Dear Parents and Carers

We are currently focusing on how we develop our student leaders at St Anthony's School. You may have noticed our Year Sixes reading the Care Awards at the Monday morning assembly and they did an outstanding job with this. The aim is to raise the profile of our student leaders and also to give them opportunities to lead the student community and enhance their interpersonal skills. We will continue to develop the ministries this year so that the students are involved in authentic leadership actions rather than simply completing extra duties. In last week’s newsletter, feedback was sort from parents/carers on a student leadership model into the future. We are considering the implementation of student leadership roles including head boy, head girl and faction captains. Please send your feedback to admin@stanthonyswann.wa.edu.au

Two scholarships are offered at St Anthony’s School for Year 6 students entering a secondary school.

One of these is the Terry Prunster Scholarship, which commemorates a past student who lost his life in a boating accident in 1991. Terry was regarded by his classmates as “a good friend” and “a good sport”. Following this tragedy, the Parish Community and School Board established the Terry Prunster Memorial Fund. The purpose of this scholarship is to assist a student from St Anthony’s School to progress to Year 7 at a Catholic College in the Archdiocese of Perth. The scholarship is made available to all students who attend St Anthony’s School, Wanneroo and the value of the scholarship is up to $2000 per annum. The successful applicant is measured against the following criteria: Parish Involvement, Financial Circumstances, Educational Progress/Potential, Pastoral Care for Others.

The second is the Hannaford Family Scholarship. For a number of years, a monetary award of $300 has been offered on behalf of Bruce and Elaine Hannaford who had a strong belief in the importance of education and the positive influence it can have on a young person’s life.

Roadworks are progressing smoothly at the front of the school and the majority of families are to be congratulated for demonstrating care, patience and politeness when navigating their exit of the school. At the moment I am meeting weekly with the supervisor of the works and communication to date has been excellent.

Schools are places where students grow up and learn about life. In previous newsletters, it has been outlined that schools are the places where students not only learn academically, but develop social skills, physical skills, emotional understanding as well as learn about relationships and spirituality. For real learning, mistakes need to occur and students need to take risks and experience the highs and the lows. The following article from the journal of the Australian Catholic Primary Principals’ Association is an excellent read.
Dear Other Parents At The Park:

Please do not lift my daughters to the top of the ladder. I am not sitting here, 5 whole metres away from my kids, because I am too lazy to get up. I am sitting here because I didn't bring them to the park so they could learn how to manipulate others into doing the hard work for them. I brought them here so they could learn to do it themselves.

They're not here to be at the top of the ladder; they are here to learn to climb. If they can't do it on their own, they will survive the disappointment. What's more, they will have a goal and the incentive to work to achieve it.

In the meantime, they can use the stairs. I want them to tire of their own limitations and decide to push past them and put in the effort to make that happen without any help from me.

It is not my job — and it is certainly not yours — to prevent my children from feeling frustration, fear, or discomfort. If I do, I have robbed them of the opportunity to learn that those things are not the end of the world, and can be overcome or used to their advantage.

If they get stuck, it is not my job to save them immediately. If I do, I have robbed them of the opportunity to learn to calm themselves, assess their situation, and try to problem solve their own way out of it.

I don't want my daughters to learn that they can't overcome obstacles without help. I don't want them to learn that they can reach great heights without effort. I don't want them to learn that they are entitled to the reward without having to push through whatever it is that's holding them back and *earn* it.

Because — and this might come as a surprise to you — none of those things are true. And if I let them think for one moment that they are, I have failed them as a mother.

I want my girls to know the exhilaration of overcoming fear and doubt and achieving a hard-won success.

I want them to believe in their own abilities and be confident and determined in their actions.

I want them to accept their limitations until they can figure out a way past them on their own significant power.

I want them to feel capable of making their own decisions, developing their own skills, taking their own risks, and coping with their own feelings.

I want them to climb that ladder without any help, however well-intentioned, from you. Because they can. I know it. And if I give them a little space, they will soon know it, too.

So I'll thank you to stand back and let me do my job, here, which consists mostly of resisting the very same impulses you are indulging, and biting my tongue when I want to yell, "BE CAREFUL," and choosing, deliberately, painfully, repeatedly, to stand back instead of rushing forward.

Because, as they grow up, the ladders will only get taller, and scarier, and much more difficult to climb. And I don't know about you, but I'd rather help them learn the skills they'll need to navigate them now, while a misstep means a bumped head or scraped knee that can be healed with a kiss, while the most difficult of hills can be conquered by chanting "I think I can, I think I can", and while those 5 whole metres between us still feels, to them, like I'm much too far away.

God Bless
Mark Marando
PRINCIPAL
The student leaders from Year 6 will be launching a fundraising appeal to raise money for this worthy cause by holding a Gold Coin Money Link Chain activity on Wednesday 3rd June.

Coming Events;
1. Friday 22nd May: Confirmation Retreat at St Anthony’s Church
All Year 6 children are participating in the Parish Confirmation Retreat on Friday 22nd May. The Year 6 children need to be dropped off at St Anthony’s Church by 8.30am. The children are also allowed to wear neat free dress for the retreat.

The children need to bring their morning tea, however, lunch will be supplied by the Parish. They also need to bring a pencil case and a small backpack/bag to keep their belongings together.

Just a reminder that the children will need to be picked up from the Church at 2.30pm.

Also there will be an official photographer at both Confirmation Masses over the weekend prior to each celebration.

2. Saturday and Sunday 23rd and 24th May – Sacrament of Confirmation

3. Wednesday 24th June – First Holy Communion Workshop 5.00pm-6.00pm for Year 4 Parents.

God Bless and thank you
John Topliss
Assistant Principal

We extend our sincere condolences to the following families who have lost loved ones over the past few weeks -
Miss Sian Williams whose Grandfather passed recently and to the Born family on the passing of Michael’s Grandfather.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS WHO WILL RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING AWARDS


CARE AWARD (Monday Assembly): Mika Elsegood, Kirralea Fairless, Lucas Gullotto, Jack Berlinger, Xavier Galante, Michael Darovic, Joshua Dwyer, Cameron Deacon, Kuepper Davis, Bodhi Cooper, William Li, Lesay Asefa, Caleb Stumpers, Giuliana Concanen, Rory Nammour, Summer Bryson, Amba Rudrum, Hope Combes, Rhianna Louis and Nora Surur.

BRONZE AWARD (Monday Assembly): Koby Ratajczak, Evan Martucci and Amelia Bowers.


As the Year 5 classes are out on excursion tomorrow, Achievement recipients will receive their award at Monday’s assembly: Jake Blackburne, Fletcher Briggs, Aimee Parker, Daniel Allan and Jack Savage.

ST ANTHONY’S 80TH ANNIVERSARY - The committee is looking for photos, certificates and any other memorabilia past students and their families might have. Due to a large fire in 1985, we are particularly looking for any information dating to before then to rebuild our archive. Any information may be left at the office or sent to barker.ruth@stanthonyswann.wa.edu.au. Photos and certificates will be copied to our archive and returned. Names can be obscured if necessary.

CANTEEN ROSTER - 18th - 22nd May

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ST ANTHONY’S SCHOOL
UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

MONDAY
8.00am - 9.30am
OSH CLUB NEWS

This week we have been exploring the Italian culture. We have talked about the different kinds of food they eat and also about some of the attractions like St Peters Cathedral and the Colosseum. We have been trying to speak a little bit of Italian too.

We have definitely been enjoying the nice weather outside. We have still been working on our leadership skills playing some group games together. The children have been brushing up on their basketball skills with Ryan.

Next week’s theme is learning about the people within the community. We will be looking at all the different sorts of emergency people that we have in our community and how it would be if we didn't have their help and support.

It is very important to ensure all your bookings are done online and within the 9.00pm cut-off time, as the service is growing. On the day, bookings are not always guaranteed, so it is important that you allow enough time to book in. Also if your child is booked in but will not be attending, it is essential that you call and leave a message or text to advise us on the number below.

We offer breakfast until 8.00am and provide an afternoon snack for after school. We also provide a range of indoor and outdoor activities suitable for all different ages.

Hours of operation are 6.30am-9am and then from 2.40pm to 6.00pm. Please feel free to pop in and see us or you can contact us on 0428 161 879.

Kind Regards
Tina and Ryan

ICT NEWS

On Monday the 18th of May, students from Pre Primary to Year 6 will be bringing home an updated Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement. We ask that both the student and parent/guardian sign the agreement and return it to their classroom teacher by Friday May 22nd at the latest. Students who have not returned their agreement by this time may be restricted from using technology until the agreement has been returned.

We thank you for your cooperation.

Janine Maitland
ICT Teacher

PARENTS & FRIENDS FEDERATION OF WA INC

FUNDRAISING AND FRIENDRAISING is the theme of this year’s AGM and mini conference, being held at St Peter’s Catholic Primary School, 103 Wood Street, Inglewood on Wednesday 27th May 2015 from 5.00pm-8.30pm.

We have Mandy Weidmann, CEO, The Fundraising Directory coming from Queensland to speak to us on how creative fundraising builds strong communities. The Fundraising Directory book will be complimentary for each parent who attends the evening.

We also have Allan Blagaich, CEO, School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA), coming to outline the changes to the curriculum from Pre Primary to Year 12. Allan is a wonderfully engaging speaker and is very happy to answer any questions you may have. We promise to squeeze the formalities of the AGM between our two guest speakers.

Light supper and drinks will be provided and there is plenty of on-site parking available. For more information and to register please go to http://pffwa.eventbrite.com.au/ Registration is free for parents of affiliated schools, however, everyone is welcome to attend. Please register for catering purposes by Friday 22nd May.

We look forward to seeing you there!
Congratulations to Ryan Bergersen and Kylie Reichelt on the arrival of Isla, and to the Ewen family on the arrival of Mila.

Nominations are now open for the 2015 NEITA awards. Teachers make a vital contribution to the lives of our young people and help shape the future of our country. However, there are few opportunities to recognise and acknowledge their outstanding commitment to the community.

Should you wish to nominate a teacher from St Anthony’s, all nominations can be made online at www.asg.com.au/nominate.

ITALIAN FESTIVAL - 16TH MAY to 2ND JUNE

There are numerous events, activities and competitions during the two weeks of the Italian Festival at different venues. Please see flyers in the notice boards around the school.

We have two complimentary passes for Saturday, 16th May to Belmont Park Racecourse for two adults (children under 16 free). Please see the office staff if you are interested in these passes - first in first served!

For more information please phone Italo-Australia on 9228 2220.

MERCEDES COLLEGE OPEN DAY - Due to the extreme weather conditions forecast for this weekend the College has made the decision to postpone this Sunday’s Open Day. It is unfortunate but the forecast is for a storm to come through with heavy rain, strong winds and the possibility of thunderstorms. Given our young students are given the task of escorting families around the College on tours, and the fact that some of the activities are outside, we feel this is going to be too difficult to manage.

A new date will be advertised as soon as it has been arranged.
BADMINTON AFTER SCHOOL - Due to meetings that occur on Tuesdays and my after school duty on Wednesday, I will be changing the Badminton session to Thursdays from 3.00pm to 4.00pm.

TABLE TENNIS - If there are any students in Year 4, 5 or 6 who would like to play table tennis for an hour after school on Thursdays please see me.

INTER SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY - Students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 who are interested in trying out for the Inter school Cross Country team need to register their interest on the sheet in the sports shed. Trials will start next week.

Mouth guards - with football codes in full swing here is a reminder.

**Wear a mouth guard at play, to keep the dentist away.**
Every year thousands of people, including young children, are treated for dental injuries that could have been avoided or minimised by wearing a protective custom-fitted mouth guard. Sporting accidents are one of the most common causes of dental injury. People of all ages, who are involved in sports and activities where there is a risk of contact to the face, should protect their teeth with a properly fitted mouth guard.

**Why do you need a mouth guard?** - **Damaged or dislodged teeth, broken jaws and cut lips** can be sustained when participating in contact sports. A mouth guard helps absorb and spread the impact of a blow to the face that might otherwise result in an injury to the mouth or jaw. Dental injuries may result in time off school or work to recover, can be painful and disfiguring, and may involve lengthy and expensive dental treatment. The cost of an injury to your teeth or jaw far exceeds the cost of a custom-fitted mouth guard.

**When should I wear a mouth guard?** - Mouth guards should be worn whilst playing and training for any sport that could involve contact to the face. It is essential to wear a mouth guard while playing any football, and also while playing any other sports where there is a chance of being hit in the jaw or head. These sports include hockey, netball, baseball, basketball and even skateboarding and skiing.

SAFER PLAYING AREAS - Most of us know that children will play anywhere at any time. However there are places where children should be discouraged from playing. Playing in driveways, car parks and even local cul-de-sacs should be strongly discouraged as these have all been designed for vehicle movement, not as child play areas. Suggest that your children play in the back yard, in a local park or skateboard facility instead.

PARENTS’ INFLUENCE ON KID’S FUTURE DRIVING - New research being conducted by road safety experts suggests that children begin to develop their road safety behaviours and attitudes as young as three and four years of age. Most parents know that children are very keen to learn at this age, but may not consider that their driving habits now, may influence their child’s attitudes and behaviours towards road safety in the future. Next time you get in the car, think about practising appropriate road safety behaviours and encourage your children, however old, to do the same.

For more information, please contact School Drug Education and Road Aware Program on 9264 4743.

Yours in sport
Ann Shakespeare
For the past two weeks, we have been discussing how very important our mums are. We talked about how Jesus had a mum called Mary who loved him and took care of him, just as ours do. We said special prayers thanking God for our mums and drew and painted some beautiful pictures of them. We told our teachers some of the reasons why our mums are so very special to us and added these to our paintings. On Friday, we held a special Mother's afternoon in our classrooms where we made them biscuits, jewellery, tiaras and sang them some songs. We hope they all had a lovely Mother's Day!
Year 4G Class News

Over the next 3 weeks we will be letting our creativity loose and becoming interior designers.

Mr Marando has challenged us with designing a learning environment for the space outside our classroom.

We even get to use Minecraft to help us design!

Four Blue Class News

We are learning about how plants grow and change.

We used magnifying glasses to observe flowers and their parts.

We are growing bean seeds.