Dear Parents and Carers

Wow, it’s hard to believe we are approaching the half-way point of the last term!

**Staff News**

You may be aware that Mrs Sarah Maldon is expecting her second child early in 2014. For your information, in relation to her pregnancy, Mrs Maldon will begin sick leave from Week 6 on the advice of her doctor. Various staff will be allocated time to complete tasks that Sarah would normally attend to in Term 4. I’m sure you will join with me in wishing Mrs Maldon all the very best from the coming weeks as she rests and takes care during this time. Mrs Maldon is taking maternity leave in 2014 and I will keep you informed of any baby news when the time arrives.

**Centenary Musical Success**

The Centenary Musical shows were all a huge success! From all the feedback I have received the families and students enjoyed the show and to perform it three times gave them a buzz! They have really had a firsthand experience of being part of a musical with all of the lights, costumes, sound and the atmosphere! I heard one student say it was the best thing they had ever done! Thank you to Mrs Bernie Wilson for linking Canberra's 100th year celebrations with a musical theme including more than 50 songs. Mrs Wilson worked many extra hours with the students and organising this event. As I mentioned after the last show, the best thanks Mrs Wilson can receive are the wonderful comments and seeing the enjoyment the students gained from being part of the show. Thank you for your donations of $5 per ticket which offset the costs of lights, sound and costumes.

Thank you to parents Mrs Nicole Kleidon and Mrs Fiona Hempstead for assisting with the costumes for the shows. Thank you to all teachers and staff for organising and supporting the students through the whole process. Thank you to Judy, Annette and Sarah for managing the ticketing and enquiries about the musical. Thank you to ex-Year 6 students James, Mikayla and Reece for their technical expertise with the logistics. Thank you to St Mary MacKillop College and St Clare of Assisi Conder for lending the school various equipment.

**Canteen Tuck Day**

Tomorrow, Wednesday 13 November is our Term 4 Canteen Tuck Day. There are lots of orders so volunteers are most welcome to come along to the canteen to assist our Canteen Manager Maree.

**Year 5 Focus Assembly**

This Friday Year 5 will present their focus assembly at 12.30pm in the hall.

**Sports Representative**

Congratulations to Teliya Hetaraka (Year 5) on her selection in the A.C.T. Track and Field Squad who will be competing in the National PSSA Schools Championships on the Gold Coast next week. Teliya will compete in the shot put and discus. On the weekend Teliya also earned a place in the Australian Team for these two events plus long jump. This means Teliya will compete in New Zealand at the next level. We wish Teliya all the best in her athletic pursuits.
ACT Student Representatives
You are reminded that our school provides a small monetary donation towards the financial costs families incur when their child represents ACT in sport teams or academic fields at a national level. Hopefully the school has highlighted achievements at this level in 2013 through a variety of means. However, if your child has represented the ACT at a national level or does so in the future please contact the school and let us know all of the details and how we can support the family.

Spring Fete Season!
If you are out and about this weekend and next weekend the following Catholic School Fetes are on:
- St Clare of Assisi Conder – This Friday Evening 15 November 4pm – 8.30pm.
- St Francis of Assisi Calwell – This Saturday 16 November 10am – 3pm.
- Holy Family Gowrie – Next Saturday 23 November 10am – 3pm.

I wish you all the best for Week 5. Remember together “We are building God’s Kingdom”.

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

“Who Will Buy” Market Day

Monday 18th November
Recess & Lunch
School hall and Asphalt
Year 4 and 5 will be hosting a market day to complete their “Who Will Buy” (finance unit) that they have been studying this semester. All students are invited to purchase small goods and services such as food, face painting, movies, games etc. We encourage students to bring no more than $5.

All of the profits that the students make on market day will be donated to charity as a practical act that demonstrates the active role that our Catholic community plays in the wider community.

Please support this venture!

Happy Birthday to the following students:
Charles D, Charlie R, Riley F, Zoe Mc and Jenna H.

Enjoy your day!

OOSCA

Christmas Holidays Close Down Period
23rd December – 13th January

Christmas Raffle update
If anyone is able to spare an hour of their time to help sell raffle tickets at the Wanniassa Supabarn store on Saturday 23 November and Sunday 24 November between the hours of 10am and 2pm can you please contact the raffle coordinator, E J Kurtz via email stachriatmasrafle@gmail.com.

2014 Fete – Craft Stall
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
From the Religious Education Coordinator...

Thank you

This week will be my last week as I take leave in preparation for the arrival of my daughter in January. I would like to thank everyone for their support and enthusiasm they have shown through our Sacramental Program, School Masses, Celebrations and prayer opportunities. I wish everyone a very safe and happy Christmas and a healthy 2014. I look forward to popping in next year and introducing my new family to the school community.

Reconciliation

This week we finish our home group sessions. I would like to say a BIG thank you to the parent volunteers for leading these sessions and to all the families for putting aside the time to attend. I have had a lot of positive feedback from many families whom have enjoyed the learning experience. The Parent-Child Session completes the home-group sessions which will be held on Thursday 21st November at 8am at school. All students preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation are expected to attend this session.

Year 6 Graduation

As we come to the end of 2013 our Year 6 students look forward to the celebration of their Graduation. An invitation and letter outlining the celebration were sent home this afternoon. A reminder to return attendance slip by Friday November 22nd and full payment is to be made by Friday November 29th.

Year 4 Mass

Please join us to celebrate the Year 4 Mass on Thursday 21st November 2013 at 10am.

Community Prayer:

Please join us as 1 Lisbon and 2 Lisbon lead Community Prayer this Thursday at 9am.

Date to remember:

- Year 5 Assembly – Friday 15th November 12:30pm in the hall
- Reconciliation Parent-Child Session – Thursday 21st November 8am

Wishing you a peaceful week,
Sarah Maldon
Religious Education Coordinator
**Take home a Big Brother or Big Sister**

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by volunteering to host one of our exceptional international students. These students arrive in February 2014 for 3, 5 or 10 month programs in Australia. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Finland, Canada, U.S.A, Colombia, Mexico and Japan will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501 to request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

**Catholiccare Parenting Courses**

**Bringing Up Great Kids**

Parents and Carers are invited to Bringing Up Great Kids a parenting program developed by the Australian Childhood Foundation for parents and carers of children aged 1-10 years. This course will give you insights and skills needed to...

- Promote positive and nurturing relationships between parents and children
- Explore the managements of stress in your parenting role
- Encourage the development of your child’s positive self-identity
- Develop the ability to contain strong emotions and to think through the responses to your child, rather than give “knee jerk” reactions
- Overcome some of the obstacles that are getting in the way of being the kind of parent you would like to be
- Create opportunities for positive exchanges with your children

3 hours per week over a 4 week period.

**Date:** Wednesday 13th November 2013

**Time:** 6-9pm

**Location:** 57 Hicks Street, Red Hill

**Cost:** $60

**Contact:** Gayle 6162 6122

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**Canteen News**

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

- 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 hunting 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.

**Canteen Roster: 6231 4022**

**Maree Alchin**

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**Canteen Christmas Party**

Asian Noodle House – Tuggeranong

26th November, 6pm

All Welcome

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**Specials**

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**Piano for Sale**

Piano in good for condition – for more information please contact Nicole on 0412 451 851.

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**Book Club**

All Book Club orders are due back to school this Friday 15th November.

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**Lost Summer School Dress**

During the school musical a year 2 student has accidentally swapped a dress while getting changed for the musical. Can all parents of year 2 girls make sure that your child has the correct dress. Thank you.

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**Erindale Library Visit**

Today our Year 3 students were treated to a reading of *A Hippopotamus in the Sink* by Chelsea Boulding. Little did we know that when we were going to chat to an author that the author was going to be a young Year 6 student at St Francis of Assisi in Calwell! The children were captivated by both the story and the writing process and asked many pertinent questions. We discovered that Chelsea, like many of our students, loves to write stories and has an abundance of ideas and often dreams her ideas. This is her first book and it was published in Ulludulla. The amazing illustrations were by Julie Sydenham. Chelsea has plans for a couple of chapter books and another three picture books are in the pipeline for early next year. It was a pleasure and an inspiration to meet and chat with author Chelsea. You will find her book on our library shelves very soon!

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**P & F Christmas Party**

**4th December 2013 at 7pm**

Nyonya Chinese Malaysian Restaurant
Shop 13a, 175 Anketell Street, Tuggeranong (Restaurant Strip)
Cost is $20 for the meal payable on the night (BYO drinks)
Meal is a set catered banquet with a great range of food for all tastes, a great atmosphere for all to enjoy
RSVP: email Chris Smith – ipms@integratedpest.com.au or call/sms 0412 530 803
All welcome who have contributed or volunteered time to the school or P & F during the year.
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:________________________