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No.1

Term 1 Week 2

10th February 2017

## DIARY DATES TERM 1 2017

### Week 3

#### Wednesday 15th February

⇒ Yr 4/5 Camp 15th-17th

#### Thursday 16th February

⇒ Little Investigators  
Playgroup 9-11am

### Week 4

#### Wednesday 22nd February

⇒ 4/5 SB Assembly  
2:20pm  
⇒ AGM & Board  
Meeting  
7pm

#### Thursday 23rd February

⇒ Little Investigators  
Playgroup 9-11am  
⇒ Swimming Trials

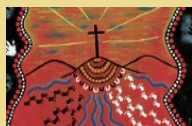
### Week 5

#### Tuesday 28th February

⇒ Pancake Day 8am

#### Wednesday 1st March

⇒ Ash Wednesday  
R-2 Liturgy of the Word  
3-5 Parish Mass  
9:30am



*"We would like to acknowledge this land that we meet on today is the traditional lands for the Kaurna people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country. We also acknowledge the Kaurna people as the custodians of the Adelaide region and that their cultural heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kaurna people today."*

# Welcome to St Anthony's



## Some new Reception Students visiting Mrs Harford



# Tess Talks

(Photo: A lovely head band the R/1's made for completing our first week at school)

Dear Families and friends,

What a wonderful start to the 2017 school year we have had! I well and truly feel part of St Anthony's School and am touched by the warm welcome I have received. Everyone is so friendly, the children are polite and respectful and the staff are amazing, I feel so blessed to be serving your community. I have met so many people over the past few weeks, I have set myself a challenge to learn everyone's names by the end of this term. Please keep introducing yourself, I'll remember your name eventually, I promise!

The Priest in my parish talked about Salty Communities on Sunday. The Gospel was about being the salt of the earth and the light of the world. It strikes me that this community is down to earth, accepting of all and willing to be part of others' lives, without judgement or fear. The love I saw last week between families, staff and children clearly sits with the churches mission, to love one another. I think I have found a salty community here in Edwardstown.

I'm sure you are curious about me, who I am, where I've worked and what I stand for, so in less than 150 words sum, me, up! I am a confident person who believes life is for living and while I am here on earth I may as well make the most of it, enjoying what comes my way plus being the best person I can be. I'm single and live north of the city. I come from a large family and love the joys and challenges that brings with it. I have 15 nieces and nephews and several God-children, they range from seven years old – 32 years old and I love spending time with them all. As you'll imagine, family gatherings are crowded, loud and eventful.

I have been working in Catholic education for the past 33 years, my most recent positions have been as the Director of the Early Learning Centre at Nazareth Catholic Community (a birth – elderly setting incorporating a primary and secondary school with a population of approximately 1900). Before that I was Deputy Principal at St Joseph's School, Hectorville for 10 years (Pre School – Year Seven, 600 student). I taught Receptions for most of my teaching career but have taught all year levels. I was also a Behaviour Education Consultant for Catholic Education. I have presented at national conferences in the areas of play, dirt and children/adult wellbeing – an interesting mix! I am passionate about working with people, no matter what age, to support them to flourish and achieve their goals.

At our welcome Liturgy we heard the Psalm; Be still, and know that I am God. I reflected and talked with those present about the need to breath and listen for God talking to us. He may do it through others or through the environment but if you are still and breath trustingly, He will give you the answers to your questions.

Communication is key to my work and I believe honesty is the best policy. Having said that, there are times when we need to temper the truth in order not to hurt others. Please come and talk with me if something is bothering you, I'd rather hear concerns first hand than as part of the car park gossip! I am hopeful that you will find me a fair and just person. First port of call in regards to your child is always the classroom teacher. Perception is tricky, what each person sees is different, and sometimes your view can set tempers on fire. If we all remember we are all part of this community and there are always two sides to a story, then I have no doubt we can negotiate any bumpy roads.



# Tess Talks

In closing I will tell you there are three simple things I think are important in a smooth running school; one, is to smile – it can make the world of difference, two is to listen deeply – then we truly hear what others are saying and three is to be kind – you never know what someone else is going through.

A special welcome to all the new children in Reception– Jack, Mitchell, Lukas, Samuel, Rocco, Aarav, April, Tiana Marie, George, Kiarash, Keelan, Nathan, Ethan, Harry, Zac, Natalia, & Ayami. In Yr 3 Miriam and in Yr 4 Charlotte and Kimi and their families. Also welcoming our new staff member Megan Kirkbright who is a Yr 4/5 & PE Teacher. I hope your start was as wonderful as mine. I look forward to getting to know you all better and serving the St Anthony's School and parish community.

Keep smiling,  
Tess



## Religious Identity And Mission

'Be still....and know that I am God'

Today students, staff, and some parents joined together in prayer as we asked God to bless us in this new school year. We listened to the beautiful message from the Book of Psalms which we will use as our theme for this year....."Be still and know that I am God"..... invites us to take a 'breath' and be aware of the beauty and wisdom that can be learned by taking time each day to be still and be open to of the presence of God in the world around us.





## Religious Identity And Mission

As we begin this new year together it is a good time to remind families of how the Catholic identity of St Anthony's School is lived out.

Being a Catholic school means that we.....

- \* explore and wonder about the stories in the Bible and it's message about God's deep love for us and for all of creation,
- \* explore and wonder about the life of Jesus, the Christian community and the lives of the saints and others who have been examples of great love and faith
- \* learn about the beliefs and practices of the Catholic faith
- \* learn about other religious traditions and the way different groups express and live out their religious beliefs
- \* care for and respect each other and the world we live in
- \* respond to Jesus invitation to be his followers and build a world of peace, hope and love
- \* participate in the prayer, liturgical and sacramental life of the Catholic Church
- \* are committed to the principles of Catholic Social Teaching – Dignity of the Human Person, The Common Good, Preferential Option for the Poor, Subsidiarity and Participation, Stewardship of Creation and Solidarity
- \* contribute to social justice projects and respond to the needs of those around us
- \* explore the natural environment around us, consider ways humans can both harm and nurture the earth and respond in practical ways to God's call to care for all creation

Classes will be using the following song regularly this year to remind us of how God is revealed to us in the beauty of our world. I encourage you to have a listen to it, reflect on the words....and maybe even get the children to teach you the sign language that goes with it!!!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2LO2sb98YIE>

Deep Peace  
Robyn Mercer

## Sports News



Sport Teacher and Coordinator

It is with great excitement that we announce Megan Kirkbright will take on this position in 2017. Megan will be taking sport lessons on Fridays (all children need to wear their correct sports uniform).

She will also work Thursday afternoon, focusing on sport carnivals and out of school sport coordination. Megan will work with Sally Downs (on leave for 2017), to ensure a seamless transition. On behalf of the school community, congratulations Megan!



## P&F Happenings



Hello and welcome back to school for another year!! We extend an extra warm welcome to the new families who have joined our school community.

In my family we have certainly hit the ground running, and the long summer break feels like a distant memory...

We kicked off the year with our first P & F meeting last night and it was nice to welcome Tess, and see some new parent faces at our meeting. The current Exec affirmed that we will continue in our roles for another year. In regards to meetings, this term we will trial a different format for meetings, sticking to the usual evening meeting in Week 2 of term, and changing the Week 6 meeting to Monday at 915am. We're hoping that this will provide an opportunity for parents to be involved at a time that is suitable to you – evening or morning. So our next meeting for this term will be *Monday 6 March at 915am*. All parents and friends of St Anthony's are welcome.

We are keen to continue our plans for social events/ fundraising for 2017, and have begun planning some events for the year – beginning with a *Kids Disco* on Friday 24 March. The Disco was lots of fun last year (for the organising committee as well as the kids!) and we're hoping it will be even more fun this year. More details will follow closer to the event.

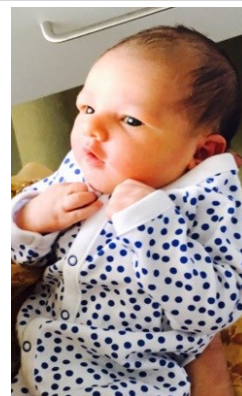
The other big news currently is THE FETE!! Lee-Ann Hills and her committee of dedicated fete organisers are beginning to plan this fabulous event for the end of this year. The Fete is our major biennial fundraiser and in recent years has enabled us to provide some of the 'bigger' improvements to the school, such as the Nature Play Space the Decking in the Green Heart and the Netball/ Basketball Courts. We encourage you to be involved as much or as little as you can.

The Welcome BBQ was supposed to be tonight (a big thank you to everyone who had volunteered to help out). Unfortunately we have had to cancel it because of the extreme heat, but to our new families, please still feel very welcomed to our school community, and we will arrange an alternative 'welcome drink/ cheese platter' event at the Disco in March.

See you around the playground,  
Letitia, Emily, Jennie and Jenny  
P&F Exec

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Harleen and Anitoj  
on the birth on their little baby boy.  
A little brother to Gurman (4/5 SB).  
We look forward to meeting him soon!



# OSHC



## WELCOME BACK!!

Everyone from the OSHC team would like to send a warm welcome back!!

To all our new families please meet Hollie Parker our OSHC Director.

St Anthony's OSHC is 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.

Last year was a huge year and we are very proud to announce that during the national accreditation review we received Exceeding for our overall rating. This is not an easy triumph and we are extremely happy and proud.



Already this term we have introduced Friday WATER Frenzy.

This week we are having a water balloon fight in the OSHC garden.

Next week we are turning on the sprinklers and will have water relays and much more.

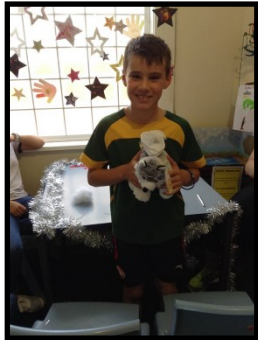
OSHC loves science so this week we have been making crystals and next week we are freezing dinosaurs.

We have started OSHC mini inventions. Children will be able to design, create and build their very own invention to display at our OSHC Showcase.

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!





**DECEMBER/JANUARY  
VACATION CARE**



## Online Lunches

Today was our first day of ordering our lunches online from the Cabra canteen. We are pleased to say it went quite smoothly and we've had some positive feedback from some of the students and families regarding the new menu choices .

Just a reminder you can order lunches online every Friday prior to 8:30am.

If you want to set up your online ordering, it is a simple process.

Please visit [www.schoollunchonline.com.au](http://www.schoollunchonline.com.au) to register.

## Get involved in the School Banking program.

St Anthony's is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:

- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones



School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives \$5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

### Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

#### 1. Online

Visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

#### 2. In branch

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

**School Banking day is Thursday.** Each week you need to make sure your child puts their bank book in the classroom banking bag. If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2017 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) or contact Natalie Victory on 0413 242 756.

**CABRA**  
DOMINICAN COLLEGE



You are warmly invited to attend the 2017 Dominican Art Exhibition, an exhibition by Dominican artists, on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th February 2017 at Cabra Dominican College.

The exhibition is part of the Adelaide Fringe Festival and is proudly curated by ATF Press. Details are as follows:

**Dates:** Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th February 2017

**Time:** 2.00pm – 6.00pm on both days

**Parking:** Limited parking is available at the front of the college (Gate 2 off Cross Road)

**Entry to the exhibition:** The exhibition will be held in the St Catherine's wing on Level 1, enter via the main office. Lifts are available.

**Cost:** Entry is \$5 which includes a catalogue of the artists. Prints will also be available to purchase.

I encourage you to attend this unique exhibition and look forward to seeing you in attendance.  
For further details please contact Mr Hilary Regan at ATF Press on 0411 876 099.

Yours sincerely,

**Brian Scumacher**  
Principal



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**Parish Weekday Masses**  
Tuesday– Friday 9:30 am

Wednesday— Adoration all day after weekday Mass then  
6.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation available and  
concluding with Benediction 7.15—7.30pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Before and after Mass

**Rosary** Tuesday 8.50am

**Anointing of the sick Mass**  
1st Friday of the Month

Fr Phillip Alstin	Parish Priest	8297 1699
Robyn Grave	Parish Secretary	8297 1699

**St Anthony's Weekend Mass**  
**Times:**  
**Saturday** 6:00pm  
**Sunday** 9:30am

