Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that all fathers had a great day on Sunday. This week is our Family Week or No Frills Week. I hope there are less demands on you.

**Staff News**

Thank you to our Catholic Care school counsellor Debbie Campbell who will shortly begin her maternity leave in preparation for her first baby due in early October. This is most likely Debbie’s last week in the school itself so we wish her well for the future. Debbie has supported a lot of students, families and staff in her 8 months at St Anthony’s. Catholic Care is in the process of appointing a new counsellor for the school. All the best Debbie and we look forward to your baby news in the not too distant future.

**P&F News**

Last week another informative and collaborative meeting was held. A range of topics were discussed, reports given and upcoming events planned. Some points from the meeting:

- **Parent Network**: The newly named ‘Parent Network’ is up and running well now. (See Grandparents’ Day thanks below). A number of parents are now offering support to Libby Andrew and Donna Lambert who are coordinating this important network. They offer services like welcome cards and greetings to new families to the school, care cards to families in need, parent support as appropriate, communication with class events in consultation with class teachers, casseroles and care meals and help with whole school events. If you would like to be put in touch with Libby or Donna and don’t know them please contact the front office.

- **New Fete Coordinators**: A huge thank you to Victoria Schmidt and Stephanie Quantrill for volunteering to jointly coordinate the 2014 Fete and certainly get things moving now for next year. I’m sure they would love your support as various roles and needs open up.

- **Father’s Day Stall**: Thank you to Louise Wright for her efforts in coordinating the Father’s Day stall last Thursday. The range of gifts and the lovely service from the volunteers made the process of ‘shopping’ for dad very pleasant.

- **Student Banking**: The school and Bendigo Bank have joined together to offer this crucial service to our students. Trina Wood is our parent coordinator of this service. She has put together some frequently asked questions and answers for you. Please see the attachment with the newsletter. Currently we are getting close to 20 accounts open!

**Summer Uniform is OK**

The beautiful weather we are having has prompted some parents to ask if their child can wear shorts, dresses or their summer uniform. With temperatures tipped to hit 25 degrees soon I think it is comfortable and practical for students to wear summer uniform if they wish.

Please remember your child must wear a hat when outside now.
**Grandparents’ and Special Persons’ Day**

This celebration on Friday was certainly a huge success. The feedback has been very positive. Thank you to Mrs Sarah Maldon, our Religious Education Coordinator, for taking on board a new format and adding her creativity and organisational skills. Thank you to all of the staff for working with their class on their performance and/or for assisting with many things including cooking scones and slices, setting up and packing away for the event, welcoming visitors at the start of the day and signing students out and many other tasks. The addition of the concert as well as the traditional morning tea and class visits worked well. It was also great to see many visitors stay for lunch and organise a treat from the canteen for their grandchildren. Thank you to Marie in the canteen and her volunteers for a their efforts on very busy day.

There were lots of people in attendance with some approximations at 450 people. Thank you to the school staff and our Parent Network led on Friday by Donna Lambert and generous parent volunteers. Catering for this many people was amazing so thank you for your generosity. The grandparents who do so much for our students and parents really appreciated your efforts.

I shared lots of quotes at the concert last week and perhaps this one rings true now and the reason for the school holding such an event:

“Surely, two of the most satisfying experiences in life must be those of being a grandchild or a grandparent.”  Donald A. Norberg

I think our students and school community gained as much out of the day as the grandparents and special people who attended.

**First Eucharist**

The Sacrament of First Eucharist will be celebrated with candidates and their families at St Anthony’s Church this Sunday 8 September at 9.00am. There is one mass with 25 candidates. The celebrations of the sacraments are central to our mission in Catholic schools, our partnership with the parish and supporting each student’s faith development. Thank you to the Year 3 teachers Mrs Anne Marie Devlin, Mrs Jo Dufelmeier and Ms Kelly Mara for preparing the students and to Mrs Sarah Maldon for her coordination including the home groups and meetings.

The Year 3 students and staff will conduct their final preparations at their Retreat Day on this Friday at the Church. Please keep Year 3 in your prayers.

**2014 Considerations for Student Placement**

It is getting to the time of the year where planning has begun for 2014. I am meeting shortly with the last of the Kinder enrolments who have siblings at the school. Kinder lists for 2014 will then be drafted for their upcoming orientation sessions.

It will then be time for the teachers and me to draft 2014 class lists for students in Year 1 to Year 6. In 2013 I have got to know many students and families and am enjoying this process, however I do not know everything and also each student’s needs change and grow with them and the current circumstances are important to know. Therefore I am inviting parents and carers to write to me with any considerations they have for their child’s placement in 2014. The most valuable information you can provide is:

- Friendship interactions that may be affecting your child;
- Information pertaining to their learning needs;
- Family circumstances affecting your child.

**It is not appropriate to request particular teachers or write about teachers in these requests.** I would hope that your child’s teacher has been informed of any social support and learning support currently needed by your child in the course of the year. Information you provide is used in conjunction with the teacher’s knowledge of each student to draft 2014 lists across the cohort of students. This is not an easy task and I’m sure you realise I cannot guarantee every request can be met. There are many factors that contribute to a child’s learning, social development and happiness at school and their class placement is just one of them.
I invite you to write to me or email me at greg.walker@cg.catholic.edu.au with your considerations. You will receive a reply from me or one of the front office staff so you know your request has reached me. If you don’t receive a reply, I do have your request. **Considerations will close on Friday 18 October (Week 1 Term 4).**

**Year 4 Focus Assembly**
Year 4 will present their assembly this Friday to parents and visitors. Good luck to them for their preparation.

**Walkathon**
This event is only two weeks away! Thank you to Ms Cate Druhan, Libby Andrew and the parent helpers for working hard on organising this event. Please keep supporting your child in their sponsorship efforts. Remember there is a dress up 'Spooky' theme for Friday 13 if you want to dress up.

**School Office Hours and Appointments**
You are reminded that our school office is attended between 8.30am and 4.00pm. This is the time when staff are able to take your phone call or talk to you in person at the front desk. There are a large number of phone calls being made to the school outside of these times that often go unanswered. To avoid frustration please call within the hours the office is open. Alternatively you can email the office at office.stanthonyswanniassa@cg.catholic.edu.au

Also if you wish to meet with me please arrange a suitable time through the front office. Unfortunately it is often not possible to have a meeting ‘on the spot’ with parents or carers who call into school without notice. At times if I am unavailable you are usually able to meet with Michael Bradley, Assistant Principal or another executive staff member.

Thank you for your support in both matters. Don't forget to vote on Saturday! Have a great week.

Together we are Building God's Kingdom,

Greg Walker

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**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

**Student of the Week**
Congratulations to the following students:


**Happy Birthday to the following students:**
Danita B, Muku G, Tom V, Lana M, Willem H, Mitchell D, Eliza F and Genevieve P.

Enjoy your day!

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**Celebrating our Achievements**
Congratulations to Stuart Tharle and Sam Patton who have been selected in the ACT under 12 baseball team to compete in the Association Cup. Good Luck Boys!

**Walkathon – Friday 13th September**
The walkathon is only two weeks away! We need your help so please return notes for assistance to school or email cate.druhan@cg.catholic.edu.au

**Book Club**
Book Club orders are due this Friday the 6th of September.

**My Body, My Life**
Puberty, and Personal Development Sessions. **Year 6 Only**
Monday 9th September @7pm. With their parent or guardian students will be presented with a new program in the archdiocese called My Body, My Life. These sessions were developed specifically for early adolescents and cover aspects of physical, emotional and social development. Please return permission notes as soon as possible.
A message from the Religious Education Coordinator...

Grandparent’s and Special Person’s Day

Wow, what an amazing day we had!

On Friday August 30th St Anthony’s Parish Primary School invited their Grandparent’s and Special People to come along for a fun filled day as a way to show how much these people mean to us. Much to our surprise and very much appreciated over 400 visitors shared in our special day. We thank each and every one of our visitors for making such a special effort to come along.

An enormous thank you goes out to all the parents who came along to set up, bake, welcome guests, clean up, do the shopping and help in every way that they could. We also thank the staff and their families for generous baking of morning tea, of which was delicious!! A thank you also to the staff who assisted in setting up, welcoming guests and all the little extras that go on behind the scenes. And lastly, we thank the students who made our guests feel so welcomed and put on such a fantastic performance in their concert, well done!!

First Eucharist

This Sunday 25 Year 3 and 4 students make their First Eucharist. We commend them on their tremendous dedication in preparing to receive this sacrament as they attended many home group sessions, parent-child sessions, studied the Sacrament in class and are going to attend their Retreat Day this coming Friday.

We invite the school community to keep these students in their prayers and welcome you to join them at St Anthony’s Parish Church at 9am this Sunday the 8th of September as they receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist.

A Special Invitation...

Year 4 warmly invite you to their Focus Assembly on Friday September 6th at 12:30pm in the school hall. They look forward to seeing you there!

Dates to remember:
- Eucharist Retreat Day – Friday 6th September
- First Eucharist Celebration – Sunday 8th September at 9am
- Community Prayer this Thursday at 9am – Yr 3P are leading in Block 1 and Yr 1L are leading in block 2.

Have a peaceful week,
Sarah Maldon
**Illness at school**

Students who are unwell should be kept at home to help prevent the spread of any illness to other students and to teachers and other staff members.

When you are contacted to collect your child from sick bay please arrange to have your child picked up promptly. You are required to come to the front office and sign your child out. Make sure that we have the correct contact details for you and your emergency contacts.

**Position Vacant**

Only a few classes remain without a loving parent for our newly established Parent Network. If you would like to volunteer to become the class rep for one of the vacancies below (Dad’s are very welcome), please email your details to staparentnetwork@gmail.com

There is as little as one task that is required by all reps for the remainder of this year. The role is neither demanding nor time consuming. There is no pay but huge rewards for our school community.

3A – Mrs Devlin, 4/5A – Miss Hadley, 4P Mrs Twyford, 5L – Mr Liddle & 5P – Mrs Taylor

Thank you to those 14 Mothers who have already started working on the class contact lists.

**Year 4 Camp**

**Recount: Our School Camp!**

Last week year four travelled to Sydney for school camp. Our theme was “Colonisation”, so we were going to “The Rocks” where the first Europeans settled, the “Maritime Museum” to find out more about early exploration and finally the “Hyde Park Barracks”, where the convicts worked in the first years of the colony of New South Wales.

Our trip began early on Thursday morning, at 6:45am. So I waved goodbye to Dad and the bus left. I sat next to Lan. We watched lots of movies such as “Yogi Bear”, “Robots” and “Happy Feet”. Then we stopped at “The Rocks”. It was really cool to see where people lived back then. All that sand stone was incredible.

After leaving The Rocks we caught the bus to the “Maritime Museum”. Group A, my group, was second to go on the Endeavour. It was really great to be standing on the replica of Captain Cook’s ship. My favourite part of the ship was those creepy stairs and the Captain’s part of the ship because it was spacious and comfortable and not as cramped as the Sailor’s quarters. We walked to the Ferry and caught it to Circular Quay. Then we caught another ferry to Manly.

We got off the Ferry at Manly and we caught the bus to Elanora Heights which was about 45 minutes away. When we got to Elanora Heights we sat down in the hall and the teachers called out our rooms. My room was called first and I had Lan, Bec F, Bec G, Gabrielle, Mia, Anna and Cynthia in my room. We put our bags down and went for dinner. I had chicken schnitzel, beans and corn, potatoes and gravy. We also had dessert which was ice-cream with chocolate syrup. After that we had our showers and played games in the hall. We went to bed after a long day.

The next morning we woke up, got dressed and headed to the hall to see what we were doing and have breakfast of course. My breakfast was pancakes with ice-cream and berries. Then we got on the bus and headed to the “Hyde Park Barracks”, our next destination. We had an interesting tour with Bernard. He treated us like very good convicts. We slept in the convict hammocks and saw how the building had changed throughout time. We walked back to the bus to get our lunch. Then we drove all the way back to Canberra. Our excursion was over but so much fun!!!

By Clara.

**Clothing Pool**

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 tracksuits pants, in good condition that your children have outgrown, 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.

**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.

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

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**Frequently Asked Questions**

1) **How do I open an account for my child?**
   - a) You can go into the Wanniassa Branch and open the account. Please note, you do not require the principal’s signature if you go into to the branch. Let them know you are joining the St Anthony’s banking program and Jo will bring the bank books to the next banking day; or
   - b) Complete the form at the school.
   For both options you will need to provide your child’s birth certificate, Medicare card and Driver Licence for the parent opening the account.

2) **What happens once the account is opened?**
   The children receive a money box, a passbook and an envelope for carrying money. Every second Tuesday (on the odd weeks of term) at 10am the children need to bring their money and their passbook down to the front office to bank. The bank books will be returned to the school that morning once the deposits have been processed and the children can bring them home that night.

3) **Can I transfer money electronically into the account?**
   Yes, you will have a BSB and account number and money can be transferred in. The idea is to introduce physical banking and saving to the children, so having the children bring the money to school is an important part.

4) **How can I withdraw money from the account?**
   The parent who opened the account can go into a branch with the passbook and withdraw funds over the counter.

5) **Are there any fees on the account?**
   No, student accounts are fee free until the child is 18.

6) **When is school banking?**
   Every 2nd Tuesday at 10am, on week’s 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 of every term.

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**CANTEEN ROSTER:**  
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6231 4022

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Disco Notes and Money Due Wednesday 18th September
Southern Canberra Gymnastics Club
Trivia Night

Have a blast while using your “Useless Knowledge”
Entertainment for everyone, with games, prizes and auctions during the night.
Book a table, bring some friends and join the fun!
A night filled with laughter, challenges, and the odd game or two!

Date: 14 September 2013
Time: 7.00pm for 7.30 pm start
Venue: Vikings Tuggeranong Town Centre
Cost: $25 per head
Refreshments: Finger Food Provided and Bar Available
Tickets can be ordered by contacting the gym on 6296 3331 before 7th September 2013
and will be available for collection on the night.

Get your team together and book a table of 8-10. Invite your family, friends and neighbours.

 Courtesy Bus available on the night

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Calwell Little Athletics
Ph: 0411 144 046
Email: info@clac.net.au
www.clac.net.au

Do you like to Run, Jump and Throw?
Are you aged between 5 and 17?
Don’t miss out on the action!

Join Calwell Little Athletics
Come down to our registration evenings

Where: St Francis of Assissi Primary School, Casey Cres, Calwell
When: 5th September 6-8pm
     12th September 6-8pm
Or
Where: Calwell Shopping Centre, Were St, Calwell
When: 21st September 1-4pm
     28th September 1-4pm
You can register online at https://memberdesq.imgstg.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=display_login&OrgID=3674

Calwell Little Athletics meets at Calwell Playing Fields every Saturday morning starting 8:45am
Commencing 12th October through to end of March
For more information visit our website:
www.clac.net.au
Or phone David Lawrence (Registrar) on 0411 144 046
“With over 20 yrs of coaching experience “Tennis, the game for life”

FAMILY OPEN DAY TENNIS CLINIC
FREE TRIAL TENNIS LESSONS

This is a great opportunity for all interested tennis enthusiasts, from 4yr olds through to adults to come along & have some fun. There will be coaching clinics for all ages, play test the latest WILSON tennis racquets used by Roger Federer & World #1 Victoria Azarenka, Tennis Australia MLC Tennis Hotshots program & Cardio Tennis, plus a BBQ, give away prizes & more to all who participate.

INTERESTED JUNIORS, ADULTS & PARENTS
Are invited to come & see our Tennis Coaching Programs in action at:

The Pines Tennis Club
Date : Sat 14th September
Time : 1:30pm till 3:30pm
If you cannot make the day we can make alternative arrangements.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL
Book a place at our Open Day by Emailing: csot@hotmail.com.au or call:

Head Coach: Robert Jamieson: 0432 118 204 or 6241 3705

Weston Creek Tennis Club, Dillon Cl, off Namatjira Dr, Behind McDonalds, Weston
The Pines Tennis Club, Corner Goldstein Cres & Norris St Chisholm
Gold Creek Country Club, Curran Drive, Nicholls ACT 2913
Radford College, College St, Bruce ACT 2617
The 2013 Touch Football ACT Junior Competition will commence the week of the 14 October 2013 and finish with semi finals/finals the week commencing 16 December 2013.

The competition will be run at six different locations across ACT.

**Locations/Times are:**
- Belconnen Juniors - Kippax
- Canberra City Juniors - Lyneham (Southwell Park)
- Gungahlin Juniors - Amaroo
- Tuggeranong Juniors - Wanniassa
- Woden Juniors - Deakin
- Narrabundah Juniors - Boomanulla

**Divisions/Prices are:**
- Mixed
  - K - Yr 2
  - Yr 3 - Yr 4
- Boys/Girls/Mixed
  - Yr 5 - Yr 6
  - Yr 7 - Yr 8
  - Yr 9 - Yr 10

Registration and payment can be done online via the Touch Football ACT website

www.acttouch.com.au

All information, including registration forms can be found on our website: www.acttouch.com.au

For all other enquires please contact TFACT office via email: mark.moro@acttouch.com.au or phone: 02 6212 2880