the attached information and nomination forms. Nominations are to be received at the front office by 4pm on Thursday 12 December. If an election is required to select the correct number of parents, this process will begin on Friday 13 December, including distribution of ballot papers etc. Parent Representatives on the School Board have an important role and usually have to nominate for one of the four executive roles that must be undertaken by parents on the Board. There are often readings, reports and actions required by members of the Board between meetings. All parent representatives contribute to discussions on school policy, administration and governance. All School Board members have an obligation to follow the Archdiocesan Constitution and Guidelines, be confidential in all matters, supportive of the Principal and the school and be proactive in their interactions with members of the school community. Meeting are held once per month and may need to be available for occasional evenings for other forms of training and gatherings. If you would like more information on the roles you are most welcome to contact me or Maria O’Donnell.

I would like to thank our current School Board members; Father Lachlan Coll, Michael Bradley, Danielle Richardson, Maria O’Donnell, Kim Smith, Shaun Flor, Loretta Menham and Jason Egan. In particular I would like to thank our retiring School Board Chair Maria O’Donnell for her efforts and contributions to the school community in this role in the past two years. Maria’s eldest child leaves the school in 2013 and this is the end of her family’s journey through the school. I would also like to thank Jason Egan for his role as Secretary on the School Board. Jason’s current term of two years has expired.

I wish you all the best for Week 8.

Remember together ‘We are Building God’s Kingdom’ in our daily work and interactions.

Greg Walker
Principal
From the Religious Education Coordinator...

Wishing you a peaceful week,

Sarah Maldon
Religious Education Coordinator

Community Prayer:
Please join us as Kinder Padua and 6 Assisi lead Community Prayer this Thursday at 9am.

Date to remember:
Year 6 Graduation Mass
Thursday December 12th 5:30pm
Year 6 Graduation Dinner
Thursday December 12th 7:15pm
School Fees
School Fees are now overdue! If you are experiencing difficulty with your fees please contact us as soon as possible. Judy Mead

Congratulations to the following students who are this week’s Students of the week:

Certificates are given out at Friday morning assembly – if your child is away they will be given out the following Friday.

Happy Birthday to the following students:
Adrian G, Jai K, Dillon P, Kaiesha N and Rohan S

Enjoy your day!

Celebrating our achievements:
Matthew C (5L) recently sat his Grade 3 Practical Piano Exam and was awarded an A (Honours). Congratulations Matthew!

Thank You
I would like to thank the St Anthony community for the wonderful messages and words of support I received upon my retirement.

It was not an easy decision to make after all these years teaching but somehow I felt the time was right. I will now have more time to spend with my lovely family.

I will not miss the freezing winter and boiling summer playground duties, I will not miss the administration that goes with teaching however I will miss the children with their welcoming smiles, frequent questions and desire to learn

Thanks again, my dear friends.
Mrs Christine Moore

The Clothing Pool will be open this Wednesday from 3.00pm – 4.00pm.
If you have any Jumpers, or Polo’s (with the new logo) dresses, pants, shorts/skorts or track suits, pants, in good condition that your children have out grown, the clothing pool would welcome your donation – please remember that all monies raised by the clothing pool is redistributed by the P & F into worthy school projects which benefit all our children.

Please note; we do not have credit card facilities so please bring along cash and we will see you on Wednesday.

2014 Fete – Craft Stall
Donations of the following items for the Fete Craft stall can be dropped off at the school front office any time before the end of the year. All donations are greatly appreciated.

- Ribbon - any kind (big lengths are preferred)
- Lace - any kind (big lengths are preferred)
- Felt sheets – any colours (A4 size)
- Hair ties - any colour
- Material scraps (children’s patterns preferred)
- Shoelace style elastic (the round kind)
- Glitter

Kerrie Fradgley, Craft stall coordinator

Canteen News

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Disco Reminder: All notes and money to be returned by Wednesday 4th December. Thanks to Nicolle Sullivan for making up the disco packs.
Anyone who has volunteered to help at the help needs to hold a Working with Vulnerable People Card and if not will need to complete a statutory declaration.

Prize winners for the canteen helpers raffle were:
1st prize Vicky Schmidt
(Woolies gift voucher)
2nd prize: Jodie Stewart
(Bottle of Wine)
3rd Prize: Renee Kite
(a nights work at the next disco)

SPECIALS:
- Popcorn 50c packet
- Pizza Slice $1.00

Flexischools On-Line Ordering now available
Go to www.flexischools.com.au
- Click register
- Enter your email address
- You will be emailed a link to an online form
- Choose and username and password and complete the form
- Add each student and their class
Christmas Celebrations

**Jesse Tree** Want to be a part of this Advent ceremony during **Saturday 7 December 6pm Mass** at St Anthony’s Parish? If so, please contact Helen on 6161 7329 or 0407706502. Children of all ages can take part.

**Sports and Cultural Photo’s**
The Sports and Cultural Photos are available for viewing and ordering at the Front Office.

**Sibling Discount Form**
Please complete the form below and return to the front office as soon as possible.

**Kinder – Year 2 Christmas Party**
The Christmas Party will take place at Lollypop’s Playground and Café, Majura Park, Canberra Avenue on Friday 13th December at 6pm. If you wish to attend please return slips and admission fee by tomorrow to the front office. Parents are required to stay with their children at this event.

Netball Club

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

MADDIES NETBALL CLUB IS SEEKING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FROM CURRENT GRADE 6 GIRLS TO JOIN OUR CLUB FOR THE 2014 SEASON AS INTERMEDIATE PLAYERS.

We offer an affordable happy environment with all facilities including training, coaching and umpiring as well as the opportunity to be part of a very successful and progressive club.

If you are interested and would like to find out more about our club please go to our website

**www.maddiesnc.net**

If you are interested in joining our maddies family you can drop us a line at maddies@maddiesnc.net

Formal registration commence early in 2014
All forms will be available on our website soon

We look forward to hearing from you

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**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: ____________________
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.)

With the introduction of a sibling discount it is important that the following information be completed showing where all school age children will be attending in 2014 and returned to the front office as soon as possible.

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

This information 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 2014 are:

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

To enable us to pass on these fee discounts it is a requirement to complete the following information and return it to the school by **Friday 06/12/2013**.

Yours Sincerely
Greg Walker
I am organising the canteen roster for Term 1, 2014. 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:
NOMINATION FORM FOR POSITION ON THE
ST ANTHONY’S PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD
Appointment and Elections of Parents to the School Board

‘The protocols for appointing Parent Members to the Board are to be determined by the Board and publicised to the school community each year.’

The St Anthony’s Parish Primary School Board has determined and approved the following process:

1. The Chairperson will call for nominations from parents of students currently attending St Anthony’s Parish Primary School to fill the vacancies on the School Board at the end of each year.
2. Nomination and balloting periods will be advertised in the school newsletter prior to the election.
3. Nominations must be in writing on the official nomination form and seconded by another family of a student currently attending St Anthony’s Parish Primary School. Nominations must be accepted by the nominee.
4. The list of nominations will be published in the school newsletter as well as on the ballot paper.
5. All families with students currently attending St Anthony’s Parish Primary School are entitled to one vote. That is one vote per family.
6. Each family is allocated one ballot paper, which will be sent home on coloured paper.
7. Completed ballot forms are to be returned to the school by the date set below.
8. Votes can be lodged at the front office; they can be returned personally or may be returned to school by students as per our normal practice for returning school notes.
9. Ballot papers will be lodged in a locked ballot box located at the Front Office.
10. The Principal and the Parish Priest will act as returning officers.
11. The election is determined by a simple majority.
12. In the event of a tied vote, the Parish Priest will cast the deciding vote.

Nominations are to be returned to St Anthony’s School by 4pm
Thursday 12th December 2013

If an election is required, ballot papers will be emailed on Friday 13th of December to be returned by 12pm on Friday 20th December
NOMINATION FORM FOR POSITION ON
ST ANTHONY’S PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD
To: Father Lachlan Coll, Parish Priest & Mr Greg Walker, Principal

Proposed:

I, ____________________________ (your name)
nominate ____________________________ (person you wish to nominate)
for a position on the St Anthony’s Primary School Board to serve for a period of two years.

Signed

Date

Name and Class of your Eldest Child

Seconded:

I, ____________________________ (your name)
second the nomination of ____________________________ (person being nominated)
for a position on the St Anthony’s Primary School Board to serve for a period of two years.

Signed

Date

Name and Class of your Eldest Child

Nominee Acceptance

I, ____________________________ (your name)
accept the nomination proposed by ____________________________ (person who nominated you)
for a position on the St Anthony’s Primary School Board to serve for a period of two years.

Signed

Date

Name and Class of your Eldest Child