Dear Parents and Carers

National Reconciliation Week
This week is National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is celebrated across Australia each year between 27th May and 3rd June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey – the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision. The week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort.

May 27 marks the anniversary of Australia’s most successful referendum and a defining event in our National history. The 1967 referendum saw over 90 percent of Australians vote to give the Commonwealth the power to make law for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and recognise them in the national census.

On 3 June, 1982 the High Court of Australia delivered its landmark Mabo decision which legally recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a special relationship to the land – that existed prior to colonisation and still exists today. This recognition paved the way for land rights called Native Title. 2012 marked the 20th anniversary of the Mabo decision. The theme for this year is Let’s Talk Recognition – with a focus on how Australians can better recognise each other, and recognise the contributions, cultures and histories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Lunches, Food and Canteen Money
You may have heard me mention these issues at Friday’s assembly. Staff and parents have raised a variety of issues. The issues I have heard are:
Student’s going into other children’s lunchboxes and taking food; Standing around the canteen and begging other students for money or food; Giving out food/treats to other children to play with them; wastage of food from home in general; students kicking other’s lunchboxes.

Teachers do what they can in supervising eating duty but please talk to your child about these situations and the correct thing to do. Also please monitor your child’s lunchbox at the end of the day and talk with your child about what they eat and don’t eat. This is an appropriate time to ask your child if there is anybody asking, taking or begging for their food. Obviously the school will pastorally assist students and families in genuine hardship but I am not sure the complaints above relate to families in this situation. If your family needs support, or you know a family in need of support, please let the school office know.

2014 CATHOLIC SCHOOL ENROLMENTS
The official 2014 Catholic Schools Enrolment Period ended on Friday 24 May. The number of enrolment applications received has been steady but applications are still being taken for Kindergarten (or any other year level) for 2014. However, late applications do risk being placed on a waiting list if applicable – so please return application forms as soon as possible.

Leaving Students: To help the school predict enrolment numbers for 2014, please inform the school if your child/ren is/are leaving the school or if they have secured a place in another school. (See return the slip attached or send the front office staff an email). Thank you for your cooperation with this request.
**Canteen Tuck Day**
Tomorrow, Wednesday 29 May is the Term 2 Tuck Day – an Italian lunch theme. It is always a busy day and if you can offer help to Maree in any way please come to the canteen tomorrow. I’m sure it would be appreciated.

**Tuggeranong Rugby Gala Day**
Good luck to our two teams competing in the Tuggeranong Vikings Gala Day on this Wednesday. Thank you to Miss Hadley and Miss Whitfield for coaching these teams.

**James Hird Cup**
Good luck to our players competing in the James Hird AFL Cup to be played this Thursday. Thank you to Mr Quantrill for coaching the squad.

**Athletics Carnival**
Thank you to Miss Hadley and Miss Whitfield again for organising our Athletics Carnival at Wanniassa Fields this Friday. Let’s hope our luck continues with the good weather on important dates and we get a nice day for the last day of autumn!! Please come along to cheer for the students and maybe help out with a job too! Maree Alchin (Canteen Manager) is providing a BBQ sausage sizzle for lunch and other treats at the oval so I know she would appreciate help. I hope to see you there for a great carnival.

**NO HATS IN JUNE and JULY**
St Anthony’s students are not required to wear a hat in June and July each year. Research shows that it is best for people to be exposed to vitamin D during the winter months of the year. However your child may wear a hat if they wish or plain NAVY beanie.

**POKEMON CARDS**
Although students have been bringing Pokémon cards to school, it has come to my attention recently that some students have been distressed by the fact that they have lost cards through trading or being stolen. Staff are unable to supervise these activities and due to the fact that there is a cost and value to the cards etc, Pokémon cards will now not be allowed at school or OOSCA. This will be mentioned to students at school assemblies.

**Who owns the Scarecrows??**
There are some lovely, but lonely scarecrows in the school vegetable garden that have lost their owners. Did you successfully bid for one of the scarecrows? If so please contact the front office. They may not be claimed, so if you would like one of the remaining scarecrows please contact the front office. Otherwise the scarecrows will be broken up and thrown out.

**Parents and Friends Meeting Follow Up**
Our most recent Parents and Friends meeting was held last Wednesday 22 June. Please see a few items I would like to highlight and also a summary of matters discussed included in this newsletter.

**Claim the Date:** There will be a parent working bee at school on Sunday 30 June. Some of the jobs listed at this stage include cleaning out gutters, tree trimming and general cleaning. Closer to the date there will be more information.

**Wish List:** The P&F work hard each year to raise funds for the school to spend on worthwhile projects and resources. Some of this money helps the school buy extra resources for the students etc. Do you have any ideas or wishes for what the school could purchase or money could be put towards? If so, please return the form attached to the newsletter or email your idea/s to the front office.

**The School Car Park:** Concerns were raised by parents about the safety and flow of cars within the school car park.

Our school policy on traffic arrangements is sent regularly out to parents and staff and clearly states that there is no standing or parking permitted on red curbs.

In the afternoons particularly, a large number of cars have been parking on red curbs or are waiting on red curbs to access drive through. There are also a number of cars that wait in between rows of cars waiting for drive through to begin. **PLEASE do not stop in any of these areas and move to the back of**
the car park and take a park available here. I intend to observe the car park over the next week to see how parents are following these directions. I also hope to look at any congestion building up on Wheeler Crescent in the afternoons. I will be asking parents to move on to take a park and I will assess if any improvements can be made to the procedures. For the moment, please follow the set routines and rules. The safety of students and members of the community is paramount, as is the courtesy that needs to be extended between motorists.

I have attached the relevant school map and details.

Urgent - Working with Vulnerable People Approval Date Fast Approaching: As mentioned earlier in the year, from November 8 2013 no staff or volunteers can work with children unless they have the new ‘Working With Vulnerable People Card’ (WWVPC). APPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTEERS ARE FREE AND VALID FOR THREE YEARS. There is already a backlog of about 8 weeks in processing applications and this will get worse closer to the November deadline. If you are one of our valued volunteers please register as soon as possible to ensure you receive your card before the deadline. Application forms are available from the school office or online at www.ors.act.gov.au.

I wish you all best for the last week of autumn. Winter hits us all next week! Together ‘We are Building God’s Kingdom.’

Greg Walker
Acting Principal

2013 Parents Wish List

I would like to see the school consider purchasing:

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____________________________________________________________________________________

Parent’s Name: ___________________________ Child’s Name and Class: _____________________
A Message from the Religious Education Coordinator

Welcome to Week 5 of Term 2!

**Our Current Value: Understanding, Tolerance and Inclusion**
The greatest gift that you can give to others is the gift of unconditional love and acceptance.

**The Rule of the Week:** Always speak politely

**Focus Assembly:**
Last Friday Kinder led the children in a wonderful assembly related to our current value of Understanding, Tolerance and Inclusion. They sang lots of songs and acted out a great story demonstrating understanding, tolerance and inclusivity based on a pack of crayons. They also presented items demonstrating the learning they have achieved throughout the year so far.
A big thank you to Ms Rutter, Ms Whitfield, Ms Druhan and the amazing kindergarten children for a job well done!

**Confirmation**
Last week many of our Year 6 students and families started the home group programme as part of their preparation for Confirmation. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

**Community Prayer**
During Community Prayer last week Year 5 Padua reminded us of how important our families are and how easy it is to take them for granted. These are some of the children’s reflections about their families.

### Importance of My Family
My family is important to me because they would give their life for me. They give me their love and care every day. My family means everything to me. Without my family I would be very lost. Whenever I’m scared they tell me everything is fine, whenever I’m hurt they fix me up and whenever I’m stressed or worried they calm me down. I love my family.

Lauren K

### Importance of my Family
My family is important to me because without them I wouldn’t be here now and also because they give me love. My family means more than life to me because they have given me love and affection for eleven years and also because they’re always there for me when I need it. My family provides all the things in my life I need like a roof over my head, food on the plate and water in my cup and all the stuff I don’t really need.

Sam P
Importance of My Family
My family is important to me because they provide everything for me. They provide things for me like a warm house, good food and a warm bed for me. My family means everything to me. They mean things like home, love, care. They mean that I’m not lost in the world. My family is special to me because they do things for me like making me food, taking me to a good school and never giving up on me.

Adam H

For the Diary
This Week
Community Prayer 9am on Thursday mornings.

Community Prayer
All parents and friends are invited.
- Year 5 Lisbon is leading the prayer in Block 1
- Year 1 Assisi is leading the prayer in Block 2

Next Week (5)
- Year 4/5 Assisi is leading the prayer in Block 1
- Year 1 Padua is leading the prayer in Block 2

Confirmation Dates
Home groups from Week 4-6
20th June 6pm at School Child/Parent Session
21st June Retreat Day
Saturday 22nd June Confirmation Celebrations (6pm)

Anne Marie Devlin
Acting Religious Coordinator
### School Fees
Term 2 school fees are due on the 6th June. **If you have not paid last term’s fees please contact Mr Greg Walker as overdue fees will soon become a matter for the School Board.** Prompt payment of fees is appreciated unless you have a direct debit in place. Payments may be made by cash, cheque, credit card, BPAY, EFTPOS or Direct Debit.

### Happy Birthday to:

**Have a wonderful day!**

### Library Book Fair
The Book Fair is on in the library Tuesday 11th of June until Friday the 14th of June.

### Tinkering/Electronics
Donations of Electronic items (No Televisions) would be greatly appreciated for our lunch time group.

### Student of the Week
Congratulations to the following students who are this week’s Student of the Week for their class:


Certificates will be distributed at Morning Assembly on Friday.

### OOSCA News
With the End of Financial Year fast approaching it is important that all our data is correct. If you have not yet informed us of your dates of birth and CRN details it is really important that you do so as soon as possible. After the financial year ends we will be unable to back date any claims you have.

Sarah Waller will be away from the 3rd of June to the 17th June. If you have any queries during this time please contact Nikki or Necta.

There are many families with large amounts owing in OOSCA fees. If payment in not received in full we will be forced to cancel your child’s booking. Families that have not settled their accounts will not be considered for Vacation Care.

### Lost – Hearing Aid
A student has misplaced her hearing aid. They are in a small black case. The hearing aids are yellow and pink. This equipment is extremely expensive and our student relies on this technology to learn. If anyone has seen them please contact the Front Office.

We are considering registering St Anthony’s in ACT & NSW Interschools Snowsports so we can enter individuals into snowsports events this winter. Further information can be found at [www.interschoolssnowsports.com.au](http://www.interschoolssnowsports.com.au). Race locations are snow and weather dependent but are often held on blue runs at Guthega. Any families interested in joining us please contact Fiona Hempstead 0402 152 288 or tedandfi@gmail.com.

### Parish Trivia Night:
This year’s Parish Trivia Night is on Saturday 1 June at 7:30pm in St Anthony’s Primary School Hall. This is a free, very relaxed and fun filled night. Parents and carers are most welcome. You can come by yourself, as a couple or as a group. All questions will be displayed on a screen as well as being read out.

BYO nibbles and drinks. Please email briankensey@grapevine.com.au or call Brian on 0414 878 167 or 6231 3389 if you would like to come.
**Italian Republic Day**  
Out of Uniform Day – Wednesday 5th June

Italy’s Republic Day is next week. At St Anthony’s we are celebrating this on Wednesday 5th June.

Students and staff are invited to come to school out of uniform on that day, and dressed in green, white and red – the colours of the Italian Flag.

Games and activities will be held during Italian lessons in Week 6 to celebrate.

**Chicken Coop**  
St Anthony’s has a Chicken Coop that we no longer need. If you are interested in acquiring this chicken coop for a donation please contact the Front Office.

**WEEKEND NETBALL**

**Year 2 Turbo Girls** - Although a cold and foggy morning the girls took the court blazing. The Turbo Girls took the lead from the beginning scoring goal after goal against their opposition. Further improvement in sticking to their player and getting into position quickly helped the girls maintain their lead. Sienna P was the player of the match this weekend. She shined in WA where she displayed great skill in sticking with her player and made some wonderful passes and catches. Keep up the great work girls!

**Year 4 Fizz Whizzers** - had another amazing game! It was frosty to start, but the team warmed up quickly against a very strong opposition. There was great passing down the court, and clearing the space to catch the ball. Player of the week goes to Lana for moving around the court to get the ball. Well done Lana! Congratulations to Fizz Whizzers!

**Year 5 Crazy Stars** - The Crazy Stars had a brilliant game this week! The girls work as a team the whole way down the court and forced more turnovers than ever before! The player of the week is Lara for consistently trying to get the ball and for her commitment to stay with her player in defence. Well done girls.

**TUCK DAY WEDNESDAY**  
No other lunch orders available

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL FRIDAY**  
Only BBQ and Snack Items available at the oval

Sausages Sandwich $2  
Chips $1.50  
Various Snack Items up to $1
FETE WRAP UP:

We are very close to paying the final invoice and all expenses related to our recent school fete on the 11th May 2013. The fete committee in conjunction with the P&F would like to advise that the total profit raised from the fete is $22,179.47. This profit gives the P&F the opportunity to inject funds into the school budget to assist in the running of our school and the purchase of various items required. Many thanks once again goes to all those parties involved with the fete, to the organisers and all patrons on the day and beforehand. Profits have boosted our fund raising targets this year and we are all very happy with the result.

POSITION VACANT:

The committee is seeking a convenor for the 2014 school fete who can build on this year’s result and improve it even more. The task provides a wonderful opportunity for a parent or a small group of parents and carers to get involved early and talk to this year’s committee about the pro’s and cons and all lessons learned. The P&F would love to hear from you so please don’t be shy, it is an extremely rewarding task for the right person / people and help is offered from the start.

INFORMATION EVENING RESULTS:

Last Tuesday evening, the school executive provided an information evening (the first of this kind under the leadership of Greg Walker) for the parent and carer body of St Anthony’s. This evening was advertised on the billboard at the front of the school and in the newsletter. The evening started at 7pm and was certainly a worthwhile visit for those that could make it. By way of sharing the information provided during the night, we offer the following:

Our school executive consists of staff; Greg Walker, Michael Bradley, Leah Taylor, Angus Quantrill and Anne Marie Delvin. All members of staff were on hand and presented information specific to their areas of expertise to the parent group. Thanks goes to all of them for making themselves available after a very long day at school. (The executive body meet each Tuesday morning about 7:30am)! They individually shared information and plans for St Anthony’s and the education strategies utilised by all staff for our children. It was inspiring to learn what is done behind the scenes by our teachers and to observe the strategies used for them to seek out the strongest teaching methods and individuals within our staff. We can report that they are all working very hard and as an extremely dedicated team!

For those interested, it is definitely worth checking out the ACARA website. Once in this site, if you click on the “F-10 Curriculum” tab you will find an overview of a range of information and subjects. Basically you can see what content should be taught to a child in the Australian school system across all year levels, broken down further by subject. The site even provides examples of work in the ranges of satisfactory, above and below satisfactory for each year and subject level. The information available on this site is a valuable source of information for all those parents interested in the education of their children. The site includes a mine of information if you are interested. Just go to http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/
BUNNINGS BBQ:

The P&F has secured a booking to hold a Bunning’s BBQ (at Tuggeranong) as a fund raising event. It is scheduled for Sunday 16 June 2013. There are three shifts - 8.30am, 11.00am, and 1.30pm. Volunteers are required and will be very welcome! Please contact Simon Passlow on 0432 225 398 or aliciaandsimon@hotmail.com

Please be on the lookout for future information relating to an upcoming working bee scheduled for Sunday 23rd June 2013.

Many thanks

P&F Committee

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:___________________