



**ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL
EDWARDSTOWN**

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No.1

Term 1 Week 2

9th February 2018

DIARY DATES

TERM 1

Week 3

Tuesday 13th February

- ⇒ Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Breakfast 8am start

Wednesday 14th February

- ⇒ Ash Wednesday

Thursday 15th February

- ⇒ Little Investigators
Playgroup 9-11am
⇒ Principals Tour
9.15 - 11am

Week 4

Tuesday 20th February

- ⇒ AGM and Board
Meeting 7pm

Wednesday 21st February

- ⇒ Swimming Trials

Thursday 22nd February

- ⇒ Little Investigators
Playgroup 9-11am

Welcome Back 2018





Tess Talks

Dear families and friends,

Welcome to the 2018 school year. We had a wonderful start to school and I am grateful that the weather was kind to us however this week's been a bit too hot for my liking! I hope you all enjoyed your Christmas and New Year and that the absence of school lunches, washing uniforms, forced bed times and hectic mornings meant you could recharge your batteries and move at a slower pace. I had a relaxing few weeks, popping in and out of school to do some work and although I got a lot done, the peace was deafening! You'll have noticed the start of our indigenous nature space that the children and staff have been imagining for the past few years. There's still work to do and this will be completed during this term. I thank Tia Riemsdyk and Robyn Grave for their leadership in this curriculum area. This continues the outdoor learning focus we have been developing.

A special welcome to all our new children and their families:

Reception

Jack
Fredric
Jordan
Felix
Cruz
Gianna
Emily
Ben
Noah
Lucas
Stefan
Dillon
Jasmine
Emma

Year 1

Gracie

Year 2

Deng

Year 3

Ava

Year 5

Raaid



We hope that you find our school a place to call home and that during your time with us, you make some lifelong friendships.

I would also like to officially welcome three new staff members: Anne Doherty class teacher in Year 2/3RD and temporary specialist teacher. Natalie Bampton class teacher in Year 4/5BC. Both these women are skilled and experienced teachers who bring different talents and passions to our school. Jess Barnes is our Youth Worker. The Catholic Church has designated 2018 as The Year of Youth, so isn't it wonderful to have a youth worker, who is young, sharing her love of Jesus with our children and community. Jess will work closely with Robyn Mercer who is our Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission (APRIM). To Natalie, Jess and Anne, we are thrilled that you are on our staff and trust that we will learn as much from you as you will from us.

Communication in schools is a hot topic, and as every person has their preferred style it is difficult to please everyone all of the time. Please know that we do our best and communicate in many different ways in order to connect. Our intention is to keep you informed. Here's all we do to keep you up to date;

- We have a comprehensive school Newsletter (typically one a fortnight. This is emailed, posted on our Skoolbag App and website and can be given as a hardcopy)
- All classes use the See-Saw App for instant sharing and highlighting of class news and events.
- With the school Facebook page we aim to have two posts a week, this of course may vary due to events and relevance of news. (Please note there is a parent Facebook page and that the school has no access too and it does not reflect the schools position on any matters shared)



Tess Talks (contd)

- Class teachers are available for meetings and it is recommended that you make a time to talk privately with teachers out of teaching time (and away from little ears!)
- In regards to email access for staff, please be mindful that staff's core business is to attend to their day to day role and reading emails during the school day isn't as easy as we might think. We commit to replying within two working days (this may vary due to working days).
- We have a free Skoolbag App which you can download through your app store. The app is called St Anthony's School Edwardstown-skoolbag. This app contains information about regular school updates, sporting times and changes and can be used for absentee notifications.
- Our website contains an overview of our school and is a great source of information.
- We have school policies and practices and some are on our website and we will be adding more this year.
- Acquaintance Night was a chance to hear from all classroom teachers.

You may think it environmentally unfriendly that I've chosen to send a hardcopy of the Newsletter out this week and on one hand it isn't good for our paper count and photocopying budget. Yet, on the other hand I will assume it will end up in recycling once you've finished with it! In discussion with others I wanted to do this in an effort to encourage you to read our Newsletter, your Newsletter! I've lost count of the number of parents who tell me that they don't read the Newsletter. I know time is precious and I also know that your child/children is your most precious bundle of joy therefore I would hope reading the Newsletter is a priority. As a parent, when you enrol your child you commit to our school, agreeing to support policies and practices; as a school when we offer your child a place we commit to you, that we will educate and care for your child – it's a two way relationship where we have obligations to each other. We put a lot of effort into putting the Newsletter together and if you ever have any suggestions for improvement please let me know.

Reading the Newsletter can eliminate a stressful moment or a difficult conversation and enables you to be in full knowledge of our school policies and practices. Maybe make it your School New Year's Resolution....find a time, make a cuppa and sit down to read it regularly! I'm confident you'll find at least one article of interest.

Japanese Teacher

We are currently advertising for our replacement Japanese Teacher and I want to assure all parents that our children will not be disadvantaged in anyway by this delay. The Languages curriculum in primary school focuses on cultural awareness and basic language skills. The teacher will be able to ensure all outcomes are met within the children's lessons during this year. I will announce the new teachers name and starting date when it is all confirmed.

Other service providers

At our school we aim to work with outside providers, agencies and families in many different ways and at all times put all our children at the heart of our decisions. At any given time in a school day we have an instrumental teacher or therapist in our school. Therapist are able to work in our school for children who are supported through Catholic Education funding and have an Individual Education Plan. In Term 4 2017 the School Board had discussions about this service we currently offer. We gathered information from other schools and the Catholic Education Office and implemented a new process. There is a small charge to anyone running their business from our school site and it is negotiable. In their role the School Board ratifies organizational and administrative decisions on behalf of the parent population. I thank all those who are on the School Board for the diligence in this area and encourage others to join the School Board if you are available.

We considered both the fact that we offer a space where people can run their own business, in the case of instrumental teacher and support families with children's specialised therapies. As a school we provide individual instrumental rooms, classroom spaces, staff facilities, music equipment, resources and employ both a music coordinator and inclusion coordinator. As you'd be aware the fees a music tutor or therapist charge are set by the individual's or their organisation and the school has no role in that decision. Please come and talk with me if you have any comments about this school process.



Tess Talks (contd)

Wellbeing – I can manage myself

This year I will be teaching a lesson in classrooms on a fortnightly basis, the focus will be on personal responsibility and wellbeing. I read a story about feelings. We discussed that we all have feelings and there are many ways for our feelings to be shown. Then, we discussed the pros and cons of how some people let their feelings be known; the impact it has on them and others. In the end every single class and every single child shared appropriate ways of sharing their dissatisfaction or happiness or anger or jealousy or excitement. The lesson this week has been a joyful experience and a great teaching moment. We specifically talked about it is okay to be angry but at school you cannot hurt someone's feelings or their body. As a staff we will now use this language in the school yard.

As I said at the beginning it's been a wonderful start to the school year, thank you for your attention to being on time for drop off and pick up, for making sure your child is in the correct uniform and for the way in which you are interacting with others in our community. I am always available for meetings, and I encourage you to talk with me. In particular I love to hear the good stories and I truly appreciate hearing stories about parent concerns and being able to work with parents on why we do what you trust us to do. It's always a good day for me when I've had deep and honest discussions with parents. That's actually one of the reasons I became a principal, to work with adults (staff and families), empowering them to have knowledge and understand deeply different perspectives and practices. Visitors to our school often say there's a good feeling here and I am so very proud to be part of a feel good school!

Keep smiling,
Tess

ST ANTHONY'S AGM & BOARD NOMINATIONS

Tuesday 20th February at 7pm

We invite parents to join us for the annual AGM, this will be followed by a Board meeting for nominated members only.

We currently have positions available which involves attending two meetings per term. The Board's role is to focus on the financial and strategic direction of the school, not the day to day management.

Please think about applying for a position by notifying Front Office staff.

Uniform Update

School Uniform Update

As advised at the end of last year, the Uniform Committee and School Board have implemented some changes to our School Uniform Policy.

A new Uniform Policy has been added to the website and is available for your information.

The main changes are:

- Girls will now be able to wear long navy pants as part of our Winter Uniform (Terms 2 and 3).
- Boys shirts will no longer have a band on the bottom, they will have a tab that neatly sits over their pants.
- Fluorescent sports shoes are not to be worn. White sports shoes are a preference, however if they are not easily accessibly non-fluorescent sports shoes are to be worn.

These changes will have a 2 year phase in period.

Second Hand Uniform Shop Changes

The P & F Committee and School Board also approved the recommendation that the Second Hand Uniform Shop clothing is all donated and money from sales would go towards the P & F. Any parents who wish to sell second hand uniforms separately and receive money for their items are to do so independently.



Religious Identity And Mission

Seeing What God Sees

Our theme for this year is 'Seeing What God Sees'. Families are invited to join with staff and students in learning to see things with the eyes and heart of God. Another word for this type of 'seeing' is wisdom.

Pope Francis has given a beautiful explanation of 'wisdom'...



It was great to see a number of parents join us for our Beginning of Year liturgy last Monday. May we all be given the gift of wisdom as we journey together in 2018!

It is time for the colour purple again!

Purple is a serious colour, in those days it was used for kings. We are getting ready for a king who is coming....and then going...and then coming again. Jesus died on a cross and that was sad but it was also wonderful because somehow he was still with his friends...somehow he is still with us. This is the mystery of Easter. The Church uses the colour purple to mark this 'getting ready' time for Easter which we call the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent... we begin our 6 week journey towards Easter. The Church invites us during the season of Lent to make more time for God in our lives, to consider ways we can change to become more loving people and to live more simply and share what we have with those in need.



Families are invited to join classes at **9:30am on Ash Wednesday, Wed Feb 14th** at either:

Parish Mass 9:30am (Yr 3-5 students)
Liturgy of the Word in R/1 area (R-2 students)





Religious Identity And Mission (Contd)

During the Mass and the Liturgy of the Word children will **be invited** to have their forehead marked with the sign of the cross (using ashes). In the Catholic Church and some other Christian communities this marking with ashes is a reminder to us that we are called to live the way that Jesus lived – a life of love! Teachers will be exploring with the children why this event is important for Catholics and other Christians. All are invited to receive the ashes...however, out of respect for other religious traditions, your child is also free to choose not to receive them.

The following two short videos may be helpful for **adults** wanting to know more about this Christian tradition;

Ash Wednesday and Lent in Two Minutes!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z_KnntO9OWM

What is Lent All About?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pb9OMeGzyRg>



Project Compassion

During Lent, our social justice project will be **raising awareness** and **raising money** for the work of Caritas Australia through their Project Compassion campaign.

Last year we raised over \$2,000 which was an amazing effort for a small school.

Next week every child will receive a Project Compassion box for home. These can be returned...hopefully with some money in them!in Holy Week (about 6 weeks away). Yr 5 students will be bringing their boxes in a little earlier (watch this space!!).



Every week the children will be learning about a number of people whose lives have improved dramatically through the support of Project Compassion. The theme this year is '**For A Just Future**'.

Families are encouraged to learn together about some communities in different parts of the world that can teach us something about 'A Just Future' and we are invited to support the great work being done in these communities through the work of Project Compassion....it is powerful for children to see that this is not just something 'we do at school' but that their families can learn from other people in our world and share in the mission of caring for those in need.

The following website has some short films about the communities that we are supporting. I'm sure your children will love recognizing the stories and sharing what they are learning at school during Lent.

<http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion>

Purple Day is coming again!!!!

The children are getting excited once again about Purple Day.... the day in Lent that our school community works together to raise money for Project Compassion. Put the date on your calendar Wed Mar 21st and start saving those 20 cent pieces. Some enthusiastic children have already started planning their stalls. Watch this space!!!

All proceeds will go to Project Compassion.

Robyn Mercer

Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission



SHROVE TUESDAY

You are invited to join us
for pancakes on.....

SHROVE TUESDAY

Next Tuesday

Feb 13th

Served from 8am

\$1 each.



Students, parents,
older and younger siblings
all welcome!

All money raised will go to
Project Compassion

PROJECT COMPASSION
FOR A JUST FUTURE

OSHC



Welcome Back!

Everyone from the OSHC team would like to send a warm welcome back!! To all our new families please meet Hollie McGregor our OSHC Director.

St Anthony's OSHC is rated Exceeding and offers a wonderful program where children can build relationships with all year levels at our school. It is a fun environment where social skills and learning through play are fostered.



Already this term we have introduced Friday Cooking club. We will be cooking up a storm each Friday afternoon with recipes the children have brought from home. However, this Friday we are having a water balloon fight in the OSHC garden!

OSHC loves science and this week we have been freezing dinosaurs.

We have started to collect materials for our Space theme that will be displayed at our OSHC Showcase later this year.

We are expecting great things to come this year!

Watch this space!

Book your child in at the front office and be part of the fun! Please see the next page that includes snap shots of the all the fun we had during the December and January holidays. Some highlights were: Having a visit from Samuel from Master Chef 2017, the water slide jumpy castle and Christmas bear making.



OSHC



School Banking

Get ready for a Super Savers adventure with School Banking.



This year in School Banking, your child will join the Dollarmites on a Super Savers adventure, developing strong savings skills.

School Banking encourages children to learn the value of saving and rewards those who demonstrate a regular savings behaviour.

New Super Savers reward items.

Introducing an exciting new range of reward items with two released every term.
Available in Term 1:

- Twister Power Handball
- Secret Scratch Notepad.

Your child can redeem one of these rewards, while stocks last, after making 10 School Banking deposits.



Remember, with the CommBank Youth app, it's easy for your child to monitor the Dollarmites tokens they earn when making School Banking deposits and track their savings. Available to download from the App Store on any iOS9+ device.



A chance to win a family trip to Hawaii.



Students who truly are Super Savers will have the chance to win a family trip to Honolulu, Hawaii, staying 7 nights at the Sheraton Waikiki Resort, plus AU\$2,000 spending money.

To enter, students simply make 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3 2018, and they will automatically enter the Super Savers Grand Prize Competition.

To find out more about School Banking, or explore fun activity sheets for your child, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Things you should know: The 'Super Savers Grand Prize Competition' (Promotion) is conducted by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (ABN 48 123 123 124) of Level 3C, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. The Promotion starts at 9am AEST on 22/01/18 and closes at 11:59pm AEST on 28/09/18. Entry is open to Australian residents aged 4-13 years only who have made 15 separate School Banking deposits into their CommBank 'Youthsaver' account during the Promotion period. Eligible entrants will be automatically entered into the draw. Maximum 1 entry/person. The first eligible entry randomly drawn will win a trip to Honolulu, Hawaii, USA for two adults and up to three children (aged 17 years and under), including 7 nights accommodation and \$2,000 AUD spending money, valued at \$17,666 AUD. Terms and conditions apply. The draw will take place at 12pm AEST on 10/10/18 at the address above. The winner will be notified by telephone and email, and will be published online at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and in The Australian on 17/10/18. Winner must claim the prize by 5pm AEST on 15/01/19 or the prize will be redrawn. The prize will be awarded to the winner's nominated parent or guardian. Conditions apply to accepting the prize. Full terms and conditions available from commbank.com.au/schoolbanking Authorised under NSW Permit No: LTPS/17/18318, ACT Permit No: ACT TP 17/01989 and SA Permit No: T17/1878.



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Do you want to play Aussie Rules Football in 2018?

Then Edwardstown Football Club is the Club for you!

Located at East Terrace in South Plympton we have a strong membership base with quality Coaches and exciting plans for 2018!

\$8m up-grade on the Complex including new Club-Rooms

Well priced fee's and discounts for sibling's

Boys-Auskick, Under 7's and all the age groups through to Under 18's (for boys born between 1999 to 2013)

Girls- Auskick, Under 10's, Under 12's & Under 14's (for girls born between 2004 to 2013)

To register your interest and find out more contact the Club at:
edwardstownfcjuniors@gmail.com or 0452171729

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

Edwardstown Catholic Parish

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Parish Priest

Father Phillip Alstin

Parish staff

Mrs Caterina Pileggi
Catechist

Ms Robyn Grave
Parish Secretary

Parish office hours

Wednesday 8:00am-12:15pm
Thursday 8:00am-12:15pm
Friday 8:00am-12:15pm

Weekend Mass times

Saturday 6:00pm
Sunday 9:30am

Weekday Mass times

Tuesday 9:30am
Wednesday 9:30am
Thursday 9:30am
Friday 9:30am

Confession times

Before and after Holy Mass.
Wednesday 6:30pm-7:15pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday -10:00am until
7:15pm including confessions
from 6:30pm-7:15pm
concluding with Benediction.

Anointing of the sick

First Friday of the month
after 9:30am Holy Mass.
This is followed by Holy
Communion to the sick and
housebound by the Priest.

***Come to me, all who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest. Matthew Chapter 11, Verse 28.***



Photo Insert: Stained glass window of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, located inside the St. Maria Goretti chapel within St. Anthony's church at Edwardstown, South Australia.