Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Week 9. The winter rain and winds have hit, but fortunately for our Year 5 students and staff, they have headed south and are actually having better weather than us in Ballarat. That’s a first!

**Year 5 Camp News**

Year 5 left early on Monday morning for the long bus trip to Ballarat. After a few stops along the way they arrived safely at their accommodation destination at Pax Hill Camp. After stretching their legs and dinner they enjoyed toasting marshmallows around the campfire. Today they are at Sovereign Hill gold mining village exploring life in Australia in the 1850’s! They will head home to Canberra on Thursday after what I believe will be a fun and educational experience.

You can view photos and follow their camp experiences on the following Twitter account. stanthonysprimary@stanthonyswann

**Reverent Confirmation Celebration**

On Saturday night candidates from our Year 6 cohort and other Catholic schools received the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. Monsignor John Woods confirmed the candidates in the presence of Father Lachlan Coll, families, staff and parishioners. The ceremony was very reverent and there was a real sense of the candidates understanding the significance of receiving the Holy Spirit in this special way.

Thank you Monsignor John Woods, Father Lachlan Coll, Anne Marie Devlin (Religious Education Coordinator), Greg Rick and Alisa Spackman (Year 6 teachers) for all of their efforts in preparing the students and celebrating with them. On behalf of our school and parish communities I wish all of the candidates all of the best as they enter adolescence with the Grace and Love of God.

**Semester One Reports**

This Friday all students will bring home their Semester One Reports in a sealed envelope. I encourage all students to open their reports at home with their parents or carers. The report summarises their academic achievements, social development and work habits. For students in Years 1 - 6 student achievement is recorded with particular descriptors and overall grades. I encourage all parents and carers to sit with their children and discuss their report, paying particular attention to what the child has achieved and the comments written by their teacher. Simply looking at an overall grade does not show progress made by a student or areas for future development.

I would also like to thank you for the role you have played in supporting your child’s teacher and the school in general. I hope that you child is making progress towards achieving the goals set at our Three-way Conferences earlier this term.

Parents and carers have the option to request a parent interview NEXT WEEK with their child’s teacher to discuss the report. There are no particular times set aside for interviews or a formal process. Times for interviews need to be negotiated with the teacher directly. If you would like an interview, please contact your child’s teacher by phone through the front office, write a note or send an email directly to the teacher at the following address,(firstname.surname@cg.catholic.edu.au) e.g. angas.quantrill@cg.catholic.edu.au - Please use any staff member email appropriately and allow a reasonable time for a response.

**School Disco**

Our Term 2 Disco is on this Friday 28 June. It is always hard to come out when it’s a bit cold but we would love to see as many students as possible attend! Times and details are included further on in the newsletter.
**Library – CARPET replacement**

You may recall that the carpet in the library was damaged during the big storm on Australia Day in January. Through our insurance and the Catholic Schools’ Building Fund, all of the carpet will be replaced in the library. The carpet will be in the form of carpet squares now, allowing for replacement as required. The school has also purchased new shelving for our books which will give the library appearance a ‘lift’ too. This work is due to occur in the upcoming school holidays.

Therefore next week a lot of books, resources and furniture must be sorted and stored out of the library. Mrs Warnes and Mrs Richardson are working hard to do this and will continue their efforts next week. Urgent help is needed on THURSDAY 3 JULY to move the books packed in boxes, tables, chairs and furniture to Block 2 and the Music/Italian block. Everything will hopefully be ready to move by them and with one big effort on THURSDAY the move can be achieved. If you can help can you please return the slip attached to the newsletter or contact the office or library staff. Thank you in anticipation of some helpers! The library should look great with new carpet. We also need help to move the heavier items back into the library after the holidays but a date will need to be set once we are sure the carpet has been laid.

Have a great week. “Together we are Building God’s Kingdom.”

Greg Walker  
Acting Principal

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**A Message from the Religious Education Coordinator**

**Welcome to Week 9 of Term 2!**  
**Our Current Value:** Justice  
We win justice quickest by rendering justice to the other party.  
*Mahatma Gandhi*

**The Rule of the Week:** No one is the boss of any game. Everyone can play  
We show justice and respect for everyone when we include them in our games.

**Confirmation**  
Congratulations to all the children who were Confirmed last Saturday night by Monsignor Woods. It was a beautiful Ceremony. I would like to thank the parents and carers who helped to prepare the children during Home Group session as well as the Parish Community, Father Coll, the sponsors, Mrs Alisa Spackman and Mr Greg Rick for all the effort they have put in so far to help the children on their Faith Journey.
St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

The school is holding a fundraising to donate money and food to support the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. All donations of non-perishable food items can be sent in from today. We are holding a Scarf, Beanie and Coat Day on 4th July. Children can wear these items with their school uniform. A gold coin donation can be made or items for the food hampers can be sent in.

Winter is an extremely difficult time for those in need and any donations will be gratefully accepted.

For the Diary

This Week

• 3 Assisi is leading the prayer in Block 1
• Kinder Assisi is leading the prayer in Block 2
• 3 Assisi Focus Assembly Friday 28th June

Next Week (10)

• 4 Padua is leading the prayer in Block 1
• Kinder Lisbon is leading the prayer in Block 2

Anne Marie Devlin
Acting Religious Coordinator

School Fees

Term 2 school fees are now overdue. Account rendered’s will be sent home this week. Payments may be made by cash, cheque, credit card, BPAY, EFTPOS or Direct Debit. Some parents query the Building Fund Levy. This levy is collected and sent to the Catholic Education Office Building and Maintenance section. This enables Catholic systemic schools in the ACT to be supported through a central body. All our electrical plumbing, painting, glass repairs and maintenance work is undertaken through this CEO Department.

Thank you, Judy Mead.

Happy Birthday to:


Have a wonderful day!

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.

Action Bus changes - 665

Please be advised that Bus Service 665 (morning service) will now start 5 minutes earlier at 8:02am from Tom Roberts Avenue.

Soccer Gala Day – Tomorrow

We have been informed that in the event of bad weather the Gala Day will not be postponed until 8am tomorrow. If it is cancelled the students will attend school as normal.
Congratulations

Congratulations to the Baltis family on the birth of twin boys last week. The boys were born early and are tiny! Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

OOSCA News

The Vacation Care Program has now closed for bookings. The end of financial year is rapidly approaching and it is really important that we have CRN details for both you and your child. Even if you do not qualify for any rebate (although CCR is not means tested) we need the information. We will be unable to back date after the 31 of June which means you will have to contact the Family Assistance Office. Statements will be sent home this week and will include bookings until the end of term. Please have your account settled before the holidays.

St Anthony’s Students make the Front Page

Two of our Year 6 boys were on the front page of the Canberra Times last week. Zac and Anthony – Click on the following link to read the story in full.

Tutoring for Children who Struggle

We help the children who struggle, or who have lost their confidence to get back on track. We are enthusiastic tutors with plenty of school teaching experience. We work with children from Year 1-10. We offer supportive, fun help for students who need encouragement. If your child is in need of some extra help please give Michael and Suzanne Clark a call on 0400 447 828 or find us at www.bigimprovements.com.au.

Winter Colds/ Outbreaks

We have had a reported case of Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease, along with several cases of Conjunctivitis. At this time of the year many of the staff and students are also not well with cold and flu symptoms. If your children are not well in the morning please do not send them to school. There is nothing worse than being at school when you are ill and there is always the possibility of spreading the illness to others.

Weekend Netball

Year 2 Turbo Girls - The Turbo Girls faced some very stiff competition from Holy Family last week. Our girls played an outstanding game and displayed some excellent skills in both attack and defence. It was a very tight game, but our girls came out on top 5-3. Tori earned herself player of the match, she shot brilliantly and bamboozled the opposition all over the court! Thanks go to our brave cheer squad of Parent's who braved a very cold and frosty morning to support our team.

Year 4 Fizz Whizzers: Our hard work on finding the space and passing the ball around the team, combined with awesome attack and amazing intercepts, has paid off. This was the best game of the season so far and the team should be congratulated! Players of the week were Lana (for her defence) and Lucy (for trying her hardest to stay on her feet).

Year 5 Crazy Stars - The Crazy Stars played well this week despite tough opponents. Well done to all the girls, showing particularly good at one on one defence this week. A special mention to Lauren for her accuracy in shooting and her movement around the court.

Earn & Learn Stickers

We are now at the important stage of our program where Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheets and any loose Woolworths Earn & Learn Points are to be collected and then returned to our school, to be posted off for counting. It would be great if we could aim to get all the Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheets returned to our school before the holidays. Again, the response has been fantastic and we’d like to thank you for your participation and support.

Fernwood Tuggeranong Promotion

Attached to this email is a promotion that Fernwood Tuggeranong offered to our school community on Fete Day. The promotion closes on the 30th of June. Any ladies interested in taking up the offer are welcome to call our Reception and make an appointment to come in and activate a pass.

Thanks for welcoming us into your school community; we are honoured to be the health and fitness centre of choice for local women who are looking for a nurturing, supportive environment to carry out their health and fitness journey.
Scarf, Beanie and Coat Day

To support the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal
Children are asked to wear a coloured scarf, beanie and/ or coat on Thursday 4th July.
Non-perishable food items or a gold coin donation will be collected.
All donations will be handed over at Assembly on Friday 5th July to a visiting St Vincent de Paul representative.
(Please note donations can be sent in to school from today.)

Year 5 – Camp (follow us on twitter)
Parents wanting to see what the Year 5 are up to can follow them on twitter. Connect to twitter and search the following address: stanthonysprimary@Stanthonyswann

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Disco Notes are due tomorrow
Wednesday 26th June – Family Discounts Available

Entry Only
1 Child - $6
2 Children - $10
3 Children - $12

Package Deal
Entry, Sausage, lollies, glow stick and a drink
1 Child - $11
2 Children - $20
3 Children - $25

Help needed for both Discos.
Glow products will be available on the night.
DISCO THIS FRIDAY

COME DANCE AND WIN SOME PRIZES.
Junior Disco 5 – 6.20  Senior 6.30 – 8.00
Sausage and Steak Sandwiches, drinks, lollies and glow products (list enclosed) are available.

Family discounts apply.

Entry only:
1 Child : $6

Family Discount: 2 children: $10
3 children : $12

PACKAGE DEAL: Package includes: Entry, bag of lollies, a glow stick, sausage sandwich and a drink.
1 child $11
2 children $20
3 children  $25

Helpers still needed for both disco’s. Please contact Maree in Canteen on 6231 4022.

Glow products available at Disco:

Glow bracelet $1.00
Flashing shape rings $2.00
Flashing spike ring $2.00
Flashing eyeball ring $2.00
Alien Necklace $2.50
Flashing Spike Ball $2.50
Flashing fangs $2.50
Flashing Fibre Optic Tiara $2.40
Flashing Clearance items 50c
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:___________________

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Library Move

I can assist with moving books and furniture on Thursday 4 July at:____________________(Please add a time).

Parent/Carer’s Name:_________________________ Contact Number: _________________________________