

### ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL EDWARDSTOWN

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No.20

#### Term 4 Week 8

8 December 2017

#### **DIARY DATES**

#### **TERM 4**

#### Week 9

#### Monday 11th December

⇒ Yr 5 Sports Expo at Sacred Heart Senior

#### Tuesday 12th December

- $\Rightarrow$  Yr 5 Graduation at 6pm
- ⇒ Carols night, 6:30pm gates open for a 7:00pm start

#### Wednesday 13th December

- $\Rightarrow \qquad \text{Last day of school for} \\ 2017$
- ⇒ Final Fun Assembly at 2:30pm
- ⇒ School finishes at 3:15pm

### 2018

#### TERM 1

#### Week 1

#### <u>Monday 29th January</u>

⇒ First Day of School for 2018

#### Wednesday 31st January

⇒ Welcome back Assembly at 2:30pm





















Dear families and friends,

It is hard to believe this is the final Newsletter for 2017 and that I have nearly completed my first year as principal of St Anthony's School. What a fabulous year it has been, I've thoroughly enjoyed meeting you all and serving our community. I'd like to begin by taking this opportunity to publicly thank people;

- Thank you to each and every parent/caregiver who contributes to the wellbeing of our school, the way you enter into conversations, respect difference and willingly share your time and talent is truly appreciated.
- Thank you to each and every member of staff who through their dedication to their profession, education provide a high quality teaching and learning program to our children. Beyond that they support children's wellbeing, nurture family relationships and give their heart and soul in many respects to our school community.
- Thank you to the children who have shared their joy of life with us, their enthusiasm to learning has shone through, they've challenged us to think outside the square and they have provided us with many laughs. You are a pleasure to have as students at St Anthony's.

I would like to acknowledge how much I have learnt from watching our community in action. I recall coming to visit at this time last year and then driving off feeling at peace and comfortable, excited, and challenged by what was ahead and impressed by the school physically and the people I met. Nothing has changed, I still feel all those things yet now have a different level of commitment and passion. Every year is different and next year will be no exception. We know each other a little, you know how I work and some of my expectations. By nature I am casual and relaxed, however that doesn't mean I don't take my work or responsibilities seriously. Although convoluted and deeper than will first appear, my vision for our school can be summed up in three statements:

- 1. I am here to lead the education of the children in our school and at all times their needs come first. Providing rigorous programs to enhance and support their learning is paramount.
- 2. Ensuring the children have the best learning environment with up to date resources and equipment is essential and a priority for me.
- 3. Allowing everyone to flourish to be the person God intended them to be is at the core of my work, my decisions, interactions and actions.

These three drivers will sit comfortably with our schools improvement plan for 2018 – 2020. Next year I will consolidate our School Strategic Plan, using the information from our survey and the staff and board consultation. Thank you to all those who were able to complete the survey.

#### FETE

I find it difficult to express my sheer amazement at our Fete, what a truly wonderful event. Check out page 12 for the Fete wrap up from Lee-anne, including the amount raised, but for me that wasn't the most spectacular part of the day. As I said to the stall holders at the end of the day, I come from a long line of Fete people. My mum coordinated my school's fete for many, many years and our house on fete day was always full of cakes, sweets and plants. We went to school at around 8am on the day and fell asleep in the car on the way home 12 hours later!! The community feel was the same and the connection of staff and families was seamless.

It was spectacular that we could all come together to put on such a brilliant event. It will be difficult to thank everyone involved without missing someone out, but I'll give it a go. Thank you to; the fete committee who's vision was the drive behind the success of the day, all the stall holders and volunteers, those who baked, sewed, planted, sorted clothes, made milkshakes, served food, set up, packed up, helped visitors out or spent money – without you the day wouldn't have been the day it was. On behalf of the children and staff of our school who will benefit, thank you, from the bottom of our hearts.





## Tess Talks (contd)

A person not directly involved in our community emailed and here is a snap shot of their comment.....I attended expecting to be bored out of my brain....but to my complete surprise I loved all the activities you had for the students....the multicultural demonstrations and food - the dedication of the parents and staff made it a success – well done one and all for a very enjoyable afternoon.

One of the silent auction stall items was a Principal For A Day voucher. Elsha Moore was the highest bidder, with her parents money I suspect!! Elsha did an admirable job on Friday 1 December; she shadowed me for the day, she dressed well, spoke to children as she passed them, was poised in her demeanour and listened deeply – all good qualities in a leader. She joined me in an interview with a prospective family, and I know they were impressed by her conversational skills, information sharing and interactions. Elsha joined the staff in the staffroom at recess and lunch time, she was polite, joined in the table talk and was confident in her manner. A big thank you and congratulations to you Elsha for the way you entered into the role as Principal For A Day and for just being you. No matter what you do in life, I have an inkling you will be very successful.

#### INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT

Last Tuesday night I was privileged to attend the concert where our children, who learn an instrument or take singing lessons performed. What a wonderful celebration of talent. What I thought was particularly impressive was the confidence and self-respect children had in themselves and they were able to perform their pieces. There is a lot of research to suggest that undertaking some musical activity benefits the mind and soul. If your child is interested in developing their musical skills I'd encourage you to contact Matt Young early next year to hear what we have on offer.

I'd like to also thank all of the private music tutors for their energy and enthusiasm with our students and for attending the evening: Stacey, Paul, Simon, Katelyn & Samara and a special thank you to Matt Young, our music coordinator who puts in many hours of work into this program. We are blessed to have him on our staff. Well done everyone, it was a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

#### STAFFING

I would like to announce that Amberley Lolicato will be taking 12 months leave during 2018 for personal reasons. I am happy to support Amberley and thank her for her commitment to our school and children. On your behalf I wish her all the best with her plans for next year and I know we'll look forward to seeing her return to school in 2019.

It is with great pleasure that I announce Natalie Bampton will replace Amberley next year. Natalie will teach in year 4/5. She will be known to many of our children, as Natalie has been a relief teacher on many occasions at our school. She is an experienced teacher who is passionate about her faith and desire to educate children. I know she will be a great asset to our teaching team.

Kate Satomura will also be taking twelve months leave from our school. Thank you Kate for the high profile you give Japanese in our school and your commitment to teaching a language at St Anthony's. We look forward to seeing you back in our community in 2019. I will inform families of who our replacement Japanese teacher will be, next year.

#### **2018 CLASS STRUCTURES**

Balancing classes and staff is complex and every year it appears like there are more things to consider. Thank you to all the families who contacted me or spoke with teachers, I know together we have created the best classes for next year. As a staff we have put in many hours of work and discernment on classes and you will be informed of your child's placement on the final day of school when you receive their Semester Two report. Please remember, that even if you or your child's initial response is to be a little disappointed, you've survived disappointments before and I ask that you trust us and trust God, and know that it all will work out the way it should.



## **Tess Talks** (contd)

Classes will be:

R/1 Caz Nagy and Kylie Travers
R/1 Kerry Zervas
2/3 Anne Doherty and Tia Riemsdyk
2/3 Michelle Colagrossi
4/5 Liz Commane and Natalie Bampton
4/5 Sam Baxter

#### Year Five's

Thank you to our wonderful Year Five's, I have enjoyed getting to know you over the year. I am thrilled at the way in which you have been student leaders this year and how you have shared your skills and talents with our community. The way in which you engage with the younger children in our school is very special and a credit to the type of people you are. As you head off to your new schools, I want you to remember; if you ever need to visit, you will be welcome, if you ever need a listening ear, a staff member will be there for you and always remember how we at St Anthony's live our lives; We Learn, We Love, We Listen, We Laugh and We Lead. I wish you all the best for the years ahead and look forward to hearing great things about you!

#### Year 6 2019

As you know we will become an R – 6 school in 2019 and this year have been working with our current Year 4's on their hopes and dreams for that year. The staff have also been looking at curriculum and our environment. There has been a lot of work going on in the background and next year things will be more obvious to all in our community. We have a term by term plan in place to ensure we are ready for our first Year 6 class in 2019. Stay tuned next year for updates and information sharing.

In closing, once again, thank you for all you have shared with me throughout the year, I am truly humbled that the interview panel saw in me the skills and attributes needed to lead St Anthony's, I am honoured to serve your community. I look forward to next year and remind you that the school officially opens for children on Monday 29th January.

As this is the final Newsletter for this year, I'll take the opportunity to say, I wish you a blessed Christmas. May you enjoy the slower pace with family and friends, may you have time to reflect on your year and give thanks for your blessing and may the celebration of the birth of Jesus bring you Joy and Love.

Keep smiling, Tess



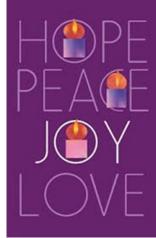


### **Religious Identity And Mission**

#### Stop, Slow Down, Pay Attention.....

How hard it is for us to do this when we live in a world that bombards us With noise, colour, action, entertainment, shopping, 'busy-ness' and so much stuff!!!!! In this last week so many of us, families and staff, have expressed how 'crazy' life is at this time of year. It is the opposite of what Advent is meant to be!

The greatest gift we can give our children is time and space to stop, to slow down and to pay attention to the things that really matter. For Christians, this time of year calls us to focus on the One who came to us as a tiny child, in a poor place....Jesus - whose life, death and resurrection changes everything.



During this season of Advent we are called to let God into our lives. Here at St Anthony's we are all learning that when we make space for God, the message of Jesus can touch our lives and we may then choose to spend our time differently, to treat each other differently and to think about the world in a different way.

Thinking in a different way may lead us to act differently – we can become more aware of the needs of others, of the joy that comes from helping and we can appreciate more the simple things in life like the beauty of the natural world and the love of family and friends.

Advent is a time for us to enter into the mystery of Christmas – the mystery that 'God-is-with-us'. It is a time for us to move towards living the kind of life God wants for us. And so we are called to **slow down** to pay attention to the many ways in which God is present and active in our lives and in the lives of others.

#### **Peaceful Purple Day**

Children and staff began Advent with a Peaceful Purple Day. Children spent time together in small groups and moved between reflective activities which we called 'Prayer Spaces'. Below is some of The feedback from the children speaks profoundly of how much they learned and experienced.

"I liked 'Jumping for Joy' because I like to express what I am feeling - sometimes I keep it inside of me."

"I liked the 'Advent Wreath' prayer space because everyone was calm and still and there was no background noise."

"This whole thing made me feel calm and peaceful."

"I liked doing the 'Big Questions' because you get to write questions that you really want to let out."

"I really liked the 'Please Beads'. It made me feel that I was really with God, almost like standing right next to God. It made me stop and really think what my thoughts are."

"I would go back to the 'Bubble Prayers' because it really helped me to get all my thoughts out of my head. It felt like I had so much joy and that I was really with God."

"I really liked the 'Saying Sorry' space because it really helped me believe God forgives me."

"All of them made me feel calm, happy, quiet, loved and cared for."

"I liked the 'Stillness and Silence' because you got to think of someone you love without any distractions."



### **Religious Identity And Mission (Contd)**

"I loved 'The Empty Chair' because it made me really connect with God and with my Grandpa who died. I would go back to the Empty Chair so I can remember Grandpa then I would feel like the chair wasn't so empty."

"The prayer spaces made me feel safer and better because I felt that God was listening and forgiving me."

The prayer spaces made me feel like I was with God and it made me feel focused and it cleared my mind."





#### Vinnies Christmas Hampers

Many thanks to all families who have generously donated items for Vinnies Christmas Hampers. Your generous support will go a long way to helping to make Christmas a bit brighter for needy families and you have taught your children that this season is about reaching out in love to others, especially those who find themselves in difficult circumstances. Vinnies will be collecting the donations on Monday so you have still have time to add a few extra items in your shopping trolley this weekend!



We look forward to seeing you all at the Carols event next Tuesday please see page 7 for more details. May your families be blessed with the peace, joy and love in this blessed season of Christmas.

#### Robyn Mercer

Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission

## Year 5 Graduation

All families are invited to attend the Year 5 Graduation Liturgy At 6pm Tuesday December 12th in the Church

Followed by

## Carols on the Green Heart

7pm (Gates open 6:30pm) St Anthony's School Grounds

BYO picnic, rugs, chairs, <u>after dinner nibbles</u> and drinks (Please be mindful of our students with allergies and avoid bringing nuts, kiwi fruit and eggs) There will be designated areas for rugs and chairs!

Children will sit in class groups.

Children are to wear school sports uniform and Christmas accessories (hats etc)

Come and join our community as we share in the hope and joy of the Advent season and prepare for Christmas



### Japanese

Japanese Culture Day 2017

On Wednesday 6th December we held our second annual Japanese Culture Day. This year we had an extra special guest, Jarrod Haore, who came to perform two traditional types of Japanese comedy, Rakugo and Kyogen for the whole school. Jarrod was a great hit and all the children (and teachers!) really enjoyed his unique style of Japanese humour. The year 4/5 students were lucky enough to have a special drama workshop with Jarrod after the show and try their hand performing some traditional Rakugo and Kyogen.

The R/1 and 2/3 classes all participated in some Japanese inspired games, including the Pikachu/Totoro relay and dress up relay. At lunchtime the whole school danced the Tanko Bushi, a traditional Japanese festival dance. It was wonderful to see the whole school community embrace this event. Thank you to all the families for their efforts with dressing up and the Japanese inspired lunch boxes. What a great way to celebrate another successful year of Japanese learning at St Anthony's. Arigatou gozaimasu! (Thank you!)



Check out Sienna. M's lunch box-Well done Mum!

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## **OSHC** Dates to Remember

December Vacation Care: Thursday 14/12/17 - Friday 22/12/17 January Vacation Care Starts: Monday 15/1/18 – Thursday 25/1/18 (Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Australia Day Pubic Holiday)

Vacation Care is filling up fast! We encourage bookings to be made before the end of term this is to cover staffing, catering, activities and materials for each day.

Merry Christmas and a Happy and safe Holiday from all the staff at the OSHC House









## VACATION CARE snap shot

Wednesday 20th December Christmas Baking children will be making Christmas cookies, mini Ginger bread houses, Reindeer cup cakes and Christmas tree brownies! All to take home and share with the family! YUM! Thursday 21st December Christmas Build a Bear day. Children will get to build their very own quality toy to take home. Each toy comes with their own birth certificate. Thursday 18th January DOUBLE LANE Water jumpy castle. This castle looks amazing book

in today so you don't miss out.

<u>Monday 22nd January</u> Master Chef Day we have a very special Master Chef guest coming to visit us today a top 15 finalist Adelaide's very own Samuel.

<u>**Tuesday 23rd January**</u> we have the team from Footsteps come today for an 80's themed dance workshop.

## PEF Happenings

Hello Parents and Friends!!

This is our last P&F report for this year (and forever ...!).

I'm sure you are all aware of how successful our Fete was! All due to a MAMMOTH effort by Lee-anne Hills and the rest of the Fete Committee, all of the Stall Convenors, Stall Helpers, bakers, planters, crafters... the list could go on and on. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!!!!!!

As the year draws to a close, it starts to feel quite manic – trying to manage all of the Christmas/ School/ Work break up activities AND trying to enjoy them in the process! It is a good time to practice mindfulness, prioritise some self care activities, but I also acknowledge it is EXTREMELY hard to find the time to fit them in! I wish you good luck with that!

School holidays are (almost) upon us. I think for the most part kids LOVE them, and most parents are probably 'on the fence'. Personally, I like the *idea* of them – they can be a happy time, but bring their own pressures. Parents can feel stressed as we balance our time between work and home, manage child care and additional financial strain. Our children can find changes to regular routines exciting but also stressful. The following ideas were developed by *Bower Place Complex Needs Clinic* as a way to reduce family stress during the holiday period. They came across my (work) desk this week, and I thought I would share them with all of you:

- **Encourage connection:** We know that strong, supportive relationships help us manage challenges and for young people, social relationships are essential to wellbeing. While it's okay to take time out for themselves, encourage children to keep in contact with friends over the school holidays.
- **Balance structure and freedom:** Children need boundaries that are consistently followed and balanced with age appropriate freedom. Maintain a structure that includes a bedtime/curfew and wake-time, without being too rigid.
- **Encourage independence:** The school holidays are a perfect time to create opportunities for older children to have extra responsibilities such as helping with shopping, cooking or preparing for visitors and celebrations. Involve children in decisions and give them responsibilities to carry these out. For example they may be entrusted to decide what to eat for dinner and have a role in preparation.
- Manage technology: Too much screen time undermines recharging or health promotion that should come with a break. Limit children's screen time to 90 minutes in the morning, and then have a different plan for the day. It's worth noting that the police often report an increase in cyber-bulling during school holidays, so start a conversation about this and be aware of your children's on-line activities.
- **Pre-empt issues:** If children are worried about returning to school and a new class, discuss their concerns and devise an action plan. Do some orientation activities, visit the school grounds, or look up some information online together.
- **Recognise concerning behaviour:** Holidays are a good time to tune into a child's emotions, pay attention to unusual behaviour, and try to open up communication. If you notice your child or young person appears to be more irritable, angry, stressed or worried than usual, is withdrawing from you and others, develops unusual sleeping habits, or expresses a lot of negative thoughts, it may be time to get the appropriate support to encourage healthy coping strategies.

It is also time to farewell our Year 5 students, and for some families that means that their time here at St Anthony's has also come to end. Thank you for your contribution over the years to our little (but fabulous) St Anthony's Community, and good luck for your future endeavours. Wishing everyone a safe and happy Christmas and holiday season,

Letitia, Emily, Jennie and Jenny P&F Exec







## Sports News

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in After School Sport this year!

Our students learnt new skills, made new friends and strengthened their resilience in sports which included Basketball, Tee Ball, Netball, and Soccer.

A special thank you to the parents below for generously volunteering to coach our teams during the year. Their support is vital to provide our students with the rich opportunity to play team sport. We could not do it without you!!

Warwick Potts Joseph Toubia Liz Dunmurphy Sam Mingoia Andrew Carvosso Bec Baxter Andrew O'Loughlin Jamie Downs

#### Sports Day!

Congratulations to all of our House Teams for their participation and enthusiasm at BOTH of our Sports Day! We dealt with torrential rain and then scorching heat but we got there in the end...all with smiles on our faces.

The Spirit cup was awarded to our St Mary's team and the Sports Day Shield was won by our St Anthony's team.

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend and be a part of the fun!









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## R/1 COMMUNITY

The Reception and a Year One KZ class explored symbols of Christmas. They then worked collaboratively to create a symbol using whatever medium they liked. They then had to use the IPads to upload their work and explain what they created for their seesaw file. They were encouraged to reflect on what was difficult and what was easy about the process.



# FETE News



### St Anthony's School - Fete 2017 ... and that's a wrap!

Wow! What an amazing weekend we had for the Fete, the weather Gods looked after us (as each weekend either side of the Fete was not great) with no rain and perfect temperature.

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!** Thank you to everyone involved throughout the year, in any small or large way you contributed towards the success of our Fete, it is truly appreciated. As you can imagine, there is an enormous amount of effort put into a Fete, and I personally would like to thank the Fete committee for their tireless effort throughout the year.

Our committee this year were AMAZING....driving to McLaren Vale to pick up wine and vouchers, shamelessly ringing nearly every small business in Adelaide to ask for a donation, searched for companies to donate items to keep stall expenses down, keeping our social media footprint alive....the list goes on.

Your 2017 Fete Committee members were;

Joanne Toubia Sue Hargreaves Jane Ryan Anna Merola Angela Cordell Jenny Larsen Natalie Victory Jennie Brown Lee-anne Hills

Sue, however deserves a special mention. Sue, as you would know is a staff member and our school Bursar....so being on a Fete committee is definitely not part of her job description! However, Sue so generously gave up her own time (and maybe some 'bursaring' over the last month or so!) to be on the Fete committee. Having a link to the school through Sue made the organising so much easier and I personally have appreciated all of Sue's passion, dedication and enthusiasm throughout the Fete planning. Thank you so much Sue!

You need to know who these people are, because without them and YOU we would not have been able to raise a

whopping **\$41,000** on the day of the Fete. This means that once we pay for our expenses and put together with other fundraising activities sponsored by the Parents and Friends Committee throughout the year, we have over \$40,000 to spend. This is no small amount for a school of our size.

This amount of money provides us with a variety of options to plan for items that are outside of a typical school budget. For example, previous Fete's and other fundraising activities at our school have funded court resurfacing, nature play space, library furniture, breezeway carpet, OHSC verandah, school speaker system etc. The profits from this Fete and general fundraising will be spent on IT upgrades. In response to the monkey survey completed this year, upgrading our IT equipment was on top of the list. New ipads (almost a 1:2 ratio), laptops and SMART TV's will be ordered in line with the school strategic plan and curriculum. The school is currently collating the costs associated with these projects and we will update you early in the new school year.

In closing, a Fete is not successful without the help of our parent community. Thank you if you were a stall convenor, a stall helper, you baked or crafted or grew plants or offered some time to help set up, pack away and generally offer your support. We know who you are, and we thank you sincerely. We hope that if you are a new to the school you have enjoyed your first Fete experience and we would love to see you and our existing families jump on board for our next Fete in 2019.....or should we do another one next year????

Regards The 2017 Fete Committee

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## Road Safety

SAPOL have sent us some road safety reminders and we will providing you with their safety tips in each newsletter for the rest of the year. Sgt John and Humphrey say – Road Safety around Schools Begins with You

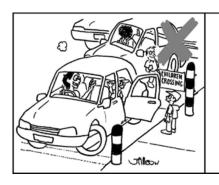


Parking rules apply around schools, especially around school entrances. In a school zone, parking restrictions may be stricter than normal. Some schools have designated pick-up and drop-off areas where parking is not allowed—but where you can collect your children in a fast and safe way.

Drivers must not stop at any time for any reason in an area marked NO STOPPING or NO STANDING or in a bicycle lane. You cannot stop in a NO PARKING zone unless for the immediate purpose of picking up or dropping off passengers. The driver must remain with their vehicle and be in the zone for no more than 2 minutes.

If the road is a two-way road, you must position the vehicle parallel, and as near as practicable, to the far left side of the road. If you are not in a marked parking bay, you must position the vehicle at least 1 metre from the closest point of any vehicle in front or any vehicle behind you, so the vehicle does not unreasonably obstruct the path of other vehicles or pedestrians. You must also leave a three metre clear space between your parked vehicle and a continuous white line or median island to provide adequate road space for other vehicles to pass.

Yellow No Stopping edge lines may be installed adjacent to driveways where vehicles frequently park and can impede resident access or create sight line hazards. Schools are busy areas, where there are often lots of children, who do not always understand the danger of roads and vehicles. Make sure to take extra care when parking on school grounds and on the roads and streets around the school and follow the signed parking rules at all times.



## Don't park illegally

Never park in No Stopping zones or double park around the school – **no matter how briefly.** You will **block the view** for both children and motorists and run the risk of causing an accident.



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	Parish Priest	Weekend Mass times	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	Father Phillip Alstin	Saturday 6:00pm Sunday 9:30am	Wednesday -10:00am until 7:15pm including confessions
	Parish staff	Weekday Mass times	
	Mrs Caterina Pileggi Catechist	Tuesday 9:30am	
	Ms Robyn Grave Parish Secretary	Wednesday 9:30am Thursday 9:30am Friday 9:30am	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.
	Parish office hours	Confession times	
	Wednesday 8:00am-12:15pm Thursday 8:00am-12.15pm Friday 8:00am-12.15pm	Before and after Holy Mass. Wednesday 6:30pm-7:15pm	
	Come to me, all who are weary and burdened.		