DIARY DATES
TERM 1 2017

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

Thursday 2nd March
⇒ Little Investigators
⇒ Playgroup 9—11am
⇒ Swimming Trials

Week 6
Monday 6th March
⇒ P&F Meeting @ 9:15am

Wednesday 8th March
⇒ 2/3MC Assembly @ 2:20pm

Thursday 9th March
⇒ Little Investigators
⇒ Playgroup 9—11am

Friday 10th March
⇒ Yr 4/5 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.”
Dear families and friends,

I’m sure you’ve heard this time of year in Adelaide being referred to as Mad March, due to the number of events that are on. Well, while I was watching the Fringe Parade, I couldn’t help but think, we’ve already had Frenzy February at St Anthony’s!

In the past four weeks we have; set up classrooms, made sure our environment is clean, tidy and safe to start the school year, celebrated our beginning of year Liturgy, welcomed new children and their families, begun building relationships, undertaken team building activities, worked with children to find out where they’re at, designed programs to meet individuals needs plus whole class outcomes, launched our Friday lunch on-line ordering system in conjunction with Cabra College, had P&F Meetings, held the AGM, the Fete Committee have are action stations already, completed a mountain of paperwork, our Year 4/5’s have been on camp, we’ve purchased new outdoor settings (thanks P&F), classes have worked diligently, teachers have undertaken assessments on children to inform their planning, the staff have started work on strengthening our thanks to God for our wonderful world and how to make our patch more sustainable, we are working on plans to further develop the yard to offer wider opportunities of engagement, teachers are investigating reporting formats….and that’s now all.

Yet, we have had a wonderful month, settling in and getting to know each other. There is no such thing in a school as the luxury of doing one thing at a time. Staff and the supporting committees juggle many activities at once and the children learn to do the same. However, as we begin to move into the Church season of Lent we are asked to reflect on life and look at ways to live compassionately and with genuine thanks to Jesus. A man no different than the fathers in our school, gave up His life so that we could be blessed in so many ways. As we move through the Lenten season, I encourage you to focus on something you can do differently that makes the world a better place.

I don’t know if you’ve noticed but I often have my office door open into the school yard, so I get to hear all sorts of interesting things. And I’d like to say, keep up the good work parents and grandparents, at developing in your children resilience and responsibility. Two personal strengths that can be difficult to learn. I’ve heard grandpa insisting a five year old carried their own bag – well done; I heard a ten year old disgruntled about something that obviously was a family matter and being respectfully told, “I’m the mum and you need to listen to me” – fantastic. Then there was the child who didn’t want to stay at school and I was privy to a beautiful conversation, holding hands and talking in a caring tone the adult simply walked alongside the child saying, “I know you don’t want to stay, I really don’t want to go to work either but we both have to because that’s just how it is. What do you think we can do together this afternoon…” – perfect; acknowledged the feeling, distracted the emotion and popped in something to look forward too. Life can be tough but my experience shows me, most of us are tougher or at least can be taught to handle the ups and downs!

A number of our Year Five children went with Robyn Mercer to a Leadership Social Justice day recently. They were immersed in listening and learning about how to make a difference and from the smiles on their faces it was evident they had a good time. We have plans for that group to take on selling snacks one day a week, this will not only enable our children to have a shopping experience in a safe environment but also help to raise funds for resources/charities of their choice. Stay tuned, more news over the coming weeks.

You may have heard the news recently about the little girl who was nearly strangled by the cord on her hat. Thankfully a quick thinking eight-year-old who was nearby and removed her hat thus diverting what could have been an very sad tragedy. If your child’s hat has the cord still intact (I’ve noticed many that have been chewed through!), please feel free to cut it off. Staff will continue to be vigilant in the yard, watching children as they play and supporting them to look after themselves.

I hope you have a wonderful week end and that you are able to do something nice, just for yourself!

Keep smiling,

Tess
“Just Leaders’ Helping to Build a ‘Just World’

Last Tuesday 13 enthusiastic Yr 5 students participated in a ‘Just Leadership’ Day run by Caritas Australia at Marymount College. Students actively participated in listening, sharing ideas, problem-solving, team-work, praying, learning about poverty in our world, the work of Caritas Australia and Project Compassion. The children were a credit to their families and our school. Even though they were the youngest children in the group of 70 (mostly of Yr 6 and 7 students) the St Anthony’s students were outstanding in both their behaviour and their willingness to participate and share their thoughts and ideas about how we can ‘love our neighbour’ like Jesus did and how we can both learn from and help people who live in extreme poverty...to help make the world a fairer, more just place. A number of our students were brave enough to stand in front of the whole group to lead a prayer and to share ideas.

We are excited about all of these students taking on an active role in continuing to lead the Social Justice work here at school, within their families and in the wider community.

Just Leaders on the move!

Zoe and Anjalie working together
To make a Tippy-Tap

Sam and Tom problem solving

Anabella making new friends

Max and Jed learning about
Project Compassion

Georgia and Isabella learning about
world poverty

Ammy sharing ideas about
How we can help people

Cooper practicing problem-solving skills with a team
(he also did a great job leading the opening prayer)

Elisha explaining what
social justice means to her.

And we bumped into some
St Anthony’s old scholars!
It is time for the colour purple!

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. We are getting ready to enter into the mystery of Easter! The Church uses the colour purple to mark the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent... we begin our 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 on Ash Wednesday, 1st March at either:

Parish Mass 9:30am (Yrs 3-5 classes)
Liturgy of the Word in the Resource Centre (R-2 classes)

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 nearly $2,000 which was an amazing effort for a small school.

Don’t forget we will launch Project Compassion with Pancake Day next Tuesday (see separate note in this newsletter for more info!)

Next week all families 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).

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 ‘Love Your Neighbour.'
Families are encouraged to learn together about some communities in different parts of the world that can teach us something about ‘loving our neighbour’ 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.


Purple Day for Peace is coming again!!!!

After the great success of Purple Day last year we have decided to do it again in 2017. Put the date on your calendar Friday Mar 31st 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
APRIM

A lot of our energy this year will be focused on the Fete in November. Families would have received the first Fete newsletter from the Fete Committee, who have been busy organising and planning already to ensure a successful Fete.

The P&F are excited with the format of involving each of the learning communities with convening and co-ordinating the different stalls for the fete. It is going to be a busy year, but rest assured we will continue to facilitate social fundraising and non-fundraising activities to welcome new families to our school and continue to engage with existing families that is fitting with St Anthony’s values and vision as a school. We are looking forward to the return of the School Disco, coming up on the 24th of March. Lastly, we are pleased to announce that we are going to hold the P&F meetings slightly differently this year, alternating between a night meeting and morning meeting, the next meeting being held week 6, Monday 6 March at 9.15am - coffee and tea will be available, hope to see you then.

Cheers, Emily, Letitia, Jennie and Jenny

Shrove Tuesday

All welcome to join us for pancakes on.....

Shrove Tuesday

Served from 8am
Tuesday Feb 28th
$1 each.

Students, parents, older and younger siblings all welcome!

All money raised will go to Project Compassion
Premier’s Reading Challenge forms were sent home with your child earlier this week. If you did not receive one or require another form please call into the front office or the resource centre.

We would love to see as many children as possible take up the challenge this year and encourage parents to work with child/ren and be a part of this wonderful initiative. Please see below for more details.

Kate White

Is your child taking up the Challenge in 2017??

If so, please ensure they fill in their student reading records as they read their books, gets them signed off as they go and please make sure your child hands it in to their teacher or the school contact person by:

**Friday 8 September.**

The Challenge is to read **12 books in total**.

In:
- Reception to Year 7, **8** of these books are to be from the Challenge booklists, available on our website, and **4** of their own choice.
- Years 8 and 9, students read **4** books from the Challenge lists and **8** of their own choice.
- Years 10 to 12, students read **12** books of their own choice, and these can include prescribed texts and any other texts from their studies.

Student reading records are available from your child’s teacher, or from the school contact person, who is usually someone in the school library (ask your child’s teacher).

Your son/daughter can also Rate a Read, reviewing the books that they are reading and send this in to us on the website. We award 1 winner every month with a book prize and their first name and school are entered on our website. Also, we have a student blog section for posting and sharing thoughts about the Challenge and books that they are reading – encourage your children to have a go!

Enjoy the Challenge!

Yours Sincerely,

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*Literacy is everyone’s business*
St Anthony’s OSHC
Before school Care 7.15am—8.30am
After school Care 3.15pm—6pm
Bookings are essential
St Anthony’s Little Investigators Playgroup

At playgroup this week our focus was learning together with colours. We mixed coloured ice cubes with rice to see what would happen. Hope to see you next week.

Every Thursday morning 9am—11am
In the Yellow Room.
Everyone is welcome!
Online Lunches

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 to register.

Can all parents please check your details online to make sure your child is placed in the right year and class. This can be done via ‘my account’ and then click on the ‘user details’ tab to check and change if necessary, thank you.

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 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 or contact Natalie Victory on 0413 242 756.
Piano News

Two of Samara Gill's piano students; Anabella C and Isabella C, performed recently at the annual AMEB showcase and awards ceremony. The ceremony was held on Sunday, December 11th 2016 at Scott Theatre, Adelaide University. The showcase recognises some of the most outstanding South Australian musicians of the year and the girls were chosen to represent the P Plate Piano exam series. They both played beautifully and should be commended on their brave, confident performances in front of such a large audience!

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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