Dear Parents And Carers

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Catholic Performing Arts Festival this year. We had many class choirs, our school choir and dancers perform this week and a solo piano performance is coming up shortly. The Arts help us to create links in our learning and develop our creative thinking. Well done to all students and thank you to staff and parents who assisted in preparing them for participation in the festival. The festival is an opportunity to showcase our talents and also appreciate the talents of others whose performances we have had the pleasure of experiencing.

The following groups took part or will take part in the 2015 Catholic Performing Arts Festival:
Year 1 Class Choir
Year 2 Class Choir
Year 3 Class Choir
Year 4 Class Choir
Year 5 Girls’ Dance Group
Year 5 Boys’ Dance Group
Primary Piano Soloist – Aliyah Fedec

As part of our student leadership development, the Year Six Leadership Ministries will commence meeting more regularly as a group. Each ministry will be allocated a staff member to look at how they are contributing to our community and how leadership skills are fostered and developed. The focus of this is to develop the leadership roles so that the emphasis is placed on authentic leadership opportunities rather than being simply jobs that the students do. Our Year Fives will also commence preparing for leadership roles for next year by beginning a Buddy-mentoring Program with the Pre Primary students. We envisage that this will begin in Term 4. Also in Term 4, Year Fives interested in applying for the leadership positions of Head Girl, Head Boy, Faction Captains and Vice Captains for 2016 will present speeches to the student community outlining how they will be able to serve this community. Those successful in achieving one of these leadership positions will be announced at the end of year Graduation Mass.

Prayer for Performing Arts

Bless the creators, O God of creation,
who by their gifts make the world a more joyful and beautiful realm.
Through their labours they teach us to see more clearly the truth around us.
In their inspiration they call forth wonder and awe in our own living.
In their hope and vision they remind us that life is holy.
Bless all who create in your image, O God of creation.
Pour your Spirit upon them that their hearts may sing and their works be fulfilling.

Amen
Thank you to Mr Fin Moroney and Mr Nic Nicoletti who have been working on a stand and the modification of our school banner so that it can be presented and utilised at school events. Thank you to these members of our community for their generosity of time and talent to provide this for our school.

Our 80th Anniversary Mass and Morning Tea is approaching and a committee of staff and parents have been working hard to ensure we have comprehensive displays of our school history and an opportunity for past and present members of St Anthony’s School to come together and celebrate this occasion. It is also an opportunity to show the wider community what St Anthony’s School has become today. Whilst the committee has invited many guests who have been involved in St Anthony’s history, it is inevitable that someone who should be on the list may be overlooked. If you know of someone who has made a significant contribution to our school in the past, please pass on the information and encourage them to attend.

Next Friday 28th August, we will celebrate Book Week. Mrs Moynihan recently sent out the themes for each year level. The dress-up themes are a guide for what the students can dress up as, and fit in with the 2015 book week theme – “Books light up our world”. Regardless of what your child’s dress up theme is, the focus is on promoting reading and enjoyment of books. It is a fun way for students to get involved and try and find books that fit in with their theme. It is definitely not asking parents to buy expensive costumes for the parade. Students would benefit from making their own costumes with varying levels of parent assistance based on their age. Thank you to Mrs Moynihan for coordinating this and preparing the library to promote this event. We are very fortunate at St Anthony’s School to have a library which not only promotes thinking but also promotes creativity at all levels. The library is open twice per week at lunch times and as well as reading, students can be involved in puppetry, construction, craft and games.

Community members are invited to join us for the Year 5 assembly tomorrow morning at 8.40 in the undercover area. Mr Barry Alfrevich, Principal of Mater Dei College, will be talking to parents who are interested in sending their children to Mater Dei immediately after assembly.

God Bless

Mark Marando
Principal
**Dates To Remember**

Friday 21st August  
Year 5 Assembly  
Mater Dei College Information Presentation

Monday 24th August  
Book Week Commences  
Assembly

Wednesday 26th August  
Swimming Carnival

Friday 28th August  
Book Week Parade

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS WHO WILL RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING AWARDS**

**Achievement Awards (Friday Assembly):** Bella Miles, Jessica Fortuin, Seth Williams, Indiigo Sutton, Maddison Talbot, Callum D’Arachy, Connor St John, Tyra Jackson, Libby Van Beek, Scarlett Gosper, Javana Centena, Amber McManus, Hailee Rein, Francesca Downes, Dante Sinagra, Claire Pirie, Kayne Jackson, Jessica Cox, Mika Elsegood, Isabel Pederick, Liam Forde, Malachy Nammour, Jake Guelfi, Sasha Andersen, Ella Harris, Thomas Muller, Orlando Bryan, Schuyler Rouze, Joseph, Mukwembi, Molly Bunce, Kaitlyn Beezley, Kiden Lokotyang, Aimee Parker.

**CARE AWARD (Monday Assembly):** Jack Berlingeri, Thomas Gregory, Xavier Galante, James Holtham, Mackenzie Strahan, Sienna Talbot, Jessica Cox, Ellesha Carty, Madelyn Jenner, Helen Barker, Amaelea Halls, Ava Silsby, Alyssa Linnenbank, Bara Surur

**BRONZE AWARD (Monday Assembly):** Lesay Asefa, Sienna Talbot, Rhylee Talbot

**GOLD AWARD (Monday Assembly):** Michael Shenton


**Khan Academy Awards (Friday Assembly):** Aleera Donnelly

**Reading Recovery Program Completion AWARD (Monday Assembly):** Jack Baxter, Curtis Gooding, Calum Forde
ST ANTHONY’S SCHOOL 80TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DAY

On Friday the 4th of September, the school community is celebrating the anniversary of the founding of the school. Mass will be held in the Church, commencing promptly at 9.00am. All families are invited to attend. All students from Pre Primary - Year 6 will be attending. Kindy and 3 + Program students will not be attending due to the length of time, but are welcome to attend with their parents and must be signed in and out at the office.

Please note the office will be unattended from 8.50am for the duration of the Mass to allow valued staff attendance. Any late arrivals will have to sign in with staff at the Kindy classrooms.

**Uniforms -** All students must be in full winter uniform on the day. Please ensure uniforms are worn neatly and correctly and polish shoes if necessary.

**Change of Parking Procedure –** After the drop off period, parents are requested to park in the new parking bays near the council to leave the church carpark free for invited guests, many of whom are elderly.

**Morning Tea -** At the conclusion of Mass, morning tea is being held in the school grounds. All families are asked to assist with this event by bringing a plate. Non perishable items can be left in the staff room from 2.30pm Thursday afternoon or fresh items can be dropped off to the undercover area on the Friday morning.

A lot of effort and time has gone into planning the 80th celebrations and we are proud to show the community, past and present parents, students and staff what St Anthony's has become today. Please demonstrate our community spirit and promote our school motto “A light beneath our feet”.

Most importantly, we need your support. After the wonderful feedback from Grandparents Day and the great job parents did to cater for our guests, we are asking for all those talented bakers and makers to showcase their talents again for the biggest event of the school year.

We require reliable parents to help host our visitors on behalf of the school and assist with the running of the morning tea. If you can help, please leave your details with the front office or contact Ruth Barker or Rachel Sinagra.

**CHANGE OF CANTEEN PROCEDURE –** The canteen will not be serving recess on this day as the canteen will be unattended from 8.45am for the duration of the Mass. All children will be required to provide their own morning tea on the day as Mrs Musca will be attending Mass.

All lunch orders for Friday 4th September must be pre-ordered on Thursday 3rd September.

At the conclusion of Mass, all the children in PP-Year 6 will be having an extended recess on the oval so no crunch and sip is required this day. For the remainder of the day, students will have a relaxed afternoon of fun within their own classrooms. Years 2 and 4 will attend swimming lessons as scheduled.

The committee thanks the school community for their support and assistance and looks forward to making this 80th milestone celebration a memory for your children to treasure.

Thank you
80Th Anniversary Committee

80th Anniversary Celebration News

With celebrations fast approaching for the 80th mass and morning tea, the 80th committee is asking for P&F class representatives for assistance with set up for the event.

Help will be required on the Thursday September 3rd from 1.45pm - 2.45pm and on the morning of the event on Friday September 4th from 8.15am for morning tea set up and host guests from 10.00am.

Please contact Rachel Sinagra or Ruth Barker via Facebook or leave your bane at the office if you can help.

Thank you
SAINT OF THE WEEK St. Maximillian Kolbe

Maximilian Kolbe was born in Poland in 1894, became a Franciscan monk as a teenager, and was later ordained as a priest who served a small parish community. When the Nazis invaded Poland in 1939, tragic events of human suffering where set into motion in which Kolbe's destiny would be sealed.

The story is well known. In his labours to protect many Jewish refugees, Kolbe found himself a Nazi target, was arrested, and sent off to Auschwitz in 1941. There, in the midst of the death camp's unimaginable daily horrors, he worked to encourage his fellow prisoners by setting an example of faith and hope.

One day a prisoner escaped, and, in order to bring an end to any future plans of the same, the guards decided to punish ten inmates of cellblock fourteen by condemning them to death by starvation in an underground bunker. One of the ten was Franciszek Gajowniczek, who began to weep and cried out, "My poor wife and children! I will never see them again!" At that moment, Fr. Kolbe calmly and purposefully stepped forward.

"I wish to die for that man. I am old; he has a wife and children." Such an unusual offer surprised the deputy commandant, who asked Kolbe to identify himself. His response was simple and direct: "I am a Catholic priest." Those words said far more about the saint than any name possibly could. The commandant agreed to grant the request.

Looking back on those events, we see that Fr. Kolbe's food, in imitation of the Saviour, was to do the Father's will (see Jn 4:34), for weeks later it became necessary to kill him by lethal injection.

Maximilian Kolbe, a martyr for charity, was canonised by Pope John Paul II on 10th October 1982, with the surviving Franciszek Gajowniczek present. As is normally the case, we begin to glimpse the sublime mystery of God's loving providence by looking into history, whether it is our own, another's, or that of humankind collectively, as we cast our eyes and hearts upon the unfolding landscape of salvation in Christ (Taken from Catholic Online).

The Archdiocesan agency Catholic Marriage and Fertility Services Family Life Education Team will be presenting a program about growth and development at puberty, on Wednesday September 15th from 7pm-8.30pm in the School Library. Year 5 and 6 Parents are invited to attend this very informative meeting as the Education Team will be returning to instruct the Year 5 and 6 children on Monday 21st September.

God Bless

John Topliss
Assistant Principal
Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update – Please Read

Concerns have been raised regarding the ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ reward item due to the inclusion of four button batteries that can be accessed by unscrewing the back of the torch. Whilst this reward has been independently tested and deemed to meet relevant product standards, the Commonwealth Bank have made the decision to proactively withdraw this item from the School Banking Rewards Program.

Parents/Guardians are requested to dispose of any ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torches’ their child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously received a ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ are welcome to redeem an alternative reward item.

CONDOLENCES

Sadly, Mrs Caroline Clinch’s mother passed away over the weekend. Please keep Caroline and her family in your prayers at this difficult time.

St Anthony’s School would also like to offer their deepest sympathies to the Combes family for the loss of their Grandfather.

BOOK WEEK 2015 - BOOKS LIGHT UP OUR WORLD

The Children's Book Council of Australia celebrates its 70th Anniversary this year. Children's Book Week celebrates books and reading. This year the theme is ‘Books light up our world’. This year Book Week runs from 22nd August to 28th August and the winning books will be announced 21st August news of that to follow.

We have the shortlisted books in the Library for the students to view and enjoy. Over the next two weeks we will have activities and competitions in the Library related to these books which the students can do at lunchtime on a Tuesday and Thursday.

St Anthony's Book Week parade will be held on 28th August straight after the Year Three assembly and we are looking forward to seeing all the wonderful book character costumes.

A special THANK YOU also to Mrs Morrow for the lovely library bags that she made and her help in the Library, Mrs Talbot for all her help with shelving and Mrs Martucci for the donation of wonderful books and games for the children to enjoy.

HAPPY READING FROM THE LIBRARY

Mrs Moynihan
2016 Re-Enrolment

Coming home today with the eldest student in each class is the 2016 Re-enrolment letter. Please complete and return to school by Friday, 21st August. It is important that this letter is returned in a timely manner, as it assists with student numbers for the following year.

Thank You
Jan Williams
Admin Officer

Canteen Roster

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FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP..........  
We have the following items in stock now:

- Tights (age size)  
  4-6, 7-9, 10-12 and Average $8
- School Scarves $5

Peanut and Nut Aware School
Nuts, peanuts or any products containing nuts or peanuts are NOT allowed.

Please wash hands.
Clean hands help you to stay healthy and keep our friends safe.

Thank You!