Dear Parents and Carers,

**Staff News**
We all wish Ms Jo Dignan all the very best for her trip overseas to Italy. Jo will be away for 4 weeks including holidays. Safe travels.

Good luck to Mr Gus Quantrill as he travels to Sydney to compete for A.C.T. in the National Hockey Championships. Gus will be away all of Week 10. We hope you have success in the games.

**Walkathon**
What a wonderful event! The students walked in good spirits and talked and had fun along the way in their spooky outfits. When I heard the first rain drops on Friday evening I thought how lucky we were to have a fine day. In fact the mild weather was good for walking and the sun even came out mid-way along the track! Thank you to the staff for dressing up in the spooky theme and for walking with the students or taking on another role on the day. Thank you to Ms Cate Druhan for her great organisation and the many extra hours spent preparing for the day. Thank you to the parents and other volunteers who came together to help out on the day with many jobs. The volunteers were essential for checkpoints to ensure all safety aspects were in place. The BBQ lunch and an icy pole were also very nice after a long walk. I now encourage students and families to return their sponsorship money.

**Principal as Literacy Leaders**
Just for your information, I will be attending this three-day professional learning course at St Clement’s Retreat Centre Galong, starting this Sunday 15 September through to Tuesday 17 September.

**School Disco**
You are reminded that the Term 3 Disco is on this Friday in the school hall.

**Learning Journeys K-6**
Earlier in the year these class sharing opportunities were highlighted as part of our reporting and assessment schedule. The staff have now locked in Thursday 26 September from 8.30am to 10.00am. I hope the early start helps busy parents. You do not have to visit the class for too long but your child would appreciate your attendance. Each year level will design a format that is suitable to age and ability of their students. The students themselves will be able to share aspects of their Semester Two achievements and work as well as the resources they use in their class.
Bus Zone and School Driveway Zone

PLEASE REMEMBER that the driveway in front of the school is a No Stopping or Parking BUS ZONE in the morning and afternoon at the following times:

8.15am - 9.15am MORNINGS
3.00pm - 3.30pm AFTERNOONS

ACTION buses have made formal complaints about

• Cars parking in the driveway near the hall in the mornings stopping buses coming through. Unfortunately this is happening regularly by parents parking and walking their children to OOSCA. Please park in the school car park not the driveway for this purpose.
• Also drive through cars blocking the front entrance to the school property on Wheeler Crescent in the afternoons at approximately 3.10pm. The buses cannot turn into the school property with cars in the right hand lane of the school driveway. PLEASE keep this area free in the afternoons.

These concerns and other issues are to be raised at school board level at our next meeting. Your support in these matters and common courtesy in the school driveway and car park areas is appreciated.

Thank you to Mary Ryan

Next week the staff will farewell Mary and her husband Michael. Mary has worked as the school cleaner at St Anthony's for 23 years. Many of you may know Mary and have seen her carrying out her work around the school. Mary is retiring from this role at the end of this term. I am in the process of working through tenders for the new cleaning contractor now.

Appointment of Archbishop – Canberra Goulburn Archdiocese

We have a new Archbishop. Bishop Christopher Prowse of Sales will be installed at the Archdiocese’s seventh Archbishop at St Christopher’s Cathedral in Canberra on Tuesday 19th November.

Bishop Prowse who will turn 60 only days before his installation, has been Bishop of Sale since mid-2009. Ordained to the priesthood in August 1980, he served in a number of parishes around Melbourne before he was ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne in May 2003.

Born in East Melbourne, the third of six children, Bishop Prowse was educated at St Francis Xavier Primary School and was Captain of St Leo’s College in Box Hill. After attaining Degrees in Arts and Theology, he competed a Doctorate in Moral Theology.

His father, Frank, played for Hawthorn in the Victorian Football league and Bishop Prowse remains a Hawks supporter.

We welcome Archbishop Christopher to our community.

Remember "Together we are Building God’s Kingdom" here at St Anthony’s. All the best for Week 9.

Greg Walker
Principal
On the 12th of September it was National ‘R U OK?’ Day. The staff and students celebrated the importance of this day through staff prayer and community prayer. The purpose of this day is to encourage and empower all people to regularly and meaningfully ask ‘are you ok?’ to support those struggling with life. Within our school community we have the opportunity to support one another in many varying ways. Our Parent Network is one aspect of our school that aims to support the needs within our community. If you are going through a challenging time, know of someone who is experiencing something difficult or would simply like the prayers of our community please do not hesitate to contact myself, Libby Andrew or Donna Lambert. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every person in our community for the contributions they make to our school and warmly invite you to join us for a cup of tea or coffee after community prayer this Thursday morning.

When doing some further reading for ‘R U OK? Day’ I came across the following prayer that I thought would be nice to share with you:

Every person I meet has something to teach me…
- Never give up: the outcome can be surprising.
- One’s attitude is more important than facts.
- Sincerity cannot be seen; it can only be felt.
- Kindness, no matter how small an act, is never wasted.
- Always look for the best in others.
- There is a cut-off point for everything.
- Never let the future disturb you; take it one day at a time.
- Violence never solves problems.
- Love is stronger than evil.
- Judging others does not allow you to love them.
- It’s okay to start again.
- Do not be afraid

Rachele Tullio 2002

Join us for tea or coffee after Community Prayer...
We warmly invite all Parents, Carers, Friends and Families to join together for a cup of tea or coffee after Community Prayer on Thursday 19th September from 9am

- Community Prayer: KL are leading Kinder, Year 1, Year 4, Year 4/5 in Block 2. 6P are leading Year 2, Year 3, Year 5, Year 6 in Block 1 this Thursday at 9am.
- No Community Prayer in Week 10 Term 4
- Green and Gold Day for Mary Mackillop – Friday 18th October
- Children’s Week Pyjama Party – Friday 25th October

Wishing you a peaceful week,
Sarah Maldon
Religious Education Coordinator
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:
Kaycie A, Leila H, Amelia H, Jasmin L, Lachlan S and Sienna P.
Enjoy your day!

Student of the Week
Congratulations to the following students:

Parent Network
A reminder from the parent network:
If you would like to share your phone and email details with other families within your class group, as per the invitation sent home recently, please send in your details. A steady flow of contact details have been received by our classroom teachers (hand written note) and the email account; staparentnetwork@gmail.com. Email is the preferred method of giving information, as this reduces the risk of missing notes. A big thanks to all class reps who are busy compiling the individual class spread sheets to distribute to families before the end of term 3. Thank you

Government House Family Picnic Day
As part of the celebrations for the Centenary of Canberra, the Governor-General and Mr Bryce will host a family Picnic Day at Government House, Yarralumla on Saturday 21st September 2013, opening the house and gardens to visitors between 10am-4pm. Free regular public transport being offered from all major bus interchanges, as well as Floriade, for the duration of the event.

Further information will be available on the Governor General’s website: www.gg.gov.au.

Market Garden
Our garden will be open this Friday morning from 8:30am for families to purchase fresh vegetables. Stir Fry packs will be available for $2 each.

Clothing Pool
The Clothing Pool will be open this Wednesday from 8.30am – 9.00am

If you have any Jumpers, or Polo’s (with the new logo) dresses, pants, shorts/skorts or tracksuits 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.

Fete 2014
We, being Steph Quantrill and Vicky Schmidt, have signed ourselves up to coordinate the 2014 St Anthony’s fete. Some may suggest we had a momentary lapse of sanity but we’re hoping we remain sane throughout the experience!!

In any case, it may seem a bit early in the process to be introducing ourselves, but there are a number of things that have to be done at this early stage of the ‘game’.

Over the next months we will be keeping you up to date of our progress, asking for advice, and generally seeking your support. We’ll try to use the newsletter as much as possible and also your class contact but feel free to come and say ‘Hi’ to either of use if you’d like to bring something to our attention.

Looking forward to working with you all and making the 2014 fete a community event for all the enjoy.

Steph (Owen 3A, Samuel KP)
Vicky (Flynn KP, Lachlan 1A, Mitchell 4L)
Sports and Cultural School Photo’s
Photo’s will be taken this Friday of all our sporting teams and cultural groups. If your child represented the school in any of these groups they are to wear full sports uniform on Friday.

Rhyme Run Rhythm
A structured educational program combining dance, music and fitness for children aged 1.5 to 4.5 years – designed and instructed by qualified teachers and fitness professionals.

What: Classes include dance/yoga/pilates, obstacle courses (balance beam, tunnels, gross motor exercises), music (singing and instrument use), team building and emotional intelligence exercise, school readiness preparation and heaps of other fun and exciting activities in a safe and motivational environment. Only 8-10 children per class.

Where: St Anthony’s Parish Primary School
Saturday mornings
1.5-3 years 11:30am – 12:10pm
3-4.5 years 12:20pm – 1pm

When: We are holding a two week trial term on Saturday 21 and 28 September. Cost is $20 for the two weeks paid at the beginning of the first class.

Term Four will commence on October 19 for 10 weeks. The cost will be $100 upfront for the term paid by Direct Debit to secure your spot.

If you would like to reserve your spot please contact Alison at rrrforkids@hotmail.com or call 0408 209 770 as bookings are essential.

Walkathon
Wow! What an exciting day we had on Friday for the walkathon. The weather was beautiful and the kids and staff really got into the spirit of the Friday the 13th Spooky theme. I just want to take this opportunity to thank all the parent helpers who assisted on the day, be it on a checkpoint, a drink station or walking the course with their child’s class. Your assistance and support is acknowledged. Now comes the time to get all the money in so it can be tallied. There is a prize for the highest fundraiser in each year and an afternoon movie and pizza afternoon for the class who raises the most amount of money. Every $10 your child brings in from their sponsorship gives them a raffle ticket in the big prize giving ceremony. To be held next Friday morning at assembly, Week 10 27th September.

It would be greatly appreciated if the money is sent to school in notes not coins.

Once again thank you for all your support for this fantastic fundraiser for our school.

Cate

| CANTEEN ROSTER: 6231 4022 |
| Maree Alchin |
| Wed 18th Sept | Help Needed 9am-11:30am |
| Thurs 19th Sept | Vicky Schmidt 9am-11:30am |
| Fri 20th Sept | Lea Locke 9am-12pm |
| | Jodie Nicholls 9am-12pm |
| | Shelley Mills 9am-11:30am |
| | Vicky Schmidt 11am-2pm |
| Tues 24th Sept | Kylie Shenton 9am-11:30am |

Disco Notes and Money Due Wednesday 18th September
Glow Products will be available at the disco.

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:___________________

For Peaceful Parenting and Resilient Children
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Supported by Parentline ACT

**New Course and Refresher Evenings** (for previous P.E.T. graduates)

**P.E.T.:**
- helps you yell less - stop those arguments before they start!
- enhances your relationship with your children, to last a lifetime
- offers you an alternative to using rewards and punishment - to help your child develop inner discipline.
- helps you raise confident, considerate children in an atmosphere of mutual respect
- offers you the “how to” of helping your child become resilient and emotionally intelligent.
- is evidence based and extensively researched

*The course consists of three-hour sessions, once per week, for eight weeks. Booking is essential. $260 pp for the course (investment includes a workbook and textbook). $30 pp refresher evening.*

**Dates:**

**New course** - begins **Monday, 21st October, 2013**

**Refresher evenings** – Wednesdays, either 29th October; 5th or 12th November, 2013

**Time:** 6.30 pm to 9.45 pm  **Place:** Woden, ACT.

For more information, phone Canberra’s most experienced accredited P.E.T. instructor: **Larissa** on 0413 451 607 or email info@parenting4relationship.com.au