Dear Parents and Carers

Last Friday the students, with the help of some parent network volunteers, surprised the staff and teachers of St Anthony’s on WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY! Staff received written words of thanks through the form of stories and poems, colourful artwork, songs and music. The staff also enjoyed a special morning tea provided by parents. Your efforts really made each member of staff feel extremely valued and appreciated! They will all work towards the end of the year with your words of encouragement inspiring them!

STAFF NEWS

Our school counsellor, Debbie Campbell has had a little baby girl, Sienna Grace Campbell. She arrived safely on Thursday 17 October weighing 3.5kgs. Reports are they are home and all are doing well. We are all very excited for her and hope to meet Sienna soon! Unfortunately Catholic Care has not been able to secure a replacement school counsellor to date, if you have any concerns please contact me.

Congratulations to Laura Hadley and her fiancée John on their recent engagement. On behalf of the community I wish them well in planning for their future.

Congratulations to Mrs Chantal Warnes on her appointment as Teacher Librarian at St Bede’s Primary School, Red Hill commencing in 2014. Chantal has done a terrific job in the library at St Anthony’s and is a very generous, valued and community orientated staff member.

Congratulations also to Signora Ana Olsen who was recently successful in obtaining a teaching position at Marist College commencing in 2014. Ana has been a great asset to St Anthony’s over many years, enthusiastically instilling the Italian Culture with our students.

Later in the year we will have the chance to formally thank and farewell Chantal and Ana.

CAR PARK RECOMMENDATIONS

Thank you to the parents who accepted the invitation to attend last week’s Parents and Friends Association meeting to discuss recommended changes to the car park arrangements and signage. The following recommendations were put forward and accepted to be implemented as required in an effort to help alleviate congestion and improve safety:

1. **EARLIER OVAL PICK UP TIME**

STARTING MONDAY 4 NOVEMBER: Parents using the Wanniassa Oval car park will be able to collect their children from the earlier time of 3.10pm. The teacher on duty will walk the students across the oval and stay with the children until 3.30pm. At this time any remaining children will be bought to the school drive through area/front office. This initiative is to reduce congestion in the school car park at 3.20pm during normal drive through and pick up times.
2. **TWO CLEAR ZONE AREAS TO BE MARKED**

As soon as possible no stopping zones will be painted at the entrance to the school car park on Wheeler Crescent and on the internal bend of the school lane nearest the school. The entrance zone is to allow buses to turn safely into Wheeler Crescent without being impeded by queued vehicles. The internal zone is to allow buses to turn through this bend without being impeded by parked or queued vehicles. This clear zone will also allow a more open space for vehicles exiting the main school car park.

3. **NEW CROSSING PAINT, SIGNAGE, AND GIVE WAY AREAS TO BE MARKED.**

As soon as possible all schools crossings will be repainted. New signs will be erected as required and existing signs lowered into the view of motorists.

4. **NEW INDIVIDUAL CAR PARK MARKINGS**

The possibility of marking new individual car park space lines towards the rear of the school car park is being investigated. This may make more spaces available.

5. **NEW SPACES FOR PARKING ON LEFT SIDE OF MAIN CAR PARK**

New parking spaces will be marked on the left edge of the wide internal car park driveway adjacent to the drain way (currently red curbs). This will increase parking and make parking here legal.

6. **LIMITING TWO WAY ACCESS TO FRONT CAR PARK ROWS**

If required, new bollards and chains are to be installed on the southern end of each car park row to prevent the double parking and waiting in the car park rows that is consistently occurring by drivers arriving early and waiting for drive through at 3.20pm.

7. **INFANT SEATBELTS AND OTHER STUDENT ASSISTANCE**

To enable drive through pick up to flow, it would be appreciated that if you need to take time to personally secure your child in an infant’s seat belt or place their bags in the boot of the car – please use the car park area process and not the drive through process.

8. **MAJOR WORKS**

Advice is to be sought on applying for funding through the local government to possibly widen the front entrance to the school, build a permanent indented bus pick up bay on Wheeler Crescent, and build a new direct entrance to the school car park off Wheeler Crescent. All of these initiatives are just costly and unapproved ideas at this stage.

Please remember that no matter what procedures and resources are put in place, there will always be delays experienced at peak times. A courteous manner and patient mind always helps the situation.

The measures above will be implemented over time and some measures may not be required if in the interim improvements become evident. Thank you in anticipation of your support with the new arrangements and the focus on embedding current practice, policy and safety.
As highlighted through school communication this year, on Friday 8 November 2013, new requirements come into place for employees and volunteers working with vulnerable people i.e. children in regulated school activities. This new legislation affects everyone working and supporting children across Australia i.e. schools, sports clubs, interest clubs, community clubs, childcare, performance shows etc. Regulated activities at school include, but are not limited to, assisting in a classroom or learning environment, coaching sports teams, canteen assistance, library assistance, attending school excursions, helping at school sports carnivals, school discos, walkathon, fete, working bees, working on school stalls and BBQ’s etc. During these times you may come into more formal contact with a child or a child may rely on you for help, assistance or supervision. Please note: You do not need to have these special requirements if you are attending parent meetings, interviews, school assemblies, school events, only visiting classrooms etc.

Our school encourages and values the assistance and involvement of parents and other volunteers in the school. The safety and wellbeing of students in our care is also important. I hope that the new legislated requirements do not hinder the ability for you to volunteer to help in the school. Provided there are no legal reasons that would prevent you from working with children (see the attached Statutory Declaration requirements), there are two ways for you to register to volunteer at the school. The way which is best for you will depend on the frequency you intend to volunteer.

1. The Working With Vulnerable People (WWVP) Card. Available through a formal application process through the Office of Regulatory Services A.C.T. or A.C.T. Shopfront. The card is free and is current for 3 years. The card may take a number of weeks to obtain. This card covers you for unlimited volunteer work in a variety of settings. This card suits volunteers who are regularly involved in the school and is in fact the only way for people who volunteer frequently to meet the requirements to volunteer in the school. A photocopy of your card must be kept in the front office and you should carry your card on you to produce if requested. More than 20 parents have already obtained their WWVP cards.

2. A Statutory Declaration. This method will suit people volunteering at school on a less regular basis. A separate Statutory Declaration must be completed at the front office each day you help at school and be signed by a full-time teacher at the school. The total number of days you can volunteer using this method is limited to 3 days in a four week period or seven days in any 12 month period. This method is more time consuming to register, but does allow people to help with less regular events like the annual fetes, walkathons, sports carnivals, working bees and the odd day on the canteen or a BBQ. The school must keep each Statutory Declaration you complete and track the days you volunteer.

You would appreciate that the school staff will have to undertake a lot of extra administration to manage the new requirements. We accept this is necessary to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students. Your support and patience is appreciated as we work through the new processes.
For safety reasons, visitors to the school have always been asked to sign in at the front office before entering the school at times outside pick up times, drop-off times and school assemblies. From **FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER**, please ensure you come to the front office for us to sight and copy your WWVP card or to sign a Statutory Declaration for your day of volunteering. Class teachers and staff will need to know correct processes are followed before working with children at any time. Without evidence of approval to work with children in either of the two ways described above, you will be unable to volunteer to work with children. Thank you for your support in this matter and I look forward to your continued involvement in the school. If you have any questions, please contact your child’s class teacher or the front office staff.

**2014 Class List Requests Closed**

Thank you to the parents and carers who formally provided me with considerations for their child’s placement for 2014. Class teachers are now drafting class groups for next year using their experience and the information provided. There are many factors that determine a child’s final class placement and I must remind you that not all requests may be able to be met. Requests for class lists are now closed so the process can be completed. You should have received a personal reply from me if your request made it to me. If you have not, and you did not meet with me in person, I do not have your request.

**A Century of Song**

Our whole school musical will be held next week. The round 1 selling of tickets has now closed and those parents who requested extra tickets can now send their money in to school. Remember to enclose all money in an envelope marked clearly with “Extra Tickets” and your child’s name and class.

Together we are Building God’s Kingdom.

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**Greg Walker**
Principal

**School Fees**

School Fee accounts for Term 4 were sent home last Friday. **They are due on the 21st of November** (not 21st of October as shown on the fees). If you are experiencing difficulty with your fees please contact us as soon as possible.

Judy Mead

**Parent Network**

Libby and Donna would like to extend a HUGE Thank You to all the wonderful parents and carers who brought in a treat for the World Teachers Day morning tea last Friday. All of the staff were very touched by your thoughtfulness and generosity.

**Happy Birthday to the following students:**

Lucas A, Xavier E, Zachary W,
Taneisha C, Gabrielle B-Mc, Gianna P,
Kai C, Halle R, Keira F and Alicia H.

Enjoy your day!

**Baby News**

Congratulations to Trae, Trent’n and Tqiri who have a new baby sister – Victoria. Congratulations to the whole family.

**Catholic Schools Netball Carnival**

Thank you to all the managers and umpires, without you our school would not be able to enjoy such events. By all accounts it was a great day.
Wishing you a peaceful week,

Sarah Maldon
Religious Education Coordinator

ACT Children’s Week
Pyjama Day!

The students all looked very comfortable in their pyjamas and had a fantastic day celebrating ACT Children’s Week last Friday. During Peer Support the students joined together on the asphalt for a picnic lunch where they were given special treats to enjoy with their Peer Support group. In the afternoon session most classes continued the celebrations with movies, games and fun activities. We thank the ACT Government for their generous grant which enabled us to provide special treats for the students. Most of all we thank each and every student for the gifts that they bring to our school community and hope that they enjoyed our celebrations on Friday!

Community Prayer:
Please join us as 4/5 Assisi and 2 Padua lead Community Prayer this Thursday at 9am.

Date to remember:
- Week 3,4,5 – Reconciliation Home Groups
- Kinder Mass – Thursday 31st October 10am
- Year 5 Assembly – Friday 15th November
Congratulations to the following students who are this week’s Students of the week:

2014 Fete – Craft Stall
Hi my name is Kerrie Fradgley and I will be the craft stall coordinator for our next school fete. Early next year we will be holding a craft night where parents can come and help make some special craft to sell at our stall but first we need to collect some materials in preparation. We would like donations of the following items to be dropped off at the school front office any time before the end of the year.

- 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

If you can help out by donating an item it would be greatly appreciated.

Kerrie Fradgley, Craft stall coordinator

Market Garden – Friday 8:30-9am – 3-3:30pm
The garden will be open on Friday for you to purchase fresh vegetables.

| Grow your own sunflower bags (take home pack) | $1 |
| Zucchini, pumpking seedlings | $1 |
| Spinach, beetroot and onion bunches | $2 |
| Rocket (bag) | $1 |
| Stirfry Packs | $3 |

OOSCA
Important Information from the Department of Education regarding Child Care Benefit. The period families have to lodge lump sum Child Care Benefit claims has been reduced from two years to one year after the year of entitlement (year of entitlement means the year the care occurred).

It is important that families attending OOSCA notify you of a change in their personal circumstances, particularly if they are now sharing the care of a child due to separation or divorce.

Families often incorrectly assume that after separation their out of pocket child care cost will not change. This is incorrect because families are obligated to notify Centrelink of the change in their circumstances within 14 days. A new eligibility assessment must be completed with Centrelink for each parent to claim any CCB entitlements. This means both parents will have individual family income and CCB percentages. They have become two separate families for CCB purposes.

Christmas close down period will be from the 23rd of December to 13th January.

Celebrate Life
Free community event – Saturday 9th November.

Flyers were sent home yesterday, if your child is interested in entering the art competition please hand it in to the front office by Monday next week.
**ONLINE ORDERING**

- Available 24/7
- Convenient for parents
- Removes paper orders and cash
- FREE registration

Online ordering is more convenient, providing a 24/7 payment and ordering system that can be accessed from home, work or a mobile device.

No more fumbling around for coins in the morning or sending kids to school with excess cash, online orders are faster and more accurate giving parents peace of mind that their order and payment is received accurately at the school.

Registration is free and only takes a few minutes.

**EASY. ONLINE REGISTRATION**

- Click REGISTER
- Enter your email
- You will be emailed a link to an online form - follow the link
- Choose a username and password and complete the form
- Add each student and their class
- Top-up the account - VISA or Mastercard preferred.

**CANTEEN ROSTER:**

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**Flexischools On-line Ordering available now!**

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![The search is over!](learnhowtoswim.com.au)
St Anthony’s Christmas Raffle

Christmas is fast approaching and, if like me, you are yet to finalise all of your Christmas Shopping then this year’s Christmas Raffle is for you!

When will the tickets be sent home? **Monday 4 November 2013.**

What do I have a chance of winning? **Prizes are listed on the next page**

How many tickets per book and how much?

15 Tickets per booklet $2:00 each or 3 for $5:00 - whole book for $25:00

What’s the ticket selling period? **Monday 4 November to Friday 29 November**

What do I have to do? **Sell at least one booklet of tickets, if not more!!**

When Do I have to return my sold booklet and monies by?

All booklets sold or otherwise must be returned to the Front office by Friday 29 November 2013

Why sell tickets?

To raise funds to assist in covering costs for additional equipment and resources for your children’s education.

When will the raffle be drawn? **School Assembly on Friday 6 December @ 9:15.**

Need more tickets? **Available from the Front Office**

Can’t sell all your tickets? **Return them to the Front Office so someone else can**

*VMware and Dymocks have donated a selection of incentive and thank you gifts for Adults who can sell tickets at select venues over the weekends within the selling period. (It would only be an hour or two of your time) further information will be available via the school newsletter or via email to stachristmasraffle@gmail.com.*

**Please support the community minded businesses that have supported our school by donating these great prizes**

Please do not lose your book of tickets as we are accountable to the ACT Government for all tickets issued.

All books, either sold or unsold, need to be returned to the school office before Friday 29 November 2013.

**Thank you & Good Luck!**
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Winning tickets will be drawn 9:15am Friday 6 December 2013 at the School. Results to be published in the School newsletter Tuesday 10 December 2013. Winners will be notified in writing. Raffle permit: ACT R13/00314
the Boat House by the lake

rainbow twirls
TUTU BOUTIQUE

DEVINE GODDESS
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SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER - 5:00PM - 7:00PM
PCYC ERINDALE ACTIVITIES CENTRE
(GRATTAN COURT, WANNIASSA, ACT)

CANTEEN AND BBQ
PRIZES AND GIVEAWAYS
PRE BOOKED TICKETS $4
(available from PCYC Erindale Activities Centre)
TICKETS AT THE DOOR $5

PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED KIDS ONLY
NON DRUG AND ALCOHOL EVENT

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e-mail: bluelight@pcyc.net.au
Contact Peter on 02 961 1292 for more details