Dear Parents and Carers

Staff News

Last week Mr Richard Shanahan informed that he was resigning at the end of the term.

It is with sadness that I accept his resignation, knowing that Richard has given the decision much thought and consideration in recent times. Richard has the best interest of his family in mind and he is looking to pursue a different career path at this point in his life. I would like to thank Richard for his teaching of the Year 4 Padua students and for his work with all of the students and families within the community. I wish Richard and his family all the best for the future and his new career path. A process has begun to find a replacement teacher for Year 4.

Thank you to Mrs Anne Marie Devlin for her role of as Acting Religious Education Coordinator. Anne Marie has worked in this position for 12 months and I have had the privilege of working with Anne Marie for the 2013 part of her contract and know how hard she has worked. She has prepared reverent and creative staff prayer, PD, staff meetings, class and school masses, sacramental programs and celebrations. There have also been Feast Day activities to plan and Anne Marie has undertaken many other executive duties as well. Anne Marie has done all of her duties well and I thank her on behalf of the community. Next term Mrs Sarah Maldon returns to the REC role and will be full time including her Learning Support role.

Thank you to Mrs Kelly Mara who stepped up to undertake an extra 0.4FTE for Semester One on Anne Marie’s class. Kelly has done a great job working in partnership with Anne Marie and she has been a terrific link and support between both Year 3 classes.

HOT OFF THE PRESS!! Congratulations to Miss Vanessa Salem and her fiancée Leighton Phipps on their engagement on the weekend. We are delighted with your news and wish you both all the very best in planning for the future and for a lifetime of happiness together.

Good luck to Mrs Janice Spackman (Year 1) who is off for Week 10 and the holidays for an outback holiday. You should see some amazing Aussie sites.

Principal Appointment

It was with great pleasure that I accepted the continuing position as Principal at St Anthony’s Parish Primary School last week. The next contract is for 5 years and I would like to thank you all for supporting me in my acting capacity and I now look forward to the future working in partnership with you all. St Anthony’s is a great school and I know that the school will continue to be a school which we are all be proud to be associated.
**Vinnie's Winter Appeal**
This Thursday we are supporting Vinnie’s by having a winter appeal day. The students can wear a beanie, coat and scarf of any colour in exchange for a gold coin donation or some food. The donations will be handed over to Vinnie’s on Friday at assembly.

**Successful Year 5 Camp**
Congratulations to our Year 5 students and staff for participating in a very successful and rewarding trip to Ballarat in Victoria. Thank you to the staff who attended Miss Laura Hadley, Mrs Bernadette Wilson, Mr Jon Liddle, Mrs Leah Taylor and Miss Samantha Bartley for attending camp. It is always a big ask for staff to be away from family and home, but they do enjoy providing the experience for the students. I look forward to hearing more stories about camp this week and seeing some photos. Well done everyone!

**Year 5 and Year 6 Leaders**
This Friday we will look to thank our Year 5 and 6 students in leadership roles. These leaders have worked hard for Semester One and will be replaced for Semester Two by new leaders. They have all done a fantastic job in their respective roles and I know that the staff and I have called upon in many ways to be leaders. Congratulations on a fine job!

**Library Resources and Furniture Move**
As you may be aware from previous correspondence the library carpet is to be replaced during the holidays under school insurance. Therefore, this week Mrs Chantal Warnes, Mrs Danielle Richardson, our LSA’s and other staff will help move the resources and furniture in the library to Block 2 and also the spare room between Music and Indonesian. Thursday is the official ‘moving day’ so we can be done by Friday. If any parents can help staff move the heavier items on Thursday, please contact the school office or complete the form below and return it to school tomorrow.

**P & F Working Bee**
At the P&F Meeting last Wednesday a date was set for a much needed School Working Bee. Please keep Sunday 28 July free if you can to help out. There are some specific tasks that certainly need attention and more details will be provided next term.

I will have the full Term 3 calendar out to all families by Friday for your planning. I wish you all a well-deserved holiday break.

Together “We are Building God’s kingdom.”

Greg Walker
Principal
Welcome to Week 10 of Term 2!

**Our Current Value:** Justice

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/martinluth122559.html#dlBfELUQ0QJtbhbj.99

**The Rule of the Week:** Help make our rooms and playground neat and tidy.

We show justice and respect for everyone when we clean up our own mess.

**St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal**

**Scarf, Beanie and Coat Day**

This Thursday (4/7) children can wear a Scarf, Beanie and/or Coat. They are to provide a donation to the St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal. Donations can be a gold coin or non-perishable food items which can be made into hampers. Food donations can be sent to school throughout the week.

**End of Term**

The holidays are fast approaching and I hope that everyone has a safe, relaxing and enjoyable holiday. I will be leaving the role of Religious Education co-ordinator at the end of the term. I have enjoyed my time in this challenging and rewarding role. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their support and encouragement. Sarah Maldon will be continuing in her role as Religious Education Co-ordinator from the end of this term.

**For the Diary**

**This Week**

- 4 Padua is leading the prayer in Block 1
- Kinder Lisbon is leading the prayer in the Library

*Anne Marie Devlin*

Acting Religious Coordinator
School Fees
Term 2 school fees are now overdue. Payments may be made by cash, cheque, credit card, BPAY, EFTPOS or Direct Debit.
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 assembly on Friday.

Lost Property
We have had a number of parents looking for items of lost property which is correctly labelled with their child’s name. Please check all your child’s clothing to make sure they have brought home their own uniform. Please return any items that do not belong to your child back to school as soon as possible.

Winter Colds/Outbreaks
There has been another reported case of Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease and a number of children with gastro systems. 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.

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.

Weekend Netball
**Year 4 Fizz Whizzers:** What a team! There were no reserves this week so the players were swapped in and out of positions, felt exhausted and still played with skill and enthusiasm. Another amazing game with brilliant defence and awesome goals (including lots of attempts)! Player of the week goes to Brianna for moving around the court really well.

**Year 5 Crazy Stars** – This week the Crazy Stars demonstrated all the skills that we have been working on this season and proved that they are a very capable team! A special mention to Sona for making a conscientious effort to stick with her player in defence! Well done all around!

Security Roster
If you are able to help with the security roster during the July School Holidays please email me with your availability. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.
Sarah.Waller@cg.catholic.edu.au

Clothing Pool
The Clothing Pool will be open this Wednesday from 3:00pm – 4:00pm.

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.
Congratulations
Congratulations to the Jones Family on the birth of a baby boy last week. Welcome to the St Anthony’s community Joshua.

Earn & Learn Stickers
If you have any stickers at home can you please send them to school – don’t attach to the sheets as we have a few incomplete sheets which will not be counted unless they are completed. Thank you for your participation in this promotion.

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.)

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Thank you to all the wonderful helpers for the Disco. The kids had a great night.

Lolly Day – Thursday 4th July
Helpers Needed
Last Wednesday the P&F committee got together in the Resource Room for our monthly meeting, we would like to share the following information with our school community:

**POSITION VACANT – SCHOOL WALKATHON CO-ORDINTOR/S:** The 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 (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. These people are required to work with the teaching staff to assist with duties like, rallying up volunteers to act as marshals at the event (via a newsletter) and prepare and run the BBQ on the day. If you have some energy to invest and would like to have some fun, please email either Cate Druhan or Leah Malpas who are the teachers co-ordinating the event from our teaching staff. Parental involvement is crucial to the success of this event. Some tasks have already been assigned and are under way.  Cate.Druhan@cg.catholic.edu.au/Leah.Malpas@cg.catholic.edu.au.

If any parent or business would like to donate a prize or gift certificate for our event, please also email these details to the above teachers. Incentive prizes are offered to all children who participate in the walkathon and for those who participate in the fundraising.

Last year’s walkathon raised a total of $17,777 which was an absolutely outstanding effort from all participants, staff and parents. We are hoping to better this amount in 2013 to assist us in generating some special projects before the end of this school year.

**P & F FUNDRAISING:** By way of explaining to the new families within our school community and for those also unaware, the P & F committee raise funds throughout each school year. This is done through events such as our fete, walkathon, Mother’s and Father’s Day stall, Christmas and Easter events, family portraits, disco, BBQ’s and so on. For a long period the P & F have very generously made a donation from this fund raising account to the school. This money is utilised by the school to assist in the day to day operational costs of the school, the purchase of new resources, staff training and other items that the school board prioritise for the benefit of our children. These funds are extremely important to the operation of our annual school budget, as they assist in keeping the school fees at a minimum. Without this valued contribution either existing teaching resources could not be maintained or fees would rise.

The P & F committee take pride in the fund raising activities that are held throughout each year. We strive to make the financial commitment promised at the commencement of each year and have been successful in supporting the school to make it the place it is today.

As a result of such a successful fete, it is highly likely that the P & F account will have excess dollars (after payment of the $35,000 promised to the school) to undertake some projects. With good support of the remaining events scheduled, we are hoping to cross off some of the items and idea’s put forward through the wish list as per the week 6 newsletters.

Your participation in our P & F meetings and the fund raising activities planned this year are very important to us. All parents and carers are welcome to attend the monthly meetings which are conducted on the 4th Wednesday of each month in the Resource Room at 7pm. Your participation in supporting all P&F events is greatly appreciated.

**BUNNINGS BBQ:** Last Sunday 16 June 2013, we had a very successful fund raising BBQ at the Tuggeranong Bunnings. A total of $1450 was raised through the sale of sausages and drinks. Simon Passlow co-ordinated the event and did a wonderful job with the volunteers that he rallied for the event. Thank you to all those parents and families.

**BENDIGO BANK:** Term 3 will see school banking commence – better late than never! The Bendigo Bank, Wanniassa Branch has promised to provide our school children and community with an outstanding local offer and service, specific details will follow early in term 3. Trina Wood will be co-ordinating the deposits and information that will follow in the
coming weeks and months. Welcome aboard Bendigo Bank and many thanks to Trina for offering to support this initiative for our school and all children.

**WORKING BEE - POSTPONED:** Due to illness, the P&F working bee had to be postponed. For those with the energy and enthusiasm can you please claim the date of Sunday 28th July 2013. The working bee co-ordinator will advertise a list of jobs which we would like to get done around the school grounds on this date. Separate activities are planned to keep children busy, freeing up parents to get involved on the day. Many hands will make light work. Any time you have free on this date would be appreciated, even if just for 1-2 hours.

No doubt everyone is looking forward to the upcoming school holidays. We thank the whole staff team for the past term and their HUGE efforts. We congratulate Greg Walker on his position as principal of St Anthony’s and wish you all a safe holiday. Our prayers and thoughts are with all those families struggling at this time and who have suffered a challenging term. If we work together and look after one another, we will contribute to this lovely school community of St Anthony’s Parish Primary School. Final thanks go to all the lovely parents who support our staff, the P&F and each other in our school family. Happy holidays to you all and God Bless,

P&F Committee.

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**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: ___________________________