Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to back to school after a two week break of Long Service Leave. As you may be aware I attended the National Primary AFL Championships in Darwin with my son who was selected and my family. The AFL championships were a great experience, as was our visit to the Top End! Thank you to Michael Bradley and the staff for their continued efforts during my absence. I now look forward to sharing our Grandparents’ and Special Peoples’ day with everyone of Friday.

Grandparents and Special Person’s Day
This Friday is a popular day on the school calendar – Grandparents’ and Special Persons’ Day! We have had RSVP’s from many people interested in attending. The day starts at 10.45am with a ‘yummy’ morning tea provided in the hall followed by classroom visits between 11.30am and 12.00pm. There is a special concert that starts at 12.15pm where each year level will perform. At 1.15pm there will some lunch and refreshments provided at the back of the hall. The student are looking forward to treating our visitors to a lovely day and if convenient students can be signed out to go home with Grandparents’ and Special Persons’ for the afternoon.

Father’s Day Stall
I would like to wish all fathers, grandfathers and family members who care for their children in this capacity a Happy Fathers’ Day for this Sunday 1 September. The Parents and Friends’ Association are again holding the annual Fathers’ Day Stall on this Thursday 29 August. Students will select their pre-purchased $5 gifts from the stall.

Tournament of the Minds (TOMS)
On Saturday St Anthony’s had 3 teams participating in the ‘TOMS’ tournament at the Australian National University. Each team consisted of 7 students from at least two different year levels. Each team worked cooperatively on a selected ‘long term’ challenge without adult assistance leading up to their presentation on Saturday. Each team had to also undertake a ‘secret’ spontaneous challenge on the day to stretch their problem solving skills and group synergy! I am delighted that the students took the opportunity to challenge themselves in this way! Thank you to the teachers who promoted this activity and supervised the time the students needed to prepare at recess and lunchtime. These teachers were Miss Vanessa Salem, Miss Emma Rutter and Mrs Christine Moore.

Kinder Siblings Interviews
Over the next two weeks I will have days set aside to meet with many of our 2014 Kindergarten students and families who have siblings at the school. It will be great to meet these children and start to prepare for their Orientation Days coming up in Term 4.
Wakakirri Final
Congratulations to our Year 6 students on a fantastic Wakakirri performance at the Canberra Theatre last night. Seven schools performed in the final and St Anthony’s students proudly accepted a Highly Commended Award from the judges. They also received an award for the best use of the signature item. This was the second time they performed and they raised their performance to a new level. The students have learnt so much about themselves and others during such this performing arts opportunity and I hope that in the future they may have the confidence to undertake similar activities in the future. I would like to thank the coordinating teachers; Mrs Alisa Spackman, Mr Greg Rick, Mrs Leah Malpas and Mrs Bernadette Wilson. Their expertise, time and patience to facilitate such a performance is most appreciated. Well done to everyone involved.

BOOK WEEK Activities
Our Book Week activities were moved to this week with all of the other activities and refurbishment of the Library. I am pleased to say that the last box of books and resources has been placed on the shelves and the library looks great!

Tomorrow is the Book Week Dress-up day so students are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. There will also be some author popular presentations in the library at recess and lunch. Thank you to our librarians Mrs Warnes and Mrs Richardson for their efforts in re-setting the library and offering these activities this year.

Eucharist Parent Night
This Thursday evening will be the final parent and child meeting for the upcoming First Eucharist celebrations. The home group sessions concluded last week and then next Friday 6 September they will attend their special Retreat Day.

Parents and Friends’ Association Meeting this week
You are all warmly invited to our next Parents and Friends’ Association Meeting on this Wednesday evening at 7.00pm in the school library. Attendance at these meetings has been good and it is a great way to stay informed of school events and issues. These meetings are held monthly.

Together “We are Building God’s Kingdom.”

Greg Walker
Principal
Current Value Focus:  
**EMPATHY**

Rule of the Week:  
*Be happy with your friends*

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**Happy Father’s Day!**

Holy Father,

You are the one who knows how absolutely special fathers are,  
You made them that way.

How else can a man work so hard, give so much, and love  
unconditionally, without your strength?

So first, Lord, thank You for fathers, for daddies.  
For big, strong men with tender hearts,  
with hands that are calloused and rough,  
yet so soft and gentle when hearts need mending.

Lord, help children to delight this day in being with their dads,  
even if it must be only by phone.

May the precious memories flow, and bring laughter,  
and new love and appreciation.

Lord, please take care of our dads.  
Though they are brave and protective,  
they must also be frightened sometimes,  
when money runs low, when we need things, when we’re hurt or sick.

Lord, when their hearts break because they can’t do it all,  
please help us to let them know how much we love them.

And how much You love them.

Lord, forgive the men who know they are not good fathers,  
and help them to know when and if they can make things better,  
with Your help.

And Oh, Lord, for those Dads who keep trying and keep loving after  
 messing up so many times,  
help their children to love them even more in return.

Lord, for that Dad who has lost a child, please let him know You are  
there, right beside him,  
for nothing else can heal a heart so torn.

For the father who is parenting alone, strengthen him with your love.

For those whose father is already with You,  
Give him a hug, Lord,  
and tell him it’s from his children.

And you, too, Lord.  
Happy Father’s Day!

In Jesus’ name.

Amen.

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From the Religious Education Coordinator...

Wishing you a peaceful week,  
**Sarah Maldon**  
Religious Education Coordinator

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**Yellow Day!**

A big thank you to the school community for your support on Yellow Day! This year we raised in excess of $500 for the Australian Cancer Council. On Friday in Peer Support we made paper daffodils which are displayed in the foyer on our hope wall, to support all members of our community who are affected by cancer. Thank you again for your generous support!

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**First Eucharist Parents and Child Session**

**Thursday 29th August 2013**  
6pm in the Kinder/Year 1 Block

All students preparing to receive their First Eucharist are required to attend with a parent.

- Community Prayer: 1A are leading Kinder, Year 1, Year 4, Year 4/5 in Block 2. 3A are leading Year 2, Year 3, Year 5, Year 6 in Block 1 this Thursday at 9am.
- Eucharist Retreat Day: Friday September 6th
- **Eucharist Celebration: Sunday 8th September at 9am** (PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO LONGER A SATURDAY NIGHT CELEBRATION)
School Fees
School Fee accounts are due on the 29th of August. Prompt payment is greatly appreciated. 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:
Zach S, Emily C, James W, Kevin N, Lachlan C-M, Mariam B and Lucius S.

St Anthony's hosts the Sony Science Teachers Association of Japan during National Science Week
Teachers and principals from the Sony Science Teachers Association (SSTA) of Japan visited St Anthony’s Parish Primary School on Monday 16 August as part of a cultural exchange program between the Australian Science Teachers Association (ASTA) and the Japanese association. St Anthony’s was one of four Australian schools included in this year’s itinerary.

The Japanese contingent observed a year 5 science lesson on states of matter before Mr Sadao Sakamoto presented a lesson of his own to the class. Mr Sakamoto’s lesson on making orange sorbet brought about cries of ‘oishi’ meaning delicious, from the year 5 group.

Book Week Parade
Book week celebration tomorrow. Don’t forget to come dressed as your favourite book character.

Grandparents and Special Person’s Day
We look forward to sharing the day with our special guests this Friday 30th August. Guests will start arriving at school at 10:45 and the day will conclude by 2pm. We hope you all have a very special day.

PARENT NETWORK
Last week’s newsletter included the idea of introducing a Parent Network into our school community. So far we have received a positive response from the information and have filled at least six of the classes already.

The Parent Network continues to seek out interested parents and carers to nominate themselves or another, for a role as “Class Representatives”. It is hoped that in the coming weeks one or more parents will be assigned to each class within our school. These parents will assist the staff and our P&F to increase networking opportunities and social events before the close of this year.

It will be a rewarding experience for all representatives and an important link between our children, staff and parents. We need your help. If you would like to receive some information on the specifics of these roles, we would love to hear from you.

Please email your details to: STAParentnetwork@gmail.com or call the front office to obtain a copy of the Class Representative role. Obtaining a copy of the further information will not automatically commit to you one of these positions and there is no pressure whatsoever. Everyone is welcome. Many thanks from the P&F.

School Banking
A reminder that School Banking will take place again next week – Tuesday 3rd September. New accounts and banking will be processed in the morning.

We want to get school banking up and running so please support the project by opening an account. This will help teach your child about banking and saving while also supporting the school.
From the Sports Desk

Catholic Schools' Netball Carnival – Sunday 27th October 2013 at the Tuggeranong Netball Association Courts, Calwell. Information is attached to this newsletter and available on the website.

Tournament of the Minds

On Saturday 24th August students from years 4-6 went to the Australian National University to compete in the Tournament of the Minds competition. On the day students presented a challenge to a panel of judges which they had been working on for 5 weeks. The students were also given a spontaneous challenge which they had to work as a team to come up with a solution for the judges in 10 minutes. All students did a great job on the day and were proud representatives for our school.


Flyers are available from the Front Office for children interested in attending Cartooning Camps in the next school holidays.

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.

Primary Schools Dance Carnival - GLOW

About the Event

Welcome to Canberra’s first ever primary school aged dance carnival – Glow. Glow will be a fully organised, structured and supervised dance carnival with lots of activities for the kids.

Unlike traditional discos, where music is played and kids are left to run riot, the Glow Dance Carnival will feature:

- Indoor Jumping Castle
- Glow in the dark face painting and temporary tattoo stations
- Make Your Move dance Comp
- Gaming zone
- DJ
- Justice Crew showcase performance
- VIP Zone which includes seating, food and drinks available and meeting Justice Crew

We also have a special offer for parents to attend with their child/ren. Children seven years and under must be accompanied by an adult. All this packed into 2 hours of total entertainment on **7th September from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm**. For ticketing information go to this website. [http://www.glow.net.au](http://www.glow.net.au)
TUGGERANONG VALLEY CRICKET CLUB

Juniors combined Gala and Registration Day for the 2013/14 season will be held at the TVCC Clubhouse Chisholm (Behind the Chisholm Shops) on Sunday 8th September from 10am – 2pm. Register on the day for a chance to win your registration fee back. Cricket coaching sessions will be conducted by senior players and a barbecue will be running. TVCC conduct In2 Cricket for 5-10 year olds at Chisholm and Conder and juniors field teams starting in Under 9’s. The In2 Cricket registration fee is $100 and juniors single fee is $140.00, which includes a club playing shirt. For more information contact TVCC Juniors Registrar Trish Coughlan on 6231 9527 (AH), President Bruce Trewartha on 6231 0281 or go to the website – www.tvccjuniors.org.au

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