Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for all of your efforts in helping your child to settle in for a successful first week at school. You will see that this second newsletter of the year is quite comprehensive but it does demonstrate the school’s commitment to continually improving communication.

Meet-the-Staff Night this Thursday 13 February
This Thursday evening is our 2014 Meet-the-Staff Night. All staff will be in attendance. The parents are invited to visit classrooms between 5.00pm to 6.30pm, with Kindergarten and Year 1 teachers offering formal presentations at 5.30pm. The BBQ will be on from about 5.15pm for the early birds but hopefully families stay around and mingle to the end. I will call out all staff out of their rooms at 6.30pm to join the BBQ so they can mingle too!

We are privileged to have such dedicated, professional and caring staff at St Anthony’s. Great care is taken in selecting the best people to be on our staff and appointed to various roles. Each year a panel including principal, executive staff, parish priest, and a parent representative interview prospective staff members. This year we welcome 8 new staff to St Anthony’s and I have confidence in all of our staff to support your child fully as required. I hope you take the time to meet as many staff as possible and learn about their roles. Below you will see how to contact staff as needed throughout 2014.

Year 5/6 Leadership Badge Ceremony
Elected Year 5 and 6 students will receive their specific leadership badge if relevant and all Year 6 students will receive their school leadership badge at our ceremony at 9.00am this Friday in the hall. All parents are invited to attend and wish our student leaders’ good luck in their roles.

Assembly Times and Student of the Week Cards
After further discussions with staff we have agreed that Student of the Week Cards will be given out weekly at the same time as previous years – Friday morning at 9.00am assembly in the hall. Please disregard any previous correspondence in this matter. Parents will be notified through the newsletter if there child is receiving an award that week.

However, we will stay with the change to the Friday Focus Assemblies for 2014. These will be at 2.15pm on Fridays in the hall. Remember that there is not a focus assembly every Friday, some weeks there is Peer Support across the school or no 2.15pm assembly at all. Classes on Focus Assembly will be notified through the newsletter or class teacher.

Opening School Mass
Last Thursday Father Lachlan Coll celebrated a lovely Opening School Year Mass in the hall. The 2014 theme of Life’s a Celebration was woven through the readings and hymns. Thank you to parents and members of the community that attended. Well done to Miss Orla Duggan our Acting REC and the students and staff who were involved.
Staffing News

Congratulations to Mr Matthew Cassidy and his wife Kathryn on the birth of their first baby, a beautiful boy, Patrick Thomas born on Monday evening. I wish them well during this special time as they start their family.

Congratulations to Mrs Nikki Nappier and her husband Steve on their birth of their fourth child, a beautiful baby girl, Tilley (spelling to be confirmed) born on Tuesday morning. Tilley is a new baby sister for Benjamin (Kinder), Jamie (Year 2) and Zoe (Year 3). I wish Nikki and her family all the best for the growing family. Nikki is our OOSCA Director.

Mrs Alisa Spackman has taken on the role of Aboriginal Contact Teacher in 2014. Alisa will be a support for the indigenous students and families. She will support teachers in the development of learning goals and new ILP’s and liaise with class teachers and families as required. Alisa will also promote the integration of indigenous perspectives in teaching programs and whole school activities. If you have an indigenous child in the school Alisa will make contact with you in the near future, alternatively you may contact her at school.

Key Staff Professional Development and Meetings

Below you can see a number of staff with key responsibilities in the school. As you would appreciate each of these staff members requires regular training and support. In coming weeks many of these staff members will be released to attend required professional learning and network meetings. These days are unavoidable as they are programmed at a system level by the Catholic Education Office or the ACT Department of Education. Although the time of the year is not ideal, these early sessions will assist these staff members and benefit our students and school community. Thank you for your understanding with any inconvenience to classes.

Class Teacher Training and Development/Shared Classes

In addition to the information about key staff receiving training, all of our teaching staff undertakes regular professional development and training. I am often asked about whether a class has more than one teacher or shared teachers. There are really only two shared classes where teachers take more than one day each. These classes are Year 3A and Year 3L and there are reasons for these shared arrangements and the teachers make these classes very special in their own way.

However I would like to point out that all of our teachers receive extra time out to meet the requirements of the new National Professional Teaching Standards, to undertake essential student assessment, for curriculum development and professional learning. Some teachers are released to develop students social skills and also for working with Gifted and Talented students. Some of our teachers are early career teachers and are released regularly for support with their mentors. In sense all classes have an element of shared responsibility and will have second teacher in at times. Every class will at times be a shared teacher class. Two areas from the national agenda in education focus on Improving Teacher Quality and Student Wellbeing. The school receives grants to provide teachers with time to reflect and improve on their practice. The overall aim is for teachers to improve the learning outcomes for your child in the short and long term. The staff and I will endeavour to your informed of the support teachers receive and also keep disruptions to a minimum and also keep you informed of their work and timetables. The Meet-the-Staff Night is a good chance to ask teachers about school priorities for 2014 and their various roles and support they receive.

School Communication

The staff have spent a lot of time preparing for the start of 2014 and establishing their class routines for the year. A team approach is always encouraged as a way of supporting your child. You may have heard the proverb that: “It takes a whole village to raise a child!” This is true for our school too – it takes the whole school community to educate and support a child. Strong and effective partnerships between home and school are important for your child to achieve to their potential and be happy and safe at school.

Hopefully this Thursday evening will have the chance to speak with your child’s teacher/s about how they have settled in to school this year. I encourage you to keep in regular contact with your child’s teacher/s throughout the year and inform them promptly of any concerns or positive moments in your child’s year – they will be your main
contact for learning, pastoral care, student management, great achievements etc. The class teachers appreciate being informed of all issues well before you consult a specialist teacher or executive staff member.

However, if you have met with your child’s class teacher and would like further information or support to complement the work of the class teacher/s please follow the following protocols and contact the following staff:

- **Firstly, contact your child’s class teacher/s.**
- **Secondly, consult with your child’s year level/stage coordinator or staff with a specialist role or responsibility (see below).**
- **Thirdly, consult with the Assistant Principal or Principal.**

Parents who know me understand that I will be in attendance at many relevant meetings throughout the year but remember that key staff and teachers will ultimately provide the direct follow up support required. From experience, many past issues could have been resolved much sooner if the teachers had been informed at the time. Again, please keep in regular contact with your child’s teacher. I hope that following the list below will assist you in contacting staff and initiating a professional conversation. Please use email appropriately by going through the right people and keeping the messages in appropriate tone. Please allow staff time to respond and remember a face-to-face meeting on sensitive or serious issues is always best.

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Most teachers provide their email address to you. Please be aware some staff members names have to be typed in a specific way e.g. Joan.dignan@cg.catholic.edu.au; annemarie.devlin@cg.catholic.edu.au

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<td>Numeracy Coordinator</td>
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<td>Mrs Anne Wells (Mondays only) By referral process. Contact the front office.</td>
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<td>Sports Coordinators</td>
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Positive emails are also very welcome. Sometimes people forget to pass on the good and great things that our staff do on a daily basis. We love to hear the good news too. Often people contact the school with concerns but it is always wonderful when people pass on positive comments as well.

Evacuation Drill
On Tuesday the school community held an evacuation drill. Students were informed by their teacher prior to the drill as some students react better when they know. If you find yourself at school during an emergency please follow the directions of the staff and assemble on the Wanniassa Ovals as per the plan. All parents in a formal roll can be accounted for from the sign in and out book at the front office.

Swimming Carnival
Our swimming carnival is fast approaching on Monday 17/2 – Week 3. Years 2-6 will attend. Kinder and Year 1 students will be at school with some support staff and the office will remain open. Thank you to our Sports Coordinators Miss Laura Hadley and Miss Bernadette Wilson for their prompt organisation of our first big sporting event.

Melissa Breen Breaks National Record!
Over the weekend you may have heard that Australian athlete Melissa Breen broke the long standing national 100m sprint record. The 23-year-old Breen broke Melinda Gainsford-Taylor's 20-year-old national 100m record when she clocked 11.11 seconds in her heat at the ACT championships in Canberra on Sunday. Melissa then capped off a banner day before hometown supporters at the AIS track by beating Olympic 100m hurdles champion Sally Pearson to win the final, clocking 11.15 to runner-up Pearson’s 11.27.
I am proud to say that Melissa is a past St Anthony’s student! Congratulations to Melissa on behalf of our school community and we wish her the best for success in her athletics career.
2014 Parents and Friends’/School Board Meetings

To start the year the first Parents and Friends’ Association meeting is the Annual General Meeting (AGM) as well. The new meeting date is set for **Tuesday 25 February (Week 4) at 6.00pm in the school library.** It is a Tuesday night this time around due to a clash with another school event on the Wednesday night. Come along to hear about the AGM review from 2013 and to discuss initiatives for 2014. New ideas are always welcome and P&F roles will be opened up again for various positions. Can you help the P&F in 2014 or be present to offer ideas? Please come along. The P&F do a fantastic job in our school community.

The first **School Board** meeting for 2014 will follow directly after the P&F meeting.

School Calendar

The 2014 school calendar has many school dates included this year, hence its slight delay. The calendar is due back from the printer next week to distribute to families. Upcoming dates can be found on the school website and teachers will have some of the key dates in their notes for parents at the Meet-the-Staff Night tomorrow.

Happy Valentine’s Day for this Friday!!

Have a great week. Remember “Life’s a Celebration” using the gifts God has given each of us.

Greg Walker
Principal

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**SCHOOL FEES**

Term 1 school fees have now been sent home and 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

**Appeal for Doorknock Volunteers:**

St Anthony’s SVDP Conference urgently requires volunteers to assist in this year’s doorknock. We appeal to all those who may not have doorknocked before, to help us in collecting much needed funds to assist the disadvantaged in our community with food, emergency accommodation, care and other services. Donating 1 – 1.5hrs for this event will be invaluable to us and the experience rewarding to you. The doorknock is held during the month of February, 2 weeks before and about the 16th Feb 2014. Please phone Mario 0413 393 222.

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**ARCHBISHOP MASS – SATURDAY 8TH MARCH**

Our new Archbishop, Christopher Prowse will be saying Mass in our parish church on Sternberg Cres on 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.

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**2013 School Year Books**

Extra 2013 Year Books are available from the Front Office at no cost until stocks run out.

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**Happy Birthday to:**

Dylan A, Jayden A, Jacob g, Rihanna B, Rachel Y, Simon B, Samantha C-J, Angel B, Ethan E and Layla G.

Have a wonderful day!

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**Student of the Week**


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

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**OOSCA News**

If your child is not going to be at absent from a booked session please call 6296 2261 to inform the staff.
‘MAKING JESUS REAL’

‘Making Jesus Real’ or MJR is a program that centres on the belief that we can be an image of Jesus to all those around us by living out the values instilled in the Gospels. It also encourages us to be the Jesus we want to see in others. Jesus made a comment that we are a part of His family and the ways we treat ourselves and others should be reflective of the way we would treat Jesus. “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” (Matthew 25:40.)

MJR pairs beautifully with the book ‘Have You Filled a Bucket Today?’ This book reminds students that when you say or do something kind and caring towards another person you are being a ‘bucket filler’. Likewise when you say or do something unkind towards another person you are dipping out of your own bucket. Students are encouraged not to be ‘bucket dippers’.

Remember: When you fill another person's bucket you are also filling your bucket too.

By implementing MJR at St Anthony's we are encouraging students to:

- Do their best
- Treat others fairly
- Be responsible and accountable for their actions
- Live out the values in their everyday life.

“In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you.” (Matthew 7:12)

Some lovely MJR slogans that we will be using at school and you can use at home are:


God Moments (where do I see God in others?)

Bucket Filler - making others feel good about themselves, encouraging and being kind.

Bucket Dipper - when we make others feel bad about themselves.

T.A.H - Team player. At. Home

Attitudes are contagious - is yours worth catching?

Every face has a place.

Greet, Treat and Speak - make sure you greet someone nicely, say something nice to them and then start speaking.

Community Prayer
Please join us for Community Prayer Thursday 13th February straight after the bell.
3 Assisi leading prayer in Block One
3 Padua and 3 Lisbon leading prayer in Block Two.

Orla Duggan
Acting Religious Education Coordinator.

“In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you.” (Matthew 7:12)
**Book Club**

Book Club was sent home this week. You can only order books online, we no longer accept cash or cheques. Return forms with the online receipt number on it by Tuesday 18th February.

**Sport Days**

Please find listed below the Sport Days for all year groups.

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**St Anthony’s Netball**

The following students have been selected in 2014 Tuggeranong Netball Association representative squads:

Sophie G – Under 12’s  
Taneisha C – Under 12’s  
Cailin H – Under 11’s

Congratulations to these netballers for their hard work and their achievement in gaining selection.

**St Anthony’s Netball Registration Day**

Saturday 15th February - 1pm to 2.30pm  
St Anthony’s School Hall

All Yr 2 to Yr 6 students interested in playing netball in 2014 are invited to come and register on 15th February. Please see flyer attached for further details. For more information please contact Fiona Hempstead at tedandfi@gmail.com.au or 0402 152288.

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**CANBERRA PHYSICAL CULTURE**

Canberra Physical Culture Club for girls and ladies of all ages. Dance and exercises routines are all choreographed to music and are designed to enhance flexibility, strength, agility, poise and deportment. Children especially benefit by improving their stamina, concentration, coordination and balance. We are an incorporated club and we try to keep costs low & offer 2 free lessons. New members are always welcome to come along and see if they would like to join our club. Classes held in Wanniassa. Please phone Maree 0411606658, Julie 0409315343 or www.canberraphysicalculture.com

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- Choose a username and password and complete the form  
- Add each student and their class  
- Top-up the account using visa and mastercard.

Flexischools is now the only way to place an order at the canteen. Over the counter sales are still available at recess and lunch (snack foods only).

**Tuck Day orders only available through Flexischools ordering system**

**Specials**

Frozen Cordial Cups 50 cents

**Price Change**

Ovalteenies $1

Red and Black Liquorice 30 cents

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