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Term 2 Week 8

23 June 2017

DIARY DATES

TERM 2

Week 9

Tuesday 27th June

- ⇒ Fete Convenor Meeting

Thursday 29th June

- ⇒ Little Investigators Playgroup 9—11am
⇒ Principal's Tour 9.15—11am

Week 10

Tuesday 4th July

- ⇒ 4/5 Netball Carnival

Wednesday 5th July

- ⇒ Leadership Assembly

Thursday 6th July

- ⇒ Little Investigators Playgroup 9—11am

Friday 7th July

- ⇒ Last day of Term 2
Day ends at 3:15pm
⇒ **Fete Casual Clothes Day**

St Anthony's Day





Tess Talks

Dear Families and friends,

The end of the term is nearly here and once again the speed in which the term has gone, baffles me, two more weeks and so much to still do. When you consider what we achieve in a term it is no wonder children are tired and looking forward to moving at a slower pace. Teaching and Learning of course is our core business and you will have received your child's report that gives you an overview of your child's strengths and areas for growth. We aim that there are no surprises in reports as teachers are regularly updating you about what is happening in class and we held formal parent/teacher interviews in Tern One. The first port of call if you have any questions about your child's report, is the class teacher, please know they are happy to talk with you at a mutually agreed time.

Reports

Schools are required to formally report on students' progress in written form twice a year. We do a report in Semester One and another in Semester Two. This year we have moved to a different reporting program as the one previously used has been disbanded. The teaching staff worked on the formatting and the presentation is quite similar to that of last years, there are some minor changes. Reports will be sent home in labeled sealed envelopes early in Week Nine, and children will be instructed to not open them and to hand them to parents. I'd encourage you to wait until you are home before sitting with your child to open and read their report. This is personal information and for some children they can be anxious about what is written or the grades they receive. Seeing it for the first time in a comfortable home environment is better for everyone's mental health and wellbeing. I'd ask that you support us with this and gently explain to children that you'll look at it at home. Given that it's a new system we are hopeful the print run goes smoothly. We will email an alert to let you know they are on their way.

Relationships

It is no secret that relationships are difficult, they have ups and downs, effort is needed to maintain good (right) relationships and there is evidence to prove that having healthy, nurturing, balanced relationships actually make us a better person and we flourish as God intended us to. In a school setting there are many relationships in play; child/teacher, teacher/parent (carers), teacher/outside services, parent/parent, staff/staff, school/family, school/ outside service providers, school/parish, school/system, and school/community – I don't think I've forgotten anyone!! As you can see it is a complicated and complex list, all have their own agenda and all have their own values and beliefs about how a school should function.

Over the past six months much of my time has been about sharing my thoughts, beliefs and self with all those associated with the school. In applying for the position of Principal at St Anthony's School I undertook research to prepare for my interview and clearly by the fact I won the position I assume I was on the right path in talking about the role relationships play within a school. The staff have begun talking about behaviour expectations and how we manage children. To honour this vital part of life and learning, it is more than simple policy or processes, we need to first look at the culture of the school, our own values and then how we provide an environment where everyone is safe, secure, feels valued and able to achieve their best.

One of the most difficult life skills is learning to accept another person's view point, perhaps modifying our own expectations and moving to a win-win mentality. Every day in the school yard and in classrooms we deal with children who are adamant their way is the only way. Hearing the word 'no' is difficult and working through with children why they aren't in charge is time consuming and at times painstakingly slow yet as educators that is what we are called to do. Lucky we have wonderful children and they love to talk, will listen and are open to alternate ways of thinking.

As I said above, teaching and learning is the service we provide yet there is so much more that goes on in a school in 2017. Rest assured that at the same time the list below happens, we ably meet our curriculum requirements through the lessons planned by teachers. We also differentiate what is taught, to make sure all children can enter a lesson and apply their learning in real life situations. Here's the value added happenings from this term, well, not everything, but a great snapshot!



Tess Talks (contd)

- Teachers professional learning to deepen our understanding of the Dominican tradition
- NAPLAN testing for years three and five children
- Playgroup has run each Thursday and continues to grow and be popular with local families
- Ukulele Warriors played for the Director of Catholic Education and our parishioners
- Mother's Day liturgy and stall
- Weekly soup making for Moore St Centre
- OSHC has run a morning/afternoon program that not only cares for children but also educates, they continue with their Science focus
- P&F Meetings, Fete Meetings and School Board Meetings
- Increased Principal Tours
- Catholic Education Week Guest speakers from Sacred Heart College
- Whole School Excursion to Cabra College production of The Little Mermaid
- Staff attending professional learning in: school wide teaching & learning, digital technology, student engagement in play & science workshops
- Catholic Education consultants working with educators on inclusion of all students
- St Anthony's Day Mass, house team activities and social justice fundraising

As I have said many times in my writings or in conversations, we are all in this together, we have different roles and responsibilities and I am sincere when I say, without each of us we wouldn't achieve what we do. As I type this, the sky is blue, there are a few white fluffy clouds, the sun is shining warmly and there's a slight breeze....I wonder what it is like when you're reading this? I believe there is rain on its way!

Keep smiling,
Tess

Australian Schools National Data Collection

In today's newsletter is a fact sheet for parents/carers provided by the Department of Education.

All government and non-government schools in Australia are required to participate annually in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability. Over 2013 and 2014 selected schools have participated in data collection under a phased approach before full national implementation in 2015. The Data Collection will provide all Australian schools, education authorities and the community with nationally consistent information about the number of school students with disability and the level of adjustment being made to enable the students to access and participate on the same basis as their peers.

Students' personal details will be de-identified in the data collection and aggregated information will be provided to Catholic Education SA who will further de-identify and aggregate the data before providing the data to the Department of Education. Data collected from schools in 2017 will not be made publically available.

Parents/carers can decide whether they want their child's information to be included in the Data Collection. Please notify me if this is your decision. There are no consequences for not participating in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data. Please contact Jacqui Hays if you have any questions.

More information is also available in an attachment with the newsletter email or on the Department of Education website:

<https://education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>

Tess Harford
Principal



Religious Identity And Mission

The Great Green Growing Time...

This Sunday the Church begins 'Ordinary Time' but it's not really ordinary at all!!

Having celebrated the great feasts of Easter and Pentecost, we now enter into a time of hearing each week in the Scriptures at Mass

about all the wonderful things Jesus said and taught and all the amazing things he did.

The Church uses the colour green in ordinary time. Green is a sign of life and growth. When we truly open our minds and hearts to the message of the gospel, the Good News...we can indeed grow and be signs of life and hope to those around us.

Let's hope that in this great, green growing time the rains come soon to help our farmers and our gardens!



The Season of
ORDINARY TIME

Speaking of Gardens....



A number of children are regularly helping to grow vegies and tend our precious piece of the planet here at St Anthony's. Young people (and old ones!) can learn a lot by touching the earth and caring for the things that grow from the earth. It is good for the earth and it is for us – both our physical and mental health! If any families have any vegetable seedlings, potted colour or any plants suitable for our small garden areas we would gratefully accept any donations. We are also considering planting a few fruit trees outside the Resource Centre so if anyone knows where we could get some bargains please let me know!

Working for Justice...

Many thanks to all those who donated to our East Africa Famine Appeal and our glove collection for Moore St on St Anthony's Day. To Patrick and his mum Patricia who provided cupcakes and donuts for our Friday fund-raising for Caritas. If any other parents would like to donate some 'treats' for Friday canteen selling please come and speak to me and I will book you in for a Friday! Please keep in mind we have some children with serious allergies so if you can be creative and provide something that is egg-free that would be great! So far we have sold....jellies/popcorn/brownies/milo/potato snacks, donuts and cupcakes.



The wonderful team of children who continue to make soup for Moore St every week...a special mention to Elsha and Evie who have been especially generous with their time and talents!



Religious Identity And Mission (contd)

Walking in Solidarity with Refugees

Last Tuesday was World Refugee Day. Pope Francis recently said

"We ourselves need to see and then enable others to see, that migrants and refugees...are brothers and sisters to be welcomed, respected and loved".

As a Catholic school we are committed to the Principles of Catholic Social Teaching, one of which is 'Solidarity' - this means we make an effort to walk in another's shoes and we develop an attitude of compassion towards those whose lives are much more difficult than our own.



CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING



WE ARE ALL PART OF GODS FAMILY.



WE SHOULD DO WHAT WE CAN TO MAKE LIFE BETTER FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS AROUND THE WORLD.

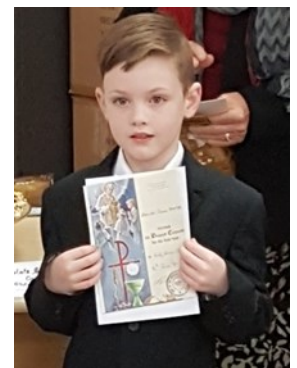


If you are interested in supporting the refugee community in Adelaide the following group is doing some great work and are always looking for new members.

<http://justiceforrefugeeessa.org> Or follow them on Twitter or Facebook!

First Communion

Congratulations to Alex who last weekend celebrated his First Communion with his family and parish community at Church of the Holy Name, Stepney. Alex has now been initiated into the Catholic faith community and can be nourished by the Eucharist every week – sharing in Jesus' life and 'body' in a special way at Mass with his family. Pope Francis reminds us that Eucharist (communion) is not a reward for those who are 'good' but more like 'medicine' for those of us who know we need God!



If you are interested in your child preparing for sacraments please contact the Edwardstown parish or the Church or Parish closest to where you live or where you have a connection. Sacrament preparation in the Adelaide Catholic diocese is family-centred, parish-based and school-supported. This means formal preparation is done within the context of the faith community - the parish.

And a reminder...

In my role as chaplain I am available to meet with parents (or grandparents) most Thursday mornings between 9am and 10am in the Performing Arts room...so if you have any school or family issues and you need a listening ear please make a time or just pop in for a cuppa and a chat.

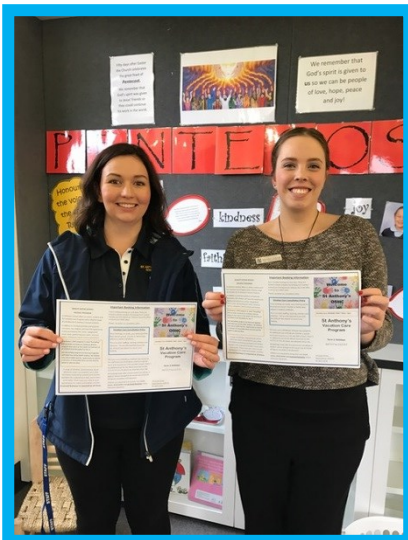
Robyn Mercer
APRIM/Chaplain

OSHC



Vacation Care Program is out now!

The Vacation Care Program for the July Holidays is out now. We have some very exciting days planned and they are already filling up fast. Tuesday 11th is Planes, Trains and Fire Trucks and as a special guest we are having SA Metropolitan service crew and their fire truck come out and visit us. Wednesday 12th we are bringing the snow to St Anthony's OSHC for Winter Wonderland Day. We will be making our own snow, hot chocolates and winter themed craft. Monday 17th we are having a Footy Clinic visit the OSHC house and on Friday 21st we are celebrating the last day of the school holidays and we are going to the Movies to see Despicable Me 3. Please book in at the front office to confirm your booking.



FETE NEWS



We invite you to attend a **Fete Information Night** on **Tuesday 27th June, 7pm** in the Resource Centre.

Term 3 is going to see lots of Fete activities including:

- Collection of Silent Auction items
- Wine bottle donations
- Stall volunteer rosters distributed
- Food stall preparations
- Baking stall lists
- Donation and collection days for second hand clothes, Trash n Treasure items, toys and books.

Lots of Fete related communication!

This is a whole of school community event so we would love you to be involved!



Casual Clothes Day!

What's happening?

Casual clothes day!

Why?

To raise funds for the St Anthony's School Fete expenses.

When?

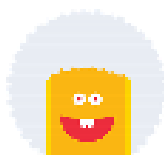
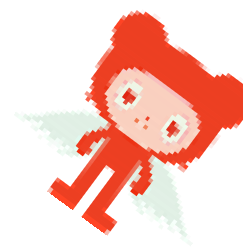
Friday, 7th July 2017 (last day of school term)

What is the cost?

A **gold** coin donation

What do I have to do?

All students can wear casual clothes on the last day of term. Please make sure that clothing is comfortable and appropriate.



School Fees



New Finance System

St Anthony's is currently in the process of updating our Finance System and going onto a new web based product.

Please be patient with us as we work through these changes and get to know the system ourselves. Your school fee statements will look different to what you are used to. We appreciate your understanding as we work through these changes. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sue Hargreaves
Finance Officer

ATTENTION FAMILIES SIBLING ENROLMENTS FOR 2018 & 2019



We are currently updating our records for 2018 / 2019 and want to be sure we have accounted for our families currently at the school. Please ensure you have completed an enrolment form for any siblings due to start over the next two years. Enrolment forms are available from the front office.



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Parish Weekday Masses

Tuesday– Friday 9:30 am

Wednesday— Adoration all day 10am until 7.15pm including confessions from 6.30pm-7.15pm concluding with Benediction

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before and after Mass

Rosary Monday 6.20 pm Tuesday 8.50am

Anointing of the sick Mass

1st Friday of the Month followed by communion to the sick and housebound by the Priest.

St Anthony of Padua Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 9:30am

Fr Phillip Alstin	Parish Priest	8297 1699
Caterina Pileggi	Parish Catechist	8297 1699
Robyn Grave	Parish Secretary	8297 1699