Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have had a good break and you were able to enjoy some of the nicer weather before the recent rain and cold snap we have received!

Staff News

Welcome Mrs Twyford.

Following our interviews last week I would like to announce that Mrs Trina Twyford has been successful with the Year 4 position at St Anthony’s. Trina has experience in working in schools in the United Kingdom and New Zealand. Most recently she has been teaching at St Francis Xavier School in Tawa, in Wellington, New Zealand. Trina has recently moved to Canberra with her family and I know she is looking forward to resuming her teaching here at St Anthony’s.

- Good luck to Mrs Sarah Maldon returning to her position as REC and now working full-time again.
- Thank you to Mrs Kelly Mara for teaching in Mrs Anne Marie Devlin’s class for Semester One. This position has now finished and Mrs Devlin is teaching full-time.
- Mr Jon Liddle and Miss Vanessa Salem remain away briefly on their respective overseas trips.
- Good luck to Mrs Alisa Spackman who is on leave next week coaching the ACT Under 15 netball team at the National Netball Championships in Tasmania.

NAIDOC Week

This week is NAIDOC Week in our schools. Our focus for Community Prayer will be on this theme. We will send some students to the Archdiocesan NAIDOC Week Mass at the Cathedral on Friday.

Windows/Doors Vandalised

The school did receive media attention over the holidays for broken windows etc. The reports were not as bad as portrayed. These reports were early in the holidays and thankfully we were not hit with any damage in the second week. The damage consisted of 3 glass door panels, 1 hall window and various windows hit leaving marks (e.g. staffroom door). Thank you to those people who were able to keep an eye on the school over the holidays.

School Working Bee - Help Needed!

This Sunday 28 July there is a working bee scheduled at the school from 10am-2pm. There is much needed work to be done including clearing gutters, trimming trees and a general clean up. Thank you to Paul Locke for coordinating the event on behalf of the P&F. Please return the volunteer slip in the newsletter or contact the office if you can help.

Library Carpet

Over the holidays the library carpet has been replaced with colourful carpet tiles. The spaces look great. The new library shelving is also ready! I would like to offer a huge thanks to the parent volunteers who helped move the furniture and resources out in Week 10 and back in today. At this point we do not need any more volunteers.
Student Management and Pastoral Care Review
This term the school is conducting a review of its Student Management and Pastoral Care policies. There are many effective practices and support programs already in place for students and generally the behaviour exhibited by students is excellent. However, this review is about ensuring the policies are current and promote the outcomes and behaviour expected from all students on a consistent basis. The school staff are very committed in continuing to provide safe, happy and engaging classrooms and playground environments.

As part of this process you will see some new strategies being trialled this term:
There will now be one more teacher on duty at both recess and lunch.
There are some new duty and play areas. The new areas potentially provide greater supervision of the asphalt area, walkway and toilets.
All students wishing to play on grass will now play on the top oval (soccer fields). Playing on the top oval provides wider viewing of the oval areas with two teachers now on duty. There is less chance of students going out of bounds, being behind buildings, being in trees/bushes or playing with sticks.
Students will no longer be allowed to play with sticks at all. There have been too many incidents involving sticks. At some time in the future we may be able to provide a designated digging area but I think this is a lesser priority than student safety at this point.
Teachers will remain on the same area for duty and not rotate. This will allow teachers to observe individuals and groups of students more consistently and for longer periods.
Teachers will continue to carry walkie talkies for communication and wear coloured vests.
A new ‘Attention Room’ will be open at recess each day to remove students from the playground who have behaved inappropriately. There is a whole set of procedures, follow up and goals for the new room that will be explained in more detail in another note. This room will be supervised by an executive member.
The staff will look to implement targeted and whole school/ year level social skills programs. These programs would complement our gradual implementation of KIDSMATTER and assist students interact positively.
Our School Wide Positive Behaviour (SWPB) program is also important in providing positive direction and feedback to students. This emphasis will continue and perhaps be adapted as required to keep its prominence and momentum going.
Communication between school and home will continue to be an important factor in supporting all students, teacher and families.

Hall Heaters
In the holidays new heaters were installed in the hall. There are now 5 gas heaters as opposed to 8 electric heaters. You will see that some brickwork needs to be patched to complete the process. Hopefully the gas heaters will be very efficient and effective. Each gas heater needs to be turned on individually. So please remember to turn off heaters when you leave the hall.

URGENT ATTENTION - Working With Vulnerable People (WWVP) Cards
You are reminded that all volunteers in schools must have, and carry, a Working With Vulnerable People Card (WWVP) by 8 November 2013. The school values and needs the assistance of volunteers for many tasks within the school and for school events. I encourage all volunteers to complete the WWVP registration form and return it to the Office of Regulatory Services at Fyshwick or any ACT Shopfront as soon as possible. There can be a delay of a number in receiving your card. Paper copies of the application form are available from the school office or from www.ors.act.gov.au

Once you have your card please present it the office to be copied for our records. The school is required to keep a list of registered volunteers.
Car Park Issues
As mentioned last term, our school car park routines need reviewing and some ideas have been put forward to trial. I will outline these in coming weeks. Please do not line up in the driveway until all the buses have been through.

St Anthony’s Website Revamp
A new school website is currently being designed in consultation with the Catholic Education Office. The site is being built ‘off line’ and is hoped to go live soon.

Term 3 Calendar and Upcoming Events
The Term 3 calendar was emailed out to families last term. Here are a few events coming up:
• School Board and P&F (7pm) Meetings this Wednesday evening.
• Year 5 and 6 Semester two leadership badge presentation on Friday at 9.30am with Father Lachlan.
• Walkathon launch planned for this Friday at morning assembly.
• P&F Working Bee set down for this Sunday.
• Year 6 Wakakirri performance next week at the Canberra Theatre!!!

**Please note that one occasion was accidentally omitted from the calendar was Father’s Day (Sunday 1 September). This is same weekend we have planned to hold our Grandparents’ and Special Persons’ Day – so please ‘stay tuned’ as we review the timing of these events.

Again, welcome back for Term 3. I wish you all the best for Week 1 and the term ahead.

Together we are Building God’s Kingdom

Greg Walker
Principal

School Fees
Term 3 School fees statements will be sent home shortly. Payments may be made by cash, cheque, credit card, BPAY, EFTPOS or Direct Debit. Building fund statements will be sent home this week. Thank you, Judy Mead.

Winter Colds/Outbreaks
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.

School Uniform
An increasing number of students are wearing the incorrect jumpers. Hoodies are not to be worn at school. Students need to wear the correct coloured school jumper and a navy beanie. We ask parents to assist in this matter.

Happy Birthday to:
Matthew J, Amy L, Ellie S, Ethan L, Jessica N, Ayan C, Sachleen N, Jacob C and Mikaela M.

Have a wonderful day!
Welcome to Term Three!
I hope all families enjoyed the school break, spending time together and taking some well-earned rest. I am very excited to be back in my role as Religious Education Coordinator and thank Mrs Anne-Marie Devlin for her work in this role over the past 12 months. This term brings many exciting events and special times we can share together as a community. I look forward to sharing these times with your family. If you have any suggestions for events, charity fundraisers, prayer celebrations etc. please do not hesitate to contact me, I am always open to new ideas!

Eucharist Dates
• Parent information night: Tuesday July 30th at 6pm in the library
• Commitment Mass: Sunday 4th August at 9am
• Home Groups: Week 3, 4, 5
• Parent/Child Session: Thursday 29th August
• Retreat day: Friday 6th September
• First Eucharist Celebration: Saturday 7th September at 6pm AND Sunday 8th September at 9am.

Special Dates
• Community Prayer: 4L are leading Kinder, Year 1, Year 4, Year 4/5 in Block 2. 5L are leading Year 2, Year 3, Year 5, Year 6 in Block 1 this Thursday at 9am.
• Year 3 Mass: Thursday 1st August
• Year 2 Focus Assembly: Friday 9th August
• Year 2 Mass: Thursday 22nd August
• Grandparents and Special Persons Day: Friday 30th August

This term twenty-two students are preparing for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. We ask the school community to keep them in their prayers as they prepare to share the Eucharistic meal with the entire Christian community.

This week we celebrate National NAIDOC Week. The theme for this year is We value the vision: Yirrkala Bark Petitions 1963. This year’s theme proudly celebrates the 50th anniversary of the presentation of the Yirrkala Bark Petitions to the Federal Parliament.

NAIDOC celebrations are held around Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The week is celebrated not just in the Indigenous communities but also in increasing numbers of government agencies, schools, local councils and workplaces.

As a school we will share in celebrations through community prayer on Thursday and some of our students will be attending the CEO NAIDOC Mass this Friday at St Christopher’s Cathedral.

Wishing you a peaceful week,

Sarah Maldon
Religious Education Coordinator
**Clothing Pool**
The Clothing Pool will be open this Wednesday from 8:30am-9am

We have winter beanies and scarves on sale for $5 each, we also have a limited stock St Anthony’s Golf umbrella’s - great for the rainy days at only $10 each!

If you have any Jumpers, or Polo’s (with the new logo) dresses, pants, shorts/skorts or tracksuits pants, in good condition that your children have out grown, the clothing pool would welcome your donation – please remember that all monies raised by the clothing pool is redistributed by the P&F into worthy school projects which benefit all our children. Please note we do not have credit card facilities so please bring along cash and we will see you on Wednesday.

**Working Bee**

The P & F will be holding a working-bee at the school on Sunday 28 July from 10am – 2pm.

Tasks to be completed include:
- Cleaning gutters on buildings;
- Pressure washing kerbs;
- Sweep and general clean of school grounds;
- Trim trees; and
- Remove waste from site.

Please bring any equipment you may have that can assist in completing these tasks, eg, ladders, pressure washers etc.

**Weekend Netball**

**Year 2 Turbo Girls** - The girls played two games over the holidays. The first on the 6/7. Player of the match Sienna C was instrumental in chasing down the loose balls and keeping the ball down our end. Genevieve D was player of the match for our game on 20/7. Although she was not feeling well she showed great heart and perseverance in gaining possession of the ball for our team and running into open spaces. Well done to all the girls and thank you to our spectators for continuing to brave Canberra’s winter weather!

**Year 4 Fizz Whizzers** – Congratulations Fizz Whizzers on the first win of the season last Saturday! The team fought hard against very impressive opponents. Alison was amazing in defence and seemed to be everywhere. Over the last few weeks, Fizz Whizzers have played 4 games, and the team has worked well together, passing the ball down to the goal circle where Rebecca, Alison, Gen and Emma have each scored goals. A big thank you to Miah, Leila and Rachel (from Year 3) who filled in for us and impressed us with their court positioning. Leila even scored a goal for us last Saturday! Thank you also to Sean (Miah’s dad) and Tracy (coach) for filling in as umpires, and to Kylie and Katherine for keeping score. Well done team!

**Year 5 Crazy Stars** - The Crazy Stars have played well over the past couple of weeks despite the weather being particularly cold! All the girls demonstrated their love for netball by still trying their hardest. A special mention to Taneisha on Tuesday 2nd July for her high work ethic while on the court and for playing with a smile. Well done to our centre court players for their high turn overs and getting the ball down the court in our game on 6 July. Sophie worked hard in defence last Saturday, bringing in a high number of intercepts for the team. Well done to all the girls over the last couple of weeks!

**Position Vacant: School Walkathon Co-Ordinator/s:**
The P&F committee is seeking a few parents to get on board and assist in organising our annual walkathon. The walkathon will be conducted in Week 8 of Term 3 being Friday 13th September 2013. The help we seek is that of a parent/s who have a few hours to spare in preparation for this event and particularly on Walkathon Day. A co-ordinator on the day is required to organise volunteers, prepare checkpoints and assist staff. The roles are basic and clear and require no previous experience yet common sense. The event will be a great occasion in our school calendar but cannot operate without your help. If you are able to assist please contact the front office on 6231 4022 or Chris on 0412 530 803. Many thanks.

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**Canteen Roster:**

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Thank you to all the wonderful helpers on Lolly Day – it was a very busy day.
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:___________________

Working Bee

I can assist with the working bee on Sunday 28th July

Parent/Carer’s Name:________________________ Contact Number:______________________________

Please return this slip to the front office or email Sarah.Waller@cg.catholic.edu.au