Dear Parents and Carers

Ash Wednesday Liturgy

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and there will be a whole school liturgy at 2.15pm in the hall. This will be the first of a number of special whole school liturgies throughout the year. These liturgies complement our Thursday Community Prayer sessions and provide an opportunity for all students in the school to gather together in prayer.

Year 2 Assembly

Good luck to Year 2 teachers and students as they prepare for their assembly this Friday. This is the first Focus Assembly of the year. Parents are most welcome to attend Focus assemblies – remember that these assemblies are at the new time of 2.15pm.

Afternoon Oval Crossing

It is great to have many families using this option of early pick up each afternoon. It certainly takes the pressure of the main school car park. However, last week a safety issue in regard to the oval crossing was raised by parents using this pick up area. The concern is about students crossing the car park road unaccompanied to cars parked on the far side of the car park. To ensure safety parents or carers need to leave their car and meet their children on the oval side of the car park and cross the road with them. Teachers will attempt to keep children on the oval side of the car park as well. I will remind all students of the safe practices at morning assembly next week.

Car Park Drop Off and Pick Up

A parent has raised concerns with me that on numerous occasions at morning drop off this term they have witnessed a number of near misses between students and cars as cars pull out from the back of the queue and pass those in front. The safest practice for drivers is to:

1) Please be patient.
2) Cars should leave the drop off zone (and pick up zone) in the order that they entered the zones.
3) Please ensure your children are ready to be dropped off i.e do not have extended conversations with the children at the drop off zone if this is necessary use the car park.

Annual Archdiocesan Retreat

This week I will be away from Wednesday to Friday at the Annual Principal’s CEO Staff Retreat. This is one of the two times per year all ACT/NSW primary and secondary principals and CEO staff get together. For the first time the Retreat is to be held at Bowral.
School Board Meeting
The first School Board meeting for 2014 was held last Tuesday and the following parents were elected to executive positions:

- Jason Egan – Chairperson
- Loretta Menham – Deputy Chairperson
- Kylie Downes – Treasurer
- Nicole Gray – Secretary (and P&F Rep)

Other members of the St Anthony’s 2014 School Board include Father Lachlan Coll, Greg Walker, Michael Bradley, Wayne Young (New Staff Rep), Shaun Flor (P&F Rep) and James Fletcher.

Thank you to outgoing School Board members Danielle Richardson (Staff Rep), Kim Smith (P&F Rep) and Maria O’Donnell (School Board Chair) for their involvement and support of the school through their respective positions.

The first Parents and Friends meeting was also held last Tuesday and a number of parents were nominated to undertake various roles. The P&F executive is similar to 2013. Congratulations to:

- Chris Smith who was re-elected as President
- Paul Locke who was re-elected as Vice President
- Louise Wright who was re-elected as Treasurer
- The Secretary position remained vacant (but does need to be filled)

The parents present at the meeting also suggested a number of new initiatives. One of these initiatives is to start a P&F Newsletter each fortnight, with the first edition planned for Week 6 (next week). The first P&F Newsletter will outline the parents in each role and the positions which remain vacant. There will also be news and discussions from the P&F meetings. Keep an eye out for this new publication.

Have a great week and enjoy the Canberra Day long weekend coming up!! Remember using the many gifts God has given each of us, “Life’s a Celebration!”

Greg Walker
Principal

**SCHOOL FEES**

Term 1 school fees are due on the 13th of March. Payments may be made by cash, cheque, credit card, BPAY, EFTPOS or Direct Debit. There is a formal process to apply for fee concessions if you are experiencing financial difficulties. Please contact me for more details. Thank You. Judy Mead.

**DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

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| P & F Meeting      | Wed 26th March | 7pm

**Swimming Carnival Ribbons**

There has been a delay with the delivery of the swimming ribbons. Ribbons will not be awarded this week. We will update progress in next week’s newsletter.

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Tomorrow, Ash Wednesday, marks the beginning of our season of Lent, a special time in our Church and school community where we think about the mystery of Jesus’ life and death, and how we can grow to be more loving by following Jesus’ way.

Lent is underpinned by three main principles, these include:

1. ‘Abstaining from something that you enjoy, or giving up a bad habit’,
   "Are you capable of risking your life for someone? Do it for Christ."
   (Pope John Paul II)
2. ‘Focusing on the needs of others- doing something for someone else’
   “Never look down on anybody unless you’re helping him up. ~Jesse Jackson
   There is no greater loan than a sympathetic ear”. (Frank Tyger)
3. ‘Focusing on the need to improve ourselves’.
   Treat everyone with politeness, even those who are rude to you - not because they are nice, but because you are. (Author Unknown)

Please join us at our Ash Wednesday Liturgy: Wednesday 5th March at 2:15pm in the school hall.

Community Prayer

Thank you 5/6Assisi and 2 Assisi for leading us in a beautiful Community Prayer this week. Both the Year 5/6 students and the Year 2 students told the creation story using beautiful imagery and song.

While I know myself as a creation of God, I am also obliged to realize and remember that everyone else and everything else are also God’s creation. (Maya Angelou)

Please join us for Community Prayer Thursday 6th March straight after the bell.
5 Lisbon leading prayer in Block One.
2 Padua leading prayer in Block Two.

Focus Assembly

Please join us as Year 2 present our first Focus Assembly of the year- Friday 7th March 2:15pm in the school hall.

This week we finish our current value Respect and begin our new value: Care and Compassion

“If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion”.
(Dalai Lama)

Orla Duggan
Acting Religious Education Coordinator.
Archbishop Mass – Saturday 8th March

Our new Archbishop, Christopher Prowse will be saying Mass in our parish church on Sternberg Cres this Saturday 8th March 2014 at 6:00pm. He would like to meet as many parishioners as he can so please come along to this Mass if possible. Coffee and tea will be provided after Mass.

Happy Birthday to:
Taliyah F, Jackson C, Angelo B, Alexander D, Angus M, Riona J, Joseph K, Mia S and Nadia T.

Have a wonderful day!

Student of the Week

Awards will be presented at MORNING Assembly this Friday and 9am.

2014 Term Dates
Term 1
Monday 3 February - Friday 11 April
Term 2
Monday 28 April – Friday 4 April
Term 3
Monday 21 July – Friday
Term 4
Monday 13 October – Wednesday 17 December

Hello St Anthony’s Community
As the fete approaches we are looking for donations of quality hand made products to sell at our craft stall. If you are crafty or know someone who is (grandma!) please consider making something to donate to our stall. Anything from handmade clothes and knitted scarfs to jewellery; cards or even fairy dust necklaces would be gratefully accepted at the front office donation box for the fete craft stall. The more donations we get the better our stall will be!
Kerrie Fradgley
Craft stall coordinator

The SVDP Doorknock
Many thanks to the doorknockers and those who contributed financially to the 2014 appeal. Although our parish was only 69% covered we still managed to raise a total of $18,874.

Italian News
Buongiorno St. Anthonys Parents and Carers,

This week we celebrate Carnevale in the Italian culture. Carnevale is celebrated in many different cities across Italy and begins on the Epiphany or also known as the Twelfth Night (6th of January) and lasts until Shrove Tuesday (today). This means that some Carnevale seasons last for either a short or long time depending on when Easter is.

Carnevale has a similar meaning to remove meat since meat is prohibited during Lent. This signifies that it was the last days when one could eat meat before the fasting of Lent.

Carnevale involves public celebrations, parades, and public street parties. People often dress up with costumes, masks and eat various foods during the celebration.

Please keep an eye out for further information regarding Carnevale events and activities the students will be participating in, during the term. Leah Malpas, Italian Teacher.

World Maths Day
Wednesday 12th March is World Mathematics Day. To celebrate this day St Anthony’s will conduct a rubbish audit. This audit will involve students counting, weighing and sorting rubbish. Students from Kinder to year 6 will count and categorise rubbish from their classroom (all students) and from the playground (year 3-6 students). Data on the amount and types of rubbish will be collated and our findings will be communicated to the school community via next week’s newsletter. Could you please send in gloves with your child on Wednesday. If you have any questions about this activity, please email Leah.Taylor@cg.catholic.edu.au

Action Buses
Action Buses have contacted the school to say that their school has been identified as having a high number of students who do not pay the correct fare. Please note that the price for boarding a school bus is $2.20, please make sure that your children have the correct fare if they are using cash to board a school bus. The most convenient form of payment is the MyWay card, information is available on the Action website. http://www.action.act.gov.au/fares/myway_-_prepaid_ticketing
Welcome to the new P&F Newsletter

There’s some exciting news heading St Anthony’s way. Issue #1 of the new P&F Newsletter will hit your inboxes next Tuesday and will be winging it’s way to you every second Tuesday [even wee weeks] of the school year.

What’s this all about??
The P&F Newsletter will now be the place to find out what the P&F are doing in our school. It will be your new ‘one stop shop’ to find out all the information you need to know about our exciting events, fundraising, our Fete, school banking, Aussie Sports updates, discos, sporting comps, the clothing pool, working bees etc happening within our school community.

The P&F Newsletter will also let you know when our next meeting is, so you can lock the date in your diary, and provide you with an agenda for the meeting. The P&F meetings are a great way to meet other parents in the school community and have your say on many issues. Have a think about coming along to the next P&F meeting in Term 1.

Many people contribute to the success of our P&F in many different ways. Our kids love it when we are involved with their school 😊

Who can contribute?
If you have something you would like to contribute to the P&F Newsletter, please make sure you email it to the Editor by 5pm on Saturday afternoon [the Saturday before the newsletter is published]. Our newsletter editor is Mrs Donna Lambert and her email address is damsel71@aussiemail.com.au

Stay tuned for our exciting news……..

Kindergarten to Year 2 Aussie Sports Program

The Parent & Friends Association is coordinating Aussie Sports activities at the school on Saturday mornings for Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students. It is an excellent way for your child to not only learn the positive aspects of team sport, but also to improve hand/foot/eye co-ordination. It will enable the children to gain the basic skills of running, hitting, kicking and catching with a variety of activities offered. The emphasis is on getting outside, having fun, and trying your best. Parents are encouraged to participate.

The Aussie Sports program for Term 1 will run from 9:30am to 10:30am on four consecutive Saturday mornings from Week 6 (Saturday 15th March) through to Week 9 (Saturday 5th April). We will meet on the asphalt, with activities taking place on the asphalt and on the oval (School Hall if there is inclement weather). Cost for the four-week program will be $10.

To enrol your child in this program, please advise the School office by Wednesday 12 March. Sports uniform is not required, but please make sure your child brings along a water bottle and a hat. We would also appreciate help from any parents who wish to assist with the program. For more information, please call Ellen Turner on 0407 633 944.

Parent Network – Class Reps

Hi all 😊 A huge thank you to those parents who have already signed up to be Class Reps for the Parent Network. We are still searching for a parent/a couple of parents to take on the role for some of our classes. This is not a demanding or a massively time consuming role, but you will be vital in assisting your class teacher and the school community in a supportive way. You will not be expected to attend a lot of meetings, most communication can be done via email. Being able to help out at school is greatly appreciated by the staff [and your kids!] We need your help. You will not be alone in this role.

If you have any questions or simply want to find out more about the role, please contact Donna Lambert on donna.lambert@sfx.act.edu.au or 0401287224.

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I would like to nominate for the role of Class Rep:

Your Name ________________________________
Child’s Name ________________________________
Class ________________________________
Best contact number_________________________
Email ________________________________

Clothing Pool

The Clothing Pool will be open this Wednesday from 3.00pm – 4.00pm. Please see attachment for prices.

On sale this week we have hair accessories packages; package includes 1 headband, 1 scrunchie and 2 pony bows for $10

We also have black Purnell leather school shoes – with velcro, size 9 ½ . $5 a pair

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

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             | Maree Alchin 11-11am  
             | Marie Williams 9-11am |
| Thurs 6 March | Renee Kite 9-11:30am  
                   | Lee Huber 11:30am-2pm |
| Fri 7 March | Lea Locke 9am-2pm  
             | Gemma 9am-11:30am  
             | Shelley Mills 9-11:30am |
| Tues 11 March | Kylie Shenton 9-10am |

Thank you to all the helpers on tuck day!

Price Increases

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St Clare’s College

2015 Enrolments

The enrolment period for Archdiocesan schools is between 5 and 23 May 2014. The College is holding the following events:

**Thursday, 1 May**
Open Evening, 4.30 – 7.00pm

**Tuesday, 6 May**
Year 7 2015 Information Evening, 6.00 – 7.30pm in the College Hall

**Tuesday, 13 May**
Year 11 2015 Information Evening, 6.00 – 7.30pm in the College Hall

Enrolment application forms and information about the College will be distributed at all these events.

For further information contact the Enrolment Officer, Leonie Kelly, on 6260 9405 or leonie.kelly@stclaresc.act.edu.au

**ITFA Taekwondo Classes**

Taekwondo classes are held every Monday night from 6.30pm to 8.00pm in the St Anthony’s School Hall. This class is suitable for everyone over the age of 8 who is interested in Self Defence, making new friends and improving their confidence in a family friendly environment.

Junior classes for 5 to 8 year olds are held each Saturday morning in Greenway. The Junior class is taught using games and exercises to introduce Taekwondo techniques in a fun and relaxed format tailored to the younger students.

For your free introductory lesson and an introduction to Taekwondo, please contact Shane Goddard on 0427 619 991

**Reopening of the Tuggeranong Community Health Centre**

The Tuggeranong Health Centre located on the corner of Anketell & Pitman Streets will reopen its doors to the community from Thursday 27th March 2014.
CAMBERA PCYC BLUELIGHT PRESENTS

BLUELIGHT DISCO

SATURDAY 5TH APRIL - 5:00PM - 7:00PM

ERINDALE PCYC ACTIVITIES CENTRE
(GRATTAN COURT, WANNIASSA, ACT)

$5 ENTRY
CANTEEN AND BBQ
PRIZES AND GIVEAWAYS
PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED KIDS ONLY
NO DRUG AND ALCOHOL EVENT

PCYC BlueLight Canberra
e: mailbluelight@pcyc.net.au
Contact: 0439 512 937 for more details

Lanyon Homestead

OPEN GARDENS AUSTRALIA PLANT FAIR

Sat 22 & Sun 23 March > 10am – 4pm

Lanyon and Open Gardens Australia are hosting a garden spectacular. An opportunity to celebrate everything garden related, from tools to seeds to garden sculpture in a gardener’s heaven. Enjoy plant and food stalls, speakers, tours and children’s activities.

$10 per person, under 18s free. Group booking enquiries to Open Gardens Australia National Events Office: (03) 5568 1138.

www.museumsandgalleries.act.gov.au
**TUGGERANONG UNITED FC JUNIORS 2014 SOCCER REGISTRATION**

If you were born between 2009 and 1997 (girls) or 1996 (boys), you can play soccer with Tuggeranong United Juniors FC. Registration is online at [www.myfootballclub.com.au](http://www.myfootballclub.com.au)

We have open and girls teams. Under 6-7 have six players per team; U8-9 have ten players; U10-U11 have twelve players; U12-U18 have fifteen. Register with friends if you wish.

We are also looking for volunteer coaches and managers for each age group. If you are interested, either email me on the contact details below for more information OR register at [www.myfootballclub.com.au](http://www.myfootballclub.com.au)

Register before Friday 11th April in order to ensure a place in a team. The season starts on Saturday 3rd May.

Enquiries: Tatum Freeman, tufc.rooball@gmail.com

More information is on our website - click on the Junior Club tab at [www.tufc.org.au](http://www.tufc.org.au)